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USUAL SUSPECTS
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India looks beyond British Raj excesses

On the morning of September 11, readers of *The Times* in the United Kingdom may have been a little stunned at the front page photograph of Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, lying prostrate in his traditional red robes. The photograph was from Amritsar where the visiting religious head of the Church of England (the monarch being the titular head) had prostrated himself before the Jallianwala Bagh memorial to express his "profound regret and shame" over the massacre of some 400 people by British troops in 1919.

In a statement the Archbishop went on to say: "I recognise the sins of my British colonial history, the ideology that has too often subjugated and dehumanised other races and cultures." Then, adding the necessary religious dimension to his message of contrition, he noted that Jesus Christ had called on the faithful to "turn away from sin — not just repenting old ways but to live in a new way that sought the kingdom of God."

Whether the Archbishop directed his message at Indians or an audience at home is not very clear. However, it is a commentary on differing national interests in history that whereas *The Times* thought his message significant for page one, almost none of the mainstream Indian newspapers — I don't know about the coverage in Amritsar — thought the Archbishop's dramatic genuflection all that newsworthy.

There was a minor flutter in 1997 when the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh made a trip to Amritsar and there were some expectations of a national apology from the British head of state. It didn't happen — not that the token expression of sadness and regret was in any way responsible for that Royal visit ending up as an unmitigated disaster — and life went on as usual. India-UK relations has its own dynamics but it is definitely not governed by the issue of either a British apology over Jallianwala Bagh or the return of the Kohinoor.

In my reading, the issue of colonial guilt is principally a British domestic issue. Indians have a rather curious attitude to Empire. At one level, particularly in the public utterances of politicians, there is the inclination to rail against colonial hangovers and debunk alien institutions that were planted in the soil of India. There is also a caricatured view of British rule in official history that pits "bad" goras against "good" desis. At another level, however, there is in civil society a qualified acceptance of the reality of the British legacy. This starts from the armed forces and judiciary and extends to the way we aspire to communicate in English. The whole attitude to the Raj is ambivalent and extends from hate to nostalgia, not to mention the period chuckles over the many Indians who actively propped up the Empire. There is no black and white view.

My friend Shashi Tharoor, for example, made quite a splash with an eloquent denunciation of the British Empire in a speech to the Oxford Union. He subsequently elaborated this into a book that essentially regurgitated Dadabhai Naoroji and Rajni Palme Dutt. It was a best seller in the UK and was much talked about. In India, however, the book was a modest success and certainly didn't feature in any public debate. The reason is simple: Indians are not obsessed about the Raj. It was a reality but I don't think it is seen as a national catastrophe. Between the fierce denunciations of Empire — and the simultaneous upholding of the PG Wodehouse legacy of humour — and the adulatory view of British rule — Zareer Masani has managed to occupy this vacant space — there is a middle path that, like the Hindu way, is difficult to define.

What can be said with a measure of certainty is that no Indian expected the Archbishop of Canterbury to genuflect and make a public show of his anguish over the British Empire. Britain has its own issues with its past. It is best to leave it to resolve its existential dilemmas. India is looking forward

₹70k cr stimulus for realty, exports

₹20k cr stressed asset fund for housing projects; remission-based ₹50k cr sops for exporters

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday unveiled over ₹70,000 crore of measures for exporters and the real estate sector, including ₹30,000 crore new spending in plans such as setting up of a stressed asset fund, as part of efforts to boost economic growth from a six-year low.

While measures to boost exports include remission of duties, higher insurance coverage and technology enablement to cut downtime at ports, for real estate sector a ₹20,000 crore fund — with half of the money coming from the Government — will be set up to provide last-mile funding for housing projects that are not in bankruptcy courts or already tagged as bad debt.

The remission based incentive scheme for export of goods would involve ₹50,000 crore of outgo, higher than the ₹40,000-45,000 crore budgeted in existing plans that it is replacing.

At a press conference called to announce the third and final set of measures to address stress in specific sectors and



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, with MoS Anurag Thakur and Economic Affairs Secretary Atanu Chakraborty, addresses the media in New Delhi on Saturday PTI

bolster growth, Sitharaman said housing finance companies have been allowed to borrow funds from abroad at relaxed rules while interest rate on housing building advance has been lowered, benefiting Government servants who make up for a major

component of demand for houses. Exports have declined in two out of last three months despite a weaker rupee, while the shock 2016 demonetisation of 86 per cent of the currency in circulation and introduction of the Goods and Services Tax

(GST) had dented the real estate market. The stressed asset fund, which is to be used to provide finance to affordable housing projects, will benefit around 3.5 lakh homebuyers, Sitharaman said, adding that buyers stuck in bankruptcy-bound projects

will get relief through the NCLT route. For exporters, a new scheme for reimbursement of taxes paid on exports, called the Remission of Duties or Taxes on Export Product (RoDTEP), will come into effect from January 2020 to replace exist-

ing dispensations. The new RoDTEP "will more than adequately incentivise exporters than existing schemes put together," she said. Besides, a ₹1,700 crore annual dole will allow Export Credit Guarantee Corp to offer higher insurance cover to banks lending working capital for exports, she said. This will enable reduction in the overall cost of export credit, including interest rate, especially for MSMEs, she added.

Priority sector lending tag for export credit is under consideration of the Reserve Bank, which will release an additional ₹36,000 crore to ₹68,000 crore as export credit.

Other measures for exporters included real-time electronic processing of GST refunds by the month-end, action plan to reduce time to export or turnaround time at airports and ports by December and a special FTA utilisation mission that will work with export houses to utilise concessional tariffs in each free trade agreement India has with different nations.

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Shah's 'one nation, one language' call draws fire

HM for promotion of Hindi with regional languages, S Indian parties protest move

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday created a flutter as he pitched for "one nation, one language" while espousing the cause of Hindi, which, he said, is spoken by most of the people in India, and can become country's identity globally and unite the nation.

Shah's pitch on "Hindi Diwas" was instantly opposed, mostly by the Dravidian and southern political parties like DMK, AIADMK and AMIM besides the Congress, Trinamool Congress and the CPI, with the common refrain being that any move for imposition of Hindi would disintegrate the country and its pro-



Home Minister Amit Shah speaks during the Hindi Divas Samaroh in New Delhi on Saturday PTI

motion should not be at the cost of the mother tongue or a native language.

Maintaining that it was important to have a common language in the country that becomes the "mark of India's identity globally", Shah said, "I want to appeal to people to promote their native languages but also use Hindi to make the

dream of Babu (Mahatma Gandhi) and Sardar (Vallabhbhai) Patel of one language come true."

The Home Minister also said efforts will be made to expand Hindi to different parts of the country and asked everyone to use their native languages as much as possible.

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Kejriwal ropes in 3,000 RWAs to make Delhi dengue-free

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Bolstering the Delhi Government's anti-dengue campaign, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will address a gathering of resident welfare associations on September 24, in which 3,000 RWAs across city will participate.

The AAP Government on Saturday said it has signed MoUs with RWA apex bodies — URJA and Citizens' Alliance — as part of its initiative to reach out to RWAs across Delhi in a big way.

"Dengue and pollution — both are challenges that Delhi can overcome through people's participation. I welcome RWAs to join the fight against both dengue and pollution," Kejriwal tweeted.

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Pak raises white flag at LoC to retrieve 2 bodies

RAHUL DATTA/MOHIT KANDHARI ■ NEW DELHI/JAMMU

Amid its continuous ceasefire violations along the Line of Control (LoC), the Pakistan Army was forced to raise the "white flag" to recover the bodies of two of its soldiers killed in the strong retaliatory firing by the Indian Army in Hajipur in Uri sector. While the soldiers were killed on September 10-11, Pakistan could not retrieve the bodies despite shelling on the Indian posts. It finally showed the white flag implying truce for the time being on Friday.

The LoC has become "hot" again since the abrogation of Article 370 and more than 350 ceasefire violations have taken place in the past one and a half month. In fact, violations are taking place daily since August 15. Four Indian soldiers and one civilian have died in shelling from across the border.

In an effort to internationalise the Kashmir issue, the Pakistan Army is desperate to raise the ante on the LoC by relentless firing and to provide covering fire to ultras to help infiltrate into the State. As regards the Hajipur incident, officials said the retaliatory fire by the Indian Army led to the death of one Pakistani soldier of its Punjab Regiment identified as Sepoy Ghulam Rasool. Initially, the Pakistan Army tried to get hold of the bodies by targeting the Indian posts to suppress them. However, such repeated attempts failed leading to the death of another Pakistani soldier forcing the local Pakistan commanders to raise the white flag to retrieve the bodies.

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CAPSULE

TRUCK OWNER FINED STAGGERING ₹6.53L
Sambhalpur: Even before the new Motor Vehicle Act came into being on September 1, a truck owner was on August 10 fined a whopping ₹6.53 lakh as penalty for various offences in Odisha's Sambhalpur.

RSS PLANS OUTREACH TO FOREIGN PRESS
New Delhi: RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat will interact with members of foreign Press later this month to clear illusion about the outfit and its ideology. P5

SANJAY JAISWAL IS BIHAR BJP CHIEF, SATISH RAJ'S
New Delhi: The BJP on Saturday made its Lok Sabha member Sanjay Jaiswal as party's Bihar unit's president, and appointed Satish Poonia, its MLA from Amber Assembly segment in Jaipur district, the party's Rajasthan unit president. P5

Drones attack Saudi Aramco facility, oilfield

AP ■ DUBAI

Drones attacked the world's largest oil processing facility in Saudi Arabia and a major oilfield operated by Saudi Aramco early on Saturday, the kingdom's Interior Ministry said, sparking a huge fire at a processor crucial to global energy supplies.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attacks in Buqayq and the Khurais oil field, though Yemen's Houthis rebels previously launched drone assaults deep inside of the kingdom. It wasn't clear if there were any injuries in the attacks, nor what effect it would have on oil production in the kingdom. Detailed report on P7

Monsoon overstays, to soak Guj, MP

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

The southwest monsoon is running behind its September 1 withdrawal schedule and the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted heavy rainfall in east Rajasthan, west Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat in next two-three days.

On Saturday, the all India rainfall stood 4 per cent above normal with only east and North-East India showing a deficit among the four main geographic regions. It was 21 per cent above the normal in central India, 10 per cent above the normal in south peninsula; but minus 9 per cent in North-West India. India recorded 835.2 mm rainfall as against the normal of 801 mm.

According to IMD officials, the rainfall activity over most parts of the country may start



to lose intensity from September 19-20. The withdrawal commences from the western parts of Rajasthan, at times simultaneously covering Punjab, Haryana, and J&K.

"There is no set pattern, date or pace of the withdrawal process. The withdrawal is usually seen in the second half of September. Before declaring withdrawal date, there should

be cessation of rain over an area for a total of five days. Another factor is the formation of an anti-cyclone in the lower levels, along with drop in humidity levels, increase in temperatures, and reduction in clouding," the IMD said.

In fact, this season saw many events of flooding in Bihar, UP, MP, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh,

Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Kerala.

As per IMD data of the 683 districts, 436 have received either normal or above normal rainfall while 242 have recorded deficient monsoon. "The weakening of El Nino during early July and the consistent shifting of the monsoon trough between south and central India regions hugely benefited the overall rainfall this season," officials said.

Uttarakhand, Chandigarh, Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Bengal, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura received less rain. Due to change of weather pattern, east Rajasthan recorded 47 per cent more rainfall, while west Rajasthan received 19 per cent above the normal rain this year.

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SHOW TIME

It's laugh-riot all through



DREAM GIRL
*ing: Ayushmann Khurrana, Nushrat Bharucha, Annu Kapoor, Manjot Singh, Vijay Raaz
Rated: 6/10

It is very rare for Bollywood to make a rom-com and ensure that it is able to hold its worth in gold till the very end. Not delivering a good comedy is not due to lack of talent or good writers. So when one comes across a film that manages to make the audience laugh till the very end, then the person who has written the dialogues needs to be given a pat on the back. In this case it goes to Raaj Shaandilyaa who is the director of *Dream Girl*.

We all know that a movie that portrays middle class resonate with the masses since they manage to find a connect. That is a major contributor why such a movie finds many takers. Then there's the fact that people love to laugh. A rom-com that has the right ingredients works wonders. Add to that the lead character who works with a call center... *main Pooja bol raheen hoon, mujhse dosti karogey* — it will have the audience in splits from the word go.

We all love to laugh and if we can do that for 132 minutes, it is *paisa wasool* when one goes to see *Dream Girl*. However, one needs to keep all sensibilities at home. Also if you are the kind of person who wants to only watch meaningful cinema, this film is not for you.

But one may want to see this one for Khurrana who has given a great performance. His reactions to men wanting to marry him, of people who touch his feet because he plays Sita are brilliant to say the least. One will also get a kick out of why and how he always ends playing Sita, Draupadi and even Radha.

Then there is some great performance from Annu Kapoor who plays Khurrana's father in this one. The two share a fabulous chemistry. Vijay Raaz as a cop, a *shayar* with a cantankerous wife at home, wins your heart. Manjot Singh as Khurrana's friend is just as good. A special mention for the 90-something *dadi* (Neela Mulherkar) who downs whiskey like a pro.

Overall *Dream Girl* makes for a laugh-riot all through.

— Shalini Saksera

An engaging courtroom drama

SECTION 375
*ing: Akshaye Khanna, Richa Chadda, Rahul Bhat, Meera Chopra
Rated: 6/10

Section 375 of IPC defines rape as a criminal offence and states that a man is said to commit rape when he has sexual intercourse with a woman against her or without her consent or if she is a minor — under any of the following situations: Against her will; Without her consent. Just penetration is sufficient to constitute the sexual intercourse necessary to the offence of rape. This sets as the backdrop for Ajay Bahl's *Section 375: Marzi Ya Zabardasti*. The opening stand that Akshaye Khanna, who plays a hot-shot defence lawyer Tarun Saluja, takes — Law is about facts, Justice is abstract — gives you a fair warning what is to unfold.

The courtroom drama is taut and Bahl ensures that his character keep pace with how things progress in the 123 minute drama that will keep you engaged till the very end. In most of the films, the end is rather predictable. But *Section 375...* throws a curve ball. The dialogue at the end sums it beautifully when Khanna says: We are not in the business of justice; we are in the business of law.

While the performances are good, the kind here are the brilliant one-liners and the smoothness with which the two lawyers — defence and prosecutrix — argue on behalf of their clients makes this movie a must watch even if the end leaves one with a slightly bad taste in the mouth especially if you are a woman.

— Shalini Saksera



'Acting makes me feel alive'

PEARL V PURI, who is now seen in Colors' *Bepanah Pyaarr*, tells MUSBA HASHMI that it is the most challenging project and that he will be releasing his compositions soon

What is your role?

I play Raghbir, a dark and intense character. He has lost someone whom he loved very much. He is traumatised, is grieving and in deep sorrow. He lives in a different world of his own and can't accept things easily. He is living in a confused state of mind wherein there's no truth or no lies for him. The story of *Bepanah Pyaarr* is very different with a different perspective.

What made you say yes?

The thing which attracted me towards this show is that it is a male-oriented show. The script is fresh. Also being a part of such shows comes with great responsibility and I hope I will be able to do justice to my character. A lot of money and effort has gone into this show. I believe the audience will like it.

What do you like and dislike about your character?

There is nothing that I dislike about my role. The reason being it is a challenging role and I love challenges. While you are playing such intense character, you have to bring in that reality and

emotion in it so that the audience can feel what you are going through. I have to be expressive.

From Dil Ki Nazar Se Khoobsurat to Bepanah Pyaarr, how have things changed?

It's been six long years. I have had good and some bad times. But, everything was rightly placed by God. Things worked well for me. I just believe in being a good human being. I always try to make myself better every day. That's where my focus lies.

I am a public figure; I want people to learn good things from me. Being an actor, people keep an eye on everything that we do and we have to respect that. We have to set a good example for the society because many people follow us. I am trying to be the best version of myself.

What was the most challenging project?

The one that I am part of at present — *Bepanah Pyaarr*. And not only for me but for the whole team, I believe. I also had to shed some weight for the role. It is a sad character so I have to bring in that dullness in my personality. I cannot look happy.

I try to play Raghbir even when I am not shooting to make my character look as real life as possible in reel. Otherwise it will become difficult for me to switch on and off from this rather intense character. As actors, we have to live with our characters so that we can bring out their essence on-screen.

What does acting mean to you?

Acting is something which makes me feel alive. My approach towards acting is to keep it as real as it can be. To imitate someone is not acting; to be real and to feel the characters you are playing is acting for me. Acting is no rocket science. You just have to get the feelings right and portray your characters in good faith and you are good to go.

You were top ranked in Times Most Desirable Men's list. How did it feel?

I didn't know that I have been ranked No 1 in the list. I got to know it from somebody and then I read the story. It was a great moment because a lot of people want to see their names in the list and fortunately I topped it. Wherever I am today is because of my family and fans who continue to shower their love on me and extend their support.

I feel blessed to have been working in this industry and getting so much appreciation for my work.

You also released your album Peerh Meri. How did the transition from an actor to a singer happened?

I am into music since I was in Class VIII. I used to write songs and till date I have written and composed more than 100 songs. I'll release them too when the right time comes. Just like I felt that the time was right to release my first song and I did it.

KBC gets its 9th crorepati

KBC 11 has finally found its first crorepati. MUSBA HASHMI speaks with SANJOJ RAJ, a 25-year-old Civil Services aspirant from Bihar, about what it took to reach the hot seat

Sitting on the hot seat with Big B right in front is every Indian's dream. While it come true for some, others merely enjoy Big-B's aura on their TV screens. *Kaun Banega Crorepati* has turned eleven and after almost one month into the new season, the show has finally found its first crorepati. Yes, you read that right. A 25-year-old boy from Bihar's Jehanabad district, Sanoj Raj, has become the first contestant to have won ₹1 crore. He went on attempting the *koti ki choti prashan* — ₹7 crore question, but decided to quit the game.

Raj, an engineer by profession, who lives in a joint family, is preparing for the Civil Services. It took Raj, hours of studying and months of preparations to crack the KBC code.

"I worked as an engineer for two-and-a-half years. I was paid well. But, I decided to give up on my job and concentrate on my Civil Services preparations. I used to study for hours and gather as much information as possible. I used to read a lot of books as well," he says.

The adage, life is not a bed of roses, holds true to Raj, who was trying to enter the show for the last eight years, but failed.

"Not even for once did I think that I should quit. I knew I have to be on the hot seat, no matter how long it will take. I was confident that I will make it there one day. And that time came on Friday," he says and tells you that it doesn't took him any extra preparations for the show but what he studied for the Civil Services.

It was nothing short of a festivity in Raj's family when they got to know about his selection. "My uncle got a call from the team that I was selected in *KBC*. He then went on to tell the news to my family and friends. I was out for some work then and I got to know about it from my friends. I was on cloud nine," he says.

Meeting Amitabh Bachchan and sharing the stage with him gave Raj goosebumps.

"The moment I stepped on to the stage my heartbeat increased. I was nervous. It was a dream come true moment for me. Once you are on the hot seat, in the centrestage with so many people around it sent shivers down the spine. But, once Big B starts talking he makes sure that the other person gets comfortable," he tells you.

Raj was confident that he will win ₹50 lakh but winning as much as ₹1 crore came as a surprise.

With the winning amount, Raj want to complete his Civil Services preparations, open a nursery for his father in his village and travel all through the Indian sub-continent.



Sanoj Raj with Amitabh Bachchan after winning ₹1 crore on KBC 11

"We are already exploiting our environment a lot. By opening up the nursery I want to contribute my bit towards Nature. I know it will not solve all the problems but it will definitely help fighting some. I love travelling and exploring places — North-east being my favourite. I will first travel to Meghalaya and then explore the other places with the remaining amount," he says.

He recalls that when he won ₹1 crore he was about to burst into tears.

"It was a moment of extreme joy. I felt like all my hard work had paid off. It was hard to believe that in just an hour I have turned into a millionaire. My success mantra is to have patience and take one step at a time. Leaps and bounds would take you nowhere. Not only destiny but my family played its part too. They supported me through thick and thin. They had faith in all my decisions, they knew I will make it big some day. And I am proud to have proved them right," he tells you.




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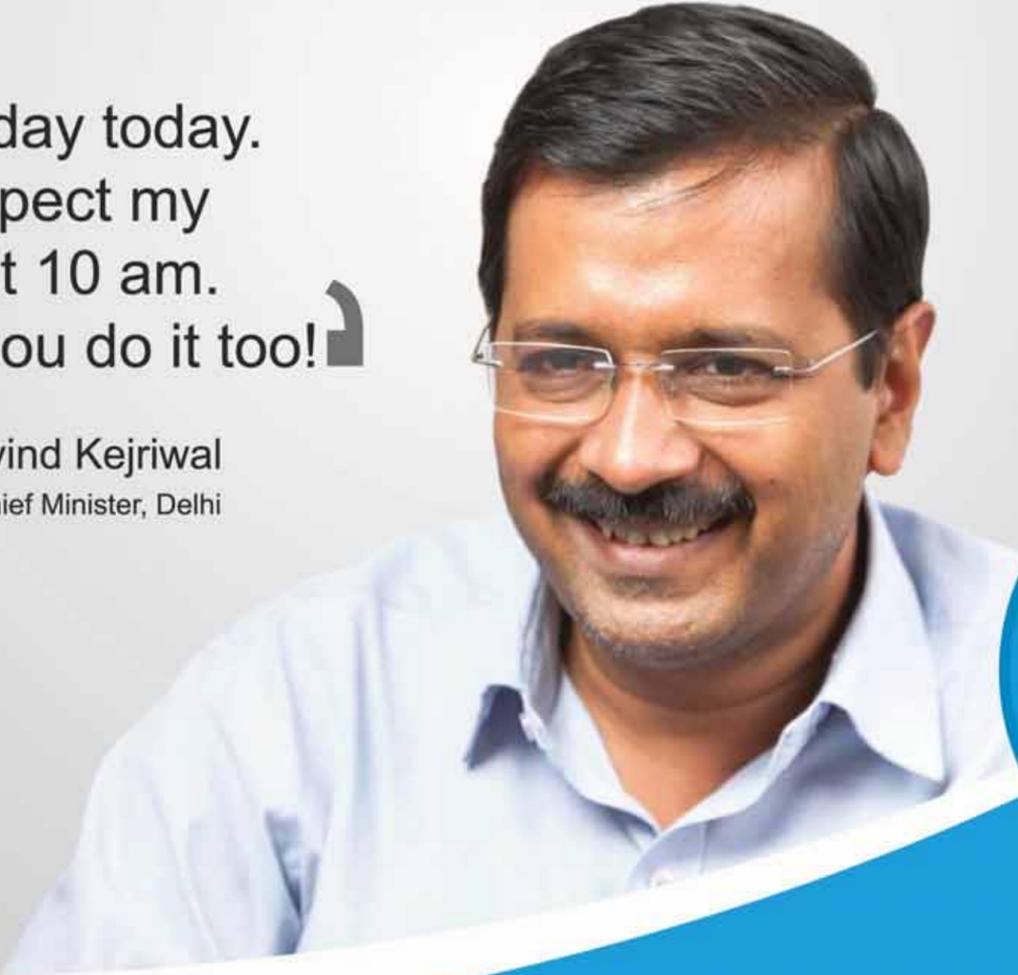
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- Arvind Kejriwal
Chief Minister, Delhi



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Dear Delhiites,

Today at 10 o'clock, we have to inspect our homes to check if clean water has accumulated anywhere. We have to ensure that clean water has not collected inside flowerpots, coolers, vases, or anywhere inside or outside our house. If clean water has accumulated, we need to pour it out, change it, or add petrol or oil to it. We should inspect our homes every Sunday at 10 am for the next 10 weeks to save our family from Dengue and Chikungunya. After inspecting your house, do take a selfie and WhatsApp it to 8287972050

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Health Department, Government of NCT of Delhi

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AAP ropes in RWAs for its anti-mosquito drive

CM to interact with 3K RWAs at Talkatora Stadium

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

To make the ongoing Dengue awareness campaign — 10 Hafte 10 Baje 10 Minute — more effective on ground, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in Delhi is joining hands with Resident Welfare Association (RWAs) on Saturday.

In this context, Delhi Dialogue Commission (DDA) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with RWA apex bodies URJA and Citizens' Alliance.

While signing the MoU, Health Minister Satyendar Jain said that Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will address 3,000 RWAs at Talkatora stadium for taking forward the Dengue and Chikungunya awareness programme. "Anti-Dengue campaign of the Delhi Government is getting support from people across the spectrum. The participation of RWAs is very important for us as they can ensure that this truly becomes a mass campaign," Jain said.

While thanking URJA and Citizens Alliance for their support, Jasmine Shah, Vice-Chairman DDC said, "Within



a short span of 4 years, the number of Dengue cases in Delhi has drastically come down by 80 per cent due to continuous efforts made by the Delhi Government. We will reach out to all RWAs across the capital and ensure each and every resident of Delhi joins this campaign."

The RWAs who pledge their support will be urged to participate in the campaign by carrying out checking in their respective areas, especially the common areas like parking, terrace. The RWAs will also encourage houses under them to maintain a Dengue free atmosphere and provide them with information materials like pamphlets and stickers on Dengue.

Ashutosh Dikshit from URJA said, "We welcome the

initiative of the Delhi government to eradicate Dengue from the city. From URJA we will inform as well as exhort all RWAs to come forward and actively participate in this drive. We will advise RWAs and their members to inspect their respective locality and households regularly so that clear water does not pool in the area.

Suchita Meena, the General Secretary of Citizens' Alliance who also pledged support said, "This is the first of its kind experiment in India to eradicate Dengue from the city. We are very honoured to be a part of such a Government initiative. "We all have witnessed the devastating effects of Dengue illness but from this time we will be a part of the drive to eradicate Dengue," Meena said.

"Without the active participation of the citizens with Government, goals cannot be achieved. Therefore, we will mobilise citizens and make them aware of this campaign. With the help of the Delhi Government, we will ensure from our side that the inspection of water deposition happens every day at our localities and we will make Delhi Dengue-free, she added.

Tiwari opposes odd-even, writes to CM

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Day after the announcement of Odd-Even car rationing scheme, the Delhi BJP president Manoj Tiwari on Saturday wrote to Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal urging him to reconsider the move to implement the odd-even scheme again as it would cause problems to the people. This is merely a gimmick to divert the attention of Delhiites from core issues as the AAP Government has substantially failed to deliver and wants to use taxpayers' money on advertisements for its own publicity, Tiwari alleged in the letter to the Delhi Chief Minister.

"I am writing to you with great anguish over your Government's decision to introduce odd-even policy in Delhi once again in the month of November. The decision has been taken without a proper thought.



This had created so many problems for Delhiites the last time it was done," he said.

Kejriwal on Friday announced implementation of the odd-even scheme in Delhi from November 4 to 15, saying it will be one of the seven measures against high level of pollution in the city due to crop stubble burning in Haryana and Punjab during the period.

Tiwari said the AAP Government's decision to stick to the odd-even scheme speaks

volumes of its "inability" to come up with any scientific and reasonable measure to fight air pollution. "In the interest of the people of Delhi, I urge you to rethink over this decision of implementing odd-even scheme and kindly spare Delhiites unnecessary hassles they would be subjected to with this move," Tiwari said in his letter.

Tiwari alleged the move was an "insult" to the law-abiding citizens who get their vehicles regularly checked for pollution as they will face problems in commuting and dropping their children to schools.

The AAP Government has targeted private vehicles although there is no scientific study to support that they are the biggest source of air pollution in Delhi, he said.

As a matter of fact, the air pollution in Delhi has reduced by 25 per cent with the opening of the Eastern and Western

Peripheral Expressways in Delhi, thanks to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari, Tiwari said.

"The two expressways keep out nearly 60,000 heavy commercial vehicles from Delhi roads, considerably reducing traffic congestion as well as pollution level," he said.

Under the scheme vehicles ply on odd and even dates as per their registration numbers. The scheme was previously introduced in Delhi by the AAP government in January and April 2016.

The opinion of experts as well as the people is divided over the efficacy of odd-even formula in combating air pollution.

Announcing its implementation, Kejriwal had said studies showed odd-even scheme reduced air pollution level by 10-13 per cent.

Critics of the move point to lack of adequate number of public transport buses in the city, and role of dust in bringing down air quality.

Tiwari, in his letter, said that instead of bringing new buses to boost public transport, the government was targeting massive publicity campaign in the name of the odd-even scheme.

"While its efficacy has always remained doubtful, it gives you another avenue to get publicity and use the tax payers money towards a torrent of advertisements," he blamed.

He claimed that a robust public transport system in the city needed 20,000 buses, but the AAP Government has been able to procure just 25 buses so far despite being in power for over four years.

Tiwari demanded that the Chief Minister declare the amount to be spent on advertisements of odd-even scheme.

SDMC begins cashless toll collection through RFID

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) has started cashless collection of 'Environment Compensation Charge' (ECC) and toll at all of its 13 toll entry points in the national Capital through newly-installed state-of-the-art radio frequency identity (RFID) system.

A senior SDMC official said till date, only 14,654 vehicle owners or drivers have recharged their tags and only 3,226 commercial vehicles have made payments through RFID tags while entering Delhi through these 13 toll entry points. "Around 2,625 commercial vehicles have been penalised and twice the amount of toll and ECC was

recovered from them for entering Delhi without RFID tag or insufficient recharge amount in their tags from midnight of Friday," he said.

Further, it has also been noticed that some commercial vehicles had entered Delhi through free lanes at these 13 entry points to avoid penalty. Registration number plate of these commercial Vehicles have been captured through cameras installed at these free lanes, he said.

The official said that it was also directed by EPCA to collect twice the ECC and toll charges from commercial vehicle owners or drivers entering Delhi without RFID tags or without sufficient recharge in their RFID tags. However, it has been noticed that despite sale

of more than 3 lakh RFID tags, commercial vehicle owners/drivers are reluctant to recharge their tags.

The SDMC had launched RFID system at 13 busy border points in the city on August 24 with the aim to reduce pollution by easing traffic congestions and plugging revenue leakage by ensuring transparency.

Once a person buys an RFID tag and pastes it on his registered vehicle, MCD tag and environment compensation charge (ECC) will automatically be deducted. Vehicle owners can recharge their RFID accounts on ecctagsdmc.com or mobile application — MCD TOLL — and at the 28 point of sale kiosks at the 13 entry/exit points.

Delhi Govt school tops ranking of day schools in country

2 others make it to top 10

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A national Capital school has topped the rankings for Government day schools in the country, while two others have made it to the first 10 in the rankings released by an education portal, a statement from the Delhi Government said on Saturday.

The Government-run Rajkiya Pratibha Vikas Vidyalaya (RPVV), Sector 10, Dwarka, has been ranked no. 1 in the India School Ranking 2019 released by Education World (EW), a portal for educators, teachers and parents which comes out with rankings for schools every year, the statement said.

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal congratulated teachers and principals of these schools for their efforts.

"A Delhi Govt school in Dwarka has been named the best Govt school in the country. Two more are in the Top 10. Congrats to all teachers, principals and officials. It is your effort that has made Delhi

proud today," he tweeted.

Rajkiya Pratibha Vikas Vidyalaya (RPVV), Sector 10, Dwarka was ranked the best in India in the Government day school category for a second consecutive year, the statement said.

Kendriya Vidyalaya, IIT Madras, Chennai; and GVHSS for Girls, Nadakkavu, Kozhikode, are joint second, followed by Kendriya Vidyalaya, IIT Bombay, Powai at number 3.

Delhi Government's RPVV Lajpat Nagar and Rohini have also improved their rankings.

While RPVV Lajpat Nagar has jumped one position and is now ranked as fifth, RPVV Rohini got into the top 10 and is now at 7th, the statement said.

These rankings are determined on the basis of marks scored on 14 parameters — teacher welfare and development, teacher competence, academic reputation, co-curricular education, sports education, life skills education, individual attention to students, leadership/management, parents involvement, infrastructure quality, internationalism, special needs education, value for money and community service, it said.

26-yr-old shot dead by unidentified assailants

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In yet another suspected gangwar, a 26-year-old man was allegedly shot dead by two unidentified assailants in northeast Delhi's Bhajanpura area. The incident occurred on Friday night.

The deceased has been identified as Najim, a resident of Subhash Mohalla in Vijay Park. According to a senior police official, a police control room (PCR) call, regarding the incident, was received on Friday night following which a police team rushed to the spot.

"Najim was taken to the Guru Teg Bahadur (GTB) hos-

pital where he was declared brought dead by the doctors. Body has been sent for autopsy. He sustained four bullets, one in head and three in chest and abdomen," said the police official.

"During initial investigation, it was found that Najim, after having dinner at a restaurant in the area, was returning to his home with his friends when two unidentified assailants shot him. Najim was 20 metre away from his home when the incident occurred," said the police official privy to investigation.

"Police have registered a case under section 302 (pun-

ishment for murder) of Indian Penal Code (IPC) at Bhajanpura police station. Further teams are looking for CCTV cameras in the area to identify the assailants and to know the crime sequence," said the senior police official adding that further police is investigating the case with all angles.

According to sources, Najim was close to gangster Naseer and he had also got few cases registered against him. "Few days back, Najim had a quarrel with someone over a briyani at a restaurant in the area. Najim had filed a police complaint against that person," said the sources.

Monsoon overstays, to soak Guj, MP

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West Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat recorded above excessive rainfall so far. West MP recorded 55 per cent above rainfall while Gujarat recorded 35 per cent above rainfall.

According to the Agriculture Ministry data, kharif crop sowing was 14 per cent less this year due to erratic weather or rainfall. Rice plantation was recorded one lakh hectare area less as compared to the last year while pulses sowing also recorded 3.74 lakh hectares less this year.

Reservoirs in seven States still hold less water than their normal storage capacity. These States are Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Nagaland, Tripura, and Chhattisgarh. The situation at Omkareshwar dam in Madhya Pradesh and Yeldari dam in Maharashtra was grim with zero per cent live storage, while seven others have less than 50 per cent storage.

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She also announced that a mega shopping festival, on the likes of the world-famous Dubai Shopping Festival, will be conducted at four places in India in March on themes of gems and jewellery, handicraft/yoga/tourism, textiles and leather.

The finance minister said the measures together with the ones announced on the previous two occasions will help lift the economy and growth rate will improve in the second quarter of this fiscal.

Inflation, she said, has been kept "very much" below the 4 per cent mark and there are "clear signs" of revival in the economy, as witnessed in an uptick in industrial production and fixed investment.

Measures are being taken to improve credit outflow from banks, which have also begun to transmit interest rate cuts to borrowers, she

said. Sitharaman will meet heads of public sector lenders on September 19 to review the transmission.

The Reserve Bank of India has since February cut the benchmark interest rate by 110 basis points but banks have lagged in transmitting the lower rates to borrowers.

The government has been pressing banks to offer external benchmark linked loans to speed up the transmission of rate cuts. India's GDP growth decreased for the fifth consecutive quarter in April-June 2019 to 5 per cent, the lowest in six years. This was on the back of faltering domestic demand, with both private consumption and investment proving lackluster.

The government's previous policy measures to stimulate the economy included support for the automobile sector, reduction in capital gains tax, and additional liquidity support for shadow banks.

Accompanying structural reforms included a further easing of the foreign direct investment (FDI) regime and consolidation of the public banking sector.

When asked if the government was reassessing its fiscal map, Sitharaman said: "Well it is a quarter matter (5 per cent growth) but then we will be definitely taking that on board and reconcile it with what I have stated in the Budget."

The growth numbers are "how very different from what we had said in the Budget. We will certainly reconcile... And take a call at what stage we are and what level we are," she added. The minister also stressed that it is a fact that growth was low in the first quarter and "5 per cent growth is not something which I am ignoring", but added that there are clear signs of revival in certain sectors.

Shah's 'one nation, one language' call...

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"India has many languages and every language has its importance. But it is absolutely necessary that the entire country should have one language that becomes India's identity globally," he said in a series of tweets in Hindi.

Shah said that today, if any language which can unite the country, it is Hindi that is spoken the most. "Next year we will hold the Hindi Divas functions in different parts of the country. I appeal to every parents to speak to their children in their own language and also with the co-workers," he said.

The Prime Minister also tweeted in Hindi to say, "The simplicity, spontaneity and elegance of a language provide meaningfulness to expression. Hindi has incorporated all of these aspects beautifully".

Supporting the pro-Hindi stance, Lok Janshakti Party leader and Union Minister Ram Vilas Paswan advocated an all-round promotion of Hindi, saying the Constitution should be amended to ensure the use of Indian languages in the Supreme Court and all high courts of the country.

The Congress said the three-language formula (Hindi, English and the regional language of the respective States) should not be tinkered with. "We should not stir up controversies on emotive and sensitive issues which have been settled by the maturity of India's Constitution-makers and the Prime Minister after Independence, especially I am referring to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru," Congress spokesperson Anand Sharma said.

DMK's Stalin urged Shah to withdraw his statement and said, "When our Constitution says all languages must be treated with equality, the Home Minister's statement which upholds Hindi above other languages is disrupting India's integrity and I strongly condemn that."

Despite its leanings towards the BJP, the AIADMK too came out openly against it. Tamil Nadu Culture Minister K Pandiarajan cautioned the Government saying, "If the Centre imposes Hindi unilaterally, there will only be (adverse) reaction and no support, not only in Tamil Nadu, but also in States like Bengal, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh." The DMKM too opposed the proposed move.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee sought to sit on a middle path on the issue. In a nuanced stance, she said people should respect all languages and cultures equally but not at the cost of their mother tongues. For its part, the CPI issued a statement saying the Home Minister's statement is an attack on federalism extending the politics and ideology of RSS to every sphere of life. And AMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi said Hindi isn't every Indian's "mother tongue". "India's much bigger than Hindi, Hindu, Hindutva," he tweeted. The Opposition Congress and JD(S) leaders in Karnataka termed Hindi Divas as an 'imposition' of the language.

Hindi Divas is observed to mark the decision of the Constituent Assembly to extend official language status to Hindi on this day in 1949. It was first observed in 1953.

Woman takes bullet while trying to stop husband-wife scuffle

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A 21 year-old woman sustained bullet injury after she intervened in a quarrel between a couple. The incident occurred on Friday night at the national Capital's Narela area. Police said that the woman, Rachna, is undergoing treatment and she is out of danger.

The accused has been identified as Javed, who has already been declared a 'Bad Character' by Narela police station and is said to be in the business of bread supply.

According to a senior police official, on Friday night, at around 10:05 pm, a police control room (PCR) call received a call regarding firing in Sector- B2 of Narela following which, an Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV) was dispatched for the spot.

"The woman was already shifted to hospital by locals in the area. During initial investigation, it was revealed that the accused Javed on Friday left his wife at her parental home but on late evening, he came again to forcibly take her from her parental home but his wife refused following which a quarrel broke out between the duo," said the senior police official.

"Rachna, a neighbour tried to intervene but the accused shot her and fled away from the spot. Rachna is still undergoing treatment and she is out of danger," said the police official.

"Police have registered a case under relevant sections at Narela police station and police teams have been formed to nab the accused," said the police official adding that further investigation is going on.

Pak raises white flag at LoC to...

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The Indian Army responded immediately as it respects the fallen soldier and allowed the Pakistanis to take back the bodies, officials said. Since the Pakistani Army is dominated by Punjabis including soldiers and officers, the commanders are sensitive about the fallout back home if the bodies are not retrieved, sources said and therefore resorted to 'white flag' on Friday. The Indian Army released a 1.47-minute video of the incident.

Elaborating the aspect of Punjabi factor, officials also said that the Pakistan Army did not take back the bodies of 6-7 of its soldiers, most probably hailing from the Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (POK) and part of the Northern Light

Infantry on July 30-31 in Keran sector. Moreover, Pakistan had disowned its soldiers killed in the Kargil War in 1999 and Indian soldiers performed their last rites.

On the overall situation on the 750-km long LoC since August 5 when the special status was withdrawn, ceasefire violations have seen a quantum jump with 350 ceasefire violations so far. The overall figure for the entire last year was 1,629 while the figure till now since January stands at more than 2,000.

Firing is on both in South and North of Pir Panjal mountain ranges. While south comprises Poonch and Rajouri, north includes Uri and Tangdhar besides other areas adjoining the Kashmir Valley.

Continuing the escalation on Saturday, the Pakistan Army targeted forward areas of Balakote and Mendhar in Poonch sector for over four hours.

Defence PRO in Jammu, Lt Col Devender Anand said, "Pakistan army initiated ceasefire violation in Mendhar sector around 9.30 am on Saturday." He said, "Pakistan army fired mortar shells targeting civilian areas." "Indian Army retaliated strongly and effectively," he added. The firing in the area continued for over four hours and stopped around 1.30 pm.

According to ground reports, "large number of schoolchildren remained stranded inside their class rooms in Manjakote area" while heavy shelling was going on in the area.

According to them "at least four civilian houses, 2 vehicles, 1 cattle shed and four shops were damaged in the Pakistan firing along with several livestock. Panic stricken

residents took shelter at safer places while local police officers along with jawans of the Indian army rushed to the school buildings to safely escort schoolchildren to safer places.

Deputy Commissioner, Poonch Rahul Yadav told The Pioneer, "Firing from the Pakistan side started around 9.30 am on Saturday while children were attending their classes in the forward villages. He said, rescue teams could not be rushed amid heavy firing from the Pakistani side. During brief lull, police jawans along with local Armymen escorted these children to safety, he added.

Last week, Pakistan army

had also attempted to target forward Indian posts by pushing "human bombs" inside the Indian territory. According to recent intelligence reports, "large number of heavily armed terrorists belonging to Lashkar-e-Tayyeba and Jaish-e-Mohammad terror outfits were assembled across launching pads close to the LoC with the sole purpose of launching 'daring' attacks on the Indian forces".

According to these reports, "over 200 terrorists were camping across these launching pads inside the Pakistani territory to carry out BAT strikes inside the Indian territory".

FACTOID

- On August 17, Lance Naik Sandeep Thapa attained martyrdom in Nowshera sector
- On August 20, Naik Ravi Ranjan Kumar Singh made supreme sacrifice in Mendhar sector
- On August 23, Naik Rajib Thappa attained martyrdom in Nowshera sector
- On September 2, Hemraj Jat attained martyrdom in Poonch sector



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RSS chief to interact with foreign media

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In the first major outreach to foreign press, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat will interact with members of foreign media later this month "to clear misconceptions" about the outfit and its ideology. Invitation is being extended to 70 foreign media organisations from various countries barring Pakistan.

However, it will be an off-camera briefing and will not be for reporting, sources said.

RSS functionaries said the aim of the briefing was to discuss the RSS' views on various topics, as well as to address some "wrong narratives" about the organisation that have developed over the years.

"The main purpose of this meeting is to clear misconcep-



tions about the Sangh and its ideology," they said, adding "it will be an off-camera briefing by Bhagwat and will not be for reporting".

According to the sources, it is a first of its kind interaction with the foreign press by the RSS, the ideological parent of the ruling BJP.

"The meeting will start with Bhagwat ji making opening remarks and it will be followed by a question and answer session with him," said a functionary involved in the event.

Sangh's prachar vibhag (publicity department) is coordinating the meeting which will be held at the Ambedkar International Centre here.

The planned meeting comes exactly a year after Bhagwat's three-day lecture series in September last year, in which the India media had participated but the international media was largely left out.

Bhagwat had met members of the diplomatic community last year as a part of the Sangh's outreach activities. He also hosted German Ambassador to India Walter J. Lindner at the RSS headquarters in Nagpur in July this year.

ED raids Income Tax Commissioner in Rose Valley chit fund case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate on Saturday said that it has raided multiple locations linked to Income Tax Commissioner, Neeraj Singh, in connection with a money laundering case associated to an alleged disproportionate assets case. Singh is under the scanner of the Kolkata Police and the ED for alleged links with the prime accused of the ₹15,000-crore Rose Valley chit fund scam Gautam Kundu.

Singh was last posted in Chennai and has earlier worked in the investigation wing of the I-T department in Kolkata.

The federal probe agency said it raided six locations, two each in Kolkata, Mumbai and Patna, after it booked Singh under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act

(PMLA).

The ED filed its criminal case against the Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer based on a Kolkata Police FIR "for accumulation of huge wealth in the name of his associates by giving undue favours by misusing his official position".

Searches conducted at several locations resulted in seizure of various property documents, bank accounts and investment documents, the ED said.

Officials said Singh is under the scanner of the Kolkata Police and the ED for alleged links with the prime accused of the ₹15,000-crore Rose Valley chit fund scam Gautam Kundu. Kundu has been arrested by the ED in the Rose Valley case. The IRS officer has denied these charges in the past.

Congress says Nirmala clueless on economy, measures cosmetic

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Soon after Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced a slew of measures to revive the economy, the Congress on Saturday dubbed them as "cosmetic measures" and said the Modi government was "clueless" over the economy which is in shambles.

The Congress' attack came after Sitharaman announced an over Rs 70,000-crore package for exports and real estate sectors, including setting up of a stressed asset fund, as the government continued with fire-fighting measures to pull the economy out of a six-year low growth rate.

"I can only say that the finance minister is clueless as to how to deal with the gravity of the crisis and the government has no concrete plans to revive the economy," Congress spokesperson Anand Sharma said at a press conference.

After the earlier announce-

ments of stimulus package, the situation deteriorated and the latest steps are not going to help, Sharma asserted.

"The finance minister of India is lacking in macroeconomic understanding. A comprehensive package for economic revival was expected," he said.

"The steps announced today will not revive the Indian economy, they are purely cosmetic, piecemeal and also convey the arrogance of the government and its indifference to the seriousness of the situation," he said.

Hitting out at the Finance Minister for blaming the youth and millennials for the economic slowdown, Sharma said, "The BJP ministers have been making shocking statements insulting the youth. The Finance Minister said that the millennials are responsible for the economic slowdown and has not apologised for her statement so far."

He said the government is also low on reserves. Citing the

figures of the government, Sharma said that in the last financial year, the government was ₹1.7 lakh crore in deficit. This year they have a target of Rs 24 lakh crore, but in last five months they have only managed to get Rs 5.4 lakh crore.

India's growth rate has slipped to 5 per cent in the June quarter, government data showed last month. Several sectors from the auto manufacturing to even consumer goods have raised concerns of flagging sales.

Forecasting the move could lead to banks providing up to an extra Rs. 68,000 crore of export credit, Ms Sitharaman said that the government will relax rules for lending to priority sectors.

The finance minister also detailed other steps, including improved insurance cover to banks that lend to exporters and the digitalization of certain services that she said would further bolster exports.

Keep veg prices in check, Jagan tells Babus

PNS ■ VIJAYAWADA

The Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has said that there should be an effective mechanism on market intelligence for agriculture products and asked the officials to take immediate steps to keep the prices of vegetables under check.

Speaking at a review meeting on Agriculture Mission here on Saturday, he said that a new mechanism should be evolved based on the inputs from Agriculture Committees and a long-term plan should be drafted for stabilising the prices.

A Cell should be formed with experts for purchase agriculture produce and marketing and in the next meeting of the Mission the discussion will be on the agriculture yield, MSP and the situation in the market.

The officials brought to the notice of the chief minister that some pulses and tomatoes are not getting proper prices due to the availability of socks with farmers, government and import policy and in the coming days the issue would be addressed to. The chief minister has also enquired about the growing prices of onions and asked the officials to put a check on it.

During the previous government term, businessmen and politicians in the garb of



farmers have duped the farmers to a great extent. Village volunteers should help out farmers in all possible ways and they should get MSP.

From the rabi crop, farmers should be helped in all aspects, the chief minister told the officials. Making best use of Market Stabilisation Fund, and opening of purchasing centres should ensure that farmers get proper price to their produce, he said.

The dues to farmers of the previous government which

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accumulated up to Rs 1,830 crores will be cleared by month end. Rythu Bharosa and input subsidies will come a long way in helping farmers in the days

to come, he said.

The cultivation of pulses should be encouraged in dry and arid lands, he said. (Spot)

Focus on malnutrition among urban poor: Centre to States

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre has asked States to focus on tackling malnutrition among slum-dwellers and migrant population in urban areas during a month-long campaign under the government's flagship nutrition scheme Poshan Abhiyaan, which was launched in 2018 to reduce low-birth weight, stunting and undernutrition, and anaemia among children, adolescent girls and women.

The Government said malnutrition in urban areas is mainly caused by increasing population of the poor, food safety risks and unhealthy food environment, and asked the states to expand the outreach of health and nutrition services among slum-dwellers and migrant population.

In a note to state and district authorities, the Women and Child Development Ministry said that "activities under Poshan Abhiyaan should be promoted in urban areas with an effort to expand the outreach of health and nutrition services among slum-dwellers and migrant population."

It has also set the responsibilities of the state, district and block level officials which include special focus on migrant population and people living in slum areas.

It further said asked the



states to take steps like strengthening convergence between departments, developing urban health mission and spreading the message Swachh Bharat Mission among others.

"Reach out to labour-centric industries or private employers to establish contact with migrant populace and sensitise them on Poshan Abhiyaan. Identify urban unserved/uncovered pockets and reach out to these pockets with nutrition services via special drives," the ministry told the states.

It has also asked states and districts to promote urban

primary health centres and organising anaemia camps in urban areas and slums. "Organise door-to-door awareness drives on Poshan Abhiyaan in urban slums," the Ministry said.

The states and districts have been asked to organise all these initiatives during the 'Poshan Maah' or nutrition month which is celebrated every September under the Poshan Abhiyaan.

According to the National Family Health Survey-4 (NFHS-4), 38.4 per cent children under five years of age are stunted (low height-for-age) and 21 per cent wasted (low weight-for-height).

Telangana is growing in IT investments: Min

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Minister KT Rama Rao on Saturday said that irrespective of the Centre's stance on Information Technology and Investment Region (ITIR), Telangana is growing in IT investments. As part of ITIR, they proposed IT clusters in the State.

He said, "Neither UPA nor NDA gave even ₹1 for ITIR project. With the new NDA Government we asked 10times by meeting personally, writing letters and providing the information. They clearly said that they gave up ITIR, 'our policy is not ITIR and it is not part of NDA'."

He said despite repeated

requests during the meetings with then IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad and Finance Minister Arun Jaitley and also several letters sent by the state, the Centre did not provide any funds. KTR pointed out that Prasad went to the extent of saying that the government has shelved ITIRs.

He said, "Even if they didn't give anything, nothing stopped. Because of ecosystem centric policies of Telangana government, IT growth is 17percent unlike national average of 8-9percent".

Dismissing claims of Congress over not doing enough to get ITIR grounded



KTR said, "Bengaluru and Hyderabad never got ₹1 for ITIR. Did Congress Government even put one brick for ITIR in Bengaluru?"

Government is taking steps to encourage establishment of IT companies in the Eastern and Southern regions of the city.

Addressing concerns raised by some members that the IT industry was currently clustered in just the Western part of the city putting increasing pressure on infrastructure in the area, the Minister said the Government has already approved Maheshwaram and Raviryal areas for development of electronic industry clusters.

He said, "Owaisi asked for startup program. In Old-city also we will try to get startup program, if we get

any interest and land in the area with help".

Responding to the issue of IT development in two tier towns raised by KP Vivekanand of the TRS and D Sridhar Babu of Congress, KTR said,

"IT Tower in Karimangar town was getting ready for inauguration next month. And the one in Khammam will be ready by November or December. The Government also identified 50 acres for a similar project in Mahabubnaga. Because of the Rural technology policy, BPOs are operating in Janagaon, Huzurabad, Kamareddy, Jachherla," he said.



Union Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP chief JP Nadda during cleanliness drive at AIIMS in New Delhi on Saturday PTI

BJP appoints Sanjay Jaiswal as Bihar unit head

SATISH PUNIA AS RAJASTHAN UNIT CHIEF

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The BJP on Saturday appointed Lok Sabha member Sanjay Jaiswal and MLA Satish Punia as chiefs of its units in Bihar and Rajasthan respectively.

While the Rajasthan state President post fell vacant on account of the untimely death of incumbent its previous head, Bihar slot needed to be filled as the BJP unit head of the state was moved to the union cabinet.

Jaiswal, an OBC, replaces Nityanand Rai Yadav, also an OBC and now a minister of state in the Modi-government, as the head of the BJP's Bihar unit. Jaiswal, 53, is an MP from Paschim Champaran in the state.



Similar caste consideration has been applied in Rajasthan where Punia, again an OBC has been appointed chief of Rajasthan BJP, weeks after the death of state party chief Madan Lal Saini of the same caste. Punia was picked up by Party President Amt Shah last year along with other BJP leaders including MPs Arjun Meghwal

and Gajendra Singh Sekhawat to assess ground situation in Rajasthan before the ticket distribution for the assembly election in the state.

Hailing from Churu's Rajgarh, Punia, 55, is the MLA from Amber constituency of Jaipur district.

Besides these two key appointments, BJP President

Amit Shah also appointed Ajay Kumar, an RSS pracharak' as General Secretary of the Party in Uttarakhand. Kumar has also worked as organising secretary in West Uttar Pradesh. The post fell vacant after the resignation of the Sanjay kumar who was facing #Mee-too "charge by a woman.

India to offer 1,000 PhD fellowships to ASEAN students

AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI,

The Government of India will launch a programme commencing from September 16, 2019, that will allow and offer 1,000 PhD fellowships to students of Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) at the Institute of Information Technology (IITs) in India. External Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar and Human Resource Development (HRD) Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal will jointly inaugurate the programme.

Head of missions of ASEAN countries, senior officials of ministries of External Affairs and Human Resource Development, Directors of all 23 IITs, Chairman of UGC and Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog would attend the event.

IIT Delhi has already been accorded the status of Institution of Eminence and the decision by the government to start the PhD programme for students of ASEAN countries comes with the motive to "encourage the



best talent from across the world to join its PhD programme.

Speaking about the International PhD Fellowship Programme (IPFP), Prof. V. Ramgopal Rao, Director, IIT Delhi, said: "Having meritorious PhD students coming to IIT Delhi from all over the world

(as part of the programme) and will not only enhance the quality of research happening at IIT Delhi but will also help India develop its soft power across the world. The cultural diversity that will happen because of this step will go a long way in generating new research ideas."

The admission portal for this programme is being executed by IIT Delhi. The Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) comprises of Indonesia, Singapore, Philippines, Malaysia, Brunei, Thailand, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam.

HINDI DIWAS

Mother tongue above all: Mamata

PTI ■ KOLKATA

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Saturday said people should respect all languages and cultures equally but not at the cost of their mother tongues.

Her statement came after Union Home Minister Amit Shah pitched for a common language for the country and said it is Hindi which is spoken the most and can unite the whole country.

Greeting people on the occasion of Hindi Diwas, Banerjee tweeted, "My best wishes to all on #HindiDiwas. We should respect all languages and cultures equally. We may learn many languages but we should never forget our mother-tongue." She also posted the greetings in another tweet in Hindi.

In a series of tweets in Hindi, Home Minister Shah said, "India has many languages and every language has its importance. But it is absolutely necessary that the entire country should have one language that becomes India's identity internationally."

Shah said that today, if any language which can unite the country, it is Hindi that is spoken the most.



"I want to appeal to people to promote their native languages but also use Hindi to make the dream of Babu (Mahatma Gandhi) and Sardar

(Vallabhbhai) Patel of one language come true," he tweeted. Later, speaking at a 'Hindi Diwas' function in New Delhi, Shah said Hindi should reach every individual and every home in the country.

Hindi Diwas is observed to mark the decision of the Constituent Assembly to extend official language status to Hindi on this day in 1949. It was first observed in 1953.

AIADMK, DMK against Shah's 'Hindi' push

CHENNAI: Opposing Home Minister Amit Shah's pitch for Hindi as the nation's common language, AIADMK on Saturday cautioned against its 'imposition' while the DMK demanded that he withdraw his view, since it would "infringe national integrity." After Shah said Hindi is the most spoken language which can unite the nation as a common language, Tamil Nadu parties rallied against it. AIADMK leader and Tamil culture Minister K Pandiarajan said: "If the Centre imposes Hindi unilaterally, there will only be (adverse) reaction and no support, not only in Tamil Nadu, but also in states like Bengal, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh."

Making it clear that he was not aware of the context in which Shah made those comments, he opined that the remarks appeared to be intended to bring Hindi to the position of English, which had performed the role of a link language all along in the country. "Only about 45 per cent people speak Hindi and even today it is not spoken by a majority of the people," Pandiarajan said, adding that the Tamil Nadu Government has never toed the line that Hindi could be the link language. DMK chief M K Stalin said Shah's views were "shocking". "This will certainly infringe national integrity and hence he should withdraw his views immediately," he said.

K'taka parties call it 'imposition' of language

Bengaluru: 'Hindi Diwas' took a political twist in Karnataka with the Congress and JD(S) leaders terming it as an 'imposition' of the language. However, the ruling BJP batted for learning it just like Kannada and appealed to the people of the state not to treat it as imposition of a language. The reaction of the parties comes in the wake of Union Home minister Amit Shah pitching for a common language for the country and saying it was Hindi which was spoken the most and can unite the whole country. Tweeting in Kannada, former chief minister Siddaramaiah said, "The lie that Hindi is a national language should stop. Let it be known to all that it is just like Kannada, one among the 22 official languages of India. You cannot promote a language by spreading lies and fake information. Languages flourish by affection and respect for each other."

3-language formula should not be tinkered with: Cong

PTI ■ New Delhi

Hours after Union Minister Amit Shah's Hindi language pitch, the Congress on Saturday said the three-language formula should not be tinkered with and controversies must not be stirred up on "emotive" issues settled by Constitution-makers.

The opposition party also said no indication should be given of a rethink on the "three-language formula" as it will create strife and unrest in the country. The three languages formula is commonly understood to comprise Hindi, English and the regional language of the

respective states. Home Minister Shah on Saturday pitched for a common language for the country and said as Hindi is spoken the most, it can unite the whole country. He also asked everyone to use their native languages as much as possible, but said efforts will be made to expand Hindi's reach to different parts of the country. Asked about Shah's remarks, Congress spokesperson Anand Sharma said: "Let me make it very clear, if that is true then the Home Minister of India should know that Hindi has been declared as the official language long back."

Day curfew lifted in Kishtwar

Search on for suspects who snatched rifle from PDP leader's PSO

PTI ■ JAMMU

Day curfew was lifted in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district even as a massive search operation for suspected terrorists, who snatched the service rifle from a personal security officer of a PDP leader, continued for the second day on Saturday, officials said.

The day curfew, which was imposed in the town following the weapon snatching incident on Friday, was lifted but all educational institutions remained closed as a precautionary measure, the officials said.

A group of terrorists struck the house of Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Kishtwar district president Sheikh Nasir Hussain at Gaurian village in the town and escaped with the service rifle of his Personal Security Officer (PSO) early Friday.

"The curfew, which was imposed following the incident, was lifted this (Saturday) morning. However, all educational institutions in the town have been closed as a precautionary measure," District Development Commissioner Anzreg Singh Rana told PTI.

He said the night curfew, however, will remain in force till further orders.

A massive search operation

to track down the terrorists was going on, Rana said, adding the police is working on various leads and the culprits will be brought to book soon.

Officials said additional police and paramilitary forces have been deployed at entry and exit points in the town, where all incoming and outgoing vehicles are subjected to thorough checking.

They said the private car of the PDP leader's brother in which the suspects fled was found abandoned in Dool village, about nine km from the

town.

The hilly district, which was declared terrorism-free over a decade ago, has witnessed a number of terror strikes and weapon snatching incidents over the past 10 months. Terrorists snatched the service rifle of the deputy commissioner's PSO Daleep Kumar on March 8. They struck again at district hospital on April 9, killing RSS functionary Chanderkant Sharma and his PSO before fleeing the scene with the service rifle of the slain cop.

Pak hell bent on stoking LoC fire

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Despite suffering heavy losses in strong retaliatory firing from the Indian side, Pakistan is bent upon escalating tensions along the Line of Control in Jammu & Kashmir.

Since August 15, there has been no let up from the Pakistani side especially in frontier districts of Rajouri and Poonch.

So far, four Indian jawans have made supreme sacrifices while one civilian was killed in Pakistan firing.

On Saturday, Pakistan Army targeted forward areas of Balakote and Mendhar in Poonch sector for over four hours.

Defence PRO in Jammu, Lt Col Devender Anand said, "Pakistan army initiated ceasefire violation in Mendhar sector around 9.30 a.m on Saturday." He said, "Pak Army fired mortar shells targeting civilian areas." "Indian Army retaliated strongly and effectively," he added. The firing in the area continued for over four hours and stopped around 1.30 p.m.

According to ground reports, "large number of school children remained stranded inside their class rooms in Manjakote area" while heavy shelling was going on in the area.

"Several forward villages including Sandote and Nanjot bore maximum brunt of heavy



mortar shelling in the area," official sources said.

According to official sources, "at least four civilian houses, 2 vehicles, 1 cattle shed and four shops were damaged in the Pakistan firing along with several livestock. Panic stricken residents took shelter at safer places while local police officers along with jawans of the Indian army rushed to the school buildings to safely escort school children to safer places."

Deputy Commissioner, Poonch Rahul Yadav told The Pioneer, "firing from the Pakistani side started around 9.30 a.m on Saturday while children were attending their classes in local schools in the forward villages. He said, rescue teams could not be rushed amid heavy firing from the Pakistani side. During brief lull, police jawans along with local army men escorted these children to safety, he added.

Chinmayanand case: Student gives pen drive with videos to SIT

PTI ■ SHAHJAHANPUR (UP)

The postgraduate student who has accused BJP leader Chinmayanand of rape on Saturday gave a pen drive containing 43 videos to the SIT to support her allegations.

The woman was asked by the SIT to submit whatever evidence she had against the former Union Minister. The special investigation team questioned the student on Friday and collected evidence from Chinmayanand's bedroom here, sources said on Saturday.

The SIT, formed on the orders of the Supreme Court, had brought the woman to

Chinmayanand's home on Friday morning where they continued the probe for around five hours, the sources said.

The special team has called the student's mother for questioning on Saturday, they said.

Chinmayanand, whose organisation runs several colleges, was questioned for about seven hours at the police lines here on Thursday night and his bedroom at Divya Dham residence was sealed, they said.

A team of forensic experts was also present at the residence.

The woman alleged that important evidence has been removed from

Chinmayanand's bedroom and it now wears a new look.

"The paint and other things have been changed and it now has a new look. Important evidence has been removed from there but two oil bowls, used during massage, were found by the SIT," she said, adding that a towel, toothpaste and soap used by the BJP leader was sealed and taken away by the forensic team.

The woman said she told the probe team about a young BA-LLB student who was also being tortured and had confided in her about her harassment.

The postgraduate student



said she has also given her statement about the FIR lodged in New Delhi on September 5.

Recounting her ordeal, she said that after she took admission in LLM, Chinmayanand's men called her to his home and left her in a room on the upper floor where the former minister showed her a video of her having a bath, after which her

physical exploitation began.

The woman, however, said that this video was not found by the probe agency in the bedroom and claimed that it could have been kept in Chinmayanand's Haridwar ashram.

Chinmayanand's Counsel Om Singh refuted argued that giving message was not a crime and people go to spa for it.

"Besides, the video does not show anything being done under pressure," Singh.

Sources said the BJP leader has been asked by the SIT not to leave Shahjahanpur till the completion of the probe and policemen in large numbers have been deployed in and

around his residence.

The college where the woman studied was closed since Friday and will now open on Monday, the sources said.

The woman has alleged that she was raped and "physically exploited" for a year by the BJP leader. Chinmayanand's lawyer has, however, alleged an extortion attempt.

The woman first levelled harassment charges against the BJP leader in a video clip uploaded on social media. She was then missing for several days before an Uttar Pradesh police team traced her in Rajasthan and produced her before the Supreme Court.

Pawar to take Maha tour as NCP hit by desertions

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Jolted by unprecedented desertions from his party, NCP founder Sharad Pawar will embark upon a six-day tour of western Maharashtra and Marathwada regions from September 17 to 22, to set the house in order and energise his cadres ahead of the State Assembly polls due next month.

During his six-day tour that will take him to three districts of his party's stronghold of western Maharashtra and eight districts of neighbouring Marathwada, Pawar will hold meetings with the party's current and past MPs, MLAs, past and current representatives from local bodies, office bearers and representatives from the cooperative bodies.

This is for the second time since he founded the NCP in June 1999 that Pawar is undertaking such a tour in the state. In an effort to enlarge his party's base, Pawar had taken a similar tour immediately after he founded NCP.

Faced with a major crisis arising out of large-scale desertions from his party, 79-year-old Pawar has—this time around—will be setting out from Solapur on a tour of eleven districts in western Maharashtra and Marathwada regions.

The districts where he will hold con-

fabulations with his party leaders and elected representatives will be Solapur, Ahmednagar, Satara, all in western Maharashtra, Beed, Latur, Osmanabad Nanded, Hingoli, Parbhani, Jalna and Aurangabad, all in Marathwada.

According to a senior NCP leader, Pawar will hold meetings with party leaders and other people in in Solapur, Osmanabad (September 17), Beed, Latur (September 18), Parbhani (September 19), Jalna, Aurangabad (September 20), Ahmednagar (September 21) and Satara (September 22).

During his tour, Pawar—who had in eighties and nineties had undertaken similar State-wide tours—will go all out to rebuild his party to take on the powerful ruling BJP and Shiv Sena, which will contest the Assembly polls as an alliance.

The NCP and Congress, which had contested the 2014 State Assembly polls separately, will contest next month's Assembly together.

In the 2014 Assembly polls, the Congress had ended up with a final tally of mere 42 seats (out of the total 287 seats it contested), while its erstwhile ruling partner NCP bagged 41 seats (out of a total 278 seats contested).

'Seva Saptah': Tripura CM donates salary to clean markets

IAN S ■ AGARTALA

As part of the week long 'Seva Saptah' to mark Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday, Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb has donated six months salary to keep 1,100 village markets in the state clean and garbage free.

The ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), as part of its countrywide celebration of Seva Saptah (social service week), launched a variety of social service campaigns in Tripura on Saturday.

"I will donate my six months salary to set up eight to ten dustbins or garbage dumping containers in each of the 1,100 village markets in Tripura. It would make these markets and surrounding villages clean and hygienic," said Deb, who is also the President of the State BJP.

He said: "On the occasion of Modi's birthday celebration the Seva Saptah will see a cleanliness campaign, voluntary blood donation, plastic free Tripura, supply of pure drinking water and nutrition drive for children and women." The Chief Minister wrote social media posts calling for everyone to join the Seva Saptah to carry out the various welfare activities.

Centre running on 'Gujarat model' to harass Opp leaders: Digvijaya

PTI ■ MATHURA

Accusing the Centre of a political vendetta, senior Congress leader Digvijaya Singh has said the Modi Government is running on the "Gujarat model" of governance to harass Opposition leaders.

"Sending former Union Finance Minister P Chidambaram to jail is an evidence of misuse of the CBI, ED and the IT department for implicating Opposition leaders," Singh said on Friday evening.

He said though action has been taken against Chidambaram, the officers on whose recommendation/consent the former Union Minister took decisions have been spared.

The former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister claimed no action has been taken against Chinmayanand simply because he is a BJP leader, in spite of a postgradu-



ate woman alleging, in 18 pages, he raped her.

Singh demanded action against Chinmayanand similar to that taken against Unnao MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar, who too has been accused of sexual assault at his residence and expelled by the BJP.

He said the Centre is "running on Gujarat model" to harass opposition leaders.

The Congress leader took exception to the reported remarks of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Mathura, on "Om and cow". He said "such baseless aspersions" are made to divert attention from the failure of the Government. Not only Goseva Ayog for cows was constituted in Madhya Pradesh during his term as Chief Minister in 1993-94 but also the process to give grant had started, Singh said.

Public Notice

It has come to the knowledge of Inter Sports Private Limited, New Delhi ("Inter Sports") that certain vendors / service providers have approached Inter Sports for payment of their dues in respect of the services provided at the water based theme park/amusement park, 'Oyster Beach' which is situated in Sector 29, Gurgaon, Haryana.

Notice is hereby given to the public at large that Inter Sports which had entered into an Operation, Management, and Development Agreement with International Recreation and Amusement Limited ("IRAL") on 18.02.2018 terminated the same on 31.07.2018 and accordingly a Settlement Agreement dated 31.07.2018 was executed between the Parties whereby IRAL took over all the debts and liabilities of Inter Sports qua Oyster Beach / Theme Park. Thereafter, on 03.08.2018, the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi initiated Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process ("CIRP") against IRAL in Company Petition No. 650 (PB) of 2018. As has been done by Inter Sports itself for recovery of its own dues against IRAL, all the vendors / service providers who were engaged for providing services at Oyster Beach/Theme Park shall also pursue their legal remedy against IRAL and accordingly submit their financial or operational claims to Mr. Pramod Kumar Sharma who is the legally appointed Resolution Professional in the CIRP of IRAL. Any non-action on part of the vendors / service providers in defence of the above shall be at their own cost, risks and consequences

DIESEL LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, VARANASI-221004

Bid No. E-37/2019-2020 E-Tender Notice Date: 13.09.2019
E-Tenders are invited for and on behalf of the president of India for the supply of following items. Only e-offer will be accepted for which vendors must have class III Digital Signature and registration on IREPS. The details of tenders are in the following sequence: S.No. - Tender No. (Due Date), Description and Quantity. S.N. 1, 01191122, (07.10.2019), Support Housing, PL No. 16122203, 472 Nos., S.N. 2, 011911016C, (01.10.2019), Assembly Cross Link, PL No. 10050140, 20 Nos., S.N. 3, 011911055A, (04.10.2019), Seal Compressor Bearing, PL No. 16121740, 721 Nos., S.N. 4, 04191003C, (09.10.2019), Ballast Assy Kit Under Frame, Part No. 29170163, 108 Set, S.N. 5, 05191135, (01.10.2019), MS Plates 63x125x5000 MM, As per DLW Part No. 90414184, 10 MT, S.N. 6, 05191136, (01.10.2019), MS Plates 66x125x5000MM, As per DLW Part No. 90414160, 10 MT, S.N. 7, 05191101, (09.10.2019), Clamp Lifter for Cyl. Liner, As per DLW Part No. 15610445, 29 Nos., S.N. 8, 05191102, (09.10.2019), Counter Weight Alignment, As per DLW Part No. 15610469, 14 Nos., S.N. 9, 05191105, (09.10.2019), Clamp for lifting idler, As per DLW Part No. 15610494, 14 Nos., S.N. 10, 05191106, (09.10.2019), Cleaning tool for water, As per DLW Part No. 15610512, 140 Nos., S.N. 11, 05191108, (09.10.2019), Spare Bar to check, As per DLW Part No. 15610226, 13 Nos., S.N. 12, 05191109, (09.10.2019), Hook and Clamp for lifting, As per DLW Part No. 15610238, 14 Nos., S.N. 13, 05191110, (09.10.2019), Timing Gauge for End, As per DLW Part No. 15610263, 87 Nos., S.N. 14, 05191107, (09.10.2019), Lifter for AUX GEN Assy, As per DLW Part No. 15610214, 22 Nos., S.N. 15, 05191073, (09.10.2019), Mechanical Unit Injector, As per DLW Part No. 15610949, 02 Nos., S.N. 16, 05191103, (10.10.2019), Arrangement for alignment, As per DLW Part No. 15610470, 09 Nos., S.N. 17, 05195019C, (11.10.2019), HRC Fuse Link, 01 Set, S.N. 18, 05195130, (11.10.2019), Manila Rope for EOT, 01 Set, S.N. 19, 05195136, (11.10.2019), (a) Induction Motor MC No. K 1021945, 01 Nos., (b) Induction Motor MC No. NADWJ6CR, 01 Nos., (c) Induction Motor MC No. h2569260009, 01 Nos., S.N. 20, 05195137, (11.10.2019), Complete self starter, 02 Sets, S.N. 21, 05195141, (11.10.2019), Spare Parts for Godrej, 01 Set, S.N. 22, 05195142, (11.10.2019), Aluminium Bronze Round, 188 Kgs, S.N. 23, 05195143, (11.10.2019), Spare Parts for Voltas, 01 Set, S.N. 24, 05195145, (11.10.2019), Hydraulic Hose Pipe, 01 Set. The details of above tenders are available on www.dlw.indianrailways.gov.in and www.ireps.gov.in. Corrigendum - Date: 11.09.2019, Bid No. :- E-26, Tender No. :-04191096 Bogie Frame Arrgt Part No. 11520760, Revision: 1, Details of Correction: The date of opening of tender has been revised and now the same will be opened on 10.10.19 instead of 10.09.19. All other terms & condition remain unchanged for above tenders. PRO/DLW/S-73 Controller of Stores

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY
Email: dcmcomcon@nr.relnet.gov.in, Fax No.: 0551-2282448, Internet: www.ireps.gov.in
Tender Notice No. 01 Dated 11-09-2019
Invitation of tenders through e-Procurement System

Dy. Chief Material Manager/Con, North Eastern Railway, Gorakhpur and on behalf of the President of India, invites tenders through e-procurement system for the supply of the following items. Complete description of the item and other condition are available on website www.ireps.gov.in

Sr. No.	Tender No. & Due Date	Brief Description of Stores	Qty. Required	Earnest Money (Rs.)
01	17185010A dt. 09-10-2019	PVC insulated railway signalling indoor multi core cable 60C x 1.0mm	37.5 KMS	₹ 2,40,160/-
02	17195099 dt. 09-10-2019	PVC insulated armoured underground unscreened railway signalling cable 6C x 1.5mm	479.05 KMS	₹ 11,75,780/-
03	17195135 dt. 09-10-2019	PVC insulated armoured underground unscreened railway signalling cable 24C x 1.5mm	143 KMS	₹ 11,51,440/-

(1) Above tenders are available on IREPS site www.ireps.gov.in The firm desires in participating against e/tender are advised to electronically regd. Themselves on the above website for which they would require to obtain class-III digital certificate (if already not obtained) from certifying agencies authorized under govt. of India IT Act. 2000. Manual offers will not be accepted. (2) Advertised tender of Dy. Chief Material Manager/Con, NER, Gorakhpur, are being opened through EPS (E-Procurement System) only. Firms desiring to participate in Dy. Chief Material Manager/Con, NER/GKP should obtain necessary digital certificate and get themselves registered with CRIS/New Delhi. Necessary details in this regard can be obtained from the website http://www.ireps.gov.in (3) In case of difference between English and Hindi version of the tender notice the English version shall prevail. (4) Head of allocation towards cost of earnest money & S D money is 00844556. (5) All the items above are reserved to be procured from RDSO approved source only.
CPO/S-25 Dy. Chief Material Manager/Con, Gorakhpur
About any passenger amenity complaint SMS on Mob. No.: 09794845955
Never travel on roof and foot boards.

Office of Superintending Engineer, Rampur Circle, P.W.D. Rampur
E-Procurement Short Term Notice Inviting Tender
No.: 3245/IE-Nivida-R. Circle/19-20 Dated 07.09.19

1. On behalf of the Governor of UP, tenders for following work are invited by the Superintending Engineer, Rampur Circle, PWD Rampur online on website http://tender.up.nic.in from registered contractors Category as per column No.8 from date 21-09-2019 at 10:00 am to 27-09-2019 at 5:00 pm. Technical bid/Prequalification of tenders shall be opened on 28-09-2019 at 2:00 pm in office of undersigned by tender committee in presence of authorised representatives/bidders who wish to be present. Financial bid of the tenders who qualify in technical bid shall be opened on date and time as specified by a notice in the office of undersigned. In case of Government holiday the required process shall be carried out on next working day. According to the provisions of Government Order No. 1/2018/3070/78-2-2018/42 (T/2017/22) date 03.01.18 after opening of the technical and financial bids the bidder has to submit original documents personally in department/office. In the event of non submission of original documents by the bidder, the appropriate action will be taken in accordance with the provisions of GO.

Sl. No.	DISTRICT	Name of Work	Estimated cost (Rs.) (in Lacs)	Bid Security (Rs.) (in Lacs)	Time of Completion of the work (Including rainy season)	Cost of tender documents Including GST (Rs.)	Category of road contractor eligible	Address of Executive Engineer executing the work	Address of Superintending Engineer	Address of Chief Engineer
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	Bijnor	In the year 2019-20 Strengthening of Badighar Suawala Surjan Nager road in Ch. 8:200 to 12:200	330.00	18.50 (Security will be accepted only net banking)	06 Month	2354.00 (Security will be accepted only net banking)	*A, Road category	Construction Division-2 PWD Bijnor (Hq- Najibabad)	Rampur Circle, PWD Rampur	Moradabad Zone, PWD Moradabad

The rate adopted in the BOQ all other taxes but excluding GST Taxes.
Bids must be accompanied with the copy of UTR (Unique Transaction Receipt) bid security (EMD) and tender cost of the amount specified for the work in the table Bid security and tender cost should be deposited online only by net banking.
Rules/conditions & details of the tender are available at website http://tender.up.nic.in

(Er. Sanat Guptarishi) Executive Engineer C.D-2, PWD Bijnor (Hq - Najibabad)
(Er. Virendra Kumar) Superintending Engineer Rampur Circle, PWD, Rampur (On behalf of the Governor of UP)

UP 143744 Dated 11.9.2019 मित्रानुप वेबसाइट www.upgov.nic.in पर उल्लेख है।

PUBLIC NOTICE
TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN
This is to inform the General Public that following share certificate of Bharat Rasayan Ltd. having its Registered Office at 1501, Vikram Tower, Rajendra Place, New Delhi-110008 registered in the name of the following Shareholder/s have been lost by them: (1). Name of the Shareholder/s Shibanil Mukherjee and Ashok Kumar Mukherjee, Folio No. 23208, Certificate No./s 28026, Distinctive No. 4128941-4129040, No. of Share 100, (2). Name of the Shareholder/s Sayana Mukherjee and Shibanil Mukherjee, Folio No. 23192, Certificate No./s 28016, Distinctive No. 4127341-4127440, No. of Share 100 (3). Name of the Shareholder/s Ashok Kumar Mukherjee and Shibanil Mukherjee, Folio No. 23191, Certificate No./s 28069, Distinctive No. 4127241-4127340, No. of Share 100
The public are hereby cautioned against purchasing or dealing in anyway with the above referred share certificates.
Any person who has any claim in respect of the said share certificates should lodge such claim with the Company or its Registrar and Transfer Agents Link India Pvt. Ltd., Noble Heights, 1st Floor, Plot No. NH-2, C-1 Block, LSC, Near Savitri Market, Janak Puri, New Delhi-110058 within 15 days of publication of this notice after which no claim will be entertained and the Company shall proceed to issue Duplicate Share Certificate/s.
Name of Share holder Ashok Kumar Mukherjee Shibanil Mukherjee Sayana Mukherjee
Place : Delhi Date : 15.09.2019

Drone attacks strike Saudi Aramco facility, oilfield

Yemen's Houthi rebels claim attacks on facilities in Abqaiq and Khurais

AP ■ DUBAI
Drones attacked the world's largest oil processing facility in Saudi Arabia and a major oilfield operated by Saudi Aramco early on Saturday, the kingdom's Interior Ministry said, sparking a huge fire at a processor crucial to global energy supplies.
No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attacks in Buqayq and the Khurais oil field, though Yemen's Houthi rebels previously launched drone assaults deep inside of the kingdom.
Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthi rebels on Saturday claimed drone attacks on two Saudi oil facilities, according to the group's Al-Masirah television.
The rebels launched "a large-scale operation involving 10 drones that targeted refineries in Abqaiq and Khurais in eastern Saudi Arabia", Al-Masirah said.
It wasn't clear if there were any injuries in the attacks, nor

what effect it would have on oil production in the kingdom. The attack also likely will heighten tensions further across the wider Persian Gulf amid a confrontation between the US and Iran over its unraveling nuclear deal with world powers.
Online videos apparently shot in Buqayq included the sound of gunfire in the background. Smoke rose over the skyline and glowing flames could be seen a distance away at the Abqaiq oil processing facility. The Saudi-owned satellite news channel Al-Arabiya later aired a segment with a correspondent there as smoke from the blazes clearly rose behind.
The fires began after the sites were "targeted by drones", the Interior Ministry said in a statement carried by the state-run Saudi Press Agency. It said an investigation into the attack was underway.
Saudi Aramco, the state-owned oil giant, did not imme-



Smoke fills the sky at the Abqaiq oil processing facility on Saturday AP

THE KHURAIS OIL FIELD IS BELIEVED TO PRODUCE OVER 1 MILLION BARRELS OF CRUDE OIL A DAY. IT HAS ESTIMATED RESERVES OF OVER 20 BILLION BARRELS OF OIL, ACCORDING TO ARAMCO

diately respond to questions from *The Associated Press*. The kingdom hopes soon to offer a sliver of the company in an initial public offering.
Saudi Aramco describes its Abqaiq oil processing facility in Buqayq as "the largest crude oil stabilization plant in the world." The facility processes sour crude oil into sweet crude, then later transports onto transshipment points on the Persian Gulf and the Red Sea. Estimates suggest it can process up to 7 million barrels

of crude oil a day.
The plant has been targeted in the past by militants. Al-Qaida-claimed suicide bombers tried but failed to attack the oil complex in February 2006.
The Khurais oil field is believed to produce over 1 million barrels of crude oil a day. It has estimated reserves of over 20 billion barrels of oil, according to Aramco.
There was no immediate impact on global oil prices as markets were closed for the weekend across the world. Benchmark Brent crude had been trading at just above \$60 a barrel.
Buqayq is some 330 kilometers northeast of the Saudi capital, Riyadh.
While no group immediately claimed the attacks, suspicion immediately fell on Yemen's Houthi rebels.
A Saudi-led coalition has been battling the rebels since March 2015. The Iranian-backed Houthis hold Yemen's

capital, Sanaa, and other territory in the Arab world's poorest country.
The war has become the world's worst humanitarian crisis. The violence has pushed Yemen to the brink of famine and killed more than 90,000 people since 2015, according to the U.S.-based Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project, or ACLED, which tracks the conflict.
Since the start of the Saudi-led war, Houthi rebels have been using drones in combat. The first appeared to be off-the-shelf, hobby-kit-style drones. Later, versions nearly identical to Iranian models turned up. Iran denies supplying the Houthis with weapons, although the U.N., the West and Gulf Arab nations say Tehran does.
The rebels have flown drones into the radar arrays of Saudi Arabia's Patriot missile batteries, according to Conflict Armament Research, disabling them and allowing the Houthis

to fire ballistic missiles into the kingdom unchallenged. The Houthis launched drone attacks targeting Saudi Arabia's crucial East-West Pipeline in May as tensions heightened between Iran and the U.S. In August, Houthi drones struck Saudi Arabia's Shaybah oil field, which produces some 1 million barrels of crude oil a day near its border with the United Arab Emirates.
UN investigators said the Houthis' new UAV-X drone, found in recent months during the Saudi-led coalition's war in Yemen, likely has a range of up to 1,500 kilometers (930 miles).
That puts the far reaches of both Saudi Arabia and the UAE in range. The Houthi's Al-Masirah satellite news channel did not immediately acknowledge the attack Saturday, though it said the spokesman of the Houthi's armed forces would soon give a speech on "a major operation," without elaborating.

GLOBE TROTTER

TIENANMEN SQUARE LENSMAN DIES
Jakarta: The photographer who snapped the defining image of China's Tiananmen Square crackdown — a solitary man defiantly blocking the path of a column of tanks — has died in Indonesia, according to US officials.
American authorities confirmed the death of 64-year-old Charlie Cole in Bali, where the Texan had been a long-time resident.

AF GOVT SAYS POLLS FIRST, PEACE DEAL AFTER
Kabul: An Afghan official says that the priority for his Government is to hold national elections later this month — rather than reach a peace deal with insurgents.

LANKA PREZ SACKS FIVE LEGISLATORS
Colombo: Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena on Saturday sacked five senior legislators from his Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) for breaching party discipline by collaborating and "promoting" the rival factions ahead of the presidential elections scheduled later this year.

Hamza bin Laden killed in US operation: Trump

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump on Saturday confirmed that Hamza bin Laden, the son of slain al-Qaeda chief Osama bin Laden, was killed in an American counter-terrorism operation along the Afghanistan-Pakistan border.
The confirmation of Hamza's death has come more than a month after the US media reported that he was killed, citing the US intelligence officials.
"Hamza bin Laden, the high-ranking al-Qaeda member and son of Osama bin Laden, was killed in a United States counter-terrorism operation in the Afghanistan-Pakistan region," Trump said in a statement.
However, the US President did not specify the exact place where he was killed and under what circumstances.
"The loss of Hamza bin Laden not only deprives al-Qaeda of important leader-

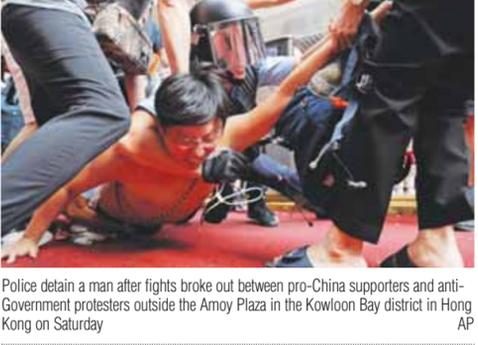


Hamza bin Laden

Hamza, who according to *The New York Times* was not older than 30 years, first surfaced in late July and early August.
Trump had then refused to confirm those reports.
"I can't comment about that. But he was very threatening to our country. He was saying very bad things about our country," Trump said at the White House on August 1 when asked if the US had any role in Hamza's death.
Hamza's father Osama was killed in a raid by the US Navy SEAL in Pakistan's garrison city of Abbottabad in 2011.
Earlier this year, the US State Department called Hamza an "emerging" leader in al-Qaeda, offering a million-dollar reward for information leading to his capture.
The State Department said the items seized from the elder bin Laden's hiding place in Abbottabad during the raid had indicated that he was grooming Hamza to replace him as al-Qaeda's leader.
Reports about the death of

Mall brawls, street fights as Hong Kong polarisation deepens

AFP ■ HONG KONG



Police detain a man after fights broke out between pro-China supporters and anti-Government protesters outside the Amoy Plaza in the Kowloon Bay district in Hong Kong on Saturday

Fights erupted in Hong Kong on Saturday with political rivals trading blows in a mall and Beijing supporters using Chinese flags to assault opponents on a street, deepening the city's polarisation after months of pro-democracy protests.
The once-stable interna-

Spanish PM visits flood-hit areas as death toll rises to 6

AFP ■ MADRID

Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez on Saturday visited the country's flood-stricken southeastern regions as the death toll rose to six and train and air services were disrupted for a third day.
Since Wednesday, areas

here suffered some of the heaviest daily rainfall on record, causing chaos on the roads, cutting public transport and prompting rivers to burst their banks.
Flash floods swept away cars and swamped homes in the regions of Valencia, Murcia and eastern Andalusia.

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Extract of Statement of Standalone Un-audited Financial Results				
for the quarter ended on June 30, 2019 (Rs. in Lakhs)				
Sl No.	Particulars	Quarter ended 6/30/2019 Un-audited	Year ended 3/31/2019 Audited	Quarter ended 6/30/2018 Un-audited
1	Total Income from operations	1.24	3.04	1.40
2	Net (Loss) for the period (Before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	-6.03	-23.1	-7.72
3	Net (Loss) for the period Before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	-6.03	-23.1	-7.72
4	Net (Loss) for the period After Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(6.01)	(22.97)	(7.68)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising (Loss) for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	(6.02)	(22.76)	(7.65)
6	Equity Share Capital	400.05	400.05	400.05
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet as shown in the previous year	₹ -	(39.16)	-
8	Earning Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)			
	(a) Basic and Diluted EPS (before Extra-ordinary items) (in Rs.)	(0.15)	(0.57)	(0.19)
	(b) Basic and Diluted EPS (after Extra-ordinary items) (in Rs.)	(0.15)	(0.57)	(0.19)

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Cameron says he is 'truly sorry' for Brexit divisions

PTI ■ LONDON

Former British Prime Minister David Cameron, who called a referendum over three years ago and then had to exit Downing Street in the aftermath of the June 2016 verdict in favour of Britain's exit from the European Union (EU), on Saturday said he was "truly sorry" for all the uncertainty and division that Brexit had caused.
In an interview ahead of the publication of his memoir "For the Record" next week, Cameron told *The Times* newspaper that the victory of the Leave camp in the referendum had left him "hugely depressed".
"From the timing of the vote to the expectations I allowed to build about the renegotiation, there are many things I would do differently. I did not fully anticipate the strength of feeling that would



he noted.
Cameron also reveals that he continues to have robust exchanges over the issue with people on the streets.
Asked if Brexit has given him sleepless nights, he replies: "I worry about it a lot. Every single day I think about... the things that could have been done differently, and I worry about what is going to happen next."
The former Conservative Party leader criticised the current incumbent in Downing Street, Boris Johnson, over his Brexit strategy and for sacking veteran Tory MPs for not voting with him over the issue in Parliament.
"Taking the whip from hard-working Conservative MPs and sharp practices using prorogation of Parliament have rebounded. I didn't support either of those things. Neither do I think a no-deal Brexit is a good idea," he said.

A negotiating team from the Taliban arrived on Friday in Russia, a representative told *The Associated Press*, just days after US President Donald Trump declared dead a deal with the insurgent group in Afghanistan. Russian state news agency Tass cited the Taliban's Qatar-based spokesman Suhail Shaheen as saying the delegation had held consultations with Zamir Kabulov, President Vladimir Putin's envoy for Afghanistan.
The visit was confirmed to the AP by a Taliban official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to reporters.
The Interfax news agency cited an unidentified Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman as saying the meeting Russia underlined the necessity of renewing talks between the US and the Taliban.

Taliban visits Moscow days after Trump says talks 'dead'

AP ■ MOSCOW

More than ever, Mike Pompeo at helm of Trump foreign policy

AFP ■ WASHINGTON

Speaking at the White House after John Bolton's surprise exit as national security adviser, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo couldn't hide a smile of satisfaction.
With the departure of Bolton, Pompeo has become the undisputed king of President Donald Trump's foreign policy — with the exception, that is, of Trump himself.
The former soldier, lawyer and businessman has made a quick ascent in Washington since arriving as a Kansas congressman elected in the 2010 right-wing populist "Tea Party" movement. But many speculate that Pompeo will choose not to stay long in his newly powerful position, enticed by an opening to represent Kansas in the Senate next year — perhaps with an eye on running for the top prize in the 2024 presidential election.

Iran inks deal to develop gas field in tense Gulf

AFP ■ TEHRAN

Two Iranian companies signed a \$440 million agreement on Saturday to develop a gas field in the sensitive Gulf, with the oil ministry saying it showed arch-foe the United States could not stop the country with sanctions.
Oil Minister Bijan Namdar Zanganeh said the deal reached between two government-owned firms, Pars Oil and Gas Company and PetroPars, to develop the Balal field would be the first of many.
Tensions have soared in the Gulf since last year when the US began reimposing sanctions on Iran after unilaterally withdrawing from a 2015 deal that put curbs on its nuclear programme.
"Signing this contract is ... The beginning of a process," Zanganeh said, quoted by the oil ministry's Shana website.

African leaders laud Mugabe at state funeral in divided Zimbabwe

AFP ■ HARARE

Zimbabwe gave former leader Robert Mugabe a state funeral on Saturday with African leaders paying tribute to a man they lauded as a liberation hero but whose 37-year rule was defined by repression and economic turmoil.
Mugabe, who died in Singapore last week aged 95, left Zimbabwe deeply divided over his legacy with his country still struggling with high inflation and shortages of goods after decades of crisis.

He died on an overseas medical trip almost two years after former army loyalists forced him out in 2017, following a power struggle over what was widely perceived as a bid to position his wife Grace as his successor.
Former and current African leaders, including South Africa's Cyril Ramaphosa and Kenya's Uhuru Kenyatta, arrived to crowds chanting and drumming liberation songs at the less than half-filled 60,000-seat national stadium in Harare.
A 66-year-old man has been arrested over the theft at the 18th-century stately home in Oxfordshire, where an exhibition of Cattelan works opened on Thursday.
Detective Inspector Jess

Solid gold toilet stolen from English stately home

AFP ■ LONDON



"The offenders broke into the palace overnight and left the scene at about 4.50am (0350 GMT). No-one was injured during the burglary," local police said.
Milne said: "The piece of art that has been stolen is a high-value toilet made out of gold that was on display at the palace.
"Due to the toilet being plumbed into the building, this has caused significant damage and flooding.
"We believe a group of offenders used at least two vehicles during the offence.
"The artwork has not been recovered at this time but we are conducting a thorough investigation to find it and bring those responsible to justice."
Blenheim Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, was closed to the public on Saturday morning due to "an incident", but it did not give further details.
The palace is home to the 12th duke of Marlborough and his family, and was also the birthplace of British wartime leader Winston Churchill.

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NOTICE
In continuance to the Tender Notice issued vide No. KRC/MTO/47/4483/19 dated 28.08.2019 and published on 31.08.2019, all the concerned are informed that the tenders for supply of cars on hire charge basis, could not be opened due to some exigency. The date and time for opening of these tenders will be notified separately.
No: KBI/Adv/1846-47/2019 Chief Pay & Accounts Officer
Dated: 13.09.2019 Resident Commission
No: KRC/MTO/47/4861A-B-C/19
Dated: 12.09.2019

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NOTICE INVITING BID (NIB-439,441,442)
Three (3) bid as detailed below are invited for procurement of equipment & instruments for rate contract period of 24 months:-

S.No.	NIB No./Date	Last Date & Time of Receipt of Bid Form	UBN
1.	439/06.09.19	06.00 p.m. of 09.10.2019	MSCI920GLRC00023
2.	441/30.08.19	06.00 p.m. of 30.09.2019	MSCI920GLRC00020
3.	442/30.08.19	06.00 p.m. of 03.10.2019	MSCI920GLRC00019

Details of the bids may be seen at the office of the M.D. RMSC/ or State Public Procurement Portal website "sppp.rj.nic.in" or "www.dipronline.org" or "https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in" or website "www.rmssc.nic.in". The bidding document may be downloaded from either of the above websites and uploaded duly filed in with payment of Rs. 2360/-(Rs. 1180.00 for SSI Unit of Rajasthan) through challan/banker's cheque/demand draft in favour of M.D., RMSC/ payable at Jaipur for each individual bid.
Executive Director (EPM)
Raj. Samwad/C/2536/2019-2020 RMSC/ Jaipur

India Inc hails ₹70,000 cr package to boost economy

New Delhi: Hailing the Government's ₹70,000 crore package for stressed exporters and real estate, India Inc on Saturday said the measures are decisive as well as comprehensive, and will provide a boost to the economy in near-term.

It also said that the announcements are in line with the industry expectations.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced about ₹70,000 crore package for exports and real estate sectors on Saturday.

The package includes stressed asset fund of ₹20,000 crore for housing projects, a

new scheme for reimbursement of taxes paid on exports worth ₹50,000 crore and ₹1,700 crore dole for offering higher insurance cover to exporters.

"The Finance Minister's announcements are comprehensive and would give a boost to the economy in the near term. She has addressed issues in the two critical sectors that are facing distress — exports and housing — and the announcement are in line with industry recommendations," said CII Director General Chandrajit Banerjee in a statement.

In housing, relaxation of ECB guidelines and a fund for

last mile funding for completion of housing projects are in line with industry demands, the statement noted.

"Urgent measures were needed to support exports, which have been declining in the current year. The new scheme to compensate exporters for all duties is going to help considerably. Additional measures such as provision of higher insurance cover, monitoring of export finance and turnaround times at ports and airports will go a long way in improving competitiveness of Indian exporters," Banerjee said. **PTI**

Knitwear exporters hail Sitharaman's announcement

Coimbatore: Tirupur Exporters Association on Saturday thanked Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for announcing new measures to boost exports and for considering the continuation of MEIS (Merchandise Export from India Scheme) at four per cent till December end.

TEA President Raja M Shanmugham in a release also thanked her for announcing revised priority sector lending norms for exporters, which will release an additional funding of ₹36,000 crore to ₹68,000 crore to them.

He welcomed the announcement that leverage of technology would be used to reduce Time to Export or Turnaround Time, which would give a cushion to export units and help meet delivery schedules and also reduce logistics costs.

The measures would give confidence to the struggling Tirupur knitwear export sector, he said and hoped that the pending amount would be reimbursed expeditiously. **PTI**

GST: Aadhaar to be mandatory for new dealers from Jan 2020

Bengaluru: In order to check malpractices in GST, the GST Network on Saturday decided to make Aadhaar authentication or physical verification mandatory for new dealers from January 2020.

"Aadhaar authentication of new dealers will be mandatory. Earlier it was optional. But we have noticed in two years that there's good number of fly-by-night operators. They

make fake invoices," Bihar deputy Chief Minister Sushil Kumar Modi, who heads the Group of Ministers of GST Network told reporters after a meeting here.

Those who don't want Aadhaar authentication, physical verification will be carried out, which will be completed in three days, he added.

As refunding is a big issue, the GSTN decided on com-

plete online refunding from September 24 this year from a single source, either by the Central GST or State GST, Modi said.

The GSTN also decided the much simplified new return system may be launched on January 1, 2020, the Bihar Deputy Chief Minister said.

The GST Council meeting is scheduled in Goa on September 20, he added. **PTI**

IN BRIEF

US PLEDGES TO BOOST TRADE WITH BRAZIL

Washington: US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo promised his Brazilian counterpart that exchanges of goods and services between the two countries will increase but made no mention of a possible bilateral free-trade deal. "All of Brazil's efforts give the United States great confidence to cooperate in new ways. We're going to grow our trade relationship that already accounts for more than \$100 billion annually," Pompeo said at a joint press conference with Ernesto Araujo at the State Department on Friday. Ete news reported. The US's top diplomat hailed the strong partnership between President Donald Trump's administration and the Government of rightist Brazilian head of State Jair Bolsonaro in terms of the economy and regional security.

QATAR GIVES \$2.9 MN TO FEED NEEDY YEMENIS

Rome: Qatar has donated \$2.9 million to help the United Nations World Food Programme provide vital food assistance to over 160,000 vulnerable people in war-torn Yemen over a two-month period, WFP said in a statement. The Qatari funds enabled the WFP to distribute food vouchers to families in four governorates in western and southern Yemen — Al Jawf, Lahj, Dhamar and Taiz, said the statement. "WFP is working tirelessly in Yemen to provide millions with vital food assistance," said WFP Representative and Country Director in Yemen, Laurent Bukera.

Merged entity of UBI, PNB, OBC to become operational from April 1 next year

Kolkata: The amalgamated entity of United Bank of India (UBI), Punjab National Bank (PNB) and Oriental Bank of Commerce (OBC) will come into effect from April 1 next year, a top official said on Saturday.

The merged unit, likely to have a new name, will be the second largest bank in the country after State Bank of India (SBI) with a total business volume of ₹18 lakh crore.

"The amalgamation process will take some time and the new entity will start functioning from April 1, 2020," MD and CEO of UBI, Ashok Kumar Pradhan, said.

The three banks held a customer meet here, which was attended by Chander Khurana, GM of Punjab National Bank and Binay Kumar Gupta, GM of Oriental Bank of Commerce. The lenders said that there will be no retrenchment of staff in the merged entity, and also ruled out the possibility of bringing in Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS). Pradhan later told reporters that the combined staff strength post the amalgamation will be 1 lakh with 11,400 branches. **PTI**

Traders body wants Amazon, Flipkart's festival sales banned

New Delhi: Just a couple of days after Flipkart announced the dates of its "The Big Billion Days" sale, the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) has written to the government seeking a "blanket ban" on festive season sales conducted by the e-commerce giant as well as its rival Amazon and other such platforms.

While Flipkart announced that its annual six-day sale ahead of Diwali and Dussehra would take place starting September 29, Amazon is yet to announce the dates for its annual bumper sale.

During these periods, the e-commerce platforms offer heavy discounts to lure customers as Indians tend to make major purchases during the festive season.

"By offering deep discounts ranging from 10 per cent to 80 per cent on their e-commerce portals, these companies are clearly influencing the prices and create an uneven level playing field which is in direct contravention of the policy," the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) said in a letter to Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal. **IANS**

SBI wants to be lead-bank for Ladakh, opens 14th branch

Diskit (Ladakh): The country's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI) has expressed desire to become the lead-bank for the newly carved-out Union Territory of Ladakh.

SBI Chairman Rajnish Kumar Saturday inaugurated a new branch in this remote town of Diskit in the Nubra Valley, making it the 14th facility of the bank in the Ladakh region and 22,024th branch for the bank.

Every state or region has a lead-bank, which takes the mantle of ensuring adequate banking services as the convener of the state-level banking committee.

At present, J&K Bank is the lead-bank for Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. On August 5, the government had

announced that the entire region will cease to be a single state but would become two Union territories of J&K and Ladakh, wherein J&K will have a state Assembly under lieutenant governor, while Ladakh will have no legislature.

The announcement was part of the government decision to abrogate Articles 370 and 35A of the Constitution which gave special status to J&K.

Speaking to reporters here Saturday, the chairman said if other banks have a problem to be the SLBC convener, SBI is willing to take up that mantle.

He said the branch in Diskit was planned over three months ago, much before the Centre decided to bifurcate the state into two UTs. **PTI**

WESTERN RAILWAY STORES DEPARTMENT

e-AUCTION SALE DURING OCT, 2019 FOR P-WAY & OTHER VARIOUS SCRAP

SPECIAL ATTENTION: ALL STEEL PURCHASERS & RE-ROLLERS

Public e-auction for disposal of P. way scrap, rail scrap & other various scrap material will be held in OCT, 2019 as per program given below:

1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round	Depot	Depot Officer in Charge	Contact No.
04.10.2019	14.10.2019	22.10.2019	Mumbai Central	Sr.Divl. Material Manager - Mumbai Central	022-23094142, 09004499003
04.10.2019	14.10.2019	22.10.2019	ADI	Sr.Divl. Material Manager - Ahmedabad	07922205888, 09724093750
04.10.2019	14.10.2019	22.10.2019	SBI	Dy CMM - SBI	07927500080, 09724093770
07.10.2019	16.10.2019	24.10.2019	MX	Dy CMM - MX	022-24929571, 09004495750
07.10.2019	16.10.2019	24.10.2019	PRTN	Dy CMM - Dahod	026-73241295, 09724090455
07.10.2019	16.10.2019	24.10.2019	BRC	Sr.Divl. Material Manager - Baroda	022-22641592, 09724091750
07.10.2019	17.10.2019	25.10.2019	BVP	Sr.Divl. Material Manager - BVP	022-22443360, 09724097750
09.10.2019	17.10.2019	25.10.2019	RJT	Sr.Divl. Material Manager - RJT	022-22476943, 09724094770
09.10.2019	17.10.2019	25.10.2019	RTM	Sr.Divl. Material Manager - Ratlam	022-22233080, 09752427750
11.10.2019	21.10.2019	30.10.2019	Dahod	Dy CMM - Dahod	026-73241295, 09724090455

For detailed information please contact the concerned Depot Officers. Note: (1) Railway reserves the right to withdraw any lot from e-Auction. (2) e-Auction will start at as per scheduled time. (3) e-Auction catalogues will be available on site www.ireps.gov.in e-Auction portal. (4) In case of any assistance required regarding e-Auction, digital signatures, Registration procedure and participation, please contact above mentioned depot Officer. (5) All payment transactions shall be done through the online payment gateway. (No. SIII/Auction Programme/2019-20) Dated - 12/09/2019

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e-Tender Notice No. 03 for 2019-20

Online tenders in B-1 Form are invited by the Executive Engineer, (Raigad Fort Special Cell) Road Project Division, Mahad, for the following works Department of Maharashtra State. The name of work, estimated cost, earnest money, security deposit, time limit for completion etc. The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Maharashtra e-tendering Portal <https://mahatenders.gov.in> as under.

e-Tender No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (Rupees)	Bid Security (E.M.D.) (Rupees) via Online	Cost of Tender Form (Rupees) via Online	Period of completion of work (Calendar Months) (including monsoon)	Class of Contractor
1.	Improvement of Damaged Pathway From Shirkai Devi Mandir to mahadarwaja at Raigad Fort Taluka Mahad	5,57,84,156.00	2,80,000.00	3360.00	24 (Twenty Four)	Class IV & Above

Details Tender Notice Schedules, Corrigendum's, Terms & Conditions of Contract can be viewed and download online directly from the Government of Maharashtra e-tendering Portal <https://mahatenders.gov.in> as under.

Schedule

Sr. No.	Stage	Start		Expiry	
		Date	Time	Date	Time
1.	Period of Downloading & Online Submission of bid documents.	13/09/2019	10.00	07/10/2019	18.00
2.	Prebid Meeting at Chief Engineer Office, P. W. Region, Kokan	27/09/2019	11.00		
3.	Online opening of Technical bid & Price bid (If possible) in Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Project Division Mahad District Raigad.	10/10/2019	11.00		

Sd/- (V. R. Satpute) Executive Engineer (Raigad Fort Special Cell) Road Project Division, Mahad

No. R.F.Sp.Cell/RPD/Mahad/AB/TC/567 Date : 09.09.2019. DGIPR/2019/2020/2892

Business Corner

MOS RLY FLAGS OFF NEWLY-NAMED DARSHAN EXP

New Delhi: Suresh C Angadi, Hon'ble Minister of State of Railways participates in the thanks giving ceremony of naming 12493/12494 H.Nizamuddin-Pune-H.Nizamuddin Express as "Darshan Express".

Hon'ble Minister of State of Railways Suresh C Angadi flagged off the newly-named 12494 H.Nizamuddin-Pune Express as "Darshan Express" from H.Nizamuddin station yesterday night on 13.09.2019.

On this occasion, several dignitaries, General Manager Northern Railway TP Singh & other senior railway officials from Railway Board & Northern Railway were also present.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION KATRA EXTENSION OF DATES

Subject:- Extension of dates.

Reference:- This office e-NIT Nos.

1) 36 of 2019-20 dated 02-09-2019 communicated under endorsement No. 3827-47 dated 02-09-2019 13 of 2019-20 dated 17-06-2019 communicated vide endorsement No. 1293-1313 dated 17-06-2019.

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Due to poor response, the date for uploading the bids for above noted tenders is hereby extended as under:-

S. No. 1, Particulars :- Date of downloading / submission of bids in electronic format.

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Note:- All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD (R&B) Division Katra

No. DIP/J-2638-P/19 Dated:- 13.09.2019

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Shamshad S/o Zamil Ahmad R/o C-195, JJ Colony, Wazirpur, Delhi has Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence under FIR No. 06/19 U/s 356/379/411/34 IPC has been registered at P.S. Bharat Nagar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Shamshad cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Shamshad has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Shamshad of FIR No. FIR No. 06/19 U/s 356/379/411/34 IPC has been registered at P.S. Bharat Nagar, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 15.10.2019.

By order Ms. Ekta Gauba Chief M. M (North-West) Court No. 101, 1st Floor, Rohini Court Delhi

DP/9367/NW/19

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section U/S 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Vishal @ Bhuri, S/o Dullar Singh, r/o A-375, 3rd Floor, Shastri Nagar, Delhi has Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 128/19 u/s 356/379/511/34 IPC, PS Bharat Nagar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Vishal @ Bhuri cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Vishal @ Bhuri has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Vishal @ Bhuri of FIR No. 128/19 u/s 356/379/511/34 IPC, PS Bharat Nagar, Delhi are required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 15.10.2019.

By order Ms. Ekta Gauba, Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (North-West), Court No. 101, 1st Floor, Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/9368/NW/19(Court Matter)

SEARCH FOR MISSING MALE

General Public is hereby informed that one male (depicted in the photo) namely Hariom Kumar S/o Sh. Jiya Lal R/o H.No.13/161, Trilokpur, Delhi Aged-19 Years has been reported missing since 09.08.2019 vide DD No. 44A Dated 17.08.2019 registered at Police Station Kalyanpuri, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-

Complexion: Fair, **Height:** 5'5", **Face:** Round, **Clothing:** Black coloured T-Shirt and Blue coloured Jeans Pant.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing male, may inform SHO, Kalyanpuri, Delhi at E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in or website : <http://cbi.nic.in>

Sd/- SHO, Kalyanpuri, Delhi

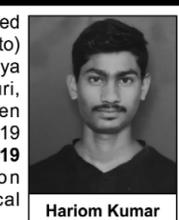
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Hariom Kumar

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male Namely Unknown S/o Unknown, R/o Unknown Age: Approx 50 years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Oval, Build: Thin, Hair: Black & White, Wearing: without clothes, was found in unconscious condition on 01.09.19 from PS Naraina Area & admitted in DDU Hospital, during the treatment Doctors declared him dead on 06.09.19. The dead body of deceased is kept in DDU hospital Mortuary for identification. In this regard a DD No.11-A dated 06.09.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Naraina, Delhi.

If any one having any clue about deceased male may kindly inform the undersigned and contact on following numbers.

SHO P.S. Naraina, Delhi

Ph.No.: 011-25891181, 25892010

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SHO P.S. Naraina, Delhi

NAMBI NARAYANAN speaks with SHALINI SAKSENA what the Chandrayaan-2 mission means for the nation's space programme and that the next step should be formation of an Asian space agency with India at the helm

WISHING FOR THE MOON



WHY SOUTH POLE?

Had India succeeded in its mission for a soft land on the South Pole of the Moon, it would have created history — no other country in the world has ever landed on this side of the Earth's satellite. There are a few reasons why we chose South Pole:

- This part of the Moon has remained untouched by sunlight for billions of years. Its craters have been untouched by sunlight for billions of years offering an undisturbed record of the solar system's origins
- It is speculated that this side may hold million tons of water
- Lunar South Pole's regolith has traces of hydrogen, ammonia, methane, sodium, mercury, and silver, making it an untapped source of essential resources.

THE ORBITER

At the time of launch, the Chandrayaan-2 Orbiter was capable of communicating with Indian Deep Space Network (IDSN) at Byalalu as well as the Vikram Lander. The mission life of the Orbiter is seven years and it will be placed in a 100 x 100 km lunar polar orbit.

The Orbiter camera is the highest resolution camera (0.3m) in any lunar mission so far and shall provide high resolution images which will be immensely useful to the global scientific community.

The Orbiter that weighs 2,379 kg will revolve around the Moon and provide information about its evolution, topography, mineralogy, elemental abundance, lunar exosphere and signatures of hydroxyl and water-ice.

VIKRAM—LANDER

The Lander of Chandrayaan 2 is named Vikram after Dr Vikram A Sarabhai, the Father of the Indian Space Programme. It is designed to function for one lunar day, which is equivalent to about 14 Earth days. The Vikram has the capability to communicate with IDSN at Byalalu near Bengaluru, as well as with the Orbiter and Rover. The Lander, which weighs 1,471 kg, was designed to execute a soft landing on the lunar surface. It had landed on September 6, 2019. Even though it has been spotted by the Orbiter, there has been no communication with it for the last eight days.

PRAGYAN—ROVER LOADED

Chandrayaan 2's Rover is a six-wheeled robotic vehicle named Pragyan, which translates to wisdom in Sanskrit. It can travel up to 500 metres and leverages solar energy for its functioning. It can only communicate with the Lander. It weighs 27 kg. Its mission was to send back the measurements of moonquakes. It would also send more information about the history of the ancient rocks present on the Moon's surface.

Courtesy: Indian Space Research Organisation

In spite of the opinions of certain narrow-minded people, who would shut up the human race upon this globe, as within some magic circle it must never outstep, we shall one day travel to the moon, the planets, and the stars, with the same facility, rapidity, and certainty as we now make the voyage from Liverpool to New York!

— Jules Verne

The ₹978-crore Chandrayaan-2 mission, India's first attempt to land on the Moon's South Pole on September 6, 2019 accomplished 90-95 per cent of the mission objectives even though Vikram did a hard landing and is yet to establish contact with base station despite being spotted by the Orbiter.

In a statement, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) said: "The success criteria was defined for each and every phase of the mission, and till date, 90 to 95 per cent of the objectives have been accomplished and will continue to contribute to lunar science, notwithstanding the loss of communication with the Lander."

The Chandrayaan-2 mission was highly complex, which represented a significant technological leap compared to its previous missions. The mission brought together an Orbiter, Lander and Rover to explore the unexplored South Pole of the Moon. Since the launch of Chandrayaan-2 on July 22, 2019, not only India but the whole world watched its progress from one phase to the next with great expectations.

India embarked on an inter-planetary mission in 2008 with its first Moon operation Chandrayaan. The ₹386-crore mission laid the foundation for India's Mars Orbiter Mission in terms of technologies as well as the infrastructure for future deep space missions. The Chandrayaan-1 conclusively discovered traces of water on the Moon. It also discovered water ice in the North Polar region of the Moon. It also detected magnesium, aluminium and silicon on the lunar surface.

India's second Moon mission made it the fourth nation, after the US, Russia and China, to have achieved this feat. While India is the only nation to come closest to a successful landing on the South Pole of the Moon, probes to the satellite have had a lot of precedence. The US has touched the other side of the Moon 28 times, Russia 21 times, China six and Japan and Europe one each. Israel's only attempt has been a failure.

Interestingly, the partial failure of Chandrayaan-2 and the Mars missions doesn't have an immediate impact on the current satellite programmes of ISRO. Chandrayaan-1's mission was to only establish the technology to reach the lunar orbit. The Mars Mission was a little more

complex — it was to establish if that route could be used to reach the planet.

"On the way to Mars or any other planet, there are several hazards like gravitational pull, radiation and situations. Then there are meeting points of two planets which make it easy to transfer from one orbit to another. For Mars mission, calculations had to be made much in advance when to leave the Earth to meet that meeting point which is once a year. These are experiments which we are doing to establish technology and route. Chandrayaan-1 was with PSLV rocket. Chandrayaan-2 was with GSLV-III. Chandrayaan went with PSLV because the cryogenic programme was pushed back by 10-12 years. That mission could not carry lander, orbiter or rover. We just dropped a payload — a suggestion that came from former Late President APJ Kalam," Nambi Narayanan, an Indian scientist and aerospace engineer and Padma Bhushan award winner, says.

With this backdrop, India has over the years achieved many things, many that were outlined by Prof Dhawan back in the late 70s, like a four ton satellite, we want to do remote sensing, telecommunication and oceanography.

"We were very clear with what we wanted with satellites. This has been achieved over a period of 30 years. With respect to deep space operations, we have not defined the goal well. If we had asked what after Chandrayaan, nobody would have said Chandrayaan-2. Today, if you ask what next, somebody may suggest Chandrayaan-3.

"But there is no need for this. What would be the goal of Chandrayaan-3? At best, to rectify the problem of 2. If rectified, so what? No one has the answer to this. Now, Gaganyaan has been announced — to sent an astronaut into space for three-four days but not to a planet. This is expected to take in 2022. An astronaut to land on Earth doesn't need a soft landing, he can parachute. This means we don't need to perfect soft landing for the next three-four years," Narayanan tells you.

The prudent question to ask is whether India is going to have deep space programme beyond Gaganyaan. Narayanan says that the answer should be 'yes'.

What we should do is to land on the Moon, then Mars and so forth. This will put us at par with the US and China, countries that are making an attempt to go to the Moon and beyond. "Of course, India may not want to do these things. Many countries like France and Italy are not interested. If this is the stand why Gaganyaan? There is no need for it. We have yet to define our goals with respect to space. With the way things are going, we are going to go for soft landing to the Mars and the Moon. In this case, we need

to perfect soft landing skills in a phased manner. This will require a bigger booster on the lines of China and the US, like the Chang 4-5 or the 180 or the Falcon, respectively. This can be done in the next three years," Narayanan shares and explains the difference between soft landing and crash landing by giving an example.

Let's take landing done an aircraft. When it lands smoothly, like it normally does, it is called soft landing. However, when the aircraft develops a problem and can't land the way it should, it is called crash landing. The same holds true Lander Vikram. The advantage of soft landing is that the instruments are intact. In a hard landing, the instruments may get damaged inside, even if one the outside it may look intact.

Narayanan tells you that this talk of India begin the fourth country to go to the Moon, needs to stop. "We are not only at par with the US and China but can be equal or even better than them. The only question is whether we are willing to bear

be a roadblock.

"China has now gone to a part of the Moon that has not been sunlit for billions of years; this is the dark side of the Moon. They reported that they saw a jelly like substance. What that means, only time and future missions to that area will reveal. Take the US who have had 50 per cent success as has Russia. This is not a good number. Israel failed in their lone mission. India was successful in its Mars Mission in its first attempt. China failed in its first attempt. Therefore, a failure is not a justification to say that it should not and couldn't happen. Obviously, some mistake has been made during landing," Narayanan says.

Where should India go from here? What should be the next step? Is it going to be Chandrayaan 3? According to Narayanan, there is no need for it.

"We have established how to go to the Moon. While we may have not been successful in the soft landing part, there is nothing to worry about. We can rectify it with the next mission.

"From here on, we should form an Asian space agency (ASA) in line with the European Space Agency (ESA). If you look at the Asian countries, there is Indonesia, Thailand, Middle-East and even China and Japan. There are around 23 countries that come together to form a consortium and make a contributory fund. Here, India should take the lead. The second is that the space requirement of the other countries can be met and one can generate business.

"Third, it will help place the satellites in strategic positions. For example, if we need an air station, say over Dubai, then there won't be a problem if Dubai is a part of the consortium. Also, there is news that US President Donald Trump is talking about how the route to the Moon should be regulated. It is not clear what that will entail.

"The ASA will help bring the countries together which can ease border problems as well. This should finally lead to bringing together of the ASA, ESA and NASA to tackle space issues. India can't do it alone. For that matter, nor can the US," Narayanan stresses.

He tells you there is need to define long-term goals for the country's space programme and have a vision for the future.

"I had posed a similar question to Prof UR Rao and Prof Satish Dhawan, (former ISRO chairmen). They had a wait and watch policy. 'We will look at it once we reach that stage,' they had told me. What they referring to were funding constraints. They knew they couldn't have asked for more funds. Back then, nobody would have cared even if we had long-term goals for the outer space programmes. Today, we are somebody," Narayanan opines.

CHANDRAYAAN 2'S CAMPUS CONNECT

MUSBA HASHMI touches base with college which supplied parts for Vikram

Although Prime Minister Narendra Modi and all of India hailed the Chandrayaan-2 mission as successful, for professors and doctoral students from Sona College of Technology, Salem, Tamil Nadu, Vikram's hard landing was a deeply disappointing moment.

They had a crucial role to play in Chandrayaan-2's attempt to land on the Moon as the college's Special Electrical and Electronics Drives Division (SPEED) had supplied three products for the mission. These were, the fuel mixer motors that mix liquid oxygen with fuel, the doppler mechanism for Vikram module to guide the laser to ensure smooth landing on the moon and the robotic arm to enable the Vikram to collect sand and rock samples from the Moon.

This is not the first time that the college has supplied the components to the ISRO.

They have been working with it for seven years. The R&D efforts of the SPEED division have led to the institute supplying ISRO with special purpose BLDC (Brushless DC) motors for satellites and rockets as well as lunar robots for many earlier missions.

"It was a momentous day for India as ISRO's scientists got us so near the Moon through Chandrayaan-2. Our researchers, professors and doctoral students should not be disappointed. The Moon landing would have been the icing on the cake, but the Orbiter is working fine with eight payloads and we do have the cake. These efforts will go a long way in India's quest to unravel what is on the Moon," says Chocko Valliappa, VC, Sona College of Technology.

He adds that the parts were imported earlier, but SPEED supplied them at a much lower price as compared to the cost of imported components. This is not all. The college will continue to design and develop parts like stepper motors and gyroscopes for ISRO.

"We are also supplying radiation patches to protect the satellites by coating them with Quantum well-based photo detector epitaxial structure for ISRO," he tells you.

MASTERMINDS BEHIND LUNAR PROBE

From a farmer's son to now Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) chairman, the 62-year-old scientist, Kailasavadivoo Sivan, is an inspiration for many. It took the launch of Chandrayaan-2 for Sivan's story to fly high.

Born in Mela Sarakkalvilai, near Nagercoil in Kanyakumari district of Tamil Nadu, Sivan graduated from Madras Institute of Technology (MIT) in 1980. He then pursued aerospace engineering from Indian Institute of

Science, Bengaluru, in 1982 and joined ISRO soon after. He used to work on the design and development of launch vehicles.

Sivan is the first person to have graduated in his family. Having born to a poor farmer, Sivan had to go through a lot of financial crunch. He didn't even have money to buy sandals and pants till he went to college.

According to reports his father had to sell about a quarter of an acre



K Sivan, Chairman, ISRO

of land to send Sivan to MIT.

He is a perfectionist who expects his team members to give their 100 per cent. He believes in leading a humble life and prefers to wear simple clothes, white being his favourite colour.

His work is well-recognised and he has several accolades to his name: Shri Hari Om Ashram Prerit Dr Vikram Sarabhai Research Award (1999) and ISRO Merit Award (2007), to name a few.

There is an adage: Behind every successful man there is a woman. This holds true when it comes to the success of Chandrayaan-2, but with a slight modification in the saying: Behind every successful mission there is a woman. Hard to believe? May be not after if one has seen the movie *Mission Mangal*.

Meet, Lucknow-based Ritu Karidhal Srivastava, the mission director of Chandrayaan-2. The house in Rajajipuram, where Srivastava lived, is suddenly the

centre of attraction and has acquired celebrity status almost overnight.

The phone line is continuously engaged and after considerable effort, Ritu's sister Varsha agreed to speak.

"We are so proud of our sister. After our parents' demise, she is the eldest in the family and has been a mother figure to me and my brother Rohit," she said.

Varsha recalls that Ritu was always fond of the stars. "My mother would stay awake all night with *Didi* (Ritu) when she studied. *Didi* was always fond of stars and

would lie awake staring at the sky. *Didi* was curious to know what lay beyond the sky. We belong to a middle class family but *Didi* always yearned to go beyond the limits," she recalled.

In 1997, Ritu received a letter inviting her to join the ISRO office in Bengaluru. The decision was tough but her parents allowed her to go and pursue her dreams.

Ritu's husband, Avinash, and her two children Aditya and Anisha, are her biggest supporters in her starry mission.

India eye perfect start

Men In Blue ready to take on Quinton de Kock-led Proteas in first T20

PTI ■ DHARAMSALA

Virat Kohli will be venturing into the unknown with a clean slate, where a few seasoned hands will be backing a group of immensely talented youngsters, in his quest for World T20 title which begins with a three-match bilateral series against South Africa here on Sunday.

The 3-0 series win against the West Indies could be called a pre-cursor as it was just after enduring a disappointing end to their ODI World Cup campaign.

The real battle begins now with this series against Quinton de Kocks and Kagiso Rabada's who are also in the midst of a tough transition phase.

A good spell from Rabada or a cameo from David Miller could pose challenge for the Indians, while some of the others like Test specialist Temba Bavuma or Anrich Nortje will like to prove their credentials in absence of Faf du Plessis or Hashim Amla.

There will be around 20 odd matches for captain Kohli and head coach Ravi Shastri to build a near perfect combination going into the World T20 in Australia in October next year.

There are many questions that the team management will have to answer in the next 13 months during which IPL will also be held.

Save Kohli, his deputy Rohit Sharma, all-rounder Hardik Pandya and premier pacer Jasprit Bumrah (rested for this series), at least seven slots in playing XI and four more in the 15-member squad are up for grabs, with some bold steps on cards.

Retirement is Mahendra Singh Dhoni's individual call but does the team manage-



Rishabh Pant bats during a practice session before the 1st T20 against South Africa



Junior Dala, left, and Tabraiz Shamsi chat as they leave the ground

ment intend to look ahead like the selection committee does?

It is yet to be known and Rishabh Pant's indiscretions doesn't make it easier for Kohli and Shastri.

Manish Pandey has been in and around for years now and despite the kind of quality he possesses, the Karnataka batsman has not inspired highest confidence in the chances he got.

So will it be Pandey at No 4 or Delhi Capitals captain Shreyas Iyer, who was in fine form during the Windies one dayers?

The other fascinating aspect will be the future of spin twins Yuzvendra Chahal and Kuldeep Yadav, at least in the shortest version.

Rajasthan leg-spinner Rahul Chahar is a young talent and is being billed as one for the future.

And with all-rounder Krunal Pandya also shaping up well and Ravindra Jadeja's experience set to come in handy, where does it leave the

much in demand wrist spin duo, who had replaced Ravichandran Ashwin and Jadeja (for the better part) post 2017 Champions Trophy.

Not to forget, India have a back up finger spinner in young Washington Sundar, who in his U-19 days was a hard-hitting top-order batsman. So next question is where does it leave Kuldeep and Chahal in T20 scheme of things?

Last but not the least is the pace department where Bumrah is the only certainty.

Deepak Chahar, who many in Indian cricket term as 'Poor Man's Praveen Kumar' for the movement he generates during first spell, is an inspired investment for shortest version.

And then there is Navdeep Saini with raw pace and Khaleel Ahmed bringing in the left-arm variety but known to leak runs. Will they be persisted with in the long run?

In next 13 months, Kohli will seek all the answers.



Joe Denly plays a shot during the fifth match at Oval

ICC/Twitter

Aussie hopes fade as Eng dominate

AFP ■ LONDON

England seized control on the third day of the fifth Ashes Test on Saturday, building a likely match-winning lead of 382 as they look to square the series.

With two full days of play to come and the weather in London set fair, the home side, on 313-8 in their second innings, appear certain to pull level at 2-2 barring a miraculous fightback from Australia.

Nathan Lyon slowed England's progress in the morning session, taking the wickets of Rory Burns and captain Joe Oosthuizen but those were rare early bright spots for the tourists on a pitch that offered little help.

Opener Joe Denly and Ben Stokes, playing as a specialist batsman, put on 127 for the third wicket as a tiring Australia attack ran out of steam in the September sunshine.

Off-spinner Lyon bowled Stokes after tea for 67 with a beautiful delivery that spun past the left-hander's forward defensive shot while seamer Peter Siddle had Denly caught at slip for a Test-best 94 shortly afterwards.

But the in-form Jos Buttler, who top-scored for England with 70 in the first innings, started fluently as he and Jonny

Bairstow took the lead past 300.

Bairstow was caught by Steve Smith in the slips off the bowling of all-rounder Mitchell Marsh for 14 to give Australia a glimmer of hope.

It was the second time that Australia had proved over-cautious. Denly should have been out lbw earlier on 54 but Australia skipper Tim Paine opted not to review.

STOKES POWER

Stokes, dropped on seven by Smith, started his innings slowly but accelerated, reaching his fifty off 89 balls with a huge six off leg-spinner Marcus Labuschagne over wide long on.

The batsman is second only to Smith in the combined run-scoring charts over the series, albeit more than 300 runs adrift of the Australian's total of 751.

Denly looked increasingly confident as his innings progressed, finding the boundary regularly as the tourists' spirits drooped but fell agonisingly short of his first Test century.

The tourists came into the match hungry to wrap up their first series victory in England since 2001 after winning last week's fourth Test to take a 2-1 lead but look as though they will come up short.

Rohit can help India chase down targets: Bangar

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Rohit Sharma needs to "maintain his individuality" as a Test opener and his success in the longest format can help India successfully chase down big targets, said former assistant coach Sanjay Bangar.

A revered opening batsman in limited over cricket, Rohit was included in the 15-member squad for the three-Test series against South Africa at home beginning on October 2.

"If he succeeds, his style of play will be extremely helpful to the team. It might result in being able to successfully chase down targets that we haven't achieved in the past, like in Cape Town and Edgbaston," Bangar told ESPNcricinfo in an interview.

The 32-year-old was seen as a middle-



order batsman in Tests but with Hanuma Vihari sealing the number 6 spot with some superlative performance in the Caribbeans, doors have opened up for Rohit to seal the opening slot in Test.

Bangar said: "The key to his success will be if he maintains his individual style of play. He has to maintain his individuality."

"At the moment, there is no place in the settled middle order in the Test team. Opening will be a new challenge for him, since he has rarely done it in the longer formats."

"But the advantage is that he will get to bat against a hard ball with plenty of gaps in the field. He will also not have to wait for his turn to bat, which will save his mental energy."

'We need to take advantage of India's inexperienced pace attack'

PTI ■ DHARAMSALA

South Africa will like to put pressure on India's inexperienced pace trio of Navdeep Saini, Khaleel Ahmed and Deepak Chahar during the three-match T20 International series, visiting side's assistant batting coach Lance Klusener said here on Saturday.

Former South African all-rounder sensed it as an opportunity for the Proteas as their new look team tries to settle into a groove.

"Looking at the Indian team, that (inexperienced bowling attack) is an area we are going to take advantage of just like I suppose, you look at opposing teams and at areas, which you can take advantage of," Klusener said during a media interaction on the eve of the first T20 International.

However he made it clear that by no means he underestimates the Indian attack.



Navdeep Saini bowls during net session

areas that we can take advantage and maybe that's one of them," he said.

Klusener was asked about what he expects from a player like Temba Bavuma, whose game is not naturally suited to the demands of T20 cricket.

"He recently got a hundred in the CSA (domestic) T20 final. It's easy to pigeonhole him and say okay he plays Test cricket. But Temba is wonder-

Smith unfazed by burden of Australia run-scoring

LONDON ■ (AFP)

Steve Smith refused to blame his inconsistent teammates for their batting failures during the Ashes after he again shouldered the run-scoring burden for Australia.

The former skipper scored 80 at the Oval - his lowest total of a sensational series - as the tourists were bowled out for 225, 69 runs short of England's first-innings total of 294 on the second day of the fifth and final Test.

When he was asked for reasons for Australia's batting failures he said conditions had not been kind throughout the series but that players would learn from performing in unfamiliar conditions.

"We haven't seen any huge totals really throughout the whole series so it's not been easy," he said.

"There's always been something there, I felt. If you bowl in good areas for long enough then I think we've seen you'll get rewards."

Sometimes you need to change certain little things that can help you play in certain conditions and adapt accordingly but I think it will be a good learning curve for all of our batters

"Playing in England is completely different from playing back home and you've got to find ways to play away from home," he added.

"Sometimes you need to change certain little things that can help you play in certain conditions and adapt accordingly but I think it will be a good learning curve for all of our batters."

PRESSURES

Smith said he was able to shut out pressures and focus on the job in hand despite the weight of expectation on his shoulders.

"I just sort of do my thing and what people say it doesn't really bother me, it's just each time I go out to the middle I love batting and I just want to bat and score runs and help out the team," he said.

"People can say whatever they like, nice things, bad things, whatever. It really doesn't bother me."

"Who knows? When's the next Ashes series? I don't even know," he said. "Will I still be playing? I'm not sure. Who knows the answer to that? We'll see."

"He's a quality performer. He's got two five-fors in four Test matches (Archer has twice taken six wickets in an innings) and you don't get guys bowling 90 miles an hour growing on trees and with the skillset he's got."

"He's a terrific bowler and there's no doubt that he'll gain a lot of confidence from his first Test series." Australia, 2-1 up, have already retained the Ashes urn but are aiming to win their first Test series in England since 2001.



Steve Smith raises his bat

ICC/Twitter

Dhoni cares for Indian cricket, says Kohli

PTI ■ DHARAMSALA

Mahendra Singh Dhoni has always put the interest of Indian cricket in mind and is "on same page" with the team management as far as his international future is concerned, skipper Virat Kohli said on Saturday.

On the eve of the T20 International series against South Africa, Kohli maintained that the 38-year-old Dhoni will "remain valuable" as long as he continues playing the game even as team management grooms youngsters like Rishabh Pant.

"One great thing about him (Dhoni) is that, he thinks for Indian cricket. And whatever we (team management) think, he is on the same page. The alignment is there. The kind of mindset he has had about grooming youngsters and giving them opportunities, and he is still the same person," Kohli replied when asked if the legend is in his scheme of things for next year's World T20 in



Virat Kohli speaks during a press conference

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Miller in support of De Kock's captaincy

PTI ■ DHARAMSALA

Quinton de Kock possesses an "incredible cricket brain", feels senior batsman David Miller, who is ready to perform "any role" that the new South African white-ball skipper wants him to. Left-handed Miller along with De Kock and Kagiso Rabada form the core of a new-look South African limited overs set-up which is going through a transition phase with first stop being tour of India.

"He's (Quinton) been around for many years, and he's got an incredible cricket brain. Like I said, it's exciting times — new skipper, new players and a lot of young, fresh faces," said Miller.

Miller is happy with the way De Kock is progressing as a leader and wants to lend all the support that he needs at the start of his new journey. "It's been really good so far and we'll see as it progresses how we go along. It's really nice to be alongside him and supporting him in what-



David Miller steps over a boundary net

AP

crop of players.

"I feel playing while for the country there is always responsibility, regardless whether you are less experienced or more experienced. I mean I have been playing for many years now and that responsibility has been with me for a couple of years now, and it's really exciting," Miller said.

"Like you said, it's a young side and we've got a lot of energy amongst the squad. There are actually a lot of guys who have played a lot of cricket, in the A side and domestically. So, all of us are really, really experienced in each department and it's just a great stepping stone."

The Proteas had a forgettable World Cup and Miller wants to look ahead.

"Yeah, I think what happened at the World Cup is something to learn from. We did a few things wrong and it (results) never came out the way we wanted. So we are lucky that it's a new phase in South African cricket at the moment," said Miller.

ever role he wants me to do. Yeah, it's been great so far and hopefully it continues." Miller told reporters on the eve of the first T20 international, here on Sunday. It's a new-look side and Miller knows he will have to take the responsibility of guiding the younger

Liverpool stretch Premier League lead

AFP ■ LONDON

Liverpool recovered from a shock Newcastle opener to open up a five-point lead at the top of the Premier League with a 3-1 win at Anfield, as Tottenham and Chelsea bounced back to form with big wins on Saturday.

Tammy Abraham's sensational form continued as the English forward scored a hat-trick as Chelsea romped to a 5-2 win at Wolves.

Spurs were 4-0 up by half-time against Crystal Palace to record just their second win of the season as Son Heung-min scored twice, while Erik Lamela and an own goal from Patrick van Aanholt rounded off the scoring on a miserable day for the Eagles.

An injury-hit Manchester United coped without Paul Pogba to inflict Leicester's first defeat of the season as Marcus Rashford scored the only goal from the penalty spot in a 1-0 win at Old Trafford.

United join Tottenham and Chelsea on eight points from five games, but Liverpool protected the only 100 percent record in the league by reacting to a slow start in style.

Manchester City can close the gap at the top to two points with victory later on Saturday at Norwich.

Jetro Willems fired Newcastle in front on seven minutes to leave the European champions trailing at Anfield for the first



time since March.

However, any lasting rift between Sadio Mane and Mohamed Salah from Liverpool's last outing away to Burnley -- when Mane was upset at the Egyptian for his greediness in front of goal -- was forgotten as they combined to score all three goals for the hosts.

Mane fired into the top corner to start the revival, but it was the introduction of Roberto Firmino off the bench for the injured Divock Origi that truly turned the tide in Liverpool's favour.

The Brazilian's through ball was spilled by Martin Dubravka to allow Mane a simple task for his second just before half-time, and another brilliant Firmino flick teed up Salah to seal the points 18 minutes from time.

"I started enjoying after 25 minutes, around about when we arrived finally in the game," said Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp.

"Second half we scored only one goal, but we played really good football and I liked it a lot. There were a few moments I enjoyed, not a lot but a few and enough to be the deserved winner today."

- Relief for Lampard -

Frank Lampard has endured a difficult start on his return to Stamford Bridge as manager, but he enjoyed his finest day so far in charge of the Blues with his faith in youth again fully vindicated.

Fikayo Tomori, 21, fired the visitors in front at Molineux with his first goal for the

club before Abraham took over to take his tally to seven in his last three games with three brilliant finishes from close range.

Abraham's busy afternoon was not over as he then turned into his own net and Patrick Cutrone cut Wolves' deficit to two before Mason Mount rounded off the scoring for Chelsea late on.

Tottenham manager Mauricio Pochettino hoped that the end of the European transfer window would settle his squad and the Champions League finalists looked more like their old selves by tearing apart Palace from the off.

Son was the star of the show as the South Korean opened the scoring then finished off a fine team move by volleying home Serge Aurier's cross after Van Aanholt deflected a cross into his own net.

Harry Kane was unable to build on his goalscoring form for England, but did play a part in the fourth as his cross was turned home by Lamela.

United had to suffer far more for just a second win in 10 league matches at home to the Foxes as Rashford shrugged off his recent miss from the spot against Palace to convert a penalty on eight minutes after he had been brought down by Caglar Soyuncu.

Brighton edged out Burnley 1-0 at the Amex thanks to Neil Maupay's winner early in the second-half.

Southampton were also 1-0 victors at Sheffield United courtesy of a brilliant strike from Moussa Djenepo

Amit Panghal advances in World C'ship

PTI ■ EKATERINBURG (RUSSIA)

Asian champion Amit Panghal (52kg) and Manish Kaushik (63kg) clinched resounding victories in their second-round bouts to ensure there was no stopping India's stupendous run at the World Men's Boxing Championships here on Saturday.

Panghal out-punched Chinese Taipei's Tu Po-Wei, while Commonwealth Games silver-medallist Kaushik also dominated The Netherlands' Enrico Lacruz as the duo clinched identical 5-0 triumphs.

The day, however, ended on a slightly disappointing note with seventh-seeded Asian silver-medallist Ashish Kumar (75kg) going down to China's Tuohetaerbieke Tanglatihan in a split 2-3 verdict.

The second-seeded Panghal, an Asian Games gold-medallist who had been given a first-round bye, will be up against Turkey's Bulhan Citici in the pre-quarterfinals.

Manish has a tough one at hand as he will square off against fourth-seeded Mongolian Chinzorig Baatarsukh, a silver-medallist at the Asian Games as well as the Asian Championships.

Sharp as ever with his attacks, Panghal dominated Po-Wei from the first round itself to notch up a comfortable 5-0 win. The boxer from Taipei spent most of his time trying to avoid any engagement, prompting the referee to caution him against the passive approach.

"I had fought him earlier as well in the Asian Championships' first round and



won 3-2. This time I was keen to ensure that the fight was not that close and I managed to do that," Panghal, 23, said after the bout. "I decided to be aggressive from the very first round and log as many scoring punches as possible," he added.

A quarterfinalist in the last edition of the World Championship in Hamburg, Panghal's trademark aggression and the pace was something that Po-Wei just couldn't cope with.

In the evening session, Kaushik, competing in his maiden World Championship, was equally ruthless against Lacruz.

The former national champion had little trouble connecting his combination punches against an opponent, whose defence was mostly non-existent and the

attacking streak also fizzled out after the opening round.

Ashish, on the other hand, was locked in a draining contest. Tanglatihan was not the more attacking but was certainly the more accurate of the two, managing to move in and out effortlessly against a slightly slower Ashish.

Panghal, who lost to the then-defending champion Hasanboy Dusmatov in the quarterfinals in 2017, has been in tremendous form for more than a year now.

Even a change of weight category, from 49kg to 52kg, has had little impact on his performance.

In fact, his Asian Championship gold earlier this year came within a couple of months of him going up to 52kg.

Sourabh seals final spot at Vietnam Open

PTI ■ HO CHI MINH CITY

India's Sourabh Verma outwitted Japan's Minoru Koga in straight games to progress to the men's singles finals of the USD 75,000 Vietnam Open BWF Tour Super 100 here on Saturday.

Second seed Sourabh, who had won the Hyderabad Open last month, overcame world no 112 Minoru 22-20 21-15 in a 51-minute semifinal clash.

The reigning national champion, who had won the Dutch Open and Korea Open last year, will now take on China's Sun Fei Xiang in the summit clash.

Sourabh had beaten Minoru en route to his title win at the Slovenian International, earlier this year.

"Through to the finals here in

Vietnam open super 100 tournament with a victory over japan's minoru koga 22-20,21-15.

Will be playing against chinese tomorrow for the title," tweeted Sourabh after the win.

Sourabh fell behind 0-4 early on in the opening game but the Indian made amends quickly to grab a slender 11-9 advantage at the interval.

In the second game, Minoru once again marched ahead to a 7-2 lead initially and enjoyed a 11-8 cushion at the breather.

The Japanese shuttler managed to keep his nose ahead after the break before Sourabh produced a five-point burst at 12-14 to turn the tables on his opponent.

Sourabh then reeled off another four points to seal his place in the final.

PLISKOVA REACHES FIFTH FINAL

AFP ■ BEIJING

World number two Karolina Pliskova surged into her fifth final of the year as she thrashed Ajla Tomljanovic 6-3, 6-2 on Saturday at the WTA Zhengzhou Open.

The 27-year-old Czech, the top seed, needed just 69 minutes to defeat the unseeded Croatian-born Australian and will play Petra Martic on Sunday.

"I'm first seed so I should win," said Pliskova, who has won three titles this year.

"So of course every opponent is a little bit different and tough, but I think there's a good chance for me if I keep playing like I was playing."

Croatia's Martic, the seventh seed, earned her place in the final with a 6-0, 6-3 defeat of France's unseeded Kristina Mladenovic.

Martic, 28, is enjoying the best season of her career and in April won her first title.

"Well-settled team will help us excel at Olympics qualifiers"

PTI ■ BENGALURU

The Indian women's hockey team vice captain Savita feels having a well-settled unit will help them excel against USA in the Tokyo Olympics qualifiers to be held in Bhubaneswar on November 1 and 2.

The Indian women's hockey team drew a tricky USA in the final round of the Olympic qualifiers.

"Most of the players selected for our upcoming tour of England have played together as a unit for a long time now. We have a well-settled unit as we understand each other's game pretty well which will further help us against USA at the Olympic qualifiers," Savita said.

"It has been our aim to qualify for Tokyo after having qualified for Rio after a gap of 36 years. We are all very determined about succeeding in the qualifiers and the upcoming matches against Great Britain will be good preparation for that," she added.

As part of preparation for the Qualifiers, the team will play a five-match series against England from September 27 to October 4 and India's ace goalkeeper believes that in USA, they will get to face similar side.

"Great Britain and USA have quite similar playing styles, and all of us are really pleased that we will be playing against Great Britain before the two huge matches in November," she said.

"The girls have been sweating it out in training for the past two weeks, and I am really confident that we will be able to execute our plans well," Savita added

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Talktime
NUSHRAT BHARUCHA

Having witnessed both highs and lows in her career, Bharucha believes in staying grounded. She thinks of herself as a performer and not an actor. She tells Musba Hashmi some of her bad choices, inspiration and upcoming projects

'I felt like an actor after doing LSD'

■ **From *Jai Santoshi Maa* to *Dream Girl*, how has your journey been?**

It has been a long one. Honestly, when I got *Jai Santoshi Maa* (2009), I didn't want to be an actor. I went for the auditions just to see how would it turn out for me and fortunately I got selected. The real journey started with *Love, Sex Aur Dhoka* (*LSD*), that was the first time when I felt like an actor. The film made me realise the importance of being a performer and what a good film is. Then, I decided that this is the field I want to be in. No matter what I am doing and where will I end up, I just wanted to continue doing good work and feel happy about it.

■ **Were there more highs or more lows?**

I have seen both highs and lows. *LSD* was a success but I didn't have work for a few months after it. I kept thinking that the film did well so I should be getting more work. But, I didn't get

any. Then I got casted for *Pyaar Ka Puchhama* and I entered the commercial cinema. Now it's been years since I haven't done a film like *LSD*. I didn't know where life took me, I just went with the flow.

■ **Do you have any regrets?**

Yes, I have had made some bad choices as well. But, the moment I started shooting for those films, I knew I wasn't happy. But, it was difficult to walk away from a project after making a commitment. Now, I have realised that if you are not enjoying your work, just don't do it. There was a time, when just one day before the shoot I pulled out of the project. Though I received a lot of criticism from the team and they called me names, but in my head I was clear that what is the point of doing something half-heartedly. Because they will not get the best of your performance, you'll not feel good about it and ultimately the end product will never be good.

■ **Did your family support your decision of being an actor?**

My family is neither regressive nor completely modernised. They are somewhere in between. When I told them that I wanted to be an actor, they themselves were in a conflict of whether to let me follow my dreams or tell me that this will not work out. But everybody else in my

I DON'T DIVIDE FILMS INTO GENRES. I BELIEVE GENRES ARE DECIDED AND DIVIDED BY PEOPLE WHO ARE MAKING FILMS AND THEY WANT TO GET THE CERTIFICATION DONE. FOR ME, ROMANCE AND COMEDY ARE ALL EMOTIONS

family was like that you cannot be an actor. It took them a while to accept my decision. They asked me questions of whether I will be working throughout my work career and I didn't have answers. But they turned out to be very supportive and they digested the fact that I don't have any answers. They knew I was being realistic and I will not live in the bubble that 'oh I am an actor now'.

■ **Who is your inspiration?**

For me, inspiration comes from normal people. My driver inspires me. He lives in Nala Sopara and it takes him two hours to reach my house. I have to attend late night shoots, screenings and film parties and he stays there with me. Sometimes he even misses the last train to his place. And then again, he returns to work at 8 am. I ask him to sleep in my building but he refuses because he wants to spend time at his home even if it's for just three hours. I suggested him to leave my job and work somewhere else. But he wants to put in this hard work for his family. Not even once has he come late. All these stories continue to inspire me.

■ **Any genres that you would like to experiment with?**

I don't divide films into genres. I believe genres are decided and divid-

ed by the people who are making the films and they want to get the certification done. For me, romance, comedy are all emotions and not genres. For me a story is a story, I decide my projects on the basis of my intuitions. I am a performer so I have to perform regardless of the genre.

■ **Upcoming projects?**

Dream Girl has just been released. It was a film that I heard the narration for an hour and then within 15 minutes I said yes to it. I am an instinctive person, if I like a project I immediately take it up if not then I probably say that give me sometime to think about it. And then I will say no to it. (laughs)

Then there is *Turram Khan* opposite Rajkumar Rao. I always wanted to be in a Hansal Mehta film. When I got the film, I was like 'yes I am doing an Hansal Mehta film'. Then, I am also doing *Hurdang*.

■ **Any anecdotes that you would like to share?**

I remember on the first day of shoot for *Turram Khan* I was not able to do my lines right. I was very scared because there were so many great actors and all of them were staring at me. And I honestly told it to them that 'I am sorry guys, I am intimidated by all of you staring at me and to stand in front of such great actors, I feel like a fool!' (laughs)

PICKLE ME PINK

SHALINI SAKSENA tells you why eating pickles, that have been around for over 4,000 years, is such an integral part of Indian cuisine

Pickle or *achaar* is a part of an everyday meal for Indians world over. The sweet, spicy and sour *achaars* have been around for thousands of years. Most of the pickle recipes are handed down generations. Each community has a different recipe — a twist here and twist there — makes all the difference from a mango pickle that one will get to eat at a home in North as opposed to what one will find in South.

Did you know that pickles have around for a long time when it comes to world cuisine? The technique is said to have begun from India and that cucumbers were the first to be pickled and eaten at the Tigris valley. It all began with putting cucumbers in brine — water and salt — to preserve them. Even today, salt is a staple ingredient to preserve pickles. *Lingupurna*, a Kannada work that dates back to 1594 describes about 50 different types of pickles. History also has it that Cleopatra loved them as did Napoleon Bonaparte.

Hence, it is not surprising that Indians love their pickles and that news players want to enter this segment. Karan Shah, director, Society Tea, tells you that Spice Secrets marks their entry into a new category. "We believe in bringing back the art of *chutneys* and pickles to every household; recipes our grandmothers used and passed on to our mothers over years. Indian consumers relish a daily dose of these flavours as it takes them down the memory lane right to that grandma's kitchen," Shah says. He tells you that the word pickle has originated from the Dutch word *pekel* that was used to refer to a solution of brine that was spiced for preserving and flavouring food.

"Pickle is often associated with processed fruits and vegetables in salt and spice mixture that have an extended shelf life, often with restored or enhanced beneficial properties of the entities involved. Therefore, they are an integral part of how people



define their food culture, and each region is intensely passionate about their pickles," Shah explains.

The same, one is told holds true for *chutneys*. It is also something that everyone relates to. It can be made to suit any taste profile. A versatile condiment, the *chutney* which means something that can be licked, is by definition an appetizer.

"Ayurveda suggests that *chutneys* can offer a balance in the diet as well as act as a suitable camouflage for ingredients that are otherwise not enjoyable. Ever since times infinite, these house recipes have been passed down generations and that's why they still retain a unique taste for each household. Traditionally, it's almost always passed down from mother to

AYURVEDA SUGGESTS THAT CHUTNEYS CAN OFFER A BALANCE IN DIET AS WELL AS ACT AS A SUITABLE CAMOUFLAGE FOR INGREDIENTS THAT ARE OTHERWISE NOT ENJOYABLE

daughter or from the grandmother because of which, the making of these special pickles and *chutneys* are secrets held within the families, like a family heirloom," Shah says.

Chutneys and pickles have always been an age-old accompaniment in the Indian cuisines agnostic of which part of the country you go to or the language you speak.

"It's difficult to trace the exact origins of Indian pickle, but the tradition of pickle making goes back thousands of years. Pickling was commonly used for preserving food by curing it with salt or sugar; before refrigeration and canning made it possible. Ancient civilisations had discovered that to increase the longevity of perishable foods was to dry them in the sun and



cure them with salt or immerse them in brine.

"In ancient and medieval times, every homemaker used to have a veritable treasure trove of recipes handed down to her from her ancestors. This was the way in which she used to preserve fruits and vegetables by making pickles and *chutneys*," Shah tells you.

For Indians, nothing comes close to say home as simply as pickle. *Chutneys* and pickles in different forms and tastes are prevalent in every corner of our country and are likely to have been a part of your food memories.

"No Indian meal is complete without a smidgen of pickle or *chutney*. This is because pickles are an integral part of Indian culture. *Chutneys* and pickles key role in your meal is to add flavour and make them more appetizing. It is the plainest of food that gives scope for the use of pickles. Hence, they are usually savored as an accompanying condiment — as a spread, sauce and or even a topping. In our cuisine — *chutneys* vary, many being thin enough in consistency to be used as dipping sauces. Other varieties of *chutney* are like chunky well-flavored relish; those are generally used as meal accompaniments or sandwich spreads, and are the popular version found globally," Shah says and adds that our *chutneys* and pickles are of regional flavours representing different communities and heritage.

'Just playback is not enough'



HRIDAY GATTANI, speaks with SHALINI SAKSENA about his latest song for Gurinder Chadha's film

■ **How did music happen?**

I grew up watching a lot of concerts because of my father. He has produced and directed concerts with some of the best musical artists in the country like Lataji, Ashaji, Daler Mehndi, Hariharan and AR Rahman sir to name a few. That stemmed the whole inspiration of wanting to be on stage and performing like one of them. But I decided pretty late that I wanted to be a musician and learnt guitar and piano by myself.

■ **How was the experience of being mentored by AR Rahman?**

In 2012, I did my first cover on YouTube with a brilliant singer, Suchismita Das. We happened to send the link to Rahman sir and he replied: "You have a great voice, should study and learn music further". I packed my bag and came to KM Music Conservatory, Rahman sir's music school in Chennai. Every step of the way he has been helpful. I send all my original songs to him before releasing them to get a feedback from him.

■ **How did this mentoring change your music?**

A lot has changed — just the outlook towards music being pure and speaking about one's personality. Like every musician, I too have been influenced by his music and have always tried to adopt his structuring of songs. I have been blessed to work closely with him and see his entire process from start to finish, which is mind-boggling because apart from the melodic brilliance with him there are no boundaries to music and there's certainly no holding back when it comes to trying new things.

■ **What is your latest release about?**

The song, *For You My Love*, is a fusion in English and Punjabi that brings both the worlds together even in the story of the film. Sir wanted a light-hearted soulful song which would connect both worlds. I got the opportunity to sing the English part of the song and as luck may have it because of Rahman sir's generosity got to be a part of the video. The song is a part of Gurinder Chadha's film *Blinded By The Light*.

■ **How is it different to work with other music directors?**

Music is a universal language. Its beauty lies in variety and what I enjoy is bringing in my honesty and creativity to any song I sing. I've had the opportunity to sing for Vishal-Shekhar sir for *Udanchoo* from *Banjo*. The experience was amazing becomes easy to work with them.

■ **Is it tough to survive in the industry?**

It is extremely difficult to survive in the industry as just a playback. Therefore, I focus on my independent music and production for other artists as well. Today, you have to be self-sufficient and be a wholesome artist; one who writes, composes, sings and maybe plays an instrument too.

■ **Do you have a mission as far as music is concerned?**

My mission is to make music from my personal experiences, to help people overcome what I have tried to overcome and also bring joy to my listeners.

■ **What next?**

For me my focus for the next few months is my independent music, an announcement is due soon as there is going to be loads of content that I have worked on for over a year that will surface and start releasing.

Try out this Aussie fare, mate

AUSTRALIAN SPRING FESTIVAL PICKWICK'S, THE CLARIDGES
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Australia is delightfully mixed up in its cuisine, thanks to a blend of many cultures and people who have settled down there along with their spices flavours and meats.

A slice of that wholesome platter is now being showcased at the Pickwick's at The Claridges with a lot of elan and hard work that has gone into bringing this side of Australia to the table.

The effort hasn't gone waste. It is the good old pumpkin soup that leads you out of trepidation about English blandness that assails the cuisine otherwise. Smooth as butter, flavourful and totally Aussie in aroma, the dish fuels your appetite and cajoles your taste

buds with a subtlety that makes it quite a cornerstone for relishing things to follow.

Chef Vivek Rana who loves to go into the history of any of the foods he attempts to regale his guests with, tells you that Australia is all about fusion cuisine, meat grills and desserts that will send you into the guilt zone even if you don't have a sweet tooth.

The fact that there is some Indian cuisine spread graciously with an Australian makeover makes you favourable to experimentation. But the Australian Lamb Pie keeps you totally engaged with its melt in the mouth crust and the softest of lamb mince one had had in a long while.



Crusted Herb Chicken; (right) Black Ant Lamination

This one is a must-try. The slides keep coming from the live counters and there is nothing that you would want to miss, be it the mini vegetarian burgers or the cottage cheese wrap.

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of mains, like Grilled Barramundi and the largely unforgettable whole lamb leg slow-cooked in spices and juices that come to the table with their own brand of uniqueness.

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friends do not miss out on this delicacy put together with tender loving care.

But if you are not having that, the crusted herb chicken is the dish for you, and not just because is it presented so alluringly.

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Served with spaghetti on the side rippling with herbs and chilli flakes, this one is the dish to go for.

The menu is quite inviting and varied with classics like wild mushroom rissoles and mixed vegetable and garbanzo stew, but save your tummy space for the absolutely out of the world Black Ant Lamination, the signature Aussie sweet that fortunately has nothing to do with those in edible hard-working population of the animal kingdom. Much like a twisted sponge cake, with a taste that defies anything cakey, Mr Lamination call for a requiem.

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I don't know whether it's audiences or filmmakers who want characters to be likable today, but I don't think actors are afraid of their characters being unlikable
— Dakota Fanning



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TIM DE RIDDER

These are all correct answers and there are many more of those fantastic responses that are received from school children as young as five or six years to well educated adults with tertiary degrees and many other people between. The feedback is exceptionally specific, which has its benefits, yet, for our discussion here, let's look at it on a broader note — Waste, as we would all agree, is humanity's excess.

Humanity is overproducing and over consuming (or not consuming at all if we take a look at landfills), research shows that the "average person buys 60% more items of clothing than they did 15 years ago", and, "an estimated one-third of all food produced — equivalent to 1.3 billion tonnes worth around \$1 trillion — ends up rotting in the bins of consumers and retailers, or spoiling due to poor transportation and harvesting practices". These are two of several examples that could be used to illustrate this point. However, instead of finding more cases, let's think about why these situations occur? It has been noted that within the textile industry, within India, the one major reason why there is so much waste is because of a lack of awareness and education about how fashion can fit within a circular economy. Textile industry is the third largest producer of waste in most Indian states behind plastic and paper.

Notably too, research has shown that the current food system "exerts a considerable impact on the environment. It drives deforestation and biodiversity loss, contributes to greenhouse gas emissions and accounts for 70% of water withdrawals". This is a problem that affects every individual on the planet no matter where one is standing, but has the potential to disproportionately affect locations with larger societal inequalities — "almost 2 billion people go hungry or

TIPS FOR A SUSTAINABLE LIFE

FOR YOUR CLOSET: Pick ethical and slow fashion (Khadi, natural fibre, support local businesses); Support 'hand me downs'/swap clothes; Donate unworn clothes; Mending is loving your clothes even more; Leave the shoe box at the store; Carry a reusable bag for shopping; Avoid compulsive buying

HOME CARE: Dry clothes on a line, instead of a hanger; But detergent in bulk; Plan laundry days to save energy; Bring in houseplants to clean air; Use alternative house cleaning tools such as, wooden brush for light scrubbing, metal scour for stains, compostable brush for hard to reach places, reusable cloth wipes for mopping and cleaning, coconut husk for dishes; Use natural cleaning alternatives such as: coconut soap for floor and sink, baking

soda for scrubbing jobs, vinegar for mildew and laundry rinsing agent

GIFTING: Donate money to your friend's favourite charity; Opt for potted plants and homemade treats in a jar for giveaways; Buy local gifts that support local businesses; Give seeds or flower bouquets with no plastic attached; Get crafty, make handmade gifts; Wrap without plastic tape. Use newspaper, paper or cloth bag as alternative packaging; Gift an experience: go hiking, scuba diving, kayaking with friends and family

KITCHEN: Use a water-filter; Say no to plastic bottles; Steel/Copper vessels instead of non-stick; Use pressure cooker to half cooking time; Buy package free food from farmer's market; Use steel boxes for storage; Buy local bread; Make compost out of kitchen waste

undernourished" across the globe. Thus, part of the reason why this is occurring is because of a lack of awareness. But, that is only a part of the problem. For, if we were to look at similar types of excess in other areas of life, such as energy use (large cars, technologies such as smartphones) or in the areas of lifestyle and personal care products, we are forced to rethink if it is only about awareness. At an individual level, the focus should be to divert waste from landfill by using innovative design that fits within a circular economy. A growing number of Sustainability businesses, such as Bare Necessities, aim to raise the level of awareness about the amount of excess that humanity is producing through their talks and workshops while providing alternatives and brainstorming ideas with consumers in order to assess whether there is a need for a product and then designing it for a market that desires innovation that reduces excess. These businesses target a

specific and growing market of conscious consumers. Within the Indian market, the growth in conscious consumers has been led by leaders both individually and in business. Sharing of facts and figures is one important way to raise awareness. For instance, not many are aware that there is "estimated as many as 8.3 billion plastic straws (that) pollute the world's beaches". Or, that for dental care items such as toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes, "the package is not noticed during purchase, transport, and use of the product. In fact, it is not noticed until the minute the product is consumed and the package has fulfilled its function and turns into waste". Similarly for soap, "though one wrapper of soap or one bottle of shampoo might not seem to matter, it can definitely make a difference when multiplied by over a billion people, who live in India and who comprise one-seventh of the world's population". Individuals, businesses and groups, by

becoming more aware and implementing action plans (through design, reduction in use of products and other areas) are steadily able to do more to limit waste and humanity's excess. This brings us to our next question — why is it such a struggle to change? There are a growing amount of facts about these areas of excess that illustrate the detrimental effects of a linear life cycle — the take, make, dispose system that sees many of our products resources being extracted from a limited resource (the planet) before being used and then disposed back into the environment. Research demonstrates that using a circular economy methodology, which promotes the use of products that do not end up in landfill — instead the products can be reused in a variety of ways without harming the environment — is the only sustainable option. The circular economy is hugely beneficial in ensuring that humanity no longer produces and consumes products with a take-make-dispose methodology, and thereby helps to sustain both us and the environment we live in. When you think about it on a day to day basis, there are numerous systems around you that call for your attention — where you buy your food is one example and how often you wear your clothes is another. All systems have set processes that are, more or less, controlled by majority stakeholders, who have the greatest say of how a system functions, in terms of production and consumption. This is not, however, doom and gloom, the thing to remember with systems is that until there is enough consumer demand, change often will not occur. Currently, slowly but surely, large companies are becoming aware of the growing consumer demand. There is a growing focus on designing new solutions that must be valued by

all for long term reduction in the contamination of water, land and air — our environment. Examples of this can be seen as far afield as Mexico where a company is transforming avocado pits into disposable bioplastic straws and cutlery, and in Indonesia where the root vegetable cassava is used to create biodegradable bags. By designing new products, along with minimising single use items, correctly disposing of used products in correct categories and limiting the amount of non-organic material, cleaning agents for example, used on a day to day basis, creating a zero waste environment for our all important planet can be achieved. Consumer demand, and a willingness to accept responsibility as an individual, is at the heart of production and consumption. Fortunately there is a growing number of consumers, especially in the larger urban centres of India, who are currently wanting change and already taking responsibility. Businesses too are making their stand, for instance, Bare Necessities provides sustainable options to toothbrushes, cosmetics, detergents, soap, and even the humble tote bag among other products. These are all simple ideas that matter. What, then, is waste? The answers heard at the beginning of a talk or workshop are largely those pointing to excess, yet, if we were to look at it in a different light, perhaps it is simply that it is a resource that we have yet to use, because everything matters when taking positive steps toward sustainability on a planet with finite resources. Therefore, we must endeavour to value every item, whether that is a piece of fruit, an item of clothing or any of the specific answers to the waste question touched on at the outset, we need to take the responsibility right down to the most bare necessities. The writer is a Sustainability Consultant and Education Officer

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Market needs stimulation



Democracies thrive on economy and economy thrives on confidence of the people in the system. India has for long carried forward the legacy of the Raj when the purpose of the then government was exploitation of the colony and filling the coffers of the British Government at the cost of India. The *babudom* that continued to hold the reins of governance after independence could not shake off its imperialist mind set and India went on to remain a country of subjects rather than citizens. But there are limitations to the rule by magistracy and collectorate and the signs are gradually showing. It is for this reason that in our TDS (Trust Deficient Society) driven economy business cycles hover between frequent troughs and occasional peaks. In the process, the confidence of the market continues to remain shaky as a result of societal paranoia. To cope with the situation the interventionist stimulations are tried time and again to boost the economy. The tricky part is that it works for short durations and goes back to the original bearish stance sooner than later. What is to be understood is that internal stimulation is required to keep the system ticking and kicking on its own. The only way this can be done is by boosting the confidence of the market which comprises not only the investors but also the consumers. In fact, it is the consumers that stimulate both the market and the investors. More so in a market economy which draws sustenance from a myriad of factors. It is against this backdrop that the recent opinion of the Chief Economic Advisor has to be viewed. In order to rejuvenate the markets stimulus packages are announced to bail out certain industries. But such steps are against the spirit of the market economy. Indian experience with the market economy is around three decades old, time enough to realise that market economy is governed by market forces. Naturally, there are sectors that reach the decline phase. How far can state sponsored stimulation help. Slowdowns are market phenomena that depend significantly on consumer sentiments, rather than only investor perception. Using tax payers' money to intervene every time there are slowdowns in certain sectors is fraught with moral hazards. If some sectors are assumed too big to fail than ensuring that they don't fail through interventions from the state tantamount to creating a situation where profits are private and losses are of the society. Systemic incentives are better options than fiscal stimuli. System needs to be strengthened rather than some sections. The measures announced recently by the government may seem to be prudent. But there is need to examine whether the slowdown bogey is a careful design by some smart operators rather than purely market driven. Markets depend more on psychological rather than economic factors. In order to keep an economy ticking the morale of the industry must be boosted. But government must not only appear to be industry friendly but also prove consumer friendly. Policy consistency is what gives stability to the economy. Knee jerk responses do not go far enough. It is pertinent therefore to give that confidence to the investors, consumers and financial institutions that things will not be allowed to drift.

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CHECK STRESS TO HEAL THE BODY

We may not be able to control the contraction of certain diseases which are genetic or which spread through the air, but we can control over our personal stress. There are ways to reduce and even eliminate stress in our lives. When we talk of eliminating stress, we do not mean eliminating problems. Problems will always be there. But we can eliminate our unhealthy physical response to the problems.

By learning the art of meditation, we will have a defense system against stress. The key is to have another kind of response to problems that will not stimulate these physical reactions in the body. If we can learn to meditate, then we can confront problems in a way that does not upset our physiological systems. Meditation provides a way for us to learn to control our reactions.

HEALING THE MIND

When we talk about healing our mind, we are referring to its reaction to problems we face that affect our thinking and our emotions. Each day we are bombarded by sensory stimuli from all directions. Each message coming in through our five senses is conveyed to the brain. Some messages require a physical response, but many of them require intellectual or mental responses. We have to think through problems, make decisions, plan, analyse, synthesise, create, and then communicate our thoughts to others.

Often times, the mental stimuli can bring about reactions of fear, anxiety, tension, confusion, indecision, and a host of emotional responses. Mental tension and emotional pain take their toll on our body and physical health. It also affects our ability to be productive and effective in the world.

MEDITATION FOR A HEALTHY MIND

We can avoid much of the stress, anxiety, and tension by meditation. Meditation is a way to relieve stress at the mental level and help us to have a healthy mind. A healthy mind means that we can deal with the challenges of life in a calm, composed way without it causing us to feel upset, depressed, anxious, fearful, or threatened.

A healthy mind means we deal with life's problems without it affecting our emotional make-up. We take things as they come, deal with them effectively, try to find the best solution, and move on. We do not need to be overwhelmed, overpowered, and upset over the daily situations we face. By sitting in meditation, we develop the calmness to approach problems and situations. The more we sit in meditation, the more we are able to return to that state of peace and harmony at any time during the day.

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HEAL SELF FOR A BETTER WORLD

If we wish to heal our planet, we must begin by healing ourselves. The best way to inspire change in others is by changing ourselves, writes SANT RAJINDER SINGH



Our world is in need of healing, and there are many who have dedicated their lives to this cause. There is a way for each one of us to contribute to a better future, and it all begins in silence.

If we wish to heal our planet, we must begin by healing ourselves. We may not be able to change another person over the course of weeks, years, or even a lifetime, but we can change ourselves immediately. If each person worked on healing themselves, the effect would be monumental. If each person healed themselves, the benefits they experience may inspire others to do the same. Like a wave, the effect would spread, bathing the whole world in healing waters. So let us begin with looking at ways in which we can heal ourselves.

HEALING OURSELVES

When we speak about healing ourselves, we are not talking medically. The word "healing" involves making us whole in all aspects of our life. We are referring to healing our body, mind, and soul. Healing involves eliminating disease. What is disease but "dis-ease," not being at ease. We may find that we are not at ease physically because of different medical conditions. We may find that we are not at ease mentally due to problems we face at our job, in our homes, in our community, or at the

emotional and psychological level.

We may find that we are not at ease spiritually because there are questions relating to our soul and the Creator, and our purpose in life, that we have not yet found answers to that cause restlessness in our soul. Thus, to heal ourselves, we need to employ techniques to remove the "dis-ease," and put us at ease at every level.

HEALING OUR BODY

Advances in science and medicine have taught us a great deal about how to keep our bodies healthy and to ensure optimum performance of the body that we have been given. We know or have access to information about nutrition and personal health and hygiene. We know what precautions to take to prevent certain diseases. If we are to heal our body, we should lead healthy lifestyles: keep physically fit, strike a healthy balance between work, rest, and exercise, eat foods that are nutritionally good for us, eliminate habits and substances that are harmful to us, such as smoking, drinking and taking drugs, and safeguard against conditions that spread disease. The key is to observe these laws of nature so that we do not inadvertently and carelessly injure our body.

STRESS AND DISEASE

Doctors and medical researchers have discovered that stress has a role

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to play in our health. They have learned that stress can cause a breakdown of our immune system and be a cause of ailments. Stress interferes with the healthy functioning of some of our bodily systems required to resist disease. It activates the "fight or flight" response causing certain biochemical reactions in our body. When we are in a state of stress, our heart beats faster. Certain hormones are released to get us ready to protect ourselves. Once released, they cannot be recalled.

A ready-alert system that was originally intended to help us escape physical harm becomes activated even in the presence of day-to-day situations that do not pose any threat to our life. Thus, we carry within us a state of stress, or a state in which our body is responding to fear and threat even in situations that are only problems for our mind. Because we are not fighting or fleeing, our body has no way to dissipate the bottled up stress and we carry it around with us throughout the day. Ultimately, it begins to cause problems for us internally, and different organs begin reacting to that stress. Thus, stress that is unchecked and not dissipated can affect our heart, our lungs, our circulatory system, our digestive system, our skin, and our nervous system. We may suffer from stress-related headaches, stomachaches, breathing problems, and nervousness.

Positivity reigns supreme

Positive affirmation is the key to success. Hard work and positive visualisation leads to positive behaviour and weeds out negativity, says SARITA MATHUR



Being in the present moment is the gift of the moment. Only when you live in the present time awareness do you enjoy the moment. There is no guilt or regret from the past. There is no fear of the unknown either. Imagine, when heart-based awareness rules, anger and resentment are no longer a part of your life. Just a peaceful state of acceptance and embracing of the present moment. A sense of adventure and positivity reigns supreme.

Being who you are and speaking up for yourself is a sure shot way of enjoying your life. Often, we do not say what we mean. Consequently, we keep thinking about it — about what we should have said, or not. We are plagued by negativity. By constantly pleasing other people, we put ourselves last. This does not lead to happiness. It actually makes us resentful and unhappy.

By being people pleasers, we do not make anyone happy. People do not realise that we are not doing what we want to. They take us for granted. We earn respect only when we are true to ourselves. We must

speak up when someone is rude to us or says something that we do not agree with. Otherwise, it is too late. The moment is lost and then regret creeps in. By being true to ourselves and honest with our feelings, we feel powerful. Other people's opinion should not make us feel small. They are speaking their own truth. We can accept it if we want to, but not feel bad when they voice it.

The importance of visualisation cannot be overestimated. When we are young, it is called day dreaming. "Do not day dream!" we are often told. However, we can day dream ourselves into a glorious future. If we want a four-bedroom house and keep visualising ourselves living in one, chances are our dream will come true. The Universe answers our prayers. Positive affirmation is the key to success. Hard work and positive visualisation at all times leads to positive behaviour and weeds out negativity. When we dream big and work towards it, our dream is achieved. Positive and constant affirmation are the key to success. Breathing techniques are important.

Focusing on the breath is what people do to control negative thoughts. Breathe in and out slowly while counting each breath. This technique helps the mind to focus on one thing at a time. Most people cannot even count up to ten without thoughts crowding their mind. However, with practice it becomes easier. Each thought is received with detachment. The focus is on breathing. Once should not get attached to one's thoughts. Let the thoughts come and go and focus on the breath. Thought protection or mantras is sound healing. Keep chanting positive thoughts (a word or a sentence) and the vibration will flow through your mind and body. More importantly, there will be space for no other thought. When there is no space for negativity, positivity reigns supreme. The sound of a bell chiming (church or temple bell) sends sound vibrations through the metaphysical centre of the body creating peace and wellness. This is energy vibration. These rituals are profound in nature. They have deep meaning and natural healing.

Additionally, when you believe in a higher energy, and focus on it, peace comes to you. Your world may be out of control, but your faith in that higher energy will be there to help and guide you. God will give you whatever you desire, keep you safe and ensure you remain healthy. That, for most people helps them leave negativity and move towards positive thought.

Hands on and distant healing techniques help the mind calm down and the body to heal. These energy techniques are considered alternative, but more people are following and practicing them. Reiki, Chi Gung and Taichi are a few healing modalities. They bring the body and mind into balance and all negative thoughts get dissipated. As I like to say: life is full of joy. Visualise it, believe in it and work towards it.

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Correct your self-image

Appearance of self has a large bearing on how we perceive ourselves. To be happy, we must have this image right, says AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI

Before I get into this important aspect of our lives, let us be clear about what self-image is all about. Defined as the opinion or idea that you have of yourself, especially of your appearance or abilities, self-image is very different from self-respect, which is the feeling of pride in yourself in terms of what you do, or say, being correct and good. Ego, which is defined as your sense of your own value and importance, is a lot closer to one's self-image.

Image is the impression that a person gives to the public. These are of two types — naturally occurring (the result of many years) and contrived. The latter generally has a sinister motive. Those in the business of cheating the public contrive to give a false impression of self. Fake *babas* come to the mind in this connection. Then, there are people who run ponzi schemes.

Self-image begins to form from childhood itself. This process goes on throughout one's life. One tries to enhance it rather than correct it. There are many factors, which go into image making and its evolution. Humans have been blessed with intelligence. Mature intelligence or wisdom comes after a very long time, sometimes many lives. Still, this fact does not prevent people from pretending to be highly intelligent. That explains why we make so many mistakes. A human is not above erring, but a false assessment of self-intelligence makes it worse.

Appearance of self has also a large bearing on how we perceive ourselves. Good looking people feel more confident about themselves because the appearance is the first thing one notices in a person. However, this factor is not absolute. Other factors like abilities have a large bearing on how we assess our personalities overall. Personal values,



sanskars and morals, are also very important. They emit a feeling of superiority like no other. Our ambitions also decide how we assess ourselves. Persons with high ambitions think highly of themselves and try to project selves in a positive way. They are more focused than an average person. In short, how we desire our future to be is very important in this connection.

Personal nature also determines the image one will have of oneself. And our nature is the sum total of our habits. For example, continued success in life gives the image of being a go-getter. Our past has a lot of bearing on how we will perceive ourselves or others will. After all, are we not a sum total of what we have been, the acts we have done earlier.

The society we live in also influences how we assess ourselves, or like to be. We wish to be one of it and somewhat better. Health also plays a part. Healthy people are more likely to exude confidence. Circumstances and age force changes. In older age, one accepts that one is not so physically capable.

This fact brings out the necessity of correcting the self-image; we cannot be attached to any one version of it. Generally, the self-image is always superior to what we actually are. This puts a lot of pressure on one to rise to that standard. Some will say that it is a motivating factor for self-improvement. Yes, it is true as long as the gap is manageable, otherwise it results in stressful existence. It is very important that we have the right image of ourselves.

Trying to stick to some image is not wise, because the self-image must be attuned to the present realities, otherwise pressure builds up. Most of us are unable to fight it and suffer. This becomes a bondage, which is quite harmful. Ideally, we should focus on doing our duties and the image takes care of itself. And the gap between the reality and what we project ourselves to be should always be manageable; only then, our lives will be better.

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Afghan peace process at the crossroads

Peace in Afghanistan, devastated by four decades of war, never seemed so imminent. However, the latest round of peace talks between the US and the Taliban leadership indicates the negotiation process may take longer than expected. This week, when US President Donald Trump announced that he was withdrawing an invitation to the Taliban delegation and the Afghan Government for a meeting at Camp David, it created utter confusion around the world. Does it signal a complete withdrawal of the US from the Afghan peace talks? Or is it leading to another Trump-style chaos without providing any solution?

How America behaves would matter the most for bringing an enduring peace to Afghanistan. In fact, Trump's announcement to halt the negotiation with the Taliban may provide a much needed opportunity for a complete reset of talks so that some of the critical previous mistakes can be rectified without fail. Trump's Afghan envoy Zalmay Khalilzad, himself an Afghan émigré, was said to have reached a tentative agreement with the Taliban leadership. As per that agreement, the US troops would have been withdrawn from Afghanistan within a period of sixteen months in return for hard-to-enforce commitments from the Taliban, like a break from the clutches of Al-Qaeda, denial of their territory for global jihad, de-escalation of violence and starting of negotiations with the dispensation at Kabul.

However such an approach is replete with possibility of losing the US ally and helping the Taliban at the cost of the Kabul Government. And for all these unwanted possibilities, many of Trump's allies and close confidants, including then National Security Adviser John Bolton, are critical of the draft accord.

Rather than immediate troops drawdown, the Trump Administration must utilise all channels to end the war in Afghanistan. It simply implies that Washington has to work closely with the Ashraf Ghani



Afghan Presidential Spokesman Sediq Seddqi gives a press conference in Kabul on Saturday. Seddqi said that the priority for his Government is to hold national elections later this month, rather than reach a peace deal with insurgents AP

Government. Ignoring or excluding the Ghani establishment will in no way help deserting or countering the Taliban monsters. History records that without involving the local allies, peace deal are unlikely to last long. For example, the Paris Peace Accord between the Nixon Administration and the North Vietnam witnessed the fall of Saigon two years after its conclusion in 1973.

Some experts are of the opinion that a competent third party must facilitate the ongoing talks between the US and the Taliban. Also the US can follow the example of what happened in Havana between

the Colombian Government and the FARC rebels (Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia) from 2012 to 2016. Further the discouraging part of the whole negotiation process is that Khalilzad is directly dealing with the Taliban. This clearly indicates that the Taliban does not need to bother about the popularly elected Government of Ghani and only America alone can decide the future course of action for this war theatre, even particularly excluding the womenfolk of the country.

Another negative aspect of the current peace deal is that the US has not demanded a ceasefire even as the price of

their own forces' drawdown. Again signals are coming out of the already completed draft deal is that it has simply asked for reduction of the Taliban attack, not for bringing the attacks to a complete halt. The peace deal also does not hold the Taliban responsible for the attacks constantly launched by jihadist forces such as the newly formed Afghan branch of Islamic State or Iraq and Syria (ISIS)-Khorasan Province and the Haqqani Network based in Pakistan. It must be understood by the US strategists that Taliban should not be trusted anymore and brokering deal with them without involving the Ghani establishment

might prove fatal anytime.

Finally, when Trump is pushing for a final withdrawal of troops, he must rethink. Maintaining a small non-combat force around 9,000 will surely cost him lesser. But then total departure for the US from the most unpredictable war theatre of the world without providing a sustainable solution might undermine these aspects: the US hegemony, credibility of the democratically elected Government in Kabul, and lastly, safety net for the Afghan civilian population.

Trump must revisit what happened when former President Barack Obama withdrew the US troops from Iraq

in 2011. The power vacuum in Iraq gave birth to the notorious ISIS and once again necessitated the return of the US forces to Iraq.

A deal between the US and the Taliban for the US forces to withdraw from their longest-ever war in the Afghan soil could probably push some radical fighters to work under the wings of ISIS that is raising its tentacles in Afghanistan. It is a golden opportunity for the ISIS to recruit some of the hardcore members of the Taliban. Interestingly, the ISIS, who battles the Afghan Government and the Taliban, is not a part of the ongoing peace process. Many will join

the ISIS despite it losing grounds in Iraq and Syria. Simply put, for some Taliban, they will be able to continue their jihad mission against those whom they perceive as infidels and enemies. For many others, who fear retribution from civil society once they return to normal life, it could be a refuge.

History is witness to futility of military intervention in intersecine war in Afghanistan. Therefore, for the US and its allies it's difficult to find a way out in Afghanistan. Typically, the traditional Afghan warlords may not to follow the terms and conditions of an imposed peace process by the western powers led by the US.

According to many security experts, after the withdrawal of US forces, the Afghanistan Government may encounter the same problems it witnessed during the Najibullah regime after the withdrawal of Soviet forces. What can be a solace for Afghanistan is that Trump has already promised to leave behind "a very strong intelligence" presence in Afghanistan which he calls as "the Harvard of Terrorists". However, if the US strategy is to achieve immediate and long-term security goals, it must cautiously address this problem: many terror groups conform to US foreign policy in order to survive.

Afghanistan remains a hotbed for the growth of jihadist outfits. And the country has gradually become a conflict zone for both regional as well as global hegemony. In the process, non-state actors like the Taliban, the Haqqani Network, the ISIS, the Al-Qaeda and many other local terror outfits would be used for playing the proxies of the great power mongers.

Certainly, what is coming up is slow death of democracy and civil society in this beleaguered nation. And more precisely, millions of ordinary Afghans who have been forced to live their lives under constant shadow of war will be at the receiving end.

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As US-Taliban talks are underway, there is a need for Ashraf Ghani Government's role in brokering the peace deal. Without the Kabul dispensation's involvement in the comprehensive negotiation process, the peace can't be sustained



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PERSPECTIVE

Permanent Record of Snowden's story

The memoir, 'Permanent Record,' scheduled for release on September 17, offers the most expansive and personal account of how Snowden came to reveal secret details about the US Government's mass collection of Americans' emails, phone calls and Internet activity in the name of national security

Former US National Security Agency (NSA) contractor Edward Snowden has written a memoir, telling his life story in detail for the first time and explaining why he chose to risk his freedom to become perhaps the most famous whistleblower of all time.

Snowden, who now lives in Russia to avoid prosecution in the US, says his seven years working for the NSA and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) led him to conclude the US intelligence community "hacked the Constitution" and put everyone's liberty at risk and that he had no choice but to turn to journalists to reveal it to the world.

"I realised that I was crazy to have imagined that the Supreme Court, or Congress, or President Obama, seeking to distance his administration from President George W Bush's, would ever hold the intelligence contractor legally responsible — for anything," he writes.

The book, "Permanent Record," is scheduled to be released on September 17. It offers by far the most expansive and personal account of how Snowden came to reveal secret details about the Government's mass collection of Americans' emails, phone calls and Internet activity in the name of national security.

His decision to turn from obscure intelligence contractor work to whistleblower in 2013 set off a national debate about the extent of Government surveillance by intelligence agen-

cies desperate to avoid a repeat of the September 11 attacks. Intelligence officials who conduct annual classified assessments of damage from Snowden's disclosures say the documents will continue trickling out into the public domain for years to come.

Though the book comes six years after the disclosures, Snowden, who fled first to Hong Kong and then Russia, attempts in his memoir to place his concerns in a contemporary context. He sounds the alarm about what he sees as Government efforts worldwide to delegitimise journalism, suppress human rights and support authoritarian movements.

"What is real is being purposefully conflated with what is fake, through technologies that are capable of scaling that conflation into unprecedented global confusion," he says.

The story traces Snowden's evolution from childhood, from growing up in the 1980s in North Carolina and suburban Washington, where his mother worked as a clerk at the NSA and his father served in the Coast Guard.

He came of age as the Internet evolved from an obscure Government computer network and describes how a youthful fascination with technology — as a child, he took apart and reassembled a Nintendo console and, as a teenager, hacked the Los Alamos nuclear laboratory network — eventually led him to a career as an NSA contractor,



In this February 14, 2015, file photo, Edward Snowden appears on a live video feed broadcast from Moscow at an event sponsored by ACLU Hawaii in Honolulu AP

where he observed high-tech spy powers with increasing revulsion.

Analysts used the Government's collection powers to read the emails of current and former lovers and stalk them online, he writes.

One particular programme the NSA called XKEYSCORE allowed the Government to scour the recent Internet history of average Americans. He says he learned through that programme that nearly everyone who's been online has at

least two things in common: They've all watched pornography at one time or another, and they've all stored videos and pictures of their family.

"This was true," he writes, "for virtually everyone of every gender, ethnicity, race, and age — from the meanest terrorist to the nicest senior citizen, who might be the meanest terrorist's grandparent, or parent, or cousin."

He struggled to share his concerns with his girlfriend, who joined him in Russia and

is now his wife.

"I couldn't tell her that my former co-workers at the NSA could target her for surveillance and read the love poems she texted me. I couldn't tell her that they could access all the photos she took — not just the public photos, but the intimate ones," he writes. "I couldn't tell her that her information was being collected, that everyone's information was being collected, which was tantamount to a Government threat: If you ever get out of line, we'll

use your private life against you."

Before summoning a small group of journalists to Hong Kong to disclose classified secrets, knowing that a return to the US was impossible, he says he prepared like a man about to die. He emptied his bank accounts, put cash into a steel ammo box for his girlfriend and erased and encrypted his old computers.

These days, the 36-year-old Snowden lives in Moscow, where he remains outside the

reach of a US. Justice Department that brought Espionage Act charges just weeks after the disclosures. He spends many of his days behind a computer and participating in virtual meetings with fellow board members at the Freedom of the Press Foundation. "I beam myself onto stages around the world" to discuss civil liberties, he writes.

When he does go out, he tries to shake up his appearance, sometimes wearing different glasses. He keeps his head down when he walks past buildings equipped with closed-circuit television. Once, he says, he was recognised in a Moscow museum and consented to a selfie request from a teenage girl speaking German-accented English.

It's unclear when or even if Snowden will return to a country where his family has deep roots. He traces his lineage back to the Mayflower and ancestors who fought in the Revolutionary War.

He was shaken by the September 11 attacks, but describes his "reflexive, unquestioning support" for the wars that followed as the greatest regret of his life.

"It was as if whatever institutional politics I'd developed had crashed — the anti-institutional hacker ethos instilled in me online, and the apolitical patriotism I'd inherited from my parents, both wiped from my system — and I'd been rebooted as a willing vehicle of vengeance." AP



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YOUR WEEK AHEAD

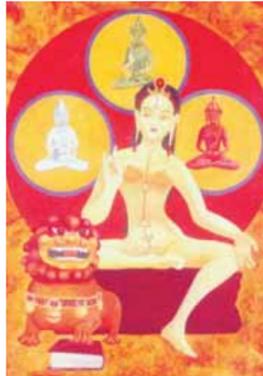
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ARIES March 21-April 19

You are very worried about the future. This will cause you tension and give you sleepless nights. Health issues like headache, insomnia, or BP may trouble you. You should not allow negative emotions like fear, frustration and uncertainty to immobilise you. Focus on your present. On the career front, stay away from flatterers as you may be deceived by inaccurate information. You may face frequent mood swings and insecurity. Hidden forces at play may unravel your success. The best part is that you are positive, know how to control the situation and come out as a winner. In your love life, you will feel strong and established. You are balanced and caring towards your partner. Love relations may turn into a marriage.

Lucky number 31
Lucky colour Turquoise
Lucky day Thursday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

You need to find a positive environment where you can relax. You are likely to encounter a mental conflict and nervousness may cause the blood pressure to fluctuate. Focus on balancing your untamed energy. A disciplined lifestyle, balanced diet, regular medical checkup and exercise are unavoidable. Stay away from arguments and aggression. In your career, you will prove yourself trustworthy. It is likely to have genuine affection for someone in the work area. Those who have their own business will enjoy financial gains. Those in the job, the favour of a senior will boost your confidence. Your amicable behaviour and communication will work in your favour. In the matters of love, you will feel blessed. People will like you for your affectionate and romantic nature.

Lucky number 17
Lucky colour Golden
Lucky day Sunday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

For good health, you need to derive positive energy from the five elements: earth, water, air, fire and the sky. You need to adopt a balanced approach to life. Any irregularity in diet and lifestyle will have a bad impact on your health. Control your cravings and keep your anger in check. At work, you are meticulous and hard-working. You are willing to learn new skills. Your dedication and focus will work in your favour. Financially, there is a need to bring change in your lifestyle to increase overall gratification. The best part is that you are committed to getting those changes done. This week you will be lucky in love matters and have a high level of emotional contentment. You will see perfection all around you. Joy and happiness are within your reach.

Lucky number 21
Lucky colour Grey
Lucky day Saturday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

This week you will enjoy good health, good vigour and good stamina. You will not only be able to care for yourself but for your family as well. You will take a rock-solid resolution for a healthy family, and will leave no stone unturned to achieve your goal. On your career front, you may need to take some important decisions with regard to your career/business. Maintain a practical approach. There are chances of you being emotionally blackmailed. A female counterpart may play a significant role in enhancing your career. You will witness a one-sided love, therefore, you need to have lots of patience and strength. Those in a committed relationship may have to stay apart on account of responsibilities. Married couples will have a mutual understanding.

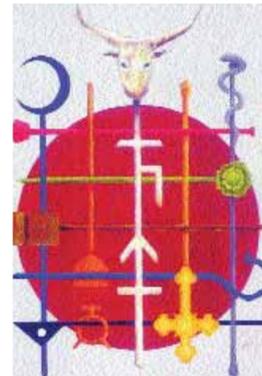
Lucky number 13
Lucky colour Navy Blue
Lucky day Tuesday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

Health-wise, this week is good. You will feel abundant energy and creativity. A female influence, either your mother or spouse, will help you meet your health needs and be a motivating factor to maintain a balance between physical and mental levels. You may slow down on your career front because you are under the constant scrutiny of competitors and rivals. You will feel restricted in life. Your addiction like alcohol, overspending or unhealthy relationship may become a hurdle in the path of success. Shield yourself from all these negativities. In the area of love, you need to accept and surrender to your present circumstances. It is advisable to leave instant temptation of gratification for the higher cause. Singles need to wait for some more time before committing to a relationship.

Lucky number 18
Lucky colour Indigo
Lucky day Friday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

You will do anything to achieve good health. You should decide whether you want to follow your mind or your heart. The first approach would be to scrutinise your innermost needs and expectations. Your career may be at a standstill and you will feel stagnated. You need to make cordial relations with your senior authorities. Your positive outlook towards life will keep you motivated and open doors for new opportunities. In terms of wealth, the result will be discouraging. Hard earned money will be spent on expenses and you will be left with no money in hand. Relationship wise, you are trustworthy and reliable. Singles will get the good message of love. Romance with your desired partner is on the card. Your commitment and loyalty will strengthen your relationship.

Lucky number 12
Lucky colour Black
Lucky day Tuesday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

In the matters of health, the change is for good. Positive outlook will bring improvement. The mental tension and fatigue due to the fast moving life will go away. Physical exercise and being with nature will work best for you. In your career, you are likely to find new job opportunities with better prospects. Those who have appeared for competitive exams, success is assured. You are likely to be called for an interview. Expect a good news in terms of promotion or salary hike. Your hard working and goal oriented attitude will pay you well. Friendship with juniors will bring you benefits. In your love life, your orthodox nature will lead to separation and leave you disheartened. You need to adopt a modern outlook towards your partner.

Lucky number 19
Lucky colour White
Lucky day Friday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

It is important that you look after your health this week. Though you have been avoiding it, a visit to a doctor is a must. Be open and discuss all matters because appropriate medical advice and treatment is the need of the hour. Your spiritualism and faith in God is good and will help you to have a peaceful personality. You have good news waiting on your career front. This can either be a promotion or a salary hike. Due to a sudden change, you may get transferred to the desired place. Your perseverance and hard work will pay you well. In love, you may be deceived or feel disheartened. You are forced to sacrifice or surrender to be with your partner. This is not the right time to start a relationship or have high expectations from an existing relationship.

Lucky number 28
Lucky colour Peach
Lucky day Saturday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

This week you are full of creativity and positive energy. You need to utilise this energy in constructive pursuits. Make sure you maintain balance within yourself. On the career front, you will prove to be a genuine leader and people will listen to you. You will emerge as an efficient participant in meetings, collaborations and contacts. Support from opposite sex will help you achieve desired success. Those appearing for an interview or competitive exams, success is assured. In matters of love, you have to be a little careful. You should respect and understand the feelings of your partner. You can achieve success in a relationship by showing generosity. Presenting a gift, to your partner may create the magic and strengthen your love.

Lucky number 11
Lucky colour Orange
Lucky day Tuesday



CANCER June 21-July 22

You will enjoy good health, vigour and vitality. Yoga, exercise, and nutritious diet will be very important for you. You are capable of regularising your routine, discipline your senses. Your career card holds good fortune this week and you will experience a sudden financial gain. The change is positive, the business will grow and those with jobs can expect promotions, increment or the desired transfer. Some of you may travel abroad for project work. Relationship wise, some of you may receive a message of love or a marriage proposal. Singles, chances of finding someone special is indicated. Married couples may go on a pleasure trip and their bonding will become stronger.

Lucky number 39
Lucky colour Red
Lucky day Wednesday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

This week you will be moody and irritable. This may cause concern for your physical health. You might face health issues like headache, nausea and BP etc. You need to control your wild imagination and trust your instincts. Walk the path of enlightenment and stay focused. In career, you need to take action towards your greater good. You will be able to confront any unfinished business in your life, clear up any misunderstanding. Extra hard work is needed for good results. You may face a lots of challenges at work. Give your best, the rewards are assured. In relationship, abundance of happiness is in store. You will find balance and stability in love. Unmarried may get marriage proposals. You will leave no stone unturned to make your partner happy.

Lucky number 29
Lucky colour Sky Blue
Lucky day Tuesday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

This week you are filled with positive energy. Recovery from illness is indicated. An emotional issue concerning the care or treatment of someone close will be discussed. Follow a healthy routine like physical exercise and a balanced diet to stay fit and healthy. Career-wise, this is the best week. You will get an opportunity to change your destiny. You need to be positive and spontaneous. You will win the trust of your senior authorities and may be featured at the top in your Boss' list. Promotion is likely. A new beginning such as a new job, or a new residence, is indicated. In love life, a manifestation of desire, good fortune, and contentment are on the cards. Some of you might plan for a date or a romantic trip. Married couples may have a mutual understanding.

Lucky number 14
Lucky colour Pastel Green
Lucky day Friday

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Watch over your karma

Having followed last two issues of this column, another regular reader came up with an interesting question: "Sir, you have beautifully explained how our karma sets the term for what we become due for — reward or punishment. But in our life, we do both good and bad karma. Would not the credits earned for all the good done, balance out our bad karma and relieve us from its future implications? You have also suggested that the choice option enjoins upon us with the capacity to filter off the undesirable. To what extent can we modify negative implications of our karmic accruals and what are the remedial measures necessary?"

In divine scheme of things, there is no provision of reward or punishment. Your good karma lets you realise your indwelling potential. That keeps you motivated to for well-intended karma. Your bad karma, in the first place, may stand in way or your potential blooming out in full. Also, it lets you go through similar experiences as would have been met out to others. Purposely so as to put you through such lessons as would make you realise your wrong doings and evolve. It doesn't work like business eco-

nomics where profit balances out the loss. The driving spirit of the laws of karma is to put you through lessons of life as would help you evolve. So, both good and bad karma find reflection simultaneously.

In so far as remedial measure is concerned, self-help offers the best answer. Bear in mind; only such process would work as could get into the inner realms of mind for necessary corrections from the root level. Pundits performing belief driven transactional pujas can't reach out your mind frame to nullify your habit tendencies. Had it been so, no resourceful person would ever suffer in life.

It is pertinent to note here that thought seeds pertaining to the karmic carry over from the past are imprinted in the mind. They find reflection in your thought process. When you self-reflect, you may figure out different patterns in the thought process playing within mind. That may help you identifying and acknowledge the fault lines, and then address them. Often, your ego may not let you dispassionately acknowledge indwelling infirmities. Here, astrology may serve as an effective diagnostic tool, which, through a look at the energy-map of heaven at the time of one's birth, reflects



upon your karmic accrual with a fair amount of precision, as energy knows no bias. The redressal process is not that easy either, as habits die hard. Better seek the guidance of a realised Guru, who is adept in overcoming the limitations of mind and psyche. The extent to which one could modify the implications of karmic carryover from the past depends on your will and resolve to change yourself through sustained efforts.

Here is the case of a person who had been doing extremely well in so far as his business was concerned. But at the same time, he and his family members were faced with a criminal case of serious dimension. Look at his astrological pointers. Towards the potential side, Jupiter, the lord of Kendra house occupying its own house, aspects Venus the lord of trine house, which occupies the 10th house identified with career prospects. The 10th lord Mercury occupying the 11th house identified with fulfillment of desires, is posited in the nakshatra owned by Venus. Association of Kendra and Trine houses speaks loud of his promising career. Further to that, mind signifying Moon, beautifully aligned with Mercury makes him an intelligent person armed with good communicative skill, vital to success in life.

Towards the negative, the Sun is locked in adverse formation with mischievous Neptune, which binds him to his fanciful dream perceptions, not realising that it could put him through difficult situations. Added to that is Venus, ill-disposed off to Neptune. That makes him susceptible to get into unconventional partnership, not acceptable by societal norms, thus putting his morality in question. If all that would not be enough, the Sun is in opposition to its planet of nemesis Saturn. That makes him vulnerable to come under the scanner of law enforcement agencies. As he entered his 38th year, the progressed lagna closed up Neptune, which was already placed adverse to Venus. Progressed Sun formed unholy alliance with natal Venus. Progressed Venus as well as Moon, locked horns with Neptune. All these negative indicators simultaneously coming into play, his extra marital relationship created a situation that put him through a very difficult situation.

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