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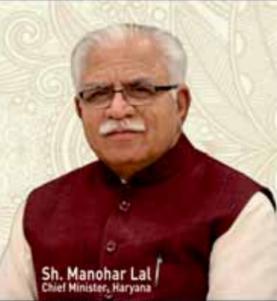
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Ayodhya verdict by mid-Nov

SC: Let us conclude hearing by Oct 18 so that we get 4 weeks to write order

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
The Supreme Court on Wednesday set an October 18 deadline for completion of all arguments in the protracted Ram-Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid land title dispute, a move that has raised the possibility of a verdict in the politically sensitive case in the middle of November.



"Let us make a joint effort to conclude the hearing by October 18 so that we get four weeks time to write," the Supreme Court said.

As it offered to hear the case on Saturdays as well, the SC at the same time said the parties to the dispute are free to find an amicable solution through mediation and place the settlement before it.

However, the top court told lawyers from both the Hindu and Muslim sides in the Ayodhya case that it wanted to conclude the day-to-day hearings by October 18 so that the judges get almost four weeks time to write the judgment.

The target date for completion of arguments assumes significance since Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, who is heading the five-judge

Constitution bench hearing the case, is due to demit office on November 17.

"The hearing of the appeals, which is at a very advanced stage, will continue without any interruption. If, in the meantime, the parties desire to settle the matter(s), including, by resort to mediation by the earlier constituted mediation panel, they may do so and place the settlement before the court, if reached," the Bench said in its order.

The court on Tuesday had asked the counsels for the Hindu and Muslim parties to inform it about a tentative "time schedule" for concluding

their arguments. The Constitution Bench, which also comprised Justices SA Bobde, DY Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and SA Nazeer, has so far heard the Ayodhya land dispute case for 26 days after it commenced the day-to-day hearing on August 6 following the failure of mediation proceedings initiated to find the amicable resolution.

As per the apex court's calendar, the Bench now has 15 working days remaining to conclude the lengthy hearing by October 18. So far, Hindu parties have argued for 16 days and senior advocate Rajeev Dhavan, representing the

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Muslim sides, had advanced submissions for 10 days.

Dhavan said he and his colleagues would take eight more days to conclude their submissions and two senior counsel — K Parasaran and CS Vaidyanathan — appearing for a Hindu party would need two days to rebut his arguments.

"We are open to hearing on Saturdays, if required," the Bench said, adding a tentative schedule can also be worked out. After dealing with the time schedule, the Bench then said it has received a letter from former apex court judge F M I Kalifulla, who was heading the three-member mediation panel, in which it was stated that some parties have written to him for resumption of the mediation process.

"There is an ancillary issue.

We have received a letter that some parties want to settle the matter by way of mediation," the Bench said, adding they may do so and the proceedings before the mediation panel can remain confidential.

Referring to its earlier order, it said, "We also make it clear that the terms and the process of settlement including mediation, if resorted to, will abide by our earlier order dated March, 8, 2019, with regard to confidentiality."

While ordering the day-to-day proceedings, the court had taken note of the report of the three-member panel, also comprising spiritual guru and founder of the Art of Living foundation Sri Sri Ravishankar and senior advocate and renowned mediator Sriram Panchu, that mediation pro-

ceedings, which went on for about four months, did not result in any final settlement and it had to decide the matter pending before it.

The court, which on March 8 referred the matter for mediation, had asked for in-camera proceedings to be completed within eight weeks, but later granted time till August 15 after the panel's earlier report said the mediators were "optimistic" about an amicable solution. The SC fixed the seat for mediation process in Faizabad, around 7 km from Ayodhya, and said adequate arrangements, including the venue of the mediation, place of stay of the mediators, their security, travel should be arranged by the State Government.

It had perused a report about the progress of mediation process till July 18 and said its contents will remain confidential. Fourteen appeals have been filed in the apex court against the 2010 Allahabad High Court judgment, delivered in four civil suits, that the 2.77-acre land in Ayodhya be partitioned equally among the three parties — the Sunni Waqf Board, the Nirmohi Akhara and Ram Lalla.

SC fumes at no safety net for sewer cleaners

Nowhere in world people sent to gas chambers to die, says apex court



New Delhi: Nowhere in the world people are sent to "gas chambers to die," fumed the Supreme Court on Wednesday while expressing serious concern over deaths during manual scavenging and manhole cleaning across the country.

Slamming the Government authorities for not providing protective gear like masks and oxygen cylinders to people engaged in manual scavenging and manhole cleaning, the apex court said this is the "most inhuman" way to treat a human being.

The SC said that although over 70 years have passed since India got independence, caste discrimination still persists in the country and the society is not treating all human beings equally despite the Constitutional mandate.

"Why are you not provid-

ing them masks and oxygen cylinders? In no country in the world, people are sent to gas chambers to die. Four to five people are dying due to this every month," a Bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra asked Attorney General KK Venugopal.

Venugopal, while conceding that people involved in such works are dying in the country day-after-day, said deaths have also happened due to potholes on the roads but no action has been taken against the authorities concerned.

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CAPSULE

RAMSAY OF 'DO GAZ ZAMEEN KE NEECHE' DIES
Mumbai: Shyam Ramsay, one of the seven Ramsay Brothers known for cult horror films such as "Do Gaz Zameen Ke Neeche" and "Tahkhaana", died in a hospital here on Wednesday, his family said. He was 67. Shyam Ramsay died of pneumonia on Wednesday morning.

PAK REFUSES TO OPEN ITS AIRSPACE FOR MODI
New Delhi: Pakistan has turned down an overflight request by India for Prime Minister Modi's upcoming US trip. This request, according to officials, is as per protocol, since Air India One is not a commercial flight but a VIP one. The longer route that Air India One will now take will increase the flying time for the Delhi-Frankfurt (fueling halt for onward flight to Houston) leg of Air India One by 45-50 minutes.

CHINMAYANAND'S VICTIM THREATENS SUICIDE
Shahjahanpur: The student who has levelled rape charges against Swami Chinmayanand threatened on Wednesday to set herself on fire if the BJP leader is not arrested immediately. PTI

E-cigarette stubbed out; violators to face 3-year jail, ₹5L fine

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

It's the end for ENDS (electronic nicotine delivery systems) in India. The Union Cabinet on Wednesday decided to ban electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) and other vaping products, making India one of the few countries that have done so.

The Government is of the view that e-cigarettes pose health risks similar to those caused by combustible cigarettes. The prohibition will entail penal provisions also with a jail term up to three years and a fine up to ₹5 lakh.

The Union Cabinet approved the Prohibition of E-cigarettes Ordinance, 2019. The Ordinance has been sent to the President for clearance.

"The ban means prohibition on the production, manufacturing, import/export, sale,



Countries where vaping is banned

- US (New York & Michigan), Argentina, Brazil, Brunei, Cambodia, Colombia, Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Malaysia, Lebanon, Mexico, Panama, Philippines, Qatar, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Uruguay, Vietnam, Venezuela

storage and advertising of e-cigarettes. This is keeping in mind the impact it is having on the youth today. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman told reporters here after the Cabinet meeting.

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Transport stir against MVA defers exams in Delhi, NCR

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Unhappy over the amended Motor Vehicles Act (MVA) and an exorbitant hike in fines, the United Front of Transport Associations (UFTA), an umbrella unit of about 41 transport associations in Delhi-NCR, including cabs, auto-rickshaw and cluster bus services, will go on a day strike on Thursday in Delhi and NCR.

The announcement by the UFTA has caused the authorities to defer half yearly examinations in Delhi-NCR schools scheduled for Thursday.

Unions affiliated to UFTA, including those of trucks, private school/tourist buses, chartered buses, tempo, taxi, auto rickshaws had held a mega protest against steep hike in traffic violation fines at Janatar Mantar on Monday.

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Dead heat in Israel: Bibi trails by 1

PTI ■ JERUSALEM

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud party trailed its main rival Blue and White by 31 to 32 seats on Wednesday after an unprecedented repeat election, putting the country's longest serving premier on a shaky ground and raising the possibility of a unity government.

Israelis voted on Tuesday in their country's second general election in five months after 69-year-old Netanyahu failed to form a governing coalition with a viable majority following April's vote.

The Central Election Committee said that Blue and White party seemed to be taking a lead over Likud after 91 per cent votes were counted. The centre-left bloc now has 56 seats compared to Netanyahu-led bloc, comprised of right-wing and ultra-Orthodox parties, which is at 55 seats in the 120-member Parliament.

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Mamata discusses 'Bangla' with Modi, gives NRC a miss

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and discussed among other issues like the State Assembly's decision to rename West Bengal as "Bangla". The controversial NRC (National Register of Citizens) process that has added to the bitterness between Mamata and the Centre, however, did not figure during their discussion which focussed on developmental issues.

The meeting at the Prime Minister's residence that lasted for about half an hour also had Mamata extending an invite to Modi to inaugurate the world's second-largest coal block Deocha Pachami in Birbhum district after Navratri puja.

This was the first time that



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a meeting with West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in New Delhi on Wednesday PTI

Mamata, who has been among the harshest critics of Modi and the BJP, met him after the Visva Bharati University convocation at Shantiniketan in May 2018. She did not attend Modi's swearing-in in May when he took charge for the second time and had stayed away from the Niti Aayog meeting in June.

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EU MPs lambast Pakistan for terror drive in 'greatest democracy' India

PTI ■ BRUSSELS

European parliamentarians E Ryszard Czarnecki and Fulvio Martusciello have slammed Pakistan for harbouring militants, with one of them saying terrorists who carried out attacks in India did not come from the Moon.

During a special debate of the plenary of the European Parliament on the situation in Kashmir on Tuesday, Czarnecki, the member of EU Parliament and European Conservatives and Reformists Group in

"India is the greatest democracy of the world. We need to look at terrorist acts that took place in India, Jammu & Kashmir. These terrorists didn't land from the Moon. They were coming from the neighbouring country. We should support India," said Czarnecki.

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Laxmi found on Yamuna bank after 2 months

Mahout arrested, elephant owner Yusuf & his son on the run

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The 47-year-old elephant Laxmi, who went missing two months ago, was found by the Delhi Police near the banks of the Yamuna in New Delhi on Wednesday around 3.30am.

Police have arrested Laxmi's mahout Saddam, while owner Yusuf Ali and his elder son are at large. According to a senior police official, Laxmi was found along with Saddam after a day long search by three teams who combed the area along the river banks in the

eastern part of the city and the Uttar Pradesh-Delhi border.

"Saddam was produced before a court. Earlier Laxmi was kept at the Shakarpur Police Station but was later shifted to the Delhi Government's nursery at ITO from where she will be taken to the Ban Santoor elephant rehabilitation centre in Yamunanagar in Haryana," said the senior police official.

The elephant belongs to Ali's family residing in Shakarpur. Since he could not make proper arrangements for the animal's upkeep, the forest department had issued a seizure notice in February.

Ali then moved the Delhi High Court, which said the forest department can seize the elephant only when necessary arrangements for its transfer to the new site have been made.



47-year old elephant Lakshmi, which went missing 2 months ago, at Shakarpur Police Station in New Delhi on Wednesday PTI

"On July 1, the forest department got the go ahead from the Ban Santoor elephant rehabilitation centre to transfer the elephant. On July 6, when a forest department team came to take the elephant they were allegedly attacked by Ali, his son and their relatives.

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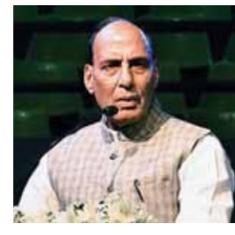
Border chronicle within 2 yrs to raise awareness: Rajnath

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In the first endeavour of its kind, India will have in place a written history of its borders in the next two years with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh approving the project. The documented history will help provide the masses and the Government officials a better understanding of the borders.

At present, India has a disputed over 4000-km border, known as Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China, and the volatile 750-km long Line of Control (LoC) with Pakistan.

While the LoC is "hot" at present witnessing relentless ceasefire violations by Pakistan following the abrogation of



special status to Jammu & Kashmir under Article 370, the LAC has not seen a single shot fired in anger for the last 45 years by either India or China. However, the LAC spreading from Ladakh in the west to Arunachal Pradesh in the east often sees transgressions due to differing perceptions about the border. Moreover, Indian



Parliament had passed a unanimous resolution saying even Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (POK) is part of India and the NDA Government maintains that it will make all efforts to retrieve POK. Pakistan occupied that part during the 1947 war with India after raiders from across accompanied by the Pakistan Army intruded

into Kashmir. The written history will cover various aspects, including the tracing, making, unmaking and shifting of borders, the role of the security forces, of the borderland people, encompassing their ethnicity, culture and the socio-economic aspects of their lives.

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Defence Minister approves project

Govt to pay ₹57 cr CBSE exam fees of students

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Cabinet on Wednesday approved education department's proposal of paying the CBSE examination fees for Class X and XII students of its schools, with this move the Government will bear the expenditure of ₹57 crore.

According to Delhi Government, around 3.14 lakh students are studying in Government and aided schools besides the 'Patrachar vidyalaya' will be benefited by the initiative.

"The Cabinet in its meeting chaired by the Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal approved the Department of Education's proposal that the Delhi Government will pay the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) examination fees of class X and XII students of Government, Government aided schools, including taken over schools and Patrachar vidyalayas," a senior

Government official said. "The Cabinet decision will benefit around three lakh fourteen thousand students, at a cost of around ₹57 crore to the Government," he added.

The Government had announced that it will pay the fees following fee hike by the CBSE notified last month. The fees for the General Category students for classes 10 and 12 were doubled from ₹750 to ₹1,500 for five subjects.

The Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) students who were paying ₹375 earlier will now pay ₹1,200 for five subjects. In a special arrangement for the national Capital, the students were paying ₹50 only while the rest of the amount was paid by the Delhi Government as subsidy. "The amount will be directly paid to the CBSE and the students will not have to take any burden or wait for reimbursements," official said.

It may be noted that the assessment of students of classes III to VIII and IX and XI is

being done through centralized exams conducted by the Directorate of Education (DoE) in the form of mid-term and annual exams.

The assessment of students of classes X and XII is being done through Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) by conducting annual exams in the months of March-April.

According to a statement issued by the Government "All expenditure involved in conduct of home exams on items like printing of question papers, answer sheets and other related items is met by the Directorate of Education under a scheme 'Examination Reforms Br for quality improvement - S&M' without passing the burden of any expenditure to students. However, examination fees charged by the CBSE are borne by students for classes X and XII. Head of schools collect this fee from students and remit to CBSE usually during September month.

Fake visa-passport syndicate busted, 7 arrested

LARGE NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS, PASSPORTS, VARIOUS COUNTRIES' ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE STAMPS, FORGED HOLOGRAMS SEIZED

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The sleuths of the Delhi Police on Wednesday unearthed a syndicate involved in printing fake visas and forging passports. They were printing forged travel documents in a lab that they have set in the national Capital. Police have also arrested seven members of the syndicate and have recovered large number of documents, passports, various Countries arrival and departure stamps, forged holograms and much more from the possession of the accused.

According to Rajesh Deo, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Crime Branch, the agents involved in racket

have been identified as Jitender Kumar Mandal, a resident of Dhangarhi in Nepal, Pradeep Kumar Kattamuri, a vagabond and resident of Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, Vipin Sharma, a resident of Paharganj in Delhi.

"While the mastermind behind the syndicate has been identified as Majeet and his accomplice has been identified as Vijay Kumar, both residents of Vaishali in Uttar Pradesh. Police have also arrested two middlemen identified as Gagan Singh and Asha Rani and the printer identified as Jitender Kumar," said the DCP.

"A complaint was received by Crime Branch from Embassy of Nepal that, three



Nepalese were duped to the tune of 14-15 Lacs by Jitendra, Bijay, Biren and Binod on the

pretext of providing them good job in Canada," said the DCP.

"During investigation, the forged Visa Stickers were provided by Gagan, he was nabbed and he disclosed that, Asha provided her the stickers after which she was also arrested. Asha revealed that Vijay provided her the stickers. Accordingly, Vijay was also arrested, who disclosed that the purpose of Visa Sticker were prepared by Manjeet Singh who was also arrested and on his instance complete unit of printing forged Visa Stickers and Passports including forged visa stickers of Canada and

Schenegen, forged passports, forged bio-data pages of Indian passports and other devices were also seized," said the DCP.

Explaining the modus operandi of the syndicate the DCP said that the gang usually targeted young job aspirants from Nepal who wanted to get jobs in foreign countries.

"They allured them initially at Nepal by giving them false assurance of providing them good job in Canada. Thereafter, they took an initial amount from them at Nepal itself and then they used to call them to Delhi and take their passports for allegedly depositing them in the Embassy of Canada for the purpose of applying for the Visa," said the DCP.

"However, instead they would affix forged Visa Stickers on their passports and send them (victims) pictures of Visa Stickers through Whatsapp and after taking balance amount they would disappear," DCP said.

Delhi Metro Training Institute renamed, gets new logo

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Metro Training Institute at Shastri Park Depot functioning since 2002 was given a new name and logo on Wednesday. The institute will henceforth be known as the Delhi Metro Rail Academy (DMRA) which has so far imparted training to around 25,000 Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) personnel and 2000 personnel from other Metro networks in India and neighboring countries.

"The Delhi Metro Rail Academy will further raise the bar in the quality of training in the field of Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS). The Academy will now be headed by a Dean and each department will be led by a Professor.

The faculty will be strengthened by a team of full time Professors, Associate/Assistant Professors and Lecturers," said Mangu Singh, Managing Director of DMRC said while addressing the ceremony.

DMRA is one of the prestigious institute in the country is equipped with all modern facilities to impart customised training on every aspect of project planning, implementation and operations and maintenance of MRTS. In its pursuit of excellence, the academy will now be undertaking an up gradation of its facilities.

The makeover will include infrastructural, technological and academic upgradation. A new look website of the Academy is also being developed to facilitate all its stakeholders, said the official.

The upcoming infrastructural development will include construction of a new building with new simulators, a state-of-the-art tele-presence room, recreational centre, new yoga/meditation room, renovation of canteen, auditorium and so on. Besides, technological, digital up-gradation is being done to provide trainees with a digital learning environment with the most modern teaching aids.

The academy has reviewed the training modules/curriculum of both executives and non-executives, with emphasis on standardisation, content relevance, cross-training and technological advancements.

"DMRC training Institute has been instrumental in imparting world-class training to its own employees, besides employees from other Metros across the country. Its clients in India include Maharashtra-Metro (Nagpur and Pune), Noida Metro, Bengaluru Metro, Chennai Metro, Jaipur Metro, Kochi Metro, Kolkata Metro, Lucknow Metro, Mumbai Metro and so on.

The Institute has also imparted customized training to non-metro organizations such as Power Grid, DFCL, RITES Ltd., CIDCO Ltd., Cyient Ltd, L&T and others. Its international clients include MRT Jakarta, Indonesia, Dhaka Metro, Bangladesh, Nepal and LRT Sri Lanka," said the officials.

City Govt turns blind eye to Centre's traffic fines: Maken

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Accusing both the Centre and Delhi Government for working together with sole aim to spread their political ambit, former president of the Delhi Congress Ajay Maken alleged that people are being subjected to virtual daylight robbery in the name of traffic challans and the Kejriwal Government has been keeping a blind eye to this harsh reality.

Questioning the 'silence' of AAP dispensation over 'anti-people' policies of the Centre, Maken said it proves that AAP Government is working in cahoots with the BJP Government. Both the parties have colluded to harass and torment the people of Delhi in every possible manner, he said.

Maken was speaking at a demonstration organised by the Kohat Block Congress Committee at the Tri Nagar Metro Station Chowk to protest against the transport policy of the Modi Government at the Centre. "The State Governments of Bengal, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Goa and Haryana are reviewing the transport policy of the BJP Government at the Centre by using the Supreme Court order to adapt to local conditions in these States to lessen the burden on the people but Kejriwal Government in Delhi is strangely keeping a stony silence about the new transport policy of the Modi Government," he said.

He also said the economic condition of Delhi is deteriorating day by day as Karol Bagh is virtually shut, shops are empty with Diwali just a month away, traders have no business; production is low in industrial units and thousands of people have lost their jobs but instead of taking measures to revive it, Prime Minister was celebrating his birthday with pomp and show.

Maken further said that in the last five years of the Modi Government, the country witnessed rising unemployment rate, which has been the worst in the last 45 years. "The Central Government's Labour Minister, instead of generating employment, has blamed

the youth of North India, saying that they lack of merit. The Finance Minister found a strange logic in the falling sales of cars and scooters as she blamed it on the thinking of the youth in the 23-38 age groups as they were depending more and more on taxi services instead of owning their own vehicles. Both have no plans to address the pressing issues of rising unemployment and falling economic conditions, and in such a scenario," he added.

Accusing the centre for playing with fire by investing Rs 11.30 lakh Crore of 29 crore LIC policy holders in the name of shoring up the fortunes of sinking public sector units which was a dangerous gamble with the money of the poor people, he said, adding that the Modi Government has no business to put the hard-earned money of the common people at risky ventures. The dharna was presided over by senior Congress leaders and AICC member Chattar Singh, Tri Nagar Block Congress Committee president Pawan Mehra besides others.

New cultural centre in Vikaspuri soon

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi will soon have new cultural centre at Vikaspuri as Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia on Wednesday accorded approval for the construction of the complex under Sahitya Kala Parishad's demand to establish a publications wing and performing arts.

According to Delhi Government officials, the idea to construct new cultural center is to provide ample space for city people to perform art and

also eminent artists can present their performance. "For cultural performance, Delhi needs more space, therefore, we have come up with this plan to establish a cultural centre at Vikaspuri. This will not only the eminent artists to come to Delhi and perform but also the people of Delhi who love culture will get a space to showcase their talent," said Sisodia.

In the meeting which took place here in the Delhi Secretariat, the board members stressed on bringing in 'Sahitya' as a key component of the Sahitya Kala Parishad by restoring a publications wing within the Parishad. "We should treat publications as an important branch of Sahitya Kala Parishad. We can start with working on publishing

Coffee Table books in the order of volumes, portraying the lives and legacies of renowned artists," Sisodia added.

He also stressed on the importance of Parishad Samman, and directed the committee to restart the same. The Parishad has involved the original playwrights to review the literature being published to counter copyright infringement cases.

Construction of a cultural complex on a one acre of land at Budhela, Vikaspuri was also given a go-ahead by the board. It may be recalled that the land was allotted to the Sahitya Kala Parishad 13 years ago by DDA and its architectural design is being created keeping in mind the requirements of artists.

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It is for the general public information that my clients Pt. Banwari Lal S/o. Late Pt. Mungshi Ram, Sh. Krishan Kumar S/o. Pt. Banwari Lal, Smt. Surita Devi W/o. Sh. Krishan Kumar All R/o. RZ/D/85 NIHAL VIHAR, NANGLOI, WEST DELHI, DELHI-110041 along with their other family members have debarred, disowned and break down all the relationship from their grandson and son respectively namely Ankit Sharma from their all movable and immovable properties either self acquired or ancestral situated all over India due to his misconduct, disobedience and misbehavior attitude. My clients and their other family members will not be responsible in future for Ankit Sharma's actions. Sahil Jain (Advocate) RU-382, Pitampura, New Delhi-34

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Waterless bath among IIT-D's innovations on show

GAYATHRI MANI ■ NEW DELHI

Now, one can imagine having a hygienic, waterless bath and shampoo without using a single drop of water, a vegan scrambled egg consisting high proteins as Indian Institute of Technology-Delhi (IIT-D) is working on such innovations to help the people faced with water scarcity and to bring down the rate of animal slaughtering. Besides, the inventions such as bio-reabsorbable cardiac stent, water activated powerless heating system and a diagnostic tool for detecting cancer tissues, will be showcased at the 'Industry Day' event on Saturday.

The scrambled egg is created based on plant protein, which has the potential to address protein deficiency nutrition among large population that does not eat meat or egg protein.

The IIT with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is also working on to produce bullet proof jackets for the safety of soldiers. The jacket will be made with high technology that it can resist .9mm, AK 47, rifle rounds and moreover, this jacket will be a less weighing jacket with 7kg as compared to the usual ones that weighs 10 kg.

The Industry Day 2019 is the flagship event of IIT-Delhi that aims to harness and promote the power of Industry-Academia collaboration, kindle ideas for cogent partnerships and showcase cutting edge research by the IIT-Delhi researchers.

The event which will be inaugurated by the Dr. VK Paul, Member, NITI Aayog will showcase more than 200 innovative product prototypes and posters by IIT Delhi researchers. The five themes for the third edition of Industry Day are Clean Energy for Sustainable Economy and Environment, Sustainable Medical Technologies, Emerging Nano and Advanced Materials, Sustainable Environment, and Make in India.



Dr. VK Paul, Member, NITI Aayog

special feature will be a session on 'Women in Science' that will discuss the need for gender parity in various science disciplines by women personalities from various fields.

"To become an economic powerhouse, we as a nation, should work on our challenges and build on our strengths. AI based innovation in the area of healthcare, clean energy solutions to propel sustainability and efficient waste management solutions will be at the forefront of collaboration to deal with our current challenges. Industry driven research will also focus on creating jobs for our youth, and achieve our ambition of \$5 trillion Indian economy. IIT Delhi's Centres of Excellence are working with multiple Industrial partners towards this national vision," said Professor V Ramagopal Rao, Director of IIT-Delhi.

Professor Rao, also added that the IIT is the top techno-

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Delhi Police Tatpar app packed with 50 citizen-centric services

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Lieutenant Governor Anil Bajjal on Wednesday launched 'Tatpar' app, developed by the Delhi Police. The app amalgamates over 50 services of Delhi Police, classified in three categories home, information and social. Police said they have brought all its services, such as Himmat Plus, e-FIR and many more for citizen in one app.

Delhi Police Commissioner Amulya Patnaik and other senior police officials were present on the occasion. According to Anil Mittal, Additional Public Relation Officer (APRO) of Delhi Police, over the last three years, various units of

Delhi Police had developed web and mobile-based applications to facilitate delivery of citizen-centric services.

"These stand-alone applications, however, were required to be installed separately by the intending user, and further, in order to access the web-based service delivery portals, the correct URL was required to be remembered for every use. These were certain restrictive deterrents, and with a view to integrating the existing service-delivery mechanisms as also to add newer services by use of Geographical Information System (GIS) and AI, a unified mobile application 'Tatpar' has been developed," said Mittal.

"The app amalgamates all the websites and mobile applications of Delhi Police, and



L-G Delhi Anil Bajjal on Wednesday launched 'Tatpar App' developed by Delhi Police. Delhi Commissioner of Police Amulya Patnaik presented a memento to the L-G

over 50 services which can now be accessed with a single touch in the app," said Mittal.

zens can navigate to their nearest police station, traffic pit and prepaid taxi booth. On a single touch, the user will be provided

with the directions as well as the complete contact details of the concerned SFO of a police station," said Mittal.

Plea challenging vehicles rationing scheme rejected

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The NGT on Wednesday refused to entertain a plea challenging the decision of the AAP Government to implement odd-even road rationing scheme in the national Capital from November 4-15. A bench headed by NGT Chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel questioned the maintainability of the plea and dismissed it as withdrawn. "Under which law of the land is this plea maintainable," the bench said.

Public Notice

This is to bring to your notice that VISHAL SHARMA/POOJA SHARMA has availed Home loan facility vide facility agreement number LBNOD00002173206 located at FLAT NUMBER 1655, PROJECT GAUR ATULYAM, GH-01, SECTOR OMCIRON 1, GREATER NOIDA The borrower's has failed to pay the contractual amount to the builder as per the terms and conditions of the agreement.

The Bank had informed the same to the borrower through letter dated SEPTEMBER 04TH, 2019 informing that BUILDER-GAUR ATULYAM, GAUR GROUP, BIZ PARK, PLOT NUMBER 1, ABHAY KHAND-2, INDIRAPURAM, GHAZIABAD, 201014 has cancelled the allotment of the above mentioned property. You are therefore requested to resolve this matter with the builder within 7 days from the date of this publication. Please take further notice that post cancellation of the allotment of the said property ICICI Bank shall not be bound and/or responsible for any other allotment done by the builder.

Date: SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2019 Place: New Delhi Sd. For ICICI Bank Limited MUKESH KUMAR



जन भागीदारी-जवाबदेह सरकार उत्तर प्रदेश में पहली बार



विकास एवं सुशासन के 30 माह

कृषि

- रु. 73,000 करोड़ से अधिक गन्ना मूल्य का भुगतान • रु. 36,000 करोड़ से 86 लाख लघु एवं सीमान्त किसानों का ऋण मोचन • सभी किसानों को प्रधानमंत्री किसान सम्मान निधि योजना का लाभ • गेहूँ, धान, दलहन, तिलहन की एम.एस.पी. में वृद्धि करते हुए किसानों से 227 लाख मी. टन खाद्यान्न की सरकारी खरीद

सिंचाई

- 46 वर्षों से लंबित बाण सागर परियोजना सहित 8 सिंचाई परियोजनाओं को पूर्ण कर लगभग 2 लाख 67 हजार हेक्टेयर सिंचन क्षमता में वृद्धि • बुन्देलखण्ड में 8384 खेत-तालाबों का निर्माण • 50 लाख किसान ड्रिप सिंप्रकलर सिंचाई योजना से लाभान्वित • निःशुल्क बोरिंग के माध्यम से 1 लाख 61 हजार 485 हेक्टेयर सिंचन क्षमता में वृद्धि

चिकित्सा एवं स्वास्थ्य

- 'आयुष्मान भारत' योजना से 1 करोड़ 18 लाख गरीब परिवारों को रु. 5 लाख तक का चिकित्सा कवर। छूटे हुए 10 लाख 56 हजार परिवार 'मुख्यमंत्री जन आरोग्य योजना' से आच्छादित • जे.ई./ए.ई.एस. के रोकथाम हेतु प्रभावी प्रयासों से इस बीमारी में 35% एवं मृत्यु दर में 65% कमी • गोरखपुर एवं रायबरेली में एम्स का निर्माण • 15 नये मेडिकल कॉलेज की स्थापना-कार्य प्रगति पर, जिनमें से 7 मेडिकल कॉलेज में पढ़ाई प्रारम्भ

शिक्षा

- 'स्कूल चलो अभियान' में 1.80 करोड़ बच्चों का नामांकन • बालिकाओं को स्नातक तक निःशुल्क शिक्षा • एन.सी.ई.आर.टी. पाठ्यक्रम लागू • नकलविहीन परीक्षाएं • 193 नये इण्टर कालेज संचालित • 51 नये राजकीय महाविद्यालयों की स्थापना-कार्य प्रगति पर • 2 नये विश्वविद्यालयों की स्थापना हेतु भूमि-बजट की व्यवस्था • 24 राजकीय पॉलीटेक्निक की स्थापना • 4 राजकीय इंजीनियरिंग कॉलेज की स्थापना

बिजली

- जनपद मुख्यालयों को 24 घंटे, तहसील मुख्यालयों को 20 घंटे एवं ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों को 18 घंटे विद्युत आपूर्ति • 1 करोड़ 9 लाख से अधिक नये विद्युत कनेक्शन • 1 लाख 30 हजार मजरे विद्युतीकृत • सूर्यास्त के बाद ग्रामीण क्षेत्र विद्युत कटौती से मुक्त

निवेश

- लगभग रु. 2 लाख करोड़ की निवेश परियोजनाओं पर कार्य प्रारम्भ, 5 लाख लोगों को रोजगार • रु. 20,000 करोड़ के निवेश वाले डिफेंस कॉरिडोर की स्थापना-प्रक्रिया प्रारम्भ, 2 लाख 50 हजार लोगों को रोजगार मिलेगा • ओडीओपी योजना में 1 लाख 92 हजार लाभार्थियों को रु. 18 हजार 345 करोड़ का ऋण वितरित, 5 लाख लोगों को रोजगार

एक्सप्रेसवे

- 341 किलोमीटर लम्बे पूर्वांचल एक्सप्रेसवे का तेजी से निर्माण • 91 किमी. लम्बे गोरखपुर लिंक एक्सप्रेसवे एवं 297 किमी. लम्बे बुन्देलखण्ड एक्सप्रेसवे के लिए निर्माण-प्रक्रिया प्रारम्भ • मेरठ से प्रयागराज तक 640 किमी. लंबे गंगा एक्सप्रेसवे के निर्माण का निर्णय

समाज कल्याण

- अनुसूचित जाति/जनजाति के कुल 33 लाख 43 हजार, पिछड़ी जाति के कुल 55 लाख 83 हजार एवं सामान्य वर्ग के 19 लाख से अधिक छात्र-छात्राओं को पूर्वदर्शम एवं दर्शमोत्तर छात्रवृत्ति • वृद्धावस्था पेंशन प्रतिमाह रु. 400/- से बढ़ाकर रु. 500/- करते हुए 41 लाख 57 हजार 308 वृद्धजन को पेंशन • दिव्यांगजन पेंशन प्रतिमाह रु. 300/- से बढ़ाकर रु. 500/- करते हुए 9 लाख 84 हजार 709 दिव्यांगजन को पेंशन • वनटांगिया, मुसहर, कोल तथा थारू समुदाय के ग्रामों में मूलभूत सुविधाओं का विकास

कानून व्यवस्था

- कानून व्यवस्था पर जीरो टालरेन्स की नीति • संगठित अपराध पर नियंत्रण • सभी प्रमुख पर्व, त्यौहार, मेले, धार्मिक आयोजन तथा लोकसभा चुनाव शांतिपूर्ण एवं सकुशल सम्पन्न

महिला सशक्तिकरण

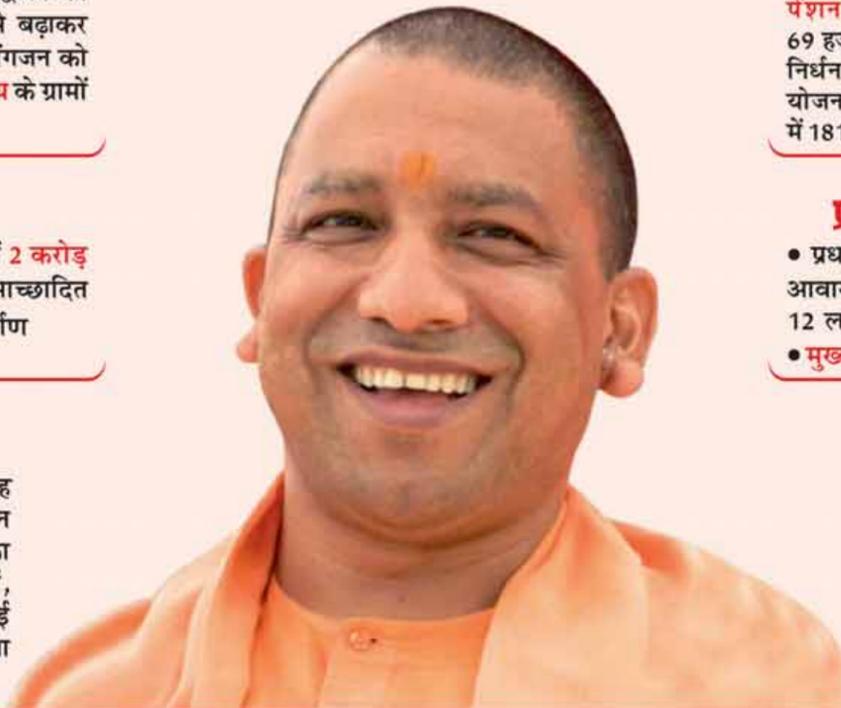
- प्रधानमंत्री उज्वला योजना में गरीब महिलाओं को 1 करोड़ 35 लाख निःशुल्क रसोई गैस कनेक्शन • एंटी रोमियो स्क्वायड का गठन • मुख्यमंत्री कन्या सुमंगला योजना क्रियान्वित • मुख्यमंत्री सामूहिक विवाह योजना में निर्धन परिवारों की 68108 कन्याओं की शादी • निराश्रित महिला पेंशन हेतु आयु सीमा की बाध्यता समाप्त • 21 लाख 69 हजार निराश्रित महिलाओं को पेंशन • अल्पसंख्यक वर्ग की निर्धन पुत्रियों की शादी के लिए अनुदान • प्रधानमंत्री मातृ वंदना योजना से 18 लाख 57 हजार 38 माताएं लाभान्वित • सभी जिलों में 181 महिला हेल्पलाइन व रेस्क्यू वैन संचालित

स्वच्छता

- सभी जनपद ओडीएफ घोषित • ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में 2 करोड़ 61 लाख परिवार व्यक्तिगत शौचालयों से आच्छादित • नगर क्षेत्र में 4000 सामुदायिक शौचालयों का निर्माण

श्रमिक-कल्याण

- 60 वर्ष की आयु पूर्ण कर चुके श्रमिकों को प्रतिमाह रु. 1000/- की पेंशन • प्रधानमंत्री श्रम योगी मान धन योजना के अन्तर्गत 5 लाख 13 हजार 917 श्रमिकों का पंजीकरण • पारम्परिक कारीगरों, बढ़ई, दर्जी, टोकरी बुनकर, नाई, सुनार, लोहार, कुम्हार, हलवाई आदि के लिए विश्वकर्मा श्रम सम्मान योजना • उत्तर प्रदेश माटी कला बोर्ड का गठन



प्रधानमंत्री आवास योजना

- प्रधानमंत्री आवास योजना (ग्रामीण) में 12 लाख 82 हजार आवास निर्मित • प्रधानमंत्री आवास योजना (शहरी) में स्वीकृत 12 लाख 97 हजार 212 आवासों का निर्माण कार्य प्रगति पर • मुख्यमंत्री आवास योजना (ग्रामीण) में 16700 आवास निर्मित

नगर विकास

- स्मार्ट सिटी मिशन योजना में प्रदेश के 10 शहर (लखनऊ, कानपुर, प्रयागराज, वाराणसी, आगरा, सहारनपुर, बरेली, झांसी, मुरादाबाद, अलीगढ़) में रु. 20 हजार करोड़ की परियोजनाएं प्रगति पर • 60 शहरों में अमृत योजना के अन्तर्गत कार्य • नमामि गंगे परियोजना के तहत 45 सीवरेज परियोजनाएं स्वीकृत, 12 परियोजनाएं पूर्ण एवं शेष पर निर्माण कार्य प्रगति पर

पारदर्शी भर्ती प्रक्रिया

- अब तक 2 लाख 25 हजार भर्तियां पूर्ण • पुलिस, शिक्षा व अन्य विभागों में भर्ती की पारदर्शी प्रक्रिया जारी

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- 129441 किमी. सड़कें गड़ढामुक्त • 66700 किमी. मार्ग का नवीनीकरण • 7948 किमी. ग्रामीण सड़कों का निर्माण • प्रधानमंत्री ग्राम सड़क योजना में 6003 किमी. सड़कों का निर्माण • 8 हवाई अड्डे क्रियाशील • जेवर इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट का कार्य प्रगति पर • 11 नये हवाईअड्डों का निर्माण जारी • लखनऊ में अमौसी से मुंशी पुलिया तक मेट्रो का संचालन • नोएडा से ग्रेटर नोएडा तक मेट्रो का विस्तार • कानपुर, झांसी, वाराणसी, आगरा, प्रयागराज, गोरखपुर और मेरठ में मेट्रो/रैपिड अर्बन ट्रांसपोर्ट हेतु कार्य योजना तैयार

पर्यटन

- प्रयागराज में 'दिव्य कुम्भ-भव्य कुम्भ' का आयोजन • मथुरा में रंगोत्सव एवं अयोध्या में भव्य दीपोत्सव का आयोजन • काशी विश्वनाथ मंदिर कॉरिडोर का विकास • स्वदेश दर्शन योजना के अन्तर्गत समेकित पर्यटन विकास

पशुधन व दुग्ध विकास

- प्रत्येक जनपद में दो-दो वृहद गोवंश संरक्षण केन्द्र की स्थापना हेतु रु. 180 करोड़ एवं छुट्टा गोवंश के भरण-पोषण हेतु रु. 158.50 करोड़ की स्वीकृति • बुन्देलखण्ड के 7 जनपदों में 36 पशु आश्रय गृहों के निर्माण हेतु रु. 10.32 करोड़ की स्वीकृति • वित्तीय वर्ष 2018-19 में 305 लाख मी. टन दुग्ध उत्पादन कर उत्तर प्रदेश देश में प्रथम स्थान पर

राशन की कालाबाजारी पर रोक

- 63 लाख से अधिक फर्जी राशन कार्ड निरस्त • 3 करोड़ 55 लाख परिवारों को नये राशन कार्ड • 15 करोड़ से अधिक लाभार्थियों को पोर्टेबिलिटी के माध्यम से राशन दुकान चुनने का अवसर • ई-पास मशीनों के माध्यम से भ्रष्टाचार रहित खाद्यान्न वितरण

वन एवं पर्यावरण

- वृक्षारोपण महाकुम्भ के अन्तर्गत रिकार्ड 22 करोड़ से अधिक वृक्षों का रोपण • प्रयागराज में एक निश्चित समयावधि में एक ही स्थान पर 76824 पौध रोपण कर 'गिनीज बुक ऑफ वर्ल्ड रिकार्ड' में नाम दर्ज • स्वच्छ पर्यावरण के लिए पॉलीथीन के निर्माण एवं उपयोग पर पूर्ण प्रतिबंध

Will forcefully present J&K issue at UN: Imran

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan said on Wednesday that he will forcefully present the Kashmir issue like never before at the UN General Assembly session next week.

Speaking after inaugurating the Torkham Terminal at Pak-Afghan border, Khan ruled out talks with India unless New Delhi lifts curfew in Kashmir and revoke the abrogation of Article 370, state-run Radio Pakistan reported.

"The Prime Minister assured the nation that he will forcefully present the Kashmir case like never before at the UN General Assembly session," it said.

Tension between India and Pakistan escalated after New Delhi revoked Jammu and Kashmir's special status on August 5. Reacting to India's move on Kashmir, Pakistan downgraded diplomatic ties with New Delhi and expelled



the Indian High Commissioner.

Asserting that abrogation of Article 370 is its internal matter, India has strongly criticised Pakistan for making "irresponsible statements" and provocative anti-India rhetoric over issues internal to it.

Khan also said that Pakistan will make its utmost effort for the resumption of the stalled peace process in Afghanistan.

The Prime Minister said he will insist for resumption of peace talks during his meeting

with US President Donald Trump on Monday in New York.

He said it will be tragedy if the talks do not resume and the Taliban do not participate in the Afghan elections.

Khan's comments came days after President Trump said that the peace talks with the Taliban are "dead".

The president had stunned the world on Saturday when he announced the cancellation of a secret meeting with the Taliban and Afghan President Ashraf Ghani at Camp David near Washington. It came after the Taliban claimed responsibility for an attack in Kabul early this month, in which an American soldier was among the dead.

Trump said the decision to invite the Taliban to Camp David was his, and so was the call to cancel it.

Khan said peace in Afghanistan is in the interest of Afghan people as well as Pakistan.

Howdy Modi! a sneak peak into Indo-Americans' contributions to US

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The mega "Howdy Modi!" diaspora event here on Sunday to greet Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Donald Trump would provide the world a glimpse of the contributions of Indian-Americans to the cultural, intellectual and social landscape of the US, the organisers say.

For the first time, Modi and Trump would share the stage to address the 50,000-strong Indian diaspora during the September 22 event titled "Shared Dreams, Bright Future" that would focus on the success of Indian-Americans as well as the strength of the US-India relationship.

Describing the joint appearance of the two leaders as "unconventional and unique", Harsh Vardhan Shringla, Indian Ambassador to the US said, "the event will reflect the strong bipartisan support there has been for US-India relations."

"Indian-Americans are an 'organic bridge' between the world's two largest democracies," he said.

Modi will be visiting the US from September 21-27 for the annual session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). It is his first US trip after winning a second term as prime minister in May. He will also have a meeting with CEO's of energy companies in Houston, world's energy capital, before heading to New York for the UNGA.

Houston is the energy capital of the world and the most diverse city in America. The news of President Trump joining this is a sign of the growing importance of the US-India relationship, he said.

Hundreds of volunteers, TIF, the Indian Consulate in Houston, city officials, governor's office are all working together to make the event a success.

TIF said the event will start with a 90-minute cultural programme- "Woven: The Indian-American Story" - that is a celebration of Indian-Americans and their contributions to the cultural, intellectual and social landscape of the US.

Over 50,000 attendees and those watching at home will experience the vibrant expressions of people empowered by their identity and driven to enrich the communities around them, it said.

Rishi Bhutada, public relations and media coordinator for the event, said, "Out of 50,000 people expected, 8,000 are coming from outside Texas state. There will be a cultural programme, followed by the

Prime Minister Modi's address, he said.

Welcome messages, personalised billboards across the city, special video from various organisations and prominent people are seen throughout the city.

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg in his message said, "I'm deeply appreciative of Prime Minister Modi's commitment to Digital India...For India to keep making progress, India needs to be a leader online."

Another message from Satya Nadella, Microsoft CEO, said, "India has world class entrepreneurs and human capital. The Prime Minister's vision is spot on; he knows how tech is a powerful tool to enable human ingenuity."

Durga Agrawal, President and CEO of Piping Tech and Products, extended a warm welcome to the prime ministers on behalf of the Indian-American community in Houston.

Bhavesh Patel, CEO of LyondellBasell, described the business relations between India and Texas while sharing an enthusiastic message to welcome the prime minister.

Paul Jacobs, former executive chairman, Qualcomm, said "We share Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision to transform India into a digital-empowered society and knowledge economy."

David Leebron, President of Rice University, is pleased that the prime minister has decided to come to Houston and proudly zooms in on the Indian-American community on campus while highlighting their contribution towards diversity.

Meanwhile, many are praying for the rain to stop as a trio of tropical storm systems brewing in the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean on Tuesday may dump heavy rain in parts of Texas and Louisiana in the coming days.

Threats from the storm include heavy rainfall and flooding in the Houston area, said Jeff Lindner, a meteorologist for the Harris County Flood Control District.

Tropical depression Imelda could bring up to 18 inches of rain to parts of southeastern parts of the state. Texas Governor Greg Abbott has placed resources on standby across the state.

Dead heat in Israel...

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The Joint List, an alliance of mostly Arab Israeli parties, also has gained a seat standing at 13. These numbers may change slightly when the votes of soldiers are counted later Wednesday and Thursday.

The secular Yisrael Beiteinu party won 9 seats, making its leader and former defence minister Avigdor Lieberman the kingmaker in the elections, as predicted earlier in the exit polls.

Meanwhile, Netanyahu's office said the prime minister will not travel to New York next week for the UN General Assembly in the wake of the election results. Foreign Minister Yisrael Katz will speak at the UN General Assembly instead of Netanyahu, the prime minister's spokeswoman said.

On Wednesday morning, 61-year-old Lieberman, an ally-turned-rival of Netanyahu, asserted that he will not join any coalition.

He said that "the picture is clear...There is only one option and it's a broad liberal unity government" comprising of Likud, Blue and White and his own Yisrael Beiteinu.

The ultra-Orthodox Shas got nine seats, Yamina has 7, Labour-Gesher is at 6 and the Democratic Camp has 5.

According to reports Netanyahu has rejected the idea of a coalition that would include the Joint List as a partner, saying there cannot be a government that relies on "parties that praise and glorify bloodthirsty terrorists who kill our soldiers, our citizens, our children."

Gantz, 60, on Wednesday told supporters that his party's campaign had "completed the mission."

"We proved that the idea called Blue and White, an initiative that we started a few months ago, is a success, big-time, and it's here to stay," Gantz was quoted as saying by the Times of Israel.

Netanyahu called the snap election after failing to form a governing coalition with a viable majority after April's vote.

His remarkable victory in the April 9 polls securing him a record fifth term proved temporary in the face of a log-jam between potential coalition partners over a military exemption bill governing exemptions for ultra-Orthodox Jewish seminary students.

Lieberman had made it a condition of allying with ultra-Orthodox Jewish parties that they adopt a law aimed at having ultra-Orthodox Jews serve in the military like their secular counterparts.

Ultra-Orthodox Jews studying in religious seminaries are currently exempt from mandatory military service, a practice many Israelis view as unfair.

Netanyahu and Lieberman's association in politics goes back some 31 years when the latter assisted the former during his tenure as the deputy foreign minister in an unofficial capacity.

Netanyahu, who has been premier for a total of more than 13 years, faces charges of bribery, fraud and breach of trust in connection with three cases.

SC fumes at no safety net for sewer cleaners

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He told the Bench, also comprising justices MR Shah and BR Gavai, that law of tort, which deals with civil wrong and its liabilities thereof, is not developed and practiced in the country and though the magistrates have jurisdiction, not a single case has been registered suo motu (on its own) on such incidents.

"A case cannot be filed against people who are sweeping the streets or cleaning sewers. Cases should be filed against the supervisory officers and authorities who are responsible for such works as they have collected taxes from the citizens for this," the Attorney General said.

The Bench remarked, "This is the most inhuman way to treat a human being?" "It is the most uncivilized and inhuman situation where

the people are losing their lives in gas chambers without any masks or oxygen cylinders," the Bench said, adding, "You have to take care of people. People are dying everyday due to this."

"All the human beings are equal and when they are equal you should provide them equal opportunities as mandated under the Constitution. You are not even providing them an equal chance and they are not even given the basic facilities to even clean themselves," the Bench said.

Justice Mishra also questioned whether the practice of unavailability, which was abolished by the Constitution, has stopped.

"Despite the Constitution abolishing unavailability in the country, I am asking all of you, will any of you shake hands with them? The answer

is no. That is the way we are going on. The condition must improve. We have moved 70 years since Independence but these things are still happening," Justice Mishra said.

Agreeing with the observation, Venugopal said the caste system is embedded in the country despite the Constitution saying that there should not be any discrimination on the basis of religion, caste and creed.

The apex court made these scathing observations while it was hearing the Centre's plea seeking review of its last year's verdict which had virtually diluted the provisions of arrest under the SC/ST Act.

The Bench reserved its verdict on the review plea filed by the Centre against the March 20 last year verdict delivered by a two-judge bench of the apex court. PTI

Laxmi found on Yamuna bank after 2... Transport stir against MVA defers...

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In the commotion, the mahout fled with the elephant and disappeared into a wooded area in the Yamuna floodplains near the Akshardham temple," said the forest official.

"In August, the forest department wrote to the chief wildlife wardens of all states asking them to alert it if they come to know about the whereabouts of the elephant. The department also alerted the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau as it suspected the elephant could have been taken to Nepal," the forest official said.

"After we received specific inputs regarding the hideout of Saddam, we also filed a complaint with police and requested them to increase patrolling in the Yamuna Pusta area as we suspected the elephant was being kept somewhere there," said the forest official.

Laxmi, one of only two elephants in the city outside the Delhi zoo, was detained and will be kept in a rehabilitation centre in Haryana.

Kartick Satyanarayan, Co-founder and CEO of Wildlife SOS, said "We are finally relieved to see that the Forest department and the police have successfully seized Delhi's last elephant, and moved her to a rehabilitation centre where she can recuperate and live with dignity and freedom.

"The Elephant Rehabilitation Center, run by Wildlife SOS in collaboration with Haryana Forest Department in Yamuna Nagar district is a large forested facility where this elephant will find a peaceful retirement from a lifelong of suffering," he said.

Dr Yaduraj Khadpekar, Assistant Director, Veterinary and Research of Wildlife SOS said, "The elephant is in poor health due to severe neglect and complete lack of medical care, coupled with years of poor nutrition. She will require long term medical care and specialised treatment."

However, president of Delhi Taxi Tourist Transporters' Association Sanjay Samrat said they will not be part of the strike.

The associations have also submitted a memorandum to both Centre and State Governments as well, seeking redressal of their demands.

"The people of Delhi may face hardships on Thursday but the one day strike will go on as the Government has imposed hefty penalty on the drivers without upgrading proper infrastructure. We are not against the penalties, but the Government can modify the amended act. When other states such as Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh (UP), Maharashtra and Uttarakhand can modify the penalty charges, why cannot Delhi do," said Rajendra Kapoor, member of United Front of Transport Associations (UFTA).

The members of UFTA said the Centre and the Delhi Government are forcing them to go for the strike.

"We have been seeking redressal of our grievances related to the new MV Act from both the Centre and the Delhi Government for the last 15 days, but no solution is in sight forcing us to go on one-day strike," said Shyamal Gola, general secretary UFTA.

Gola said road transport sector is already passing through its worst phase due to rising economic uncertainties, exorbitant taxes and penalties and corruption.

"The exorbitant and unviable penalties imposed through the amended Motor Vehicle Act 2019 have increased the corruption, high handedness and harassment of vehicle owners and drivers," said the associations, demanding withdrawing of the provisions of the amended Act such as steeply hiked penalties and limiting liability of insurer to Rs 5 lakh, among others.

E-cigarette stubbed out...

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Karnataka, Kerala, Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir, Mizoram and Maharashtra have already banned vaping products which are also otherwise technically called the ENDS.

The first time violators will face jail term up to one year along with a penalty of Rs 1 lakh. The jail term can go up to three years or a fine up to Rs 5 lakh for subsequent violations. Storage of e-cigarettes shall also be punishable with an imprisonment up to 6 months or fine up to Rs 50,000 or both.

The owners of existing stocks of e-cigarettes on the date of commencement of the Ordinance will have to suo motu declare and deposit these stocks with the nearest police station.

E-cigarettes are battery-operated devices that produce aerosol by heating a solution containing nicotine, which is the addictive substance in combustible cigarettes. These include all forms of electronic nicotine delivery systems, heat not burn products, e-hookah and the like devices. These novel products come with attractive appearances and multiple flavours and their use has increased exponentially and has acquired epidemic proportions in developed countries, especially among youth and children.

E-cigarettes are being used as a "style statement", the

Minister said, and the Government wants to stop the contagion before it spreads. Many e-cigarette companies have been accused of trying to attract a new generation of nicotine users.

"Reports say that there are some who are probably getting into the habit of e-cigarettes as it seems cool. It is believed that there are more than 400 brands, none of which is manufactured yet in India. And they come in over 150 flavours," Sitharaman said.

Asserting that the decision was taken, keeping in mind their impact on the youth of today, she also quoted data, which she claimed was largely derived from the US' experience, to highlight that there has been a 77.8 per cent increase in the use of e-cigarettes among school students and that surprisingly, use of such products by middle school students has also seen a rise of 48.5 per cent.

Referring to reports of seven deaths in the US directly linked to e-cigarettes, the Minister said many people will say the long term direct impact of e-cigarettes is yet to be scientifically established.

"But the Cabinet rightly thought its time we immediately took a decision so that the health of our citizens is not thrown to risk," she said.

Apart from nicotine, e-cigarettes may also be used for delivery of other psychoactive

substances, it added. Union Health Secretary Preeti Sudan said a debate on whether e-cigarettes and similar products are more harmful than tobacco cigarettes was of little help.

"Why are we debating whether it is more or less harmful...It is a good move to ban it," she told the reporters.

India's ban came a day after New York became the second US state to prohibit the use of flavoured e-cigarettes. Critics of vaping say flavours appeal particularly to children and risk them becoming addicted to nicotine.

The World Health Organization (WHO) too does not consider it to be a legitimate therapy for smokers trying to quit as justified by those favouring the e-cigarettes.

In 2008, the WHO in its report said that the electronic cigarette is not a proven nicotine replacement therapy. Dr Ala Alwan, Assistant Director-General of WHO's Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health Cluster had said in the report that, "the WHO has no scientific evidence to confirm the product's safety and efficacy. Its marketers should immediately remove from their web sites and other informational materials any suggestion that WHO considers it to be a safe and effective smoking cessation aid."

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The Bengal Chief Minister said the PM has promised to do something about the name change matter prompting West Bengal BJP president Dilip Ghosh to quip that he is happy that Mamata's "good sense" prevailed and she met the Prime Minister. The West Bengal Assembly had passed a resolution to rename the State as 'Bangla'.

The Congress reacted to the Mamata-Modi meeting questioning the timing when investigating agencies are probing chit fund scams and former Kolkata Commissioner of Police Rajeev Kumar.

Describing her meeting with the Prime Minister as fruitful, Mamata said that renaming West Bengal has been her Government's prime agenda. "Hence we have proposed the renaming keeping 'Bangla' in mind. The Prime Minister has assured all help," the TMC supremo said.

She said the Prime Minister was also extended an invitation to inaugurate Deocha Pachami after Durga Puja. The project is worth Rs 12,000 crores. The Union Government has allotted the coal mine to the West Bengal Power Development Corporation Ltd (WBPDC).

Mamata also discussed issues like BSNL, defence ordnance factory, railway and coal with Modi.

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"We submitted a lot of documents to substantiate the requests we made. Bengal's GDP is 12.8, which is highest across the country. We showed him how Bengal is progressing despite huge debt burden. We also gave him documents to highlight our achievements in the field of economy and infrastructure," she said.

Responding to a question on the National Register of Citizens, she said it is part of Assam Accord, hence there is no provision of its implementation in West Bengal. "Neither has any proposal come, nor will it be done," she asserted.

Mamata is opposed to implementation of NRC in her State and said there was no provision of this process of preparing a list of genuine citizens being extended to West Bengal.

"Haven't spoken about NRC with the PM. NRC is part of the Assam Accord, hence there is no provision of its implementation all over the country or in West Bengal. Neither there is any proposal, nor will it ever be done in Bengal," Mamata said.

She said developmental issues of the State were discussed during the meeting with the Prime Minister and would like to meet Home Minister Amit Shah for a courtesy visit.

"It is good that her (Mamata's) good sense has at

last prevailed. But I think it's too late. Her attempts to save herself and her party (TMC) from CBI will not yield any results. The law will take its own course and all those who have looted public money or have aided the culprits will have to go behind the bars," Ghosh told reporters in Kolkata.

The investigating agency is probing the chit fund scam in the State in which thousands of innocent investors have been duped of crores of rupees with promises of high returns. CBI is also on the verge of arresting former Kolkata police chief Rajeev Kumar.

BJP national general secretary Kailash Vijayvargia had said on Tuesday that Mamata is making a desperate attempt to save Rajeev Kumar as she is well aware that his arrest would ensure that half of her Cabinet will end up in jail.

Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, leader of the Congress party in Lok Sabha and a known critic of Mamata, questioned the timing of the meet. "She did not attend earlier meetings called by the Centre. So what was the urgency that she has to meet the Prime Minister and now wants to meet Amit Shah all of a sudden? So it is anybody's guess what actually is her demand," Chowdhury said.

Senior CPI(M) leader Sujan Chakraborty too echoed Chowdhury's views.

EU MPs lambast Pakistan for terror drive in...

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Martusciello, a member of EU Parliament and Group of European People's Party (Christian Democrats) in Italy, said Pakistan had threatened to use nuclear weapons which was a concern to the European Union. "Pakistan is somewhere where terrorists have been able to plan bloody terrorist attacks in Europe," said Martusciello while accusing Islamabad of human rights violations.

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Lancet study Under-5 malnutrition deaths down by 2/3rd

Death rate attributable to malnutrition in under-5 children in India has dropped by two-thirds from 1990 to 2017, but it still accounts for 68 per cent of deaths in under-five children, says a study published in The Lancet Child and Adolescent Health on Wednesday.

Evaluation in collaboration with the Union Health Ministry. "Efforts are needed in each state to control malnutrition. State governments are being encouraged to intensify efforts to reduce malnutrition and undertake robust monitoring to track the progress," said Vinod K Paul, member NITI Aayog.

The prevalence of child anaemia was 60% in India in 2017, ranging from 21% in Mizoram to 74% in Haryana. "While it is important to address the gaps in all malnutrition indicators, low birth weight needs particular policy attention in India as it is the biggest contributor to child death among all malnutrition indications and its rate of decline is among the lowest," said Lalit Dandona, Director of the India State-Level Disease Burden Initiative.

Cabinet okays productivity linked bonus for 11.5L Rly staff

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved productivity-linked bonus equivalent to 78 days wages to over 11.52 lakh railway employees. Addressing media Union Minister Prakash Javadekar said that this is for the sixth consecutive year that productivity-linked bonus is being given to railway employees.

Confidence of investors shaken: Priyanka

'Govt refuses to acknowledge truth'

Continuing their attack over the state of the economy, former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi and party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi on Wednesday said the confidence of investors is "shaken" but the Modi dispensation is refusing to acknowledge the truth.

US visit. Congress has been attacking the Modi government over the slowdown in the economy and has criticised it for its economic policies. Rahul took to Twitter to say take potshots by ahead of Modi's visit to the United States, where he will address Indian Americans at a function "Howdy Modi".

pouring USD 45 billion into India's stock market over the past six years on hopes that Modi would unleash the country's economic potential, international money managers have sold USD 4.5 billion of Indian shares since June.

is "shaken" and the foundation of economic investment has "cracked", she said in a tweet in Hindi with the hashtag 'BJP bad for business'. "But the BJP government is refusing to acknowledge this truth. This slowdown is a speed breaker in the direction of becoming an economic superpower.

India, Belgium review bilateral trade at 16th BLEU

New Delhi: India and Belgium reviewed the bilateral trade relations and setting ambitious objectives during the 16th Session of India-Belgium Luxembourg Economic Union (BLEU) Joint Economic Commission (JEC) here on Tuesday.

with India with a total trade value worth \$12.8 billion in 2018 consisting of diamonds, pharmaceuticals, chemicals, food-stuff and machinery. These trade figures reflect the close economic partnership emphasizing bilateral relationship.

have set up a plant or office in Belgium. As a logistics and transport expert, Belgium works along with Luxembourg to ensure a smooth and swift trade access to Europe for Indian businesses through the Port of Antwerp, which is the second largest port in Europe and functions as 'the Gateway to Europe'.

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NBW AGAINST JAIL SUPRENTENDENT

New Delhi: The Supreme Court has issued a non-bailable warrant (NBW) against superintendent of district jail of Gautam Buddha Nagar in Uttar Pradesh after it was apprised that he had released an accused from prison despite the apex court order cancelling his bail.

GOVT IN SC ON 20-WEEK CEILING FOR ABORTION

New Delhi: The Centre has told the Supreme Court that the right to reproductive autonomy does not outweigh the state's interest in protecting the life of a foetus and therefore the ceiling of 20 weeks for abortion cannot be extended in a blanket manner.

ARMY HOLDS MILITARY EXERCISE IN LADAKH

New Delhi: A military exercise in the high altitude area in eastern Ladakh was carried out on Wednesday, the Army said in a statement. The exercise, encompassing the use of mechanised forces with high technology platforms, was witnessed by Lieutenant General Ranbir Singh, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command.

JAIKUMAR CRITICISES BAN ON E-CIGARETTES

New Delhi: Senior Congress leader Jai Kumar on Wednesday took a swipe at the Government's decision banning production, import and sale of e-cigarettes, saying the governance motto now is "a headline a day keeps news of the worsening slowdown away".

JITIN FOR POPULATION CONTROL MEASURES

New Delhi: Congress leader Jitin Prasad on Wednesday said the party workers should "mobilise" 10 families each to adopt population control measures, stressing on the need to maintain the two-child norm in the country. He also reminded the party of its Pachmarhi resolution of 1998, in which it had stressed on maintaining the norm in India.

Govt considering construction of new Parliament building: Puri

The Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Wednesday said a new Parliament building having offices of ministers and MPs that may be constructed next to the over 90-year-old structure is one of the options being considered by the government.

over three-km stretch from Rashtrapati Bhavan to India Gate, in Lutyens' Delhi. The Narendra Modi government had last week unveiled its mega plan to redevelop the over 3-km stretch from Rashtrapati Bhavan to India Gate in Lutyens' Delhi. The government on September 2 floated a request for proposal for the "development or redevelopment of Parliament Building, Common Central Secretariat and Central Vista."

ernment is going to "destroy" the Parliament building. "Who said we will destroy Parliament?" the minister asked and explained the government has reached a stage of just inviting ideas from architecture firms for the ambitious project. He said the British ruled India for 190 years and they had good architects who built buildings which is now part of the country's cultural heritage.

Mother Dairy to recycle 832 tonnes plastic by March 2020

Mother Dairy, a leading milk supplier in Delhi-NCR, on Wednesday said it will recycle 832 tonnes of plastic by March next year as part of its efforts to protect environment. "To tackle with the burgeoning menace of post-consumer plastic waste, Mother Dairy debuted its plastic waste collection and recycling initiative in Maharashtra in June 2018 by rolling out the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) programme," it said in a statement.

per cent of the total multi layered packaging used, i.e., about 832 tonnes by March 2020," it added. Mother Dairy, with the help of a Producer Responsibility Organisation (PRO), has collected and recycled around 1,073 tonnes of plastic waste till May 2019. This quantity includes around 183 tonnes of multi-layered packaging (MLP) and 890 tonnes of non-multi-layered packaging. Mother Dairy was commissioned in 1974 as a wholly owned subsidiary of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB).

He said that the CPWD was set up in the 1850s and the buildings constructed along the Central Vista reflected the colonial ethos.

Five rivers flowing above danger mark: Met dept calls it 'unique'

Three weeks into September as the monsoon shows no signs of withdrawal, rivers in as many as five States are flowing above the danger mark — a feature which the Met says is 'unique'. Rivers like Ganga, Brahmaputra, Yamuna, Mahananda, Bagmati, Ghaghara, Gandak, Kosi, Sone, Jiabharali, Chambal etc in Bihar, Assam, UP, Bengal and Rajasthan are above the danger mark causing flood-like situation in many areas in these States. The IMD rainfall data till September 18 showed India received an average of 861 mm as against the normal of 823.9mm, which is 5 percent above normal.

by almost a fortnight. Data recorded close to 1,900 extreme rainfall events this monsoon, more than half of which were in August and September, underlining the expanding impact of climate change in the June-September monsoon," IMD officials said. As many as one crore people are affected and 1400 people have died in rain-related tragedies across the country and damages to property runs into thousands of crores in 14 States. The damage to properties, infrastructures, crops, animals due to rain related mayhem is still being estimated.

third between August 5 and 12, when coastal states such as Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka and Kerala experienced floods. As per flood assessment report prepared by the Ministry of Home Affairs, all rivers --Ganga, Yamuna, Burhi Gandak, Bagmati, Mahanand, Kamalabalan are flowing over danger marks, causing flood like situation in Khagaria, Sitamarhi, Kishanganj, Katihar, Patna,Buxar, Gopal Ganj, Bhagalpur, Khagaria districts in Bihar. Bihar recorded 774.5mm rainfall as against the normal of 941.4 mm, a deficit of 18 percent. The situation report says that several low lying areas on the river banks in the state are under flood. Similarly, rivers in UP flowing over danger marks and causing floods in Ballia, Aunaiya, Faizabad, Gazipur, Bara Banki, Prayagraj, Jalaun districts are facing flood like situation. Low lying area in Prayagraj and Varansi are under water. UP recorded 581 mm of rain as against the normal of 749 mm, a deficit of 22 percent.

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Row futile, I said promote Hindi as 2nd language: Shah



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BJP national president and Union Home Minister Amit Shah addresses a rally in Jamtara on Wednesday

I myself come from a non-Hindi State of Gujarat. If some people want to do politics, it's their choice
AMIT SHAH

Against the backdrop of a raging controversy over his 'one nation, one language' proposition, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday sought to put the issue to rest saying he never asked for imposing Hindi over other regional languages and had only requested for learning Hindi as the second language after one's mother tongue.

"I myself come from a non-Hindi State of Gujarat. If some people want to do politics, it's their choice," he said. Parties, mostly from Tamil Nadu, have vociferously opposed Shah's pitch.

Hours after Shah clarified, DMK president M K Stalin said the party's proposed protest on September 20 on the issue has been postponed.

Citing Shah's assertion that he has never asked for imposi-

tion of Hindi anywhere in the country, Stalin said the protest slated for September 20 has been postponed temporarily. The DMK chief said Shah has also opined that his view had been "wrongly understood"

Speaking at an event in Ranchi, Jharkhand, Shah said he has never asked for imposition of Hindi anywhere in the country but advocated its use as the second language. Shah said he has been repeatedly pitching for strengthening regional languages.

The Home Minister said to end the confusion, people should listen to his speech carefully where he repeatedly said Indian languages should

be strengthened and people should realise the necessity of the Indian languages.

"A child can perform, a child's proper mental growth is possible only when the child studies in mother tongue. Mother tongue does not mean Hindi. It is the language of a particular State, like Gujarati in my State. But there should be one language in the country, if someone wants to learn another language, it should be Hindi. I have just made the request. I have failed to understand what is wrong in that," he said.

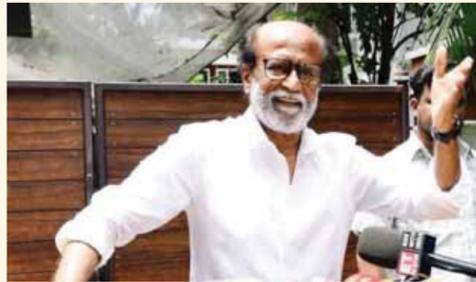
Shah had created a flutter on the occasion of 'Hindi-Diwas' last week as he pitched for 'one nation, one language'

Rajinikanth against Amit Shah's Hindi drive

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

The anti-Hindi agitation in Tamil Nadu received a major boost on Wednesday with film actor Rajinikanth, who is expected to launch a political party soon, declaring that the move to 'impose' Hindi would not work in the State.

Amidst reports that all political parties barring the BJP would launch State-wide agitations against the statement made by union home minister Amit Shah on Hindi Diwas that Hindi was the only language which could unite India, Rajinikanth who is considered close to Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that though it was good to have a common language for the development and unity of the country, the same may not work in Tamil Nadu. "If Hindi is imposed, none of the southern States would accept it," said



the actor.

In another development, the Tamil Nadu Congress Committee decided to 'greet' Home Minister Amit Shah with black flags as a mark of protest against the latter's statement that Hindi was the only language which could unite India. The Home Minister would be the second person after Prime Minister Narendra Modi to be shown black flags by the DMK and

other Tamil fringe elements.

The executive committee of the TNCC which met at Chennai on Tuesday decided to 'greet' the Home Minister with black flags when he visits the State. This was stated by K S Alagiri, the TNCC chief who is a loyalist of former union finance minister and Congress strongman P Chidambaram.

"Amit Shah's statement is against the legal guarantee and protection provided by for-

mer Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru to languages other than Hindi," said Alagiri while speaking to reporters after the meeting. On Wednesday, the Congress cadre staged marches all over the State to condemn the home minister's statement. But a speech delivered by Chidambaram on the occasion of Hindi Diwas while he was the union home minister has come as an embarrassment to the Congress. Chidambaram is heard telling in the speech that only Hindi could be the national and official language of the country.

"These are all part of politics and one need not give any importance to such statements and agitations. In another couple of days, this issue would be forgotten by the people as well as the same leaders," said a senior TNCC leader when asked about the statement by Chidambaram which has gone viral in the social media.

Maha Mantralaya Drama

2 teachers survive suicide bid, land on safety net

They were demanding recognition for 300 handicapped schools in State
TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Two teachers on Wednesday survived a suicide attempt at Mantralaya (State Secretariat) in south Mumbai on Wednesday, as they leaped from the second floor of the state secretariat directly onto the safety net erected to prevent frequent suicides. The two teachers attempted to commit suicide, to demand recognition for 300 schools for specially-abled children in the State.

Identifying the two as Hemant Patil and Arun Netore, who attempted suicide, police said they were teachers in a school for the handicapped Akkalkot taluka of Solapur district. After the incident, police took the two teachers to a nearby police station.

A delegation of teachers had come to meet ministers concerned to Press for the acceptance of their demand. However, the delegation could not meet the Ministers concerned. Upset with their failure to voice their demand with the ministers concerned, two teachers leaped from a second floor window of the State Secretariat only onto fall onto the safety net put up at the Secretariat to prevent recurring suicides.

Wednesday's suicide attempt was foiled because of the presence of a safety nylon net that the State Government had put up in the lobby of Mantralaya in February last year to ensure safety landing for persons taking a plunge from the terrace of the State Secretariat in south Mumbai.

Protests make BJP swear by Kannada over Hindi in Karnataka

IAN S ■ BENGALURU

Vociferous protests by opposition parties and activists in Karnataka made the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government give primacy to Kannada after its national president Amit Shah favoured Hindi as one language across the country that sparked a controversy in the southern State.

"All official languages,

including Kannada and Hindi are equal. In Karnataka, as Kannada is the principle language, we will never compromise on its importance. We are committed to promoting it (Kannada)," said Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa in a series of tweets in Kannada and English, clarifying the party's and Government's views on the language row.

Celebrating September 14 as the Hindi Diwas, Shah had

tweeted and reiterated at a function later in New Delhi that "India is a nation of many languages and every language has its own importance. But it is absolutely necessary to have one language for the country, which becomes India's identity globally. If there is any one language that connects the entire nation in a common thread of unity, it is Hindi, which is spoken the maximum."

Pak Rangers again target posts along Border in Kathua

PNS ■ JAMMU

The Pakistan Rangers on Wednesday again targeted Border out Posts (BoPs) along the International Border in Kathua district.

The Rangers fired from small arms on BoPs in Rajbagh area in the wee hours of Wednesday.

BSF troops retaliated the fire in equal measure.

According to official sources, "no loss of life and damage to property was reported from anywhere in the forward area."

This is the second consecutive day that Pakistan Rangers have resorted to firing on BoPs along the IB across Jammu frontier.

Local reports suggested, Pakistani rangers were raising objections to ongoing developmental works in the forward villages and desperately trying to target the workers engaged in the work on ground zero.

Meanwhile, situation along the line of control remained peaceful with no fresh exchange of firing reported



from any one of the twin bordering districts of Rajouri and Poonch.

According to ground reports, jawans of the Indian army defused nine mortar shells fired by the Pakistan army from across the Line of Control (LoC) while targeting civilian areas.

Nine mortar shells of 120 mm and 81 mm have been safely defused in the Balakote, Sandote and Basoni forward areas in the Mendhar sector, the officials said.

In another related development, a video clip surfaced on the social media on Wednesday which clearly indicated presence of elite commandos of Pakistan army helping infiltrators sneak inside the Indian territory along LoC in Poonch sector.

UP's Rajni won't come down to earth unless ISRO 'recovers' Vikram!

IAN S ■ PRAYAGRAJ

A video doing the rounds on social media since Tuesday shows a man standing on a pillar of New Yamuna Bridge in Prayagraj. He climbed with the Indian flag and refused to get down unless ISRO manages to 'recover' the Vikram lander.

The man has been identified as Rajnikant. Although he claims to be a namesake of the Tamil superstar, his action-packed drama did not quite manage to achieve the impossible.

Vikram is still believed to be out there, somewhere on the lunar surface.

The man has been identified as a native of Manda in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, according to an "indiatooday.in" report. He climbed up on Monday night.

It's been 11 days now that ISRO's prestigious moon mission went awry, when the space research organisation lost contact with Vikram lander of Chandrayaan 2 owing to a last-minute snag that developed after the operation went off smoothly all along.

On September 7, Vikram, while on its descent to soft land

on the Moon's south polar region, apparently lost control and crash-landed there, snapping the communication links.

ISRO thanks all Indians for support after it lost contact with Vikram

Bengaluru: ISRO has expressed gratitude to Indians in the country and abroad for the support it received after the space agency lost contact with the lander of Chandrayaan-2, minutes before touchdown on the Moon recently.

The space agency had got support from the entire nation, despite it losing communication with the lander 'Vikram' ahead of the touchdown on September 7, with people from all walks of life praising ISRO and its scientists for the achievement.

"Thank you for standing by us. We will continue to keep going forward propelled by the hopes and dreams of Indians across the world!" ISRO tweeted on Tuesday. **PTI**

More CBI sleuths in Kolkata as Rajeev Kumar moves court again

PNS ■ KOLKATA

Even as the Central Bureau of Investigation roped in more officials from Uttar Pradesh and Delhi to "locate and fetch un-communicable and un-connectable" former Kolkata Police Commissioner Rajeev Kumar the senior IPS officer on Wednesday moved the Alipore district court with a petition seeking to be heard before passing any order relating to a non-bailable arrest warrant.

The CBI reportedly was preparing to move the court seeking a non-bailable warrant against Kumar who is currently the Additional Director General of CID.

The former Kolkata top cop continued to remain under-



Police personnel in plain clothes seen outside the official residence of former Kolkata Police Commissioner Rajeev Kumar, in Kolkata on Wednesday

ground even as a desperate posse of CBI sleuths tired to locate his whereabouts.

Sources said a team of 12 officers including two SPs and an Additional SP from UP and Delhi had arrived at Kolkata to assist fetching Kumar who

remained "un-communicable and un-connectable" for the fifth day on Wednesday since the Calcutta High Court removed his shield against arrest.

Kumar was earlier summoned by the CBI to reportedly interrogate him regarding his role in the investigation of the multi-crore Sharada chit

CBI reportedly was preparing to move the court seeking a non-bailable warrant against Kumar who is currently Additional Director General of CID

fund scam as the head of the Special Investigating Team constituted by the State Government in 2013, months before the Supreme Court handed over the case to the CBI following allegations that SIT was tampering with evidence and mishandling the case allegedly to protect the influential people.

Earlier on Tuesday the Barasat district court had transferred the case to Alipore citing lack of jurisdiction. The Barasat court which is conducting the trial of the chit fund case heard petitions for non-bailable warrant of CBI and that of anticipatory bail of Rajeev Kumar before refusing to pass any order and sending it to the Alipore ACJM's Court.

J&K showing signs of improvement

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Ahead of the week-long trip of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the United States from September 21 to September 27, the situation in Jammu & Kashmir is showing signs of partial improvement. In the recent days, no major incident of law and order situation was reported from anywhere across Kashmir Valley.

The security restrictions too have been lifted from most parts of Srinagar to allow smooth movement of local residents. Large number of private vehicles can be seen moving around in different parts of Srinagar and other district headquarters while public transport continue to remain off from the streets.

Major market places remain open for few hours between 6 to 9.00 am in Srinagar but as the day progresses the shopkeepers down their shutters but remain present in the area. Majority of schools, despite remaining open, continue to wait for the children to occupy their class



rooms and board school buses. At present, the security personnel remain deployed only in certain areas to prevent any untoward incident.

Director General of Police, Dilbagh Singh, told reporters on the sidelines of a function in Police headquarters Jammu on Wednesday, "after receiving reports related to militants threatening businessmen against opening their shops, patrolling has been intensified and various other measures initiated to instil confidence among locals.

DGP said, policemen are conscious of these threats and over the past month, a couple of terrorists were neutralised and over two dozen others, including their sympathisers, arrested in the Valley. He said

the people have not responded to the Pakistani propaganda and foiled Islamabad's designs to create unrest.

Another major worry among the local residents remain suspension of mobile and internet services.

While landline telephony services have been restored across the Valley, mobile telephone services in most parts of Kashmir and all internet services continue to remain suspended since 5 August.

The Government officials have been made operational but recording thin attendance owing to absence of public transport facilities.

Referring to the issue of militants threatening orchardists, shopkeepers and setting a car ablaze in north

Kashmir's Baramulla district on Tuesday, the top cop said, "Two militants, who burnt down a car after beating its driver in Sopore yesterday, have been identified as Sajjad and Muzaffar of the Lashker-e-Toiba (LeT). We will take care of them very soon." Strong security measures have been put in place to foil any ill design being organised by Pakistan across the border, and with public support all forces are working tirelessly for peace in Jammu & Kashmir.

Meanwhile, the authorities didn't allow the Chairman of All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC), Syed Ali Gilani, to address a press conference at his residence in Srinagar, on Wednesday. Due to suspension of communications means, Syed Ali Gilani had dispatched letters to local journalists, asking them to attend the press conference. As media men started trickling in policemen deployed there barred them from moving towards his residence. Police cited imposition of Section 144 in the area and requested journalists to disperse.

UP CM asks Allahabad, Varanasi to remain vigilant as rivers swell due to rain

Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday directed officials in Allahabad and Varanasi districts to remain vigilant as the water levels in Ganga and Yamuna rivers neared the danger mark.

Heavy rain over the past few days have caused the rivers to swell. A senior official said authorities in Allahabad and Varanasi have been asked to make all necessary arrangements to deal with the situation and flood 'chowkis', to monitor the water levels in the rivers, have been activated.

A report from Banda district said continued rainfall in the Bundelkhand region and release of water in Yamuna had led to flooding in many areas in Hamirpur, Banda and Chitrakoot districts. Yamuna, Ken and Betwa rivers are in spate and several acres of agricultural land has been submerged, it said. Banda District Magistrate Hiralal said incessant rains over the past four days have hit normal life, with water entering villages and damaging roads.

People of the affected areas are being shifted to safer places in boats, he said. Adityanath had conducted an aerial survey of the flood-affected areas in Ballia on Tuesday and distributed relief material.



A resident uses a ladder to shift from one house to another in Prayagraj on Wednesday



A view of flooded Gandhi ghat in Patna on Wednesday

IN BRIEF

TRIPLE TALAQ LAW IN LLB, LLM SYLLABI IN UP Bareilly: The Jyotiba Phule Rohilkhand University here has included the new triple talaq law in its syllabus for the LLB and LLM courses. The university's Board of Studies of the Law Department has revised the syllabus and included the newly passed law in its curriculum, head of the law department of the university, Amit Singh told PTI.

UP TO UPGRADE EXAM SYSTEM WITH AI-BOTS Lucknow: The Uttar Pradesh Government is planning to use Artificial Intelligence AI-bots to upgrade the examination system for secondary school education and make education free from corruption and negligence. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has already partnered with Microsoft India to conduct capacity building programmes for high school teachers with the aim to integrate cloud-powered technology from kindergarten to Class XII.

COURT ORDERS FIR AGAINST BABRI LITIGANT Ayodhya: A local court here in Uttar Pradesh has ordered the police to register an FIR against Ram Janambhoomi case litigant Iqbal Ansari for using foul language against Hindus. Hearing on a petition filed by international shooter Vartika Singh, Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, on Tuesday, directed the Ram Janambhoomi police station to file a case against Ansari and inform the court within three days.

CHINMAYANANDCASE

Student threatens self-immolation

Accused BJP leader hospitalised

PTI ■ SHAHJAHANPUR

The student who has levelled rape charges against Swami Chinmayanand threatened self-immolation on Wednesday if he is not arrested even as the BJP leader was admitted to a local hospital complaining of uneasiness.

"Even two days after I recorded my statement before a magistrate, Chinmayanand has not been arrested. If the government is waiting for me to die, I will sprinkle kerosene on my body and immolate myself," the student told



Special Investigation Team briefs the media on Chinmayanand case during a Press conference in Shahjahanpur on Wednesday

reporters here.

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing her allegations had on Monday taken the woman before Judicial Magistrate Geetika Singh to record her statement.

The same day, doctors were called at Chinmayanand's home when he complained of loose motions, weakness and

uneasiness. When asked about the progress in the SIT probe led by him, Inspector General-rank IPS officer Naveen Arora said it has to complete the investigation by September 23 and submit a report in the Allahabad High Court.

"No arrest has so far been made," he said, answering a question. He said all angles in

the case are being probed, and a mobile phone and a pen drive sent for forensic examination.

The woman's father claimed that the SIT, set up on the orders of the Supreme Court, has not told him why an FIR has not been registered against Chinmayanand following the rape complaint filed by her. "We will consult our lawyers on this," he said.

Police had earlier registered a case of abduction and criminal intimidation on a complaint initially lodged by the father. Late, student accused the BJP leader of rape and "physical exploitation" over a year.

Chinmayanand, 72, was admitted at a state-run hospital on Wednesday following medical advice.

"After his condition became bad, he was shifted to the medical college hospital

and admitted in ward number 8," Chief Medical Superintendent Dr MP Gangwar said.

He said a team of doctors was being set up to keep him under observation as he complained of uneasiness, weakness and loose motions. He has also complained of fluctuating blood sugar levels.

Earlier, the SIT has questioned the principals and staff members at two colleges where the woman has studied in recent years.

The student had on Saturday given a pen drive containing 43 videos to the SIT to back her accusation against Chinmayanand, whose lawyer has alleged an extortion attempt.

The SIT has examined her hostel room and Chinmayanand's home to collect evidence.



An artist gives finishing touches to an idol of Goddess Durga at Kumartuli in Kolkata on Wednesday

Gehlot Govt plans 75% job quota for locals in pvt sector

Jaipur: After Andhra Pradesh, the Ashok Gehlot Government in Rajasthan is also planning to grant 75 per cent reservations for locals in private sector jobs.

The Gehlot Government is contemplating providing job reservations for people of the state in big industries who have been given certain benefits by the State Government in terms of financial package.

Also, projects running under public private partnership and small industries will employ the local residents under the scheme, confirmed official sources.

Speaking in this context, State Industries Minister Parsadi Lal Meena said that "when other States are doing the same, why can't we take a decision for the benefit of our youth."

"In Gujarat, Maharashtra and West Bengal, the competi-



Ashok Gehlot

tive exams have one paper in local language which benefits the local residents. Here, we never discriminate among people on basis of where they have come, but at the same time, we are also planning to provide reservations in private sector to benefit our youth. However, the final decision shall be taken after discussion with other members."

A high-level meeting has been called at the secretariat on September 19 to discuss the issue. The representatives of industries have also been called for the meeting.

UP BJP MLA makes derogatory remark on Nehru

Muzaffarnagar: BJP MLA Vikram Singh Saini, who represents the Khatauli Assembly seat, has made an outrageous statement on India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, calling him "aiyaash" (immoral or philanderer).

He added Nehru divided the country after being fooled by the British.

The BJP lawmaker, known for his controversial statements, said that the Nehru-Gandhi family was "aiyaash".

He commented on former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's marriage with Sonia Gandhi in Italy and added that "the whole family has been indulging in such activities."

The BJP legislator also shared a snapshot of an old photograph of Prime Minister Narendra Modi with other world leaders on Facebook. In the grab, Norway Prime Minister Erna Solberg appears to be looking at Modi.

Uddhav: Pak wouldn't have come into existence, had Savarkar been PM

■ RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Rooting for bestowing Bharat Ratna on Veer Damodar Savarkar posthumously, Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray has said that Pakistan would not have come into existence, had Savarkar been the Prime Minister of India.

Launching a biography in English titled "Savarkar: Echoes From A Forgotten Past" at the Swatantraaveer Savarkar Rashtriya Smarak at Shivaji Park on Tuesday evening, Uddhav said, "Savarkar deserves to be honoured with Bharat Ratna in recognition of his sacrifices to the country."

"Today it is the both birthday of (my grandfather) Prabhodhan Thackeray and liberation day of Marathwada region. It was late Vallabhbhai Patel who liberated Marathwada from the Nizam rule. We call Vallabhbhai Patel as the iron man. Kashmir would not have become an issue as it is today, had he been the Prime Minister. Similarly, Pakistan would not have come into existence, had Veer Savarkar been the Prime Minister of India," Uddhav said.

"Savarkar is an ideology. The Congress may have treated Savarkar like an enemy but it would not finish the ideology named Savarkar," Uddhav added.

"Savarkar must be awarded the Bharat Ratna for the sacrifices made by him to the country. We don't deny the work done by (Mahatma) Gandhi and (first PM) Jawaharlal) Nehru, but the country saw more than two families being born on the

political scene," he said.

"Savarkar suffered an unbearable ordeal inside the Andaman prison for securing freedom to the country. But the period after he was released from the prison in 1924 was more intolerable for Savarkar. He was ostracised and disallowed to participating in freedom struggle. He was restricted to one place. Still he had engaged himself in the activity of eliminating untouchability in the society," the Sena president said.

"They say Nehru also underwent imprisonment during freedom struggle. I would have called Nehru as 'Veer Jawaharlal Nehru', had survived jail for 14 minutes of the imprisonment of the kind Savarkar underwent in Andaman prison (where Savarkar stayed for 14 long years)," Uddhav said.

Maintaining that it was his fortune that he was releasing a biography of Savarkar, Uddhav said: "Veer Savarkar was a role model in the history of armed revolution in the country. I cannot describe him in few words," Uddhav said.

Dwelling upon his book, author of the book Vikram Sampath said that "Savarkar: Echoes From A Forgotten Past" was the first of two volumes and covered the period between 1883 to 1924, from Savarkar's birth at Bhagur in Nashik district to his days as a firebrand student leader in Pune's Fergusson College, as well as his fight for freedom that ended in a life sentence in the infamous Cellular Jail. Savarkar was conditionally released from jail in 1924.

Opp questions timing of Mamata-Modi meet

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Bengal Opposition parties on Wednesday raised a hue a cry doubting the "real agenda" of the meeting between Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Moments after Banerjee emerged from the parley claiming it was a "Government-to-Government meeting and not a political one" which was held congenially Congress Lok Sabha leader Adhir Chowdhury wondered "why such Government-to-Government meeting did not take place at Mamata Banerjee's initiative on earlier occasions when she was invited to join the Niti Aayog or Chief Ministers' meeting in Delhi."

"The timing of the meeting itself evokes suspicion," Chowdhury said wondering "why if it was a Government-to-Government meeting and not a political one as claimed by her then no senior Government official was pre-



Mamata Banerjee

sent during the conversations."

To Banerjee's claim that she would also seek appointment from Home Minister Amit Shah for a one-on-one talks with him Chowdhury wondered whether Wednesday's meeting was fruitful in the real sense.

"After meeting with the Prime Minister she will meet the Home Minister too. Then are we to assume that the Prime

Minister has redirected her to the Home Minister? Are we to assume that the agenda of talks that she is claiming pegged around something else? Was it related to the stepped up activities of the CBI against former Kolkata Police Commissioner Rajeev Kumar whose statements could be crucial for pinning down some big person in her Government?" he said.

Left Legislature Party leader and CPI(M) central committee member Sujay Chakrabarty too aired his doubts about the "real content of the talks" even as he said "the propriety of things demands senior officers to remain present in such meetings with all kinds of data if at all the Chief Minister goes to see the Prime Minister with demands of her Government."

More than "20 lakh people have been affected by the Sharada, Rose Valley and other chit funs scams that went a distance in catapulting the Trinamool Congress to power in Bengal.

UP cop under fire for Tik-Tok videos in uniform

Lucknow: A police constable is under fire for having posted Tik-Tok videos of himself in uniform. Two videos of Sub-Inspector Mohammad Arif, who is posted at a police station in Lucknow, are going viral on social media. The cop in one video is seen dubbing dialogue, "Yeh police station hai, tumhare baap ka ghar nahi. Jab tak baithe ko na kaha jaaye khade raho" (This is a police station, not your father's house. Don't sit till you are asked to). IANS

Eight-month-old boy kidnapped in Andhra

Vijayawada: An eight-month-old boy was kidnapped as his parents allegedly failed to repay the debt, at Atkuru village in Krishna district, Andhra Pradesh, on Wednesday.

Parents of the boy approached the Atkuru police and lodged a complaint stating that miscreant had demanded that they repay the entire debt amount in exchange for the release of the boy. They further stated that they were asked to meet him at Jaipur in Rajasthan with the amount. However, they did not mention the amount of debt they owe the kidnapper. A case was registered.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is here by informed that an unidentified person (depicted in the photo) name: **unknown**, residence and family is **unknown** about 35 years of age was found dead at GTK. Road, Footpath Near Ismail Khan Park, P.S. Bharat Nagar, Delhi on 09.09.2019 at 03:15. In this regard a FIR/DD No. 04A dated 09.09.2019 has been registered at Police Station Bharat Nagar, Delhi.

His physical description is as under:-

Sex: Male, **Age:** 35 years, **Height:** 5'7" ft., **Complexion:** Fair, **Built:** Thin, **Face:** Long, **Wearing:** Blue & White T-Shirt and Black & White Pajama.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or Telephone Numbers.

SHO P.S. Bharat Nagar, Delhi Ph. No. - 011-27301200 Mob. No. - 8750870222

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SEARCH FOR MISSING FEMALE



General public is here by informed that one Female **Name:** Pooja, **W/o:** Santosh Kesari, **R/o:** H.No. 42/5, Street No. 5 in front of Kamal Vatika, Munge Ram Park, Delhi, **Age:** 37 Years, **Height:** 5'3", **Face:** Round, **Complexion:** Fair, **Wearing:** Black colour suit Salwar & sandal, has been missing since 18.08.2019 from the area of P.S. Budh Vihar, Delhi.

In this regard a DD No. 72-A U/s 363 dated 19.08.2019 has been registered at P.S. Budh Vihar, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this Female but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this Female kindly inform to the following.

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1st case of human trafficking lodged under new NIA Act

New Delhi: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has registered its first human trafficking case under recently approved NIA Act against three people for their alleged involvement in the trafficking and sexually exploitation of Bangladeshi women, an official said on Wednesday. Mohammad Yousef Khan, his wife Bithi Begum and Sojib, native of West Bengal living in Hyderabad, were arrested in April by Hyderabad police for trafficking and sexually exploiting Bangladeshi women, he said. Yousef and Bithi were running a prostitution racket at a premises in Uppuguda, Hyderabad, he said.

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	05/GM(R)/SM (WC-3)/2019-20	M/o Building (C/o Urinal block (10 Nos.) in the Area of Work Circle-3), Noida.	₹ 46.50
B	03/GM(R)/SM (WC-4)/2019-20	M/o Road (Beautification of Vilopit Koodaghar at various locations in the Area of Work Circle-4), Noida.	₹ 52.95

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No need for Opposition

As federalism gives way to legitimacy of national parties, regional ones look at extinction



If the Lok Sabha verdict is considered a benchmark in resetting the grammar of politics as swatting the Opposition, then its impact on regional politics has been such as to eliminate the relevance of federal parties. Once the backbone of powerful coalition governments at the Centre, State parties are now much like tribal chieftains, good enough for lording over their flocks but too tiny to stall the juggernaut of national parties gobbling them up. In such a scenario, they have just two options, either withdraw to their pocketboroughs or sign up with the big players if they want to stay in the game. So it is that in Maharashtra, there has been a mass migration from the Congress and the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) to the BJP-Shiv Sena combine, almost wiping off the Opposition space. And in Rajasthan, the ruling Congress government has followed the same pattern of accretion to its ranks by coopting six Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) MLAs, grinding the theory of Dalit consolidation to the dust.

Given the current scenario, Maharashtra really doesn't need an election, considering that the only tussle will be between coalition partners, the BJP and the Sena, over seat percentage and power-sharing, much like a fraternal war of carving out the spoils. Twenty-six MLAs from the Opposition camp, including its leader in the Assembly, joined the ruling party, creating a political vacuum. The worst hit has been NCP founder Sharad Pawar, no longer appearing to be the Maratha strongman. Such is his condition that except his core team, every other party member is looking to jump ship. And though NCP is tying up with the Congress to avoid total dissipation, fact is the rump that both parties have become may just get them 30 plus seats in a House of 288. The Congress is at its worst level of preparedness given the dissension within its ranks and the Young Turks, led by Milind Deora, stepping aside and themselves not averse to charting out an independent course. Yes it has a new State chief but the will to fight back is simply missing at the unit level. The party would be just about happy with whatever it gets courtesy the standing of some of its individual leaders. Maharashtra Navnirman Sena chief Raj Thackeray, who at least injected some drama into proceedings by questioning the establishment, is nowhere to be seen what with the BJP taming him with a slew of Enforcement Directorate (ED) cases. The fringe players, who could be vote cutters, like Prakash Ambedkar and Asaduddin Owaisi, have been torn asunder and chasing their own kitties. As for the BJP-Sena duel, the former is now claiming its pound of flesh, considering it can go alone and has for years stepped back to accommodate the sensitivities of the Sena. The latter may want a 50-50 distribution of seats, and maybe even a shot at deputy chief minister for Aaditya Thackeray, son of Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray, but it has no negotiating edge. And while its conscience calls in the form of criticising the Modi government and functioning like an Opposition worked in 2014, it certainly isn't attractive anymore. Besides, the Sena must understand that though the Modi charisma works, BJP Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis has quietly developed his own stock. If the Sena has so far peddled the local versus outsider logic, the BJP has several Maratha leaders now, courtesy the migration of senior leaders from the Congress, and has even roped in Shivaji's descendant Udayanraje Bhosale. So the Sena may engage in posturing, yet has no option but to acquiesce to the BJP's grand design. The ruling Congress in Rajasthan, too, has just gone by the old formula of buying support with promised doles, something which has become part of the BJP's playbook. In fact, it was to counter the BJP's poaching attempts in Rajasthan and create a Karnataka-like scenario that prompted the Ashok Gehlot-led government to scoop up allies. Sadly, such rampant horse-trading is just eroding the idea of a federal union and overlaying a new text of unionised federalism. A throwback to the chaos that we had hoped to clean up.

Who is a woman?

An online campaign on sexist interpretations in the Oxford dictionary is resetting conversations

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The Oxford Dictionary is considered no less a Bible when it comes to semantics. Such is its credibility that seldom does one question whether its makers need to question internal wisdom rather than deciding what a word should mean to the world. Clearly it's time for some soul-searching as its editors have managed to offend, enrage and alienate women around the world through their insensitivity and failure to keep up with the times. An online petition is gathering steam to redefine the word "woman" which the dictionary still considers synonymous with "bitch, besom, piece, bit, mare, filly" and so on. As if this was not enough, the sentences that explain the usage of the word or their application add insult to injury as they objectify and portray women as subordinate to men. "Ms September will embody the professional, intelligent yet sexy career woman" and "I told you to be home when I get home, little woman," are some of the offensive examples given, clearly out of sync with not just gender sensitivities but also the fluidities of modern contexts. This stands out all the more because the Oxford Dictionary is very quick to absorb contemporary idioms and even legitimise a lot of fusion words as part of the mainstream English lexicon.

Signatories of the petition, that was started by UK-based women's rights activist Maria Beatrice Giovanardi in July, are calling on editors to "eliminate all phrases and definitions that discriminate against and patronise women and/or connote men's ownership of women." This is not the first time that the compilers of the dictionary have given a misogynistic explanation to a word. Check out "rabid" and up pops "feminist" next to it, search for "nagging" and it is followed by "wife." This should encourage a larger conversation on whether the English language is sexist and needs to modify itself, considering it is a common thread of communication across the world and, therefore, needs to be politically correct. Have we ever wondered why words like "mistress" and "madam", that actually meant women of authority, have over the decades, undergone degeneration? Pejoration of words related to women is a sad reflection on the way society views their place in it. In a rather weak response, Oxford has said that the content referred to in the petition by Giovanardi is not from the scholarly Oxford English Dictionary, but from the Oxford Thesaurus of English and the Oxford Dictionary of English, which are drawn from "real-life use" of language. However, other popular online dictionaries like Cambridge and Merriam-Webster, which also give examples of "real-life" use of the word, are more respectful and gender sensitive. While Cambridge describes "woman" simply as an "adult female human being," Merriam-Webster adds the words "female" and "lady" to the same description given by Cambridge. Given that Merriam-Webster even released an additional dictionary definition of the word "they" to refer "to a single person whose gender identity is non-binary," isn't it time that the world's most trusted lexicon changes the way it refers to women?

A Himalayan threat

Fires that engulfed the Amazon rainforests should awaken us to the threat closer home. Shivaliks and lower Himalayas, too, witness the same risk almost every year



KK PAUL

Recent fires that have ravaged the Amazon rainforest in Brazil have not only generated sufficient heat to light up the scene for a fresh debate on development and environment but are also responsible, to some extent, for overheating the world of diplomacy, which was much evidenced at the G7 summit held in France last month. It is obvious that major forest fires like the ones around the Amazon rainforest and the Indonesian blaze can no longer remain a localised affair. They tend to assume international dimensions in view of the overall impact on the environment and in the long run, on climate change. The temperature spikes in carbon sinks across the world end up melting our glaciers.

The allegation that the fires had been lit intentionally to make way for developmental projects being undertaken by the Brazilian Government in collaboration with private entrepreneurs may or may not be true but the damage to the environment has already been done. Imagine, Brazil was host to the earth summit in 1992, where the concept of sustainable development was initiated and a long term strategy to deal with climate change was formulated for the first time.

Back home, we have similar problems in our forested areas, except for those where rainfall is heavy and trees are able to retain sufficient moisture. The coastal areas and forests of the North-East as well as the Andamans are a case in point. Fires in the forests of Shivaliks and lower Himalayas are well-known. In fact, they have become a regular feature, except that they keep varying in intensity. Experience shows that forest fires in hill areas are more difficult to tackle due to the problem of accessibility as is noticed in several districts of Uttarakhand.

The year 2016 almost created history, both in the number of fires as well as their spread with at least seven casualties being reported. On account of a virtual absence of winter rain, signs of a difficult impending summer were quite visible even in mid-February during that time. During my journey from Dehradun to Nainital, while my helicopter was overflying the forests of Tehri and Pauri, a few isolated cases of smoke rising from deep inside the forests were visible. The absence of any rainfall through the months of March and April, along with an unusual rise in temperatures, compounded the situation.

Despite sufficient warning time being available, necessary steps were not taken. Mobilisation of volunteers and other personnel on the ground remained inadequate. By the end of March, almost a crisis situation had developed when the fires appeared to threaten settlements and peripheral areas of some of the towns. By then, the State had come under President's Rule and as the then Governor, containing the damage done to forest wealth besides saving life and property became one of my top priorities. It was strange to see that the forest department was neither



adequately prepared nor committed to fighting the fires. It was considering them to be a normal and an annual feature.

Given the gravity of the situation, the State disaster response force along with personnel from the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) in large numbers were inducted into the operation. Simultaneously, the police personnel, who were accompanied by the district revenue authorities, were also mobilised. As the fires became more menacing and life-threatening, the Indian Air Force (IAF) was approached, who with the personal intervention of the then Air Chief Marshal Arup Raha, responded almost instantaneously.

Choppers with Bambi buckets were available at the Sarsawa airbase, not far from Dehradun, which flew to Pauri and Nainital without any loss of time. They were immediately operationalised with the lake at Nainital and the reservoir at the Tehri Dam providing adequate supply of water. The only problem faced was the supply of fuel for the choppers as the tankers moved at a very slow pace on the winding hilly roads. The ordeal was finally over after a few showers towards the end of April, breaking one of the longest dry spells of more than 50 days at a stretch.

While only a certain amount of damage by fires can be quantified, the adverse impact on biodiversity and ecosystem remains immense and unquantifiable. Suffice to

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say that huge volumes of carbon dioxide so released lead to serious environmental impact. In addition, nano-sized particles from the smoke tend to settle on snow-covered areas in the vicinity, which is a separate field of study in glaciology. It is, however, well-known that such depositions and even a fractional rise in temperatures lead to erosion and consequent retraction of the glaciers.

Two very important glaciers in the vicinity of the fire impacted area are Gangotri and Milam. Both have extensively been studied by experts. Water from these glaciers flows entirely into the Gangetic river system.

Almost 65 per cent of the landmass in Uttarakhand is under the cover of forests out of which the Chirpine (*pinus roxburghii*) occupies about 20 per cent of the area, which is about four lakh hectares. Every year, large quantities of dry pine needles fall on the ground. These are very rich in oil, are highly inflammable and constitute a major source of fire hazard in the State. The Uttarakhand Renewable Energy Department Agency (UREDA) has since launched a scheme whereby pine needles are collected by villagers, who are paid on account of the weight of their collection. The needles are then used as fuel to generate power.

During the post-fire analysis, one aspect that was mentioned very emphatically by one and all was that the particu-

ipation of Van Panchayats had almost been negligible. Earlier, forest dwellers used to provide volunteers, who would maintain a strict vigil and help prevent and extinguish the fires well in time. After the introduction of and sometimes over stringent application of the Forest Rights Act, traditional forest dwellers from certain areas faced eviction, leading to a sort of vacuum with none to look after the vast tracts of forests. The official departmental guards are either too inadequate or permanently absent from duty.

In some foreign countries, like Australia and elsewhere, spraying of fire retardants is not uncommon when the fires become life-threatening. However, such sprays have not been used in India. Nevertheless, there is enough scope for technological innovations in this important area that impacts the environment. At one time, the Uttarakhand Government had sought to do away with the chirpine plantation and resorted to large scale afforestation through oak and other hardy trees. But this was dependent on expert advice as it had serious implications for both the soil structure and the environment. Considering their impact on the environment as well as biodiversity, vital decisions need to be taken in the right earnest.

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SOUNDBITE

I too come from a non-Hindi speaking State. One has to listen to my speech carefully. If someone wants to do politics, it is their choice.



Union Minister —Amit Shah

I always heard stories about how the film industry ran on connections and *jugaad* but they never worked in my favour when I was starting out.



Actor —Rajkumar Rao

It was Saudi Arabia, the Emirates, America, certain European countries and the Zionist regime (Israel) which started the war in this region.



Iran's President —Hassan Rouhani

By showing glitter, saying 5 trillion, 5 trillion, everyday, the economy cannot improve. Investors don't come by sponsoring events abroad.



Congress leader —Priyanka Gandhi Vadra

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Shocking development

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Farooq, now a threat" (September 18). That former Jammu & Kashmir Chief Minister and National Conference leader Farooq Abdullah was booked under the Public Safety Act (PSA) exposes the true intention of the ruling Government. Ever since it abrogated the Valley's special status, there has been a complete lockdown there. More than 40 days have passed but things have remained the same. Instead of engaging with the people or taking steps to restore normalcy, the Government is imposing laws that go against the spirit of the Constitution.

Farooq's detention comes close to the heels of MDMK leader Vaiko moving a *habeas corpus* petition in the Supreme Court, seeking the J&K Government to set him free. It must also be remembered that Farooq was already under house arrest for more than 40 days, as have two other former Chief Ministers Mehbooba Mufti and Omar Abdullah. If Abdullah's arrest was inevitable, the Government must give appropriate reasons for the same. It's

Come to terms with air pollution

This refers to the editorial, "Odd-even blues" (September 16). Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal believes that the odd-even scheme will reduce pollution levels though past experiments have proved to the contrary. But it is also true that the Government was able to decongest the roads to a large extent when the rule was first introduced. With the onset of winter, especially when the farmers start preparing for harvest, air quality becomes twice as polluted than during the spring and summer. As the Supreme Court had said, Delhi resembles a "gas chamber." The capital city's image took a massive beating when a 2016 report by the World Health Organisation (WHO) described it as the "world's most polluted." The odd-even scheme may not achieve what is needed. Instead, the Kejriwal Government should take parallel and reasonable measures like ensuring vehicles are run on clean fuel. It may as well order the closure of thermal emission plants.

The second time when the "odd-even" rule was implemented, people turned on the heat by buying additional cars so that they could use it on a daily basis, thus negating the cardinal principle of the rule. Most importantly, Kejriwal was right when he declared that his Government would be in close touch with the



Governments in Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh to reduce crop residue burning. Planting of trees, identification of pollution hot spots in Delhi, too, have been steps in the right direction. But the rampant bursting of crackers during Diwali needs a solution. Despite a Supreme Court ban on the sale and use of conventional firecrackers, Delhi records worst air quality every year a day after Diwali. Kejriwal has claimed that air pollution in Delhi dropped 25 per cent in four years. Only a post-November study will vindicate his stand.

Ganapathi Bhat Akola

beyond imagination that a very senior politician and one of the most prominent faces in the country is being considered as a threat to security.

Tharcus S Fernando Chennai

Gandhian philosophy

Sir — Responding to the call of Greta Thunberg, the 16-year-old Swedish climate activist, various Indian cities, including Delhi,

Mumbai, Chennai, Bengaluru, Kolkata, Kochi, Allahabad and Calicut will be hosting "climate strikes" between September 20 and September 27. Thousands of students from across the nation will skip schools to be part of the

"climate strike."

Thunberg's movement has had its impact in India and the country became a witness to some of its first school strikes with students demanding more action from authorities regarding global warming and climate change. The May 24 climate strike saw a great turnout in cities like Mumbai, Bengaluru and Delhi. Though skipping schools and colleges won't make a difference, certainly it can help create awareness.

However, the best way to combat pollution, which has been one of the most pressing environmental threats to human health, is to listen to Mahatma Gandhi's message. The issues that the world community is faced with today were envisioned by him decades ago. His idea of *swaraj* in terms of clean air and water is more relevant in our times than it was when India was under foreign rule. Most importantly, his suggestion was that school and college students must be educated about the value of clean air.

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FIRST COLUMN

The mystery of drone strikes

Though Pompeo blamed Iran for the attacks on Saudi oil, Trump doesn't want a full-scale war with it and neither does the kingdom



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US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo dismissed the Houthi claim that the Yemeni rebel group had carried out Saturday's strike on two huge Saudi Arabian oil processing facilities. There was "no evidence" that the drones belonged to the Houthis, he said. Instead, he blamed Iran. No surprise there. The way things are at the moment, if an incoming asteroid were about to strike the Earth, the US would blame Iran. But there's "no evidence" that the drones came from Iran either. Pompeo is simply trading on the assumption that Yemenis are too ignorant to manage that sort of technology, so it must be Iran. Saudi Arabia and the alliance of other autocratic Arab States that have been bombing Yemen since 2015 push the same line all the time. It goes down fairly well in the kingdom, where most people look down on Yemenis for being poor and less well educated, but it isn't actually true.

Within a year of the war's start, the Yemenis began launching a few small ballistic missiles (with conventional warheads) back at Saudi Arabia, but the Saudis refused to believe they were doing it themselves. The Houthis, they implied, were too backward to upgrade the Yemeni air force's old Soviet-made Scud missiles themselves. Iran must have helped them. In fact, the Yemeni air force had Scud missiles for decades before the Government collapsed in 2015, and technicians to service them. Some, maybe most of those technicians threw in their lot with the Houthis and upgraded those Scuds by cutting them in half and inserting a larger fuel tank. It changed their flight characteristic and made them very inaccurate but it did extend their range enough to hit targets all over southern and eastern Saudi Arabia. And by mid-2017 the Houthis, who controlled most of Yemen, were making their own improved copies known as Burkan missiles. The 'Super-Scuds' were more a morale booster than a war-winner for the Houthis, who live under a merciless daily bombardment from the air (7,290 documented civilian deaths so far). The current attacks, if the Houthis' claim is true, would just be another morale-booster, even though it has temporarily cut world oil production by around five per cent.

But was it really the Houthis? At this point there is no clear evidence, but it could have been. They certainly have the motive and they may have the technology. They have used small drones in previous air strikes and there are bigger drones available commercially that could do the damage seen at the Saudi facilities. The biggest currently available is the Guardian, a monster that can carry a payload of 200 kilos. It's made by Griff Aviation, a Norwegian company whose Lakeland factory in Florida is producing one Guardian a day and selling them to industrial, agricultural and military clients.

It would be quite a trick for the Houthis to acquire ten of them but stranger things have happened. Or maybe they did get their hands on some military drones, which would certainly be up to the job. Or maybe it was Iran but nobody really knows yet.

One apparent flaw in the Houthi theory is that there are no civilian drones capable of flying the almost 800 km from Yemen to the Saudi targets but that's not really necessary. Most of the land around the Abqaiq and Khurais oil facilities is open desert and launching the drones for 25-50 km away would escape detection unless the Saudis were actively anticipating such an attack.

Who would launch them? There are a million Yemenis resident in Saudi Arabia, plus two to three million Saudi citizens, who suffer severe discrimination because they follow the Shia version of Islam. There are even Sunni Saudi citizens (mostly Islamists) who are sufficiently disaffected to attack the regime directly. That's a pretty large pool to fish in if you're looking for local collaborators to smuggle the drones in and launch them - which is what the Houthis themselves say happened. In their statement claiming credit for the attacks, they express thanks for "co-operation with the honourable people inside the kingdom." None of this proves that it was the Houthis or that it wasn't the Iranians. It does leave the identity of the attackers up in the air, where it will remain until conclusive proof emerges one way or another (if it ever does). Mike Pompeo's confident attribution of blame to Iran, later echoed by Energy Secretary Rick Perry, is just politics, not proof. As Iran's Foreign Minister Javad Zarif tweeted on Sunday, "having failed at max pressure (anti-Iran trade sanctions), Sec Pompeo's turning to max deceit." Fair comment, really. And we should be grateful that Donald Trump, for all his faults, is the grown-up in the house this time. On Sunday Trump tweeted: "There is reason to believe that we know the culprit, are locked and loaded depending on verification but are waiting to hear from the Kingdom as to who they believe was the cause of attack, and under what terms we would proceed!" Trump doesn't want a full-scale war with Iran, and neither does Saudi Arabia. It probably won't happen.

(Gwynne Dyer's new book is *Growing Pains: The Future of Democracy and Work*)

INSTEAD OF WEAKENING COMMUNAL FORCES, THE CONGRESS IS ENGAGED MOSTLY IN WEAKENING THE FORCES THAT RAISE VOICES AGAINST IT.

—BAHujan SAMAJ PARTY CHIEF
MAYAWATI

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NO ONE CAN SAY THAT CONGRESS FAILED TO PLAY THE ROLE OF OPPOSITION. OUR LEADERS FOUGHT IN LEGISLATURES, PARLIAMENT AND ON STREETS.

— CONGRESS LEADER
AJAY MAKEN

Free the land to save Earth

Degraded tracts can be used for orchards and agro-forestry to help store more carbon in the soil. This will help mitigate the effects of climate change



INDRA SHEKHAR SINGH

The fire of humanity's end has started to burn the Amazon rainforests. Our hunger for destruction of forests is older than the Roman Empire's greed for wood or Amazonian farmers' need for more land. In India, we are victims of rampant logging and deforestation, too. The mighty Himalayas in Himachal Pradesh are stripped for lumber and in the plains trees are chopped to make way for real estate or farmland. Badland use means degraded land of 26 million hectares (ha) while excessive use of chemicals in industrial agriculture is resulting in more fertile tracts being destroyed each day. But time is up and, "any wrong step towards Earth's degradation by anyone, any government around the world affects each one of us." This was made clear at the recently-concluded United Nations' Convention to Combat Desertification Conference of Parties (UNCCD COP14) held in India.

India tops the charts as "the most climate-affected country of the world." This means that we may see temperatures hitting 55 °C, agriculture production failing and water wars in the next decade. We need to swerve towards healing the Earth and adopt realistic policies to address environmental degradation with a mass mitigation movement, otherwise climate change will destroy India. And city dwellers can't do it alone. India needs its farmers to save not just the country but perhaps, the world. And this time cultivators need help from our policy-makers too.

India is well stocked in cereals and is in fact heading towards over-production in rice and wheat, which is destabilising market prices and not allowing for farming of other crops. The culprit is the state policy of the limited scope of the Minimum Support Price (MSP) scheme. The Government needs to extend MSP beyond wheat and rice, and given the newer challenges of water scarcity and climate chaos, we need to innovate to expand the scope of farmers' support system. A direct way is to include more crops under MSP, but the other can be to introduce relaxations to land ceilings as advised by the Economic Survey of India. This can be strictly done for growers who are willing to devote over 80 per cent of their land to orchards, agro-forestry using ecological practices like inter-cropping, natural composting and so on. The Government needs to come out in support of cultivators who can become the vanguard of India's climate mitigation campaign. We need a policy, which incentivises carbon sequestration by growers and Farmer Producers' Organisations (FPOs) using carbon credits matched by water efficiency scores. Carbon sequestration is the process by which carbon dioxide (CO₂) from the atmosphere is absorbed by trees, plants and crops through photosynthesis and stored as carbon in biomass such as tree trunks, branches, foliage, roots and soils.

We don't need all of the Indian farmland for cereal production and should promote orchards and agro-forestry, which are good for the cultivators and the Earth. As per a study conducted by the Environmental Defence Fund (EDF) in India, methane and nitrous oxide emissions from rice farms could have the same long-term warming impact as about 600 coal plants. Compare this to a research on mango orchards by ICAR-NICRA (Indian Council of Agricultural Research- National Initiative on Climate Resilient

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Agriculture) published in 2019. The study stated that the "country as a whole has sequestered 285.005 million tonnes of carbon in its mango orchards. Andhra Pradesh (AP) and Telangana put together, having a maximum area under mango cultivation, sequestered 69.98 million tonnes of carbon. This is followed by Uttar Pradesh (35.58 million tonnes), Karnataka (29.57315 million tonnes), Odisha (21.07 million tonnes) and Bihar (20.09 million tonnes)."

This figure can grow if agro-ecological practices such as inter-cropping with pulses, other fruit trees, organic composting and fertilisers are used. Most degraded land can also be used for orchards, hence adding incomes for the farmers/FPOs and helping store more carbon in the soil.

In Ladakh, Nubra Valley produced about 4,650 metric tonnes (MT) of apricot, apple, walnut, mulberry, grape and plum and sequestered 22,300 MT of carbon. The cultivation of such temperate fruits can be used for carbon sequestration and rejuvenating degraded land, cold-arid regions by improving Soil Organic Carbon (SOC) contents and bringing more prosperity to farmers.

After achieving food sovereignty, we should diversify and not only meet climate targets, by planting trees and agro-forestry, we save water, clean the air and bring higher economic returns for farmers. To free the land to heal and repair the Earth, we have to address the issue of degraded areas. The burden of cereal production has been rapacious for bio-diversity. We need to rejuvenate bio-diversity of the hinterland, especially along the Gangetic plains and river plains of the south with trees. Let the bigger farmers grow forests, so the small and medium cultivators can grow cereals, lentils and oilseeds. Once the bigger

farmers shift out of cereal production, small growers can get better prices for their produce through the Government and grain traders. FPOs can play a very big role in this.

Take for example Lucknow or Kanpur, both of which are high on the air pollution index. The State Government can identify clusters of degraded or wastelands and convert them exclusively into agro-forests or mixed orchards. If a cluster decides to use agro-ecological methods of farming, it should be incentivised by allowing each individual farmer to own more than the prescribed limit in the Land Ceiling Act of UP.

Instead of the Government bearing all burden of degraded land restoration, through policy decisions facilitate farmers/FPOs to buy it. The Government can assist by providing region-wise bio-diversity-based plans. Inter-cropping, natural composting, organic farming should be encouraged within the orchards and agro-forests.

Farmers/FPOs should be exempted from the Land Ceiling Act if they purchase degraded land and bring 90 per cent of it under tree cover/orchards based on local biodiversity in the next two or three years. This should be over and above the land ceiling limits within State laws. This would ensure that the project is economically viable and reduces the pressure on the land and the Government. State laws can be amended to include this new category of farmlands and a limit should be imposed to ensure that they stay under tree cover for the next 60 years.

The next step would be to create a national kisan carbon credit programme, linking it to the global carbon credit system. Then FPOs/clusters can earn carbon credits for the country. This will also

encourage developed nations and progressive states like California to make an investment into rural communities directly. Global companies too could buy carbon credits to reduce their emissions. The farmers will earn more and we clean the air of surrounding cities while earning investments straight into rural and semi-rural India.

If land ceilings are relaxed for renewable energy projects, why not for climate mitigation through bio-diversity? Indian farmers, much like the solar industrialists, are fighting climate change; they only differ in their approach. One uses shiny solar panels while the cultivators are armed with their saplings and seeds. They should be given every opportunity to contribute to India's climate mitigation because the threat is very real and affects the farmers and rural India more. We need integration of old wisdom and new farming technologies.

The size of the land-holding is too small and is ever-shrinking, while the degradation and depletion of land fertility are at an all-time high. We have to free the land and free the farmers to help restore the ecosystem. Days of bullock carts are long gone, we need to embrace technology and steer it for the protection of the Earth and our nation.

We need to embrace new science and the forest together, to save our civilisation from the negative effects of climate change. Reconnect with the Earth and act now unitedly for the benefit of our *Vasudeva kutumbakam* (global family) or else as best articulated by James Baldwin, "Instead of ending the world with water, God will end it with fire next time."

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Ship-breaking poisoning the environment

The pipes and steel body of a vessel hold an average of 1,40,000 PPM mercury, that is released into the air during the dismantling process. This puts labourers and technical staff at risk



KOTA SRIRAJ

The ship-breaking business in India is booming as many nations across the world have completely banned dismantling of vessels on their soil, owing to public pressure over environmental concerns. However, the ship-breaking business in India is gaining notoriety thanks largely to the anti-environmental policies followed at the yards and the tremendous health risks involved.

A recent Dutch documentary has highlighted how environmental and safety norms are being flouted in Gujarat's Alang ship-breaking yard. The documentary titled, 'Het gisfchip van SBM' was aired on Zembra, a Dutch television documentary pro-

gramme on September 12, 2019. The documentary shows how the Dutch company, SBM Offshore, concealed that a gas tanker it owned, which was to be scrapped in Alang, was contaminated with mercury. SBM Offshore provides floating production solutions to the offshore energy industry.

Many ships are contaminated with mercury, especially the ones converted to Floating Storage and Offloading (FSO) vessels. Stationed at gas fields, these vessels accumulate high levels of mercury, which gets attached to the steel walls of the tanker. In addition, mercury also contaminates ballast water. Some studies show that its presence is as high as 300 points per million (PPM) of mercury in 4,500 tonnes of ballast water. Furthermore the pipes and steel body hold an average of 1,40,000 PPM mercury, that is released into the air during the dismantling process. This puts labourers and technical staff at risk as mercury exposure can damage the central nervous system, kidney and cause liver impairment, reproductive and devel-



opment disorders, defects in foetuses and learning deficits. Yet in spite of these conditions, the ships keep arriving at these yards and breaking continues round-the-clock. How these workers protect themselves against the health threats and what the Indian Government will do to take care of its people and the environment is anybody's guess.

The work at the yards is largely still being done by hand. As such the risks and exposures attached to the business by way of accidents and chemical reactions are very high. This raises a pertinent question as to how the Government has not fully automated the breaking process as the heavy industry technology has made major progress over the last

few decades. Big industrial corporations like Hitachi, Siemens and Hyundai specialise in heavy industry machinery. So why is the ship-breaking industry still hand driven? The Government must step in and increase automation at these yards. Not only will this benefit the workers, it will also be easy to adhere to international ship-breaking guidelines.

Further, public awareness about this business and its impact on people's health and the environment is low. This needs to change because with awareness comes safety.

The Government, which is always on the back foot on this subject as it's a business fraught with risks, can use technology as a way out of this conundrum.

It can begin an online portal, which deals with scrapping of any harmful object, be it as small as white goods and e-waste to as large as ships. The portal, under different heads, can give information and live feed of the various dismantling and waste processing facilities. This information will bring transparency on

adherence to norms concerning health and environment safeguards. This will also earn the Government the respect of the common man.

While the ship-breaking business has been the focus of many researches and studies, the lot of the people on the ground and the immediate environment, whether it is the sea or the ambient air quality, has more or less remained unchanged. With such glaring examples of pollution in front of us, it seems that the authorities in India, both executive and judicial, seem to have trained their guns elsewhere and on smaller sources of pollution. This seems particularly true when one examines the fact that ship-breaking possibly is the only activity that has the dubious capability of polluting the air, sea water and harming human health all in one go and under one activity.

Surely this cannot be ignored and allowed to continue as it has thrived long enough and consumed enough human lives and environmental assets.

(The writer is an environmental journalist)



FOREIGN EYE



TACKLING DISPARITIES

Tackling disparities in power and capital has become the leitmotif of the Left globally. France's President Emmanuel Macron has just pushed through a law for mandatory profit-sharing schemes for employees. In the US, Democratic presidential hopefuls Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren propose to tackle soaring wealth inequality by giving employees a stake in their companies. This would be welcome indeed. (The Guardian editorial)

Plastic ban: India Inc seeks exemptions

Follow structured approach to ban single-use plastic: India Inc to Govt

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

With the Government looking to ban single-use plastic, Indian industry has suggested to follow a structured approach on the move and sought exemption for certain items.



Single-use plastic and encouraged usage of jute and cloth bags to protect the environment.

CII (Confederation of Indian Industry) supports the phase-out of single-use plastics in a structured manner. In addition, the priority items of single-use plastics identified for the phase-out need to be decided through an inclusive consultative process, industry body CII said in a draft note on single-use plastic.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had suggested the control on the use of plastics while addressing the CoP (Conference of Parties) to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) here.

In his speech on August 15, Modi urged people to shun sin-

gle-use plastic and encouraged usage of jute and cloth bags to protect the environment.

In the draft note, the chamber suggested that certain items may not be considered for immediate action.

Certain items include plastic or MLP (multi-layered plastic) packaging which is integral to manufacturing or packaging process or such plastic which is either made of recycled material or is completely recyclable.

It also sought exemption for plastic/MLP packaging which does not have any techno-commercially proven sustainable alternative.

It has suggested that plastic packaging/bottles used for pharma/health products, with capacities of lesser than 200 ml, designed to offer required dose

of medicine/health supplement thereby minimising potential contamination should not be banned.

To follow a structured approach, it has recommended prioritising single-use plastic items; identifying policy/voluntary actions to address the priority single-use plastics; awareness creation to make it a public movement against these plastics; promotion of alternatives; and adequate monitoring and policy review.

The chamber has suggested for a baseline assessment to identify the single-use plastics with substantial impact on natural environment, along with the current causes, extent and impacts of their mismanagement.

"Targeted set of incentives needs to be identified in order to promote alternatives to single-use plastics," the note said.

In line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call to put an end to single-use plastic, Environment Secretary C K Mishra on Wednesday said the ministry has issued guidelines to states and union territories in the past and has been urging them to take the necessary steps to curb the use of single-use plastic.

Govt proposes to corporatise EPFO, ESIC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

In a bid to corporatise social security agencies, the Government on Wednesday released a draft code that seeks to revamp the structure of EPFO and ESIC, which would get CEOs for the first time.

The draft provides for change in the constitution of Employee Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) and Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), saying the two bodies would be "body corporate".

At present, EPFO and ESIC work more like autonomous bodies run by trustees and board, respectively under the administrative control of Ministry of Labour & Employment. Both bodies were created by an Act of Parliament.

Besides, it has been a precedent that the labour minister is appointed as chairman of EPFO central board of trustees as well as ESIC board. Most of the time, the labour secretary has been vice-chairman of EPFO as well as ESIC in the absence of Minister of State for Labour.

The draft code provides

that the Centre would appoint chairman and vice chairman of the two bodies. Thus, the appointees could be other than the labour minister and labour secretary.

The draft code also provides for appointment of CEOs for the first time, who would be executive heads of EPFO and ESIC. At present, a Central Provident Fund Commissioner and Director General run EPFO and ESIC, respectively. Now, CEOs can be appointed from Indian Administrative Service as well as other services after consultation with the Union Public Service Commission.

Ministry of Labour & Employment has circulated a draft of the Code on Social Security, 2019 and sought stakeholder and public comments till October 25.

Govt doing everything to bring India back on high growth path: Niti CEO

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government is doing everything possible to turn around the Indian economy and bring it back to a high trajectory growth path, Niti Aagoy CEO Amitabh Kant said on Wednesday.

"If you look at the last five years, India's growth on an average was of about 7.5 per cent....The growth story has dipped to 5 per cent in the first quarter of the fiscal year 2019-20. Both the RBI and the government of India are active on this."

"We need to think what kind of innovation we need to undertake to attain a high trajectory growth," Kant said while delivering keynote address on 'Fostering a Culture of Innovation' at an All India Management Association event here.

Whereas the Reserve Bank has brought down the repo rate by 110 basis points, the government took a series of measures and gave three economic boosters, he said, adding it will continue to do so.

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"The government is active, the fundamentals of Indian economy is intact and we will continue to do whatever it requires to take India back to high trajectory growth rate. To my mind we will do everything possible," he said.

Economic slowdown impacts coal import cargo in H1 FY20: Icrta

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Economic slowdown has impacted coal import cargo in the first half of this fiscal, as overall cargo growth at major ports registered a marginal growth of 1.9 per cent to 294 million tonnes, rating agency Icrta said on Wednesday.

Healthy volume growth in container, crude and iron ore segments was offset by the decline in coal and some other bulk cargo volumes, it said.

"The volume growth at major ports has been impacted by 4 per cent fall in coal volumes - 63.6 MT vs 66.3 MT - and some decline in fertiliser and liquid volumes," Icrta said in a statement.

Coal volumes at major ports grew 11 per cent in FY2019.

"The decline in imports is despite the fact that Coal India Ltd's dispatches have also fallen by 3 per cent during this period to 247 MT from 241 MT. Thus, the slowdown in coal imports is most likely attributable to the economic slowdown in recent months which has brought down the overall demand and is likely to impact the domestic port sector," K Ravichandran, Senior Vice President and Group Head - Corporate Ratings, Icrta said.

MTDC upgrades 23 resorts to promote tourist destinations

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation (MTDC) on Wednesday said it has upgraded 23 of its resorts in the state with an investment of around Rs 1 crore to encourage tourists and promote tourist destinations.

"The revamping of 23 resorts in the state took around six months and was done in a budget of around Rs 1 crore,"

MTDC managing director Abhimanyu Kale told PTI here.

He said, there is a surge in the number of visitors including locals, travellers from other states as well as from foreign tourists, who are keen to visit the various destinations across Maharashtra.

"MTDC puts a lot of impetus to manage and improve the infrastructure to meet global standards and hence we have taken the initiative to upgrade these properties."

Trai invites public comments to review mobile call termination rate deadline

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Telecom regulator Trai on Wednesday invited public views to review the January 1, 2020 deadline for service providers to end interconnect usage charges.

A telecom operator pays for connecting calls of its subscribers to the company on whose network a call is made. Currently, an operator is required to pay 6 paise per minute as mobile call termination charges, called interconnect usage charges (IUC), which is proposed to be made nil from January 1, 2020.

Telecom operators with large number of subscribers gain from IUC as most of the calls are made within their network while net payout for service providers with lower subscriber base is higher.

At present, Reliance Jio leads mobile market with 339.7

million subscribers followed by Bharti Airtel with 328 million customers. Vodafone Idea in July reported decline in customer base to 320 million in the first quarter of 2019-20. BSNL has mobile customer base of 116 million.

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) said it has seen rapid adoption of modern technology in the country's mobile networks since the time it lowered ICU from 14 paise to 6 paise from October 1, 2017 onwards.

"Though the imbalance in the inter-operator off-net traffic is reducing over a period, it still exists," Trai said.

The regulator said it has proposed a bill and keep (BAK) regime in which no operator raises bill for IUC, after analysing that the regime will reduce the inter-operator off-net traffic imbalance.

44 US lawmakers urge Trump admin to reinstate GSP status for India

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

A head of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the US, a bipartisan group of 44 influential lawmakers has urged the Trump administration to reinstate India's designation as a beneficiary developing nation under the key GSP trade programme as part of a potential trade deal between the two countries.

The Trump administration terminated India's designation as a beneficiary developing nation under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) on June 5.

The GSP is the largest and oldest US trade preference programme and is designed to promote economic development by allowing duty-free entry for thousands of products from designated beneficiary countries.

In a letter to US Trade

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Representative Robert Lighthizer, the House of Representatives members suggested an "early harvest" approach that "would ensure that long-sought market access gains for US industries are not held up by negotiations over remaining issues".

US President Donald Trump and Prime Minister Narendra Modi will meet on September 22 in Houston and the two sides hope to announce a potential deal on longstanding trade issues, including the GSP, a media report said.

BUSINESS CORNER



Mumbai: Union Bank of India on Wednesday announced Signing of MOU with M/s Capital India Finance Ltd. (CIFL), a professionally managed NBFC under Co-origination Model for Lending to Priority Sector as per RBI defined model. This arrangement will entail joint contribution of Credit at the facility level, by both the Lending Partners viz. Union Bank of India and CIFL. It is envisaged that the benefit of low cost funds from Banks and lower cost of operations of NBFC would be passed on to the Borrower through adoption of the blended products to suit the requirements of Borrowers. This arrangement will also entail increase in the Credit off-take in respective market and offer timely delivery of Credit at significantly lower cost.

Mother Dairy to recycle 832 tonnes of plastic by March 2020

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Mother Dairy, a leading Milk supplier in Delhi-NCR, on Wednesday said it will recycle 832 tonnes of plastic by March next year as part of its efforts to protect environment.

To tackle with the burgeoning menace of post-consumer plastic waste, Mother Dairy debuted its plastic waste collection and recycling initiative in Maharashtra in June 2018 by rolling out the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) programme," it said in a statement.

Mother Dairy, with the help of a Producer Responsibility Organisation, has collected and recycled around 1,073 tonnes of plastic waste till May 2019. This quantity includes around 183 tonnes of multi-layered packaging and 890 tonnes of non-multi-layered packaging.

The company said it is implementing 100 EPR in Maharashtra and now wants to replicate the success of EPR by spearheading the programme on a pan-India basis.

Fitment panel rejects GST rate cut for auto, biscuits; favours relief for hotel industry

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A head of the crucial GST Council meeting on Friday, a committee of officials has rejected demands for a cut in tax rate on items ranging from biscuits to car owing to tight revenue position as any reduction will dent Centre and State collections.

The Council's Fitment Committee which comprises revenue officials of both Centre and States has looked into the demands for reduction in GST rate on automobiles to beat the slowdown in the sector for the past three quarters.

Automobile industry has long been demanding reduction in Goods and Services Tax (GST) rate from the present 28 per cent to 18 per cent.

However, the Committee was of the view that the rate cut would hurt the collection as auto sales contribute almost Rs 50,000-60,000 crore to the total GST kitty.

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Extension in Tender Submission Date
Date for invitation of tenders for sale of used vehicle No. DL 3C BM 1984 (2009) has been extended upto 03 October, 2019 by 10:30 hours. Tender will be opened on the same day at 11:00 hours. The terms and conditions of advertisement published on 27th August, 2019 in Pioneer remains same.
For more details visit NIFT's website <https://www.nift.ac.in/tenders>
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Public notice for Sale/Auction of Immovable properties (under SARAESI Act read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules)
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Secured Creditor will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 10-10-2019 at 12 Noon at Axis House, Tower-2, 2nd Floor, I-14, Sector-128, Noida Expressway, Jaypee Greens Wishtown, Noida (U.P.)-201301 for recovery of Rs. 17,02,166/- due as on 22-08-2016 along with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred up to the date of actual payment and/or realization due to the secured creditor from Mr. Devendra Pral Singh. The reserve price will be Rs. 25,43,139/- (Rupees Twenty five lakh forty three thousand and one hundred thirty eight only) and the earnest money deposit will be Rs. 2,54,314/- Last Date, Time And Venue For Submission Of Bids With Sealed Offer/ Tender With EMD on 09-10-2019 at the above mentioned address.

Account Number	Location / Details of the Immovable Property/Secured Assets possessed and put for sale	Encumbrances, if any known to the Bank.
Home Loan No - PPHR01260033529	A Residential Flat Having Super area 1244.59 Sq. Ft. (ie 115.56 Sq.Mtr) and built up area 995.50 Sq. Ft. (ie 92.45 Sq. Mtr) bearing Flat No. CO20203 on 2nd Floor (Without roof Rights) in Building C-02 situated in Group Housing Project namely 'Ebony Greens' being part of Residential Township Crescent Park C situated at Village Shahpur Banhela, Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh along with usage right of one open parking space.	NO

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in the secured creditor's website i.e. <https://www.axisbank.com/auktion-notice/>
Date: 19-09-2019, Place: Noida, UP. Sd/-, Authorized Officer, Axis Bank Ltd.,

Sale Notice
Shree Balaji Printpack Private Limited
(In Liquidation)
Reg. Off.: 191, Nangli Sakrawati, PP No-NJF B-379, Najargarh, New Delhi-110043, India
Place where Books of Account & papers are Maintained: A-33/21, Vishwakarma Compound, Site-4, Sahibabad Industrial Area, Ghaziabad-201010, Uttar Pradesh, India
Liquidator: Mohd Nazim Khan
Liquidator Address: G-41, Ground Floor West Patel Nagar, New Delhi-110008
Email: nazim@mnkassociates.com, Contact No.-9818156340

E-Auction
Sale of Assets under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016
Date and Time of Auction:
25th September, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 05:00 p.m.
(With unlimited extension of 5 minutes each)

Sale of Vehicle namely Mahindra & Mahindra- CB_Bolero Maxi Truck owned by Shree Balaji Printpack Private Limited (in Liquidation) forming part of Liquidation Estate of Shree Balaji Printpack Private Limited in possession of the Liquidator, appointed by the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal New Delhi Bench III at New Delhi vide order dated 03.04.2019. The sale of properties will be done by the undersigned through the e-auction platform <https://ncltauction.auctiontiger.net>.

ASSET	ITEMS	RESERVE PRICE (Rs. In)	Earnest Money Amount (Rs. In)
Mahindra & Mahindra CB_Bolero Matrix Truck Reg No. DL1LX3477 Vehicle parked at: A-33/21, Vishwakarma Compound, Site-4, Sahibabad Industrial Area, Ghaziabad-201010, Uttar Pradesh, India	1	130,000	13,000

Terms and Condition of the E-auction are under
1. E-Auction will be conducted on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" through approved service provider M/S e-procurement Technologies Limited (Auction Tiger).
2. The Complete E-Auction process document containing details of the Assets, online e-auction Bid Form, Declaration and Undertaking Form, General Terms and Conditions of online auction sale are available on website <https://ncltauction.auctiontiger.net>. Contact: Mr. Tilak Maratha & Mr. Pushpit Maru at +91-6351896834 / 079 61200 580/ 554/594/598 E-mail : Tilak@auctiontiger.net / Pushpit@auctiontiger.net / Support@auctiontiger.net

Sd/-
Mohd Nazim Khan
Liquidator

Date : 17.09.2019
Place : New Delhi
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Petrol, diesel prices see steepest hike since July 5

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Petrol and diesel prices were on Wednesday hiked by 24-25 paise per litre, the steepest increase since July 5 Union Budget, as a fallout of turmoil in global oil markets following drone attacks on Saudi Arabian crude oil facilities.

Petrol price was increased by 25 paise per litre to Rs 72.42 and diesel by 24 paise to Rs 65.82 in the Delhi market, which is sort of a national benchmark, according to price information available from state-owned fuel retailers.

This is the biggest single-day hike since the July 5 Budget of Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman that raised rates by almost Rs 2.50 a litre due to an increase in excise duty on the fuels.

The hike on Wednesday followed a 14 paise a litre increase in price of petrol on Tuesday and 15 paise per litre rise in diesel rate.

Following the drone strikes on Saturday, international oil prices rallied nearly 20 per cent on Monday in intraday trading -- the biggest jump in almost 30 years -- as the attacks halved Saudi Arabia's output.

Rates have in subsequent two days retreated, conceding about half of the gains. Brent crude future on Wednesday dipped 0.26 per cent to USD 64.38 per barrel after jumping to near USD 72 in reaction to the disruption. US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude lost 0.5 per cent to USD 59.06 per barrel.

This came after signs that Saudi Arabia was quickly

restoring production at Abqaiq facility. Abqaiq is now processing about 2 million barrels a day and should return to pre-attack levels of about 4.9 million barrels by the end of September, Saudi Aramco chief executive Amin Nasser said.

Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman has reportedly stated that two-thirds of production has been restored and the kingdom sees a full recovery in 10 days.

Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Tuesday said India, the world's third-largest oil consumer, is keeping a close watch on the developing situation.

India imports 83 per cent of its oil needs, with Saudi Arabia supplying a fifth of these. Saudi Arabia is its second-biggest supplier after Iraq.

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one person (depicted in the photo) namely **Gajander Singh**, S/O Omprakash, R/o H. No. C-600, Dakshin Puri, New Delhi, has been missing since 09.07.2019. In this regard a D.D. No. 74-A, Dated 13.07.2019 has been lodged at Police Station - Ambedkar Nagar, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-

Age: 40 years, Complexion: Wheatish, Height: 5'8", Face: Round, Build: Fat, Clothing: Wearing white colour shirt, white colour Pant and Shoes in feet.

Any person is having any information/Clue about this missing person, may inform undersigned.

Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph: 011-24368639
Ph.No.: 011-24368638, 24368641

SHO
P.S. Ambedkar Nagar, Delhi
DP/5630/SD/19 Ph.: 011-29052304, 29051917

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that a female namely **Israwati**, W/o Ram Jeevan R/o D-40, Vijay Vihar Phase II, Delhi, has been missing/kidnapped since 31.08.2019 from the area of P.S. Vijay Vihar, Delhi. In this regard a **DD No. 72-A, dated 01.09.2019 u/s 363 IPC, has been registered at P.S. Vijay Vihar, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped female but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing/kidnapped female is as under:

Name: Israwati, Gender: Female, Age: 35 years, Height: 5'1", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Wearing: Blue colour Saree and Slippers in Feet.

If anyone has any information regarding this missing/kidnapped female, kindly inform SHO/Vijay Vihar, Delhi.

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SHO
P.S. Vijay Vihar, Delhi
DP/3257/RD/19 Ph. No.: 011-27282350, 27280435

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male **Age: About 45 years, Height: 5'7", Complexion: Sallow, Face: Round, Build: Normal, wearing blue colour shirt and blue colour jeans, was found injured in road accident on 14.09.2019 at IP Bus Stand, Near Subway opp. WHO Building, Ring Road, Delhi. He was admitted in LNJP Hospital, Delhi, during the treatment he died on 15.09.2019. In this regard a FIR No. 212/19 dated 15.09.2019 u/s 279/337/304-A IPC has been registered at P.S. I.P. Estate, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved for identification for 72 hours in the mortuary of MAMC Hospital, Delhi.**

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

SHO : P.S. I.P. Estate, Delhi
Ph.: 011-23370928, 8750870426

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TV makers hail scrapping of duty on open cell panel

Mfg cost to go down by 3pc

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
The television industry has welcomed the government's decision to scrap the customs duty on import of open cell TV panels, saying the move will boost domestic manufacturing.
In a late night notification on Tuesday, the Finance Ministry said "open cell, (15.6 inch and above), for use in the manufacture of Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) and Light Emitting Diode (LED) TV panel", would attract nil duty.
TV makers say the move will help them reduce the manufacturing cost by up to 3 per cent, however, consumer prices are expected to remain same.
The announcement has come just ahead of the festive season sales and would positively impact the sales of LED TV panels.
"Industry welcomes this decision. This will ease the cost pressure on TV and the benefit once passed to the consumers will help the industry accelerate demand," Panasonic India and South Asia President

and CEO Manish Sharma told PTI.
LG Electronics India said the government's decision would boost domestic manufacturing.
"This is a very positive development... it will certainly boost Make in India," said LG Electronics India Director (Home Entertainment) YOUNG Park.
Open cell panel is an important part of TV manufacturing and covers more than half the cost of the unit.
Sony India said reduction in duty would help enhance its efforts to increase domestic manufacturing of its TV range.
"The company has long been committed to the government's Make in India initiative. This withdrawal of duty on open cell provides a strong boost to local manufacturing and will help us further enhance our efforts in this direction," said Sony India Managing Director Sunil Nayyar.
According to Haier India President Eric Braganza, the industry has been pushing for this for some time. TV market is slow, so anything that could ignite the growth is welcome.
When asked whether it would have any impact on TV

price, Manish Sharma said current inventories for festive season are already in place, however for fresh imports, the cost impact will be about 3 per cent.
"Our festival pricing is already in place which is attractive compared to the previous months. Hence post season, this duty reduction will help us maintain the pricing at same levels with reduced cost pressures on industry," Sharma said.
Besides removing 5 per cent customs duty imposed on import of open cell TV panel, the government has waived customs duty on import of chip on Film, Printed Circuit Board Assembly (PCBA) and Cell (glass board/substrate), which are used to manufacture open cell TV panels.
All leading TV makers along with the Consumer Electronics and Appliances Manufacturers Association had been asking the government to waive it.
Indian TV market, which is estimated to be around ₹22,000 crore is facing tough times due to slow demand.
Manufacturers like Samsung had shifted TV production lines to Vietnam using the Free Trade Agreement to import it.

Markets eke out modest gains as oil prices cool; Fed rate decision eyed

PTI ■ MUMBAI
Equity markets found firmer ground on Wednesday after two days of steep declines as easing crude oil prices and a recovering rupee shored up investor confidence. After a range-bound session, the 30-share BSE Sensex ended 82.79 points, or 0.23%, higher at 36,563.88. Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty gained 23.05 points, or 0.21%, to finish at 10,840.65.
Global equities and oil markets stabilised after Saudi Arabia's energy minister said more than half of the country's daily crude oil production, that was knocked out by the drone attack over the weekend, had been recovered. He added that production capacity at its targeted plants would be fully restored by the end of the month.
Market participants were also awaiting cues from the policy meeting of the Federal Reserve, traders said.
Top gainers in the Sensex pack included Tata Steel, Vedanta, SBI, Tech Mahindra, Bajaj Finance, Asian Paints, M&M, NTPC and PowerGrid, rising up to 3.95%.
On the other hand, ONGC, Yes Bank, Bharti Airtel, HDFC Bank, Sun Pharma and Maruti tumbled up to 2.08%.
"Market was range-bound with a mild positive bias backed stability in oil prices with signs

of faster restoration in Saudi production. Further, rupee gained and 10-year yield declined which added respite to the sentiment.
"Auto was range-bound as the sector is unlikely to get any interim relief by way of GST cut due to concern of further short-fall in tax collection and challenges to meet fiscal target," said Vinod Nair, head of research at Geojit Financial Services.
Sectorally, BSE realty, metal, oil and gas, power, energy and FMCG indices spurred up to 1.54%. Telecom and auto lost up to 0.43%. Broader BSE midcap and smallcap indices ended up to 0.39% higher.
Meanwhile, Brent crude futures fell 0.95 per cent to USD 63.94 per barrel (intraday).
Tracking the movement in oil prices, the rupee appreciated 52 paise (intra-day) to trade at 71.26 per US dollar.
Further boosting global market mood, US President Donald Trump said a trade agreement between the US and China was likely to happen either before or immediately after the American elections.
Elsewhere in Asia, Shanghai Composite Index, Hang Seng, Nikkei and Kospi ended on a mixed note. Stock exchanges in Europe were trading in the green in their respective early sessions.

Ambani raises stake in Reliance Industries

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
Billionaire Mukesh Ambani has raised promoter stake in flagship Reliance Industries by 2.71 per cent to 48.87 per cent, according to regulatory filing by the company.
Reliance Services and Holdings Ltd, controlled by promoter group firm Petroleum Trust, acquired 17.18 crore shares or 2.71 per cent stake in Reliance on September 13, it said.
The acquisition was pursuant to a scheme of arrangement not directly involving Reliance, the filing said without giving details.
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SAT gives 4 weeks more to NSE, others in co-location case

Mumbai (PTI): Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) on Wednesday asked NSE and its ex-officials, including the former CEO Chitra Ramkrishna, to file their rejoinders within four weeks in their plea against Sebi that penalised them in the co-location case. The tribunal also fixed November 27, as the date for the disposal of the case and said no further extension will be granted to anyone.
On April 30, market watchdog Sebi had ordered NSE to disgorge ₹1,000 crore, including 12 per cent interest, and had also asked Ramkrishna and three others to pay back 25 per cent of their salaries for the period involving the scam — between 2011 and 2014 — that came to light in 2015. NSE and the people punished, challenged the order at the SAT on May 21. The co-location case dates back to 2015, when a whistleblower wrote to Sebi alleging that NSE was giving a few high-frequency traders and brokers preferential access to its trading platform which benefited both the parties at the cost of others. The whistleblower had alleged that some brokers had figured out that the way to manipulate the system by becoming the first one to connect to the server — preferably the one which was the faster. Sebi said NSE committed fraudulent and unfair trade practice as contemplated under the Sebi PFUTP (prohibition of fraudulent and unfair trade practices) regulations.

RCom RP asked to approach NCLT for refund of ₹577 cr from Ericsson

New Delhi (PTI): The NCLAT on Wednesday directed resolution professional of Reliance Communications to raise demand for ₹577 crore paid to Swiss telecom gear maker Ericsson before the NCLT-Mumbai. Anil Ambani-led RCom is presently going through Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process. A two-member National Company Law Appellate Tribunal bench headed by Chairperson Justice SJ Mukhopadhyaya asked the Resolution Professional to file the claims before the NCLT.

GRAND TOTAL

Script	Open	High	Low	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY 50	10872.80	10885.15	10804.65	10840.65	23.05
TATASTEEL	348.00	361.30	345.35	357.70	12.75
BPL	379.70	388.75	369.05	382.00	13.25
VEDL	146.00	150.50	145.10	150.00	4.60
GAIL	133.10	135.75	131.65	135.55	3.65
SBN	277.20	282.95	274.40	280.40	6.45
IOC	127.60	128.60	125.30	128.80	2.80
JSWSTEEL	217.55	223.55	217.25	220.90	4.70
INFRAEAT	251.30	255.75	249.25	254.70	4.50
TECHM	710.00	718.10	701.90	717.40	11.45
BAJAJFINSV	7221.00	7348.00	7196.00	7302.00	109.50
ASIANPAINT	1542.15	1560.95	1535.00	1552.90	22.00
BAJFINANCE	3407.00	3464.50	3388.50	3416.40	68.00
M&M	525.00	531.35	518.20	528.50	4.55
POWERGRID	200.50	203.00	198.25	202.80	2.35
NTPC	121.55	122.85	119.65	122.25	1.35
AXISBANK	645.50	654.50	641.55	647.50	7.05
RELIANCE	1204.95	1216.30	1197.20	1209.00	11.55
KOTAKBANK	1450.00	1478.95	1449.90	1460.95	12.65
TCS	2126.40	2142.95	2113.15	2141.15	18.50
ITC	237.70	242.30	234.05	238.90	1.70
TITAN	1163.00	1168.00	1150.55	1166.60	8.35
LT	1320.10	1328.40	1313.30	1321.00	7.30
HEROMOTOCO	2590.00	2617.00	2517.00	2582.10	13.15
TATAMOTORS	123.05	125.90	120.50	122.60	0.60
ADANIPORTS	365.00	368.30	364.20	366.60	1.30
GRASIM	705.85	715.50	701.00	703.15	2.20
ULTRACEMCO	3910.10	3967.95	3885.05	3910.00	9.60
HCLTECH	1059.65	1063.95	1050.65	1058.00	2.15
HINDALCO	198.40	200.80	197.15	198.20	0.25
BAJAJ-AUTO	2798.00	2819.00	2750.10	2775.00	1.85
INDUSINDBK	1340.00	1349.00	1321.80	1333.45	0.85
WIPRO	245.40	245.95	243.30	244.25	0.10
INFY	829.90	832.95	824.00	831.45	0.20
DREDDY	2739.80	2761.95	2715.15	2737.00	-1.05
HINDUNILVR	1839.50	1843.95	1818.65	1828.25	-2.95
ICICIBANK	405.45	405.45	396.50	399.25	-1.40
HDFC	2010.00	2012.40	1982.40	1988.85	-7.40
MARUTI	6165.00	6211.80	5986.60	6105.00	-25.40
CIPLA	461.40	462.80	454.35	458.70	-1.95
ZEEL	338.15	342.30	333.40	335.40	-1.95
UPL	565.00	565.00	542.75	559.55	-3.75
SUNPHARMA	423.90	424.60	414.25	417.30	-3.35
YESBANK	66.00	66.45	61.70	64.45	-0.65
HDFCBANK	2217.30	2224.15	2180.00	2188.00	-23.35
BHARTIARTL	341.60	344.15	334.60	336.10	-3.75
EICHEMOT	1650.00	1655.95	1584.20	1604.30	-241.95
ONGC	129.70	129.95	125.95	127.15	-2.55
COALINDIA	98.50	109.20	101.75	102.45	-5.15
IBULHSGFIN	436.00	438.70	411.35	417.20	-11.95
BRITANNIA	2668.70	2668.70	2588.20	2614.90	-77.55

BSE 500

Script	Open	High	Low	LTP	CHANGE
MARUTI	6164.00	6210.00	5987.40	6093.55	15.25
YESBANK	65.30	66.90	61.70	64.10	-1.20
ICICIBANK	404.90	404.90	396.70	399.15	-1.50
HDFC	2007.00	2012.40	1982.60	1988.75	-7.50
TATAMOTORS	1229.90	1255.10	120.50	121.85	1.55
HET	126.70	129.60	117.50	119.25	1.25
HDFCBANK	2215.15	2229.35	2180.00	2186.95	-1.20
RELIANCE	1204.85	1216.10	1197.60	1205.70	-1.20
IBULHSGFIN	434.00	439.80	412.00	419.15	-1.50
BAJFINANCE	3417.00	3464.00	3390.00	3415.05	1.00
TATASTEEL	347.20	361.00	345.60	358.05	1.25
GRAPHITE	350.80	358.00	331.50	338.15	1.70
BPL	378.00	388.65	369.20	382.15	1.50
INDUSINDBK	1334.80	1349.20	1322.05	1329.65	1.35
SBN	277.00	282.75	274.50	280.50	1.35
ITC	238.00	242.30	234.10	239.60	1.35
AXISBANK	643.80	654.20	641.70	648.20	1.15
TCS	2115.00	2143.75	2114.30	2138.25	1.25
JINDALSTEL	103.60	106.70	102.85	104.95	1.25
IOC	127.30	128.70	125.40	128.55	1.65
ASHOKLEY	60.30	60.80	57.45	59.60	1.35
HEROMOTOCO	2585.00	2618.55	2517.90	2575.95	1.35
BANKBARODA	95.95	96.85	94.40	96.00	1.00
ESCORTS	507.80	519.00	497.80	513.10	1.30
DREDDY	2741.00	2770.00	2716.50	2745.50	1.00
HDFCPETRO	253.10	257.40	248.80	255.00	1.30
VEDL	145.60	150.50	145.25	149.45	1.35
RBLBANK	356.95	357.85	346.60	348.85	1.35
HBL	63.60	63.80	60.55	60.55	0.00
PPC	104.00	104.00	100.30	101.15	1.15
M&M	523.30	531.25	518.30	527.25	1.25
DMART	1608.00	1650.00	1606.10	1645.65	1.35
NCC	55.40	55.60	53.50	53.80	0.30
DLF	155.00	159.35	153.60	157.15	1.15
TATAPOWER	64.80	64.80	63.10	64.05	0.15
SUNPHARMA	424.65	424.85	414.45	416.80	0.15
RELINFRA	38.60	39.05	37.10	37.40	0.30
FEDERALBNK	84.60	85.50	83.85	84.55	0.15
TORNTPOWER	278.30	284.95	277.30	280.25	1.35
PCJEWELLER	42.70	44.90	42.30	42.85	0.15
IDEA	5.07	5.09	4.84	4.86	0.15
GET&D	158.60	158.65	151.95	152.95	0.15
RELCAPITAL	35.30	36.05	34.45	35.10	0.15
BAJAJFINSV	7170.00	7347.00	7170.00	7251.70	1.70
RNBM	229.20	236.00	211.25	232.25	1.35
UBL	1254.20	1262.55	1237.00	1250.20	1.35
EICHEMOT	1635.00	1656.75	1586.55	1602.80	-21.95
CANBK	195.00	199.90	194.40	196.20	1.35
BEL	108.50	110.25	105.75	106.90	1.35
LICHSGFIN	395.50	398.90	385.60	389.80	1.35
SAIL	33.85	34.10	32.80	33.40	0.30
JSWSTEEL	217.00	223.40	217.00	221.35	1.35
UPL	562.75	564.05	543.15	557.10	1.35
COLPAL	1325.00	1328.35	1308.95	1317.65	1.35
LT	1316.05	1328.40	1313.70	1318.40	1.35
VENKYS	1697.85	1748.00	1668.00	1695.10	1.35
KOTAKBANK	1446.00	1478.35	1446.00	1462.90	1.35
BRITANNIA	2674.00	2674.00	2590.00	2614.65	1.35
NBCCL	36.20	36.60	35.10	35.65	0.30
PPL	1836.00	1855.00	1808.55	1825.55	1.35
DHFL	48.15	50.20	47.50	48.75	1.35
PNB	62.80	63.50	62.50	62.90	0.30
INFE	831.05	832.90	824.35	828.85	1.35
MOTHERSUMI	107.00	107.30	100.90	103.45	1.35
ULTRACEMCO	3915.00	3934.10	3886.45	3901.95	1.35
TITAN	1160.00	1167.95	1150.80	1161.60	1.35
L&T	92.30	93.25	91.60	92.15	0.30
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ADANIPOWER	64.45	65.00	62.80	64.20	0.30
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GODFREYPHLP	959.00	1023.30	94		

US official says Iran behind Saudi attack, Pence warns of strikes

AFP ■ WASHINGTON

The United States has concluded that an attack on Saudi oil facilities was launched from Iran, a US official said Tuesday as Vice President Mike Pence again warned that the US military is "locked and loaded" for a possible response.

The official, speaking to AFP on condition of anonymity, said the strike involved cruise missiles and that evidence would be presented at the UN General Assembly next week.

Pence announced that Secretary of State Mike Pompeo was on his way to Saudi Arabia to "discuss our response."

"As the president said, we don't want war with anybody but the United States is prepared," Pence said in a speech to the Heritage Foundation think tank in Washington.

"We're locked and loaded and we're ready to defend our interests and allies in the region, make no mistake about it," he said, echoing President Donald Trump's words on Monday.

The apparent hardening of the US position came as Iran's supreme leader ruled out negotiations with Washington "at any level."

However, continuing days of mixed messaging from the White House, spokesman Hogan Gidley refused to rule out a possible -- albeit now highly unlikely -- encounter between Trump and Iranian President Hassan Rouhani at the United Nations next week.

Trump is "obligated to try and find peace," he said. Yemen's Iranian-backed Houthi rebels claimed responsibility for Saturday's oil installation attacks, which halved output from the petro-state, the world's biggest crude producer and a close ally of Washington.

The Houthis are at war with Saudi-backed forces in Yemen, turning the impoverished nation into a proxy battlefield for bitter regional rivals Tehran and Riyadh.

The increasingly complex conflict dovetails with the Trump administration's attempt to curb Iranian power through a "maximum pressure" campaign of crippling economic sanctions.

Trump began that campaign after unilaterally pulling out of a 2015 international deal meant to reward Iran for allowing restrictions on its nuclear industry. He says that Tehran is secretly cheating and

Rouhani says Yemenis attacked Saudi oil sites as 'warning'

Tehran: Iran's President Hassan Rouhani said Wednesday Yemenis targeted Saudi oil facilities as a "warning" about a possible wider war in response to the kingdom's US-backed intervention in their conflict-ravaged country.

"The Yemenis... Haven't hit a hospital, they haven't hit a school, they haven't hit Sanaa bazaar. They just hit an industrial centre... To warn you," Rouhani said after a cabinet meeting.

"Learn lessons from this warning and consider that there could be a war in the region," he said, in a likely address to the rulers of Saudi Arabia which has spent billions of dollars on US weapons.

Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthi rebels claimed responsibility for the strikes but a US official said Tuesday that the administration of President Donald Trump concluded the attacks involved cruise missiles from Iran.

Saudi Arabia, which has been bogged down in a five-year war in Yemen, has said the weapons used in the attacks were Iranian-made but has not directly blamed its regional arch-rival.

Tehran has repeatedly denied accusations from Washington and Riyadh that it arms the Houthis.

trying to build nuclear weapons and should be stopped.

Supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said Washington's real goal was to bring his country to its knees.

"Without this, no negotiations will happen at any level between the Islamic Republic of Iran's officials and the Americans, not during the visit to New York or any other visit," he said.

Whether the new stage of the long-running US-Iranian standoff leads to a shooting war

US 'IN DENIAL' OVER SAUDI ATTACKS: ZARIF

Tehran: The US is "in denial" over attacks on oil installations in Saudi Arabia, Iran's top diplomat said Tuesday, after Washington blamed weekend strikes on Tehran despite Yemeni rebels claiming responsibility.

"US is in denial if it thinks that Yemeni victims of 4.5 yrs of the worst war crimes wouldn't do all to strike back," Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif wrote on Twitter.

American ally Saudi Arabia leads a military coalition that has been battling the Iran-aligned Houthi rebels since 2015.

is the big unknown.

Saudi Arabia, which has bought huge quantities of US weaponry, is considered a strategic ally in the region, second to Israel, another bitter foe of Iran.

Trump called off a retaliatory US missile attack on Iran in June after the Iranians shot down a spy drone. He said he did not want to kill what generals told him could be up to 150 people. He has indicated that he

Substantially increase Iran sanctions, orders Trump

Washington: President Donald Trump on Wednesday announced what he said would be substantial new sanctions against Iran in the first response to what US officials say was likely Iranian involvement in an attack on Saudi oil facilities.

"I have just instructed the Secretary of the Treasury to substantially increase Sanctions on the country of Iran!" Trump said in a tweet.

The United States already enforces widespread sanctions that have crippled Iran's economy, including attempting to shut down its major oil export industry.

There were no immediate details on what the new measures might be. Trump has yet to put categorical blame on Iran for last weekend's bombardment by drones or missiles of Saudi oil facilities. However, a US official has confirmed to AFP that the administration believes Iran is responsible.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo is due shortly in Saudi Arabia to meet with the petro-state's de facto ruler, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, to discuss a response.

may no longer feel that restraint.

"I'm not looking to get into new conflict, but sometimes you have to," he said Monday.

"That was a very large attack, and it could be met by an attack many, many times larger."

US Secretary of Defense Mark Esper labelled Iran a destabilizing force in the region, but stopped short of directly accusing Tehran over the strikes. The US military, he said, was working with its part-

line that hasn't been crossed before and, yeah, I think it'd be certainly appropriate for the US and allies to respond."

The contested strikes hit Abqaiq, the world's largest oil processing facility, and the Khurais oil field in eastern Saudi Arabia. Oil markets continued to eye the situation carefully. Prices receded five per cent on Tuesday, reversing some of the previous day's gains as analysts said they were expecting Saudi output to recover sooner than expected after the weekend's attacks.

As aftershocks continued to ripple across financial markets on Tuesday, energy specialists S&P Platt said around three million barrels per day of Saudi crude would remain offline for at least a month.

Britain and Germany on Tuesday urged the international community to forge a "collective response" to the attacks.

French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian, visiting Cairo, said it was "imperative to put all our efforts together to achieve this de-escalation."

China condemned the attacks and appealed to all sides to "refrain from taking actions that lead to an escalation of tensions in the region."

NYT ENDS SEPARATE SPANISH-LANGUAGE OP

New York: The New York Times is shutting down its Spanish-language service called NYT en Espanol, saying it was not "financially successful." The service launched in 2016 had included around 10 "high-quality original and translated" New York Times stories a day in Spanish.

"We launched NYT en Espanol as part of an experiment to reach and engage more international readers by extending our coverage to different languages," the newspaper said in a statement.

Trump names US hostage negotiator as new NSA

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

hard with Robert. He will do a great job!" he said.

US President Donald Trump on Wednesday named his chief hostage negotiator Robert O'Brien as the new National Security Adviser to replace John Bolton, who was fired last week.

O'Brien, who has been serving as the special envoy for hostage affairs at the Department of State, has been chosen for the role, Trump tweeted.

"I am pleased to announce that I will name Robert C. O'Brien, currently serving as the very successful Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs at the State Department, as our new National Security Advisor."

"I have worked long &

Pak authorities order probe into Hindu girl student's death after family claims murder

PTI ■ KARACHI

Pakistani authorities on Wednesday ordered a judicial probe within 30 days into the death of a Hindu dental college student in Sindh province after her family claimed that the girl was murdered, according to a media report.

Namrita Chandni, a final-year student of Bibi Asifa Dental College in Larkana district and a social activist, was found lying on a cot by her friends on Monday with a rope tied to her neck. Her room was locked from inside.

Police is yet to ascertain whether the girl committed suicide or was murdered.

The Sindh government on Wednesday asked the sessions court of Larkana to hold a judicial probe into the death of Chandni, the Dawn News reported.

"Section Officer Aijaz Ali Bhatti wrote a letter to the district and sessions judge of Larkana, requesting that a judicial inquiry be held in the matter and submit a report to the home department within 30 days so that further action can be taken," it said.

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SHORT-TERM RE-TENDER INVITATION OF PROPOSALS FOR PROCUREMENT OF ALL SERVICES OF EVENT CONSULTANTS

Local Organizing Committee, Indian Road Congress 80th IRC Annual Session Patna (Bihar) invites following proposals for procurement of services of qualified Event Consultants for "80th IRC Annual Session -2019 at Patna (Bihar)" to be held between 12th-15th December 2019.

The Bid would be followed by submission of Technical Bid with Bid Security money cost of EoI -cum-RFP document fee, Earnest money and Financial Bid as per Bid Document, and then followed by short listing of Technically Qualified Bidders.

Sl. No.	State	Name of Project	Bid Security (In Rs.)	Cost of EoI-cum-RFP Document (In Rs.)	Bid Processing Fee (Online Payment) (In Rs.)	Time of Completion
1	Bihar	Appointment of Event Consultants for Conceptualization, Planning, Co-ordination, Management, Monitoring and supervision of entire Event of 80 th IRC Annual Session-2019 at Patna, Bihar.	1,00,000/-	10,000/-	5,900/-	05 (Five Months) (4+1)

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Letter No. 1468/ NVIDA / 304 Date: 18.09.2019

E-Tender Notice

1. Name of the Work:- CONSTRUCTION OF TRANSIT HOSTEL FOR 12 MEDICAL OFFICERS AT CIVIL HOSPITAL KHATIMA (UDHAM SINGH NAGAR)

2. Estimated Cost :- Rs. 199.08 Lakh

3. Period of Completion :- 08 Month

4. Date and Time of availability of Bid documents in the portal:- 19.09.2019 (17.00 hrs)

5. Last date/Time of receipt of bids in the portal :- 04. 10.2019 (17.00 hrs)

6. Date & Time of Technical bid Opening :- 09.10.2019 (12.00 hrs)

7. Name and Address of the Officer inviting bid :- Er. Om Prakash, Collectorate Compound, Rudrapur (Udhm Singh Nagar).

8. Pre-bid meeting details (if required) Date & Place :- 21.09.2019 (13.00 hrs) Rudrapur.

9. For further details, details of subsequent Amendment/correction documentation etc. may be obtained from the e-Procurement portal www.uktenders.gov.in

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Letter No. 1468/ NVIDA / 305 Date: 18.09.2019

E-Tender Notice

1. Name of the Work:- CONSTRUCTION OF TYPE-II BUILDING FOR AASHRAM PADHATI SCHOOL, KHATIMA (UDHAM SINGH NAGAR)

2. Estimated Cost :- Rs. 92.15 Lakh

3. Period of Completion :- 09 Month

4. Date and Time of availability of Bid documents in the portal:- 19.09.2019 (17.00 hrs)

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Letter No. 1467/ NVIDA / 303 Date: 18.09.2019

E-Tender Notice

1. Name of the Work:- CONSTRUCTION OF REMAINING WORKS AT ISBT SITARGANJ (UDHAM SINGH NAGAR)

2. Estimated Cost :- Rs. 114.16 Lakh

3. Period of Completion :- 04 Month

4. Date and Time of availability of Bid documents in the portal:- 19.09.2019 (17.00 hrs)

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Place where Books of Account & papers are Maintained: A-33/21, Vishwakarma Compound, Site-4, Sahibabad Industrial Area, Ghaziabad-201010, Uttar Pradesh, India

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E-Auction

Sale of Assets under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016

Date and Time of Auction:
25th September, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 05:00 p.m.
(With unlimited extension of 5 minutes each)

Sale of Plant And Machinery owned by Shree Balaji Printpack Private Limited (In Liquidation) forming part of Liquidation Estate of Shree Balaji Printpack Private Limited in possession of the Liquidator, appointed by the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal New Delhi Bench III at New Delhi vide order dated 03.04.2019. The sale of properties will be done by the undersigned through the e-auction platform <https://ncltauction.auctiontiger.net>.

ASSET	ITEMS	RESERVE PRICE (Rs. In)	Earnest Money Amount (Rs. In)
Core Cutting Machinery	1		
Design & Cylinder	Lot		
Heat Converter	1		
Hot Air System	2		
Hydraulic Stackers	2		
Printing Machine (Masko)	1		
Solvent Less Lamination Machine (Masko)	1	3,500,000	350,000
Air Compressor	2		
Slitting Machine	2		
Inspection Machine	1		
Pouch Making Machine	1		
Weighing Machine	3		
Sealing Machine	1		
Pressure Roller	Lot		
Rubber Roller	Lot		

Terms and Condition of the E-auction are as under

- E-Auction will be conducted on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" through approved service provider M/S e-procurement Technologies Limited (Auction Tiger).
- The Complete E-Auction process document containing details of the Assets, online e-auction Bid Form, Declaration and Undertaking Form, General Terms and Conditions of online auction sale are available on website <https://ncltauction.auctiontiger.net>. Contact: Mr. Tilak Maratha & Mr. Pushpit Maru at +91-6351896834 / 079 61200 580/ 5544/594/598 E-mail : Tilak@auctiontiger.net/ Pushpit@auctiontiger.net/ Support@auctiontiger.net.

Sd/-
Mohd Nazim Khan
Liquidator
Date : 17.09.2019
Place : New Delhi
IBBI/PA-002/JP-NO0076/2017-18/10207

NORTHERN RAILWAY

OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

No. 128-W/260/Tender Notice/62/19-20/W-IV Dated : 18.09.2019

The Sr. Divisional Engineer-IV, Northern Railway, Delhi Division for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Tender on prescribed form for the following work:

Invitation of tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)

1. Name of work with its location	Provision of "Diyang friendly Toilets" along with septic tank and soakpit at 113 nos. (NSG-5 & NSG-6) railway stations in Delhi division (Sr. DEN I-30 Nos., Sr. DEN II-26 Nos., Sr. DEN III-8 Nos. Sr. DEN IV-36 Nos., Sr. DEN V-13 Nos.) (57-W-IV-19-20)
2. Approx. cost of work	Rs. 2,08,04,940.25
3. Earnest Money	Rs. 2,54,000.00
4. Date and Time of submission of tender and opening of tender	Bidding Start Date Up to 15:00 hrs. on 27.09.2019 opening of e-Tender at 15:00 hrs. on 11.10.2019
5. Website particulars published e-tender, notice location etc. complete details of tender can be seen and web site where the tender form can be downloaded	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

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SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one boy namely **Hare Krishna S/o Avtar Prashad R/o B-41 gali No.2, Inder Enclave Ph-1, Prem Nagar, Delhi** has been missing from the area of P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi since 07.06.2019. In this regard, a case **DD No. 49A dated 09.07.2019 has been registered at P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi.** The description of the missing/kidnapped boy is as under.

Age: 34 Years, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Height:** 5' 3", **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Brown colour shirt and blue colour pant and choklate colour shoes. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out him but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing boy then please inform P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi at following Tel No. / e-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in and Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax No. 011-24368639

Sd/- S.H.O.
P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi
Ph. 011-25489080

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HARE KRISHNA

SEARCH OF MISSING/KIDNAPED

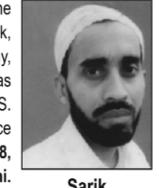
General public is hereby informed that one person (depicted in the photo), **Namely:** Sarik, **S/o:** Fasiyudeen, **R/o:** H. No. C-74, J.J. Colony, Sector-25, Rohini, Delhi, **Aged:** 27 years, has been missing/kidnapped from the area of P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Outer North District, Delhi since 21.01.2018 vide **DD No. 11-A, Dated 24.01.2018, has been lodged at P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi.** His physical description is as under:

Complexion: Fair, **Height:** 5' Feet, **Face:** Round, **Physique/Build:** Medium, **Clothing:** White Colour Shirt, Blue Colour Jeans and White Colour Shoes in Feet.

Any person is having any information/clue about this missing person, may inform SHO, Shahbad Dairy, Delhi at **E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in or website : <http://cbi.nic.in> Tele No. : 11-24368638 or 24368641**

S.H.O.
P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi
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Sarik

New UNGA president bats for settlement of conflicts peacefully

PTI ■ UNITED NATIONS

The President of the 74th session of the UN General Assembly, Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, has said he would "collaborate and coordinate" with the Security Council, and the UN Secretariat to ensure that greater attention is paid to prevention rather than reaction to full blown conflict.

"I will also advocate for effective early detection and warning systems, as well as mediation, negotiation and peaceful settlement of ongoing conflicts," Muhammad-Bande of Nigeria said in his inaugural address as UN General Assembly President on Tuesday. "I will work to engender cooperation that will address drivers of conflicts such as poverty, exclusion and illiteracy."

He stressed that he would "collaborate and coordinate" with the Security Council, and the Secretariat "to ensure that greater attention is paid to prevention rather than reaction to full blown conflict."

In June, the General Assembly elected Muhammad Bande, Permanent Representative of Nigeria, President of its 74th session. He served as Vice-President of the Assembly's 71st session and was active in several other forums, including as Chair of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, member of the Advisory Board of the UN Counter-Terrorism Centre and Chair of the Economic Community of West African States Group.

Bolsonaro gives 'green light' to Amazon illegal loggers, says Human Rights Watch

AFP ■ SAO PAULO

Human Rights Watch has accused Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro of giving a "green light" to illegal loggers to destroy the Amazon and failing to protect those defending the world's largest rain forest.

Bolsonaro, whose anti-environment rhetoric and policies have been widely blamed for a spike in fires and land clearing in the Amazon this year, has promised to open up the remote region to more development even as he faces growing international criticism.

Official figures show Amazon deforestation nearly doubled in the first eight months of this year, compared with the same period in 2018, to 6,404 square kilometers (2,472 square miles) -- more than twice the size of Luxembourg.

The acceleration in deforestation has been blamed for the sharp increase in fires this year, which official figures show have reached nearly 124,000, as land is cleared and burned to make way for cattle grazing or crops. A decrease in precipitation and a recent heat wave together with strong winds are also factors in the blazes.

The Eligibility Criteria and detailed Scope of Work etc. can be seen and downloaded from website: www.eproc.bihar.gov.in / www.brpnn.bih.nic.in

- A firm may apply individually or in Joint Venture/Consortium/Association. In case of Joint Venture/ Association/Consortium, a maximum of 2(two) are permitted.
- The two parts of the Proposal (Part 1: Technical Proposal: Part 2: Financial Proposal must be uploaded with all pages numbered serially, along with an index of submission. In the event, any of the instructions mentioned herein have not been adhered to Local Organizing Secretary will reject the proposal.
- Local Organizing Secretary will not be responsible for any delay, loss or non-downloading of RFP document. Further Local Organizing Secretary shall not be responsible for any delay in downloading the Proposal and reserves the right to accept/reject any or all proposals without assigning any reason thereof.

SCHEDULE:

Sl. No.	Activity	Duration
1.	Download Date of EoI Documents	From 24.09.2019 (10:00 Hrs.) To 27.09.2019 (15:00 Hrs.) (www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)
2.	Pre-bid Meeting	25.09.2019 at 11.00 Hrs. (HQ, LOS office, BRPNNL 7, Sardar Patel Marg, Patna-15)
3.	Date/Time for submission/ uploading of offer/Bid	28.09.2019 upto 15:00 Hrs. (www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)
4.	Last Date of Submission of Bank Draft, Bid Security and Hard Copies of Document in original in sealed envelope.	30.09.2019 at 15: 00 Hrs.
5.	Date & time for opening of Technical Bid	30.09.2019 at 15: 30 Hrs. (www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)
6.	Date, time and place of opening of Financial Bid	To be informed later to technically qualified bidder. (www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)

- Bid Validity – 120 days
- The Cost of RFP Document is **Rs.10,000/-** payable in the form of Demand Draft, Bid Security / Earnest Money of **Rs.1,00,000/-** (Rupees One Lakh) only in the favour of "LOS, 80th IRC Annual Session, Patna Payable at Patna and Bid Security in original will have to be deposited in the office of the Local Organizing Secretary, Bihar Rajya Pul Nirman Nigam Ltd., 7, Sardar Patel Marg, Patna-15 upto 15:00 hrs. (IST) on 16.09.2019
- The selection of Consultants shall be on QCBS=80:20
- The applicants may download the EoI-cum-RFP document from e-procurement website: www.eproc.bihar.gov.in
- For participating in e-tendering process, the consultant shall have to get themselves registered to get user ID, Password and digital signature. This will enable them to access the website www.eproc.bihar.gov.in and download/participate in e-tender. Those who are not registered in e-tendering systems, they may contact "e-Procurement HELP DESK, First Floor, Plot No. – M/22, Road No. – 25, Sri Krishna Nagar, Bank of India Compound, Patna – 800 001, Contact no. – 0612 – 2523006, 9939035696" for registration for support related to e-tendering process, bidders may contact at following address "e Procurement HELP DESK, First Floor, Plot No.-M/22, Road No.-25, Sri Krishna Nagar, Bank of India Compound, Patna-800001, Contact No: 0612-2523006; 9939035696". Vendor may visit the link "Vendor Info" at www.eproc.bihar.gov.in
- Detailed EoI-cum-RFP can be seen on website: www.brpnn.bih.nic.in or www.eproc.bihar.gov.in

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Trend Blazer

Flawed characters are relatable: Sonam

Actor **SONAM KAPOOR AHUJA**, who plays the lead role in the forthcoming film, *The Zoya Factor*, says that she finds imperfect and flawed characters more real than those inspirational picture-perfect characters that have been projected in Bollywood for a long time.

Whether it is *Aisha*, *Khoobsurat*, *Dolly Ki Dolly*, or *Veere Di Weeding*, Sonam's characters are typified as flawed.

"I think young boys and girls were not rightly represented in our films for the longest time. When a character is imperfect, it becomes more relatable because, in real life, we are not perfect. Most of the characters I've portrayed are imperfect because they represent us."



'A common language is very important for any country for its development, growth and integrity but unfortunately, such a thing cannot be done in India. Talking about Hindi, so not only Tamil Nadu, but no Southern state will accept the imposition of Hindi. Even some North Indian states wouldn't.'

—Rajnikanth

Actor **DIA MIRZA**, who also serves as UN Environment Goodwill Ambassador, will be attending UNGA as a UN advocate for sustainable development.



Apart from being a speaker at The Climate Action Summit, Dia will also spend time with the Secretary General of the UN to highlight issues in India. She will interact with the Queen of Belgium and young leaders like Greta Thunberg.

"The Summit hopes to ignite immediate action on the goals set for 2030. With the superiors of global organisations under one roof, this summit could be the much-needed turning point we need," said Dia.

Moore returns to music in 10 years

Singer-actor **MANDY MOORE** has released her first song in a decade. Titled *When I wasn't watching*, the number is from her new album. Its name is yet to be declared. The album is slated for release early next year.

"The idea of diving back into music after so much time and personal change was really intimidating to me for a while," said Moore.

"But then I finally realised: I'm the only person who can make this move. It all has to start with me," she added.

The actress, who is looking forward to the premiere of her show *This Is Us*, began recording her forthcoming album earlier this year. She wrote the album's lyrics and recorded each song live.



Pregnancy pressure might take a toll on a woman's mental health.

Ovulation predictor kits are offering an easier option to people who have difficulty in conceiving, discovers

AYUSHI SHARMA

Battling infertility, you thought that all roads lead to IVF or surrogacy? But things do not have to always end up at an intensive treatment route. For there are ways to do this in a natural way. The advancement in medical technology means that a clinical device can help you identify and track your fertile window in the comfort of your home.

The need for these arose as the attempt to conceive can be stressful due to rising societal pressure, a ticking biological clock, which, in turn, often leads to repeated clinic visits, blood-drawing and ultrasounds — things, which are not just time-consuming but also expensive.

According to State of World Population Report 2019, the fertility rate per woman was 5.6 in 1969, it dropped to 3.7 in 1994, and is 2.3 in 2019. The changed statistics can be attributed to a variety of reasons, which include lifestyle and behavioural changes. With almost one in six couples facing problems in conceiving and one in two couples tracking their cycles incorrectly, there is a need for proactive measures. With changing lifestyles and associated issues, getting pregnant is not as easy as it used to be which in turn has led to the dip in fertility rates considerably.

These devices are doing away with overwhelming trips to clinics for invasive tests that make you feel like you have a huge fertility problem, even when you don't. Fertility monitors can act as personal assistants that help you understand your body and hormones better. While most women believe that their chances of getting pregnant are highest on the 14th day of their cycle, the truth is that ovulation varies from woman to woman and cycle to cycle. What's more, fertility monitors can help in case of issues like irregular cycles, PCOS, PCOD, thyroid as well, thereby helping you take total control of your fertility, proactively. Taking the guesswork out of the process of conception, it measures estrogen and luteinising hormone levels in your urine to detect peak fertile days in your menstrual cycle.

"The best time to conceive is right before a person ovulates or releases an egg because the internal body temperature fluctuates during the menstrual cycle. But it is possible to get pregnant in the days leading up to ovulation, as sperm can survive for several days inside the female body," says Dr Neena Bahl, director, obstetrics and gynaecology, Fortis



Time the stork's visit

LaFemme, Greater Kailash II. She adds that testing through fertility monitors is just like doing the pregnancy test. An ovulation kit tests your urine sample to detect a surge in LH (luteinising hormone) levels. While the LH is always present in your urine, it increases 34—36 hours before ovulation, which is five times the regular amount. These tests help you find out those days that act as an invaluable tool in your baby-making arsenal. This time is your most fertile window. Having intercourse on those particular days increases your chance of a successful conception.

There are various ways in which one can track fertility. Some ways are as simple as tracking your temperature in the morning as the day your fertile period starts, the temperature goes up by half a degree. Second, to get an ultrasound on any of the 10 days from the ninth day of your period to 19th day, which shows the exact size of the follicle or the egg and once it ruptures, it is the most fertile period to conceive. Third, there are commercially available sticks that tell about the changes in the hormones. It's an indirect way of letting one know that ovulation is going to take place, explains Dr Bahl and tells us that in most cases, ovulation predictor kits provide an accurate forecast of your LH surge and subsequent ovulation. They can be most effective when used together with other monitoring methods. Along with the kits, doctors usually suggest examining the cervical mucus and charting the basal body temperature which is tested the first

thing in the morning. These methods, when combined, can greatly increase your chances of getting pregnant.

As there are advantages and disadvantages of everything, Dr Bahl says, "The pros are that it is a simpler way of knowing the best possible chance of conceiving. Instead of going to the doctor and getting an ultrasound done, you can choose this method but the con is that it is not as sensitive as the latter. Everytime you are testing yourself, your mind is preoccupied and it's obvious when you are trying too hard for something, you get stressed. You do not release happy hormones which in turn affects your ability to conceive. Moreover, your sexual life is timed according to the device and becomes mechanical. It becomes something solely devoted to reproduction. So yes, it can be a rough method but then it's obviously a convenient option."

One of the users of the ovulation predictor kits shares her experience. Shweta Verma, 32, a software engineer from Bengaluru, says that they started their fam-

ily planning after two years of marriage. She was, later in the same year, diagnosed with PCOD and was prescribed a medication for six months. After which, they were advised by the doctors to try conception naturally. The doctor recommended the use of the monitor to ease the journey. "I used it for three cycles after which it was discovered that my husband had a low sperm count. I continued using it and even cross-checked the results with ultrasound scans. They turned out to be identical. This strengthened my faith and I finally got the good news," she says and adds that the monitor eases the journey of a woman.

However, these kits do have limitations as they do not work when fertility drugs are present in the system. Moreover, they do not work consistently on women over 40. Some women in their 40s, especially those approaching menopause, have increased levels of LH in their systems at all times, rendering the tests invalid. But coming to surrogacy or for that matter IVF, these are for people who are

infertile or have medical conditions which do not allow them to conceive naturally. Alisha Mathur, 36, a housewife, feels that the device helps women conceive but "I don't think it can ever replace doctors or labs or even procedures like surrogacy. It works even for irregular cycles and notifies when there is a probability of a fertility condition or issue which requires clinical support. Surrogacy is a different thing altogether. In the rarest of the rare cases, doctors suggest it."

Dr Bahl explains it better when she says, "You can't jump from class one to class 10. Similarly nobody jumps from tracking ovulation to surrogacy. What would a normal healthy couple do? They would try conceiving without any contraception for one year. And 90 per cent of the couples will conceive within one year of married life. So when you don't, you start tracking the fertility manually. But most of the times you would visit a doctor and ask for his/her help. The doctor will then guide the couple about the various methods. Only when they have tried everything and failed does the doctor advise surrogacy. It might be a marketing gimmick that you can avoid surrogacy if you buy this device. However, the trackers just help women conceive quickly."

Using the ovulation predictor kits or so-called fertility monitors provides more privacy as issues like fertility are things that women don't prefer to discuss in public, feel both the users of Inito fertility monitor.



Middle-class hero

Director **KRISHNA DK** and actor **MANOJ BAJPAI** tell **CHAHAK MITTAL** that the web series, *The Family Man* aims to highlight how intelligence officials are never appreciated for their successes but are heaped with blame for their few failures



that something that we all think? We think that they're an inefficient organisation and don't really work. Government employees are negligent towards their jobs is an idea that is in-built in our consciousness. Their departments take so much time in processing everything. This idea is rampant. And Srikant's daughter also believes that." However, the series aims to show the efficiency of the intelligence department and how "they work hard to create a safer nation without the common people ever becoming aware of it." DK adds that there is a contrast between the public perception and the nature of their jobs. It is also an answer for "why do these officers risk their lives for the nation when they can easily opt for any other profession or job. Why do they do this after all?"

While the series has a serious message, it also involves some day-to-day humour which reflect upon

our everyday struggles. "We tend to bring out everyday human through our writing. And this is what worked for *Stree* as well. Even when there was a terrorist involved, we wanted to show it in a satirical way. When you say something serious through humour, the audience might take that thing home. Otherwise, it might look like preaching in a classroom. They would ignore it. The audience always needs something that they can relate to," says he.

Actor Manoj Bajpai believes that after doing such a role, he has realised how "tricky" the lives of these officers are. "We don't even know how many attacks they have already stopped. They are not given an award or the credit for stopping that damage. However, they would always be criticised for even a single failure," says the actor.

He adds that the biggest thing is when terror attacks take place, people always discuss it and blame the government for their inefficiency. Even the trailer has a scene where two men are talking to each other about the failure of the intelligence agencies, pointing out to the 26/11 Mumbai attacks, which were "not" stopped. "26/11 rokte toh baat hoti." However, here, Manoj and DK both believe that it is because we only know about the attacks that have happened because "they were missed. These people could actually be tracking a terrorist under your nose and you'd have no idea. This is the tragedy of their jobs. You never hear about their successes but failures are all over the news. They are brought up long after they actually take place."

The scenario is much like that of the country's cricket team. They are bashed for losing one match even though they might have won thousands of others. The only difference is that they are appreciated when they win the cup. This is not the case with intelligence officers, points DK.

For Manoj, he saw this role as a chance to make their jobs look real and believable to the common people. "When I read the synopsis, I found it quite unique. I realised that this is something that I have never done. Through this, people would actually come to know about the kind of sacrifices they make. They keep their families happy in their minuscule pay. But they also get the chance to prevent any kind of assault on the nation. I realised that there is a supreme sacrifice linked with an exalted sense of patriotism," says he.

The actor feels that a film wouldn't have done justice to what the series holds. Manoj says, "The only difference between the two is that here, there are a lot of episodes so you get a chance to work on the different facets of the character. Whereas, a two to 2.5 hour-long film does not really focus on the characters but more on the plot."

Recalling an incident in his life, Manoj narrates that he, as an actor, has always wanted to evolve. "When I was in college hostel, my roommates and friends would keep suggesting and forcing me to read their notes and study more. Some were even preparing for civil services exams and would tell me, 'Tu bhi karle yaar thodi si mehnat. Ban jayega kuch. Yeh actor banne ka bhoot utaar de.' And I wouldn't listen because my goals were fixed," he chuckles.

(The series releases on Amazon Prime Video on September 20.)

Photo: Pankaj Kumar



No more creaking doors

Filmmaker **Shyam Ramsay**, who made Bollywood horror a cult affair, passed away on Wednesday. He was 67. As per the reports, he was suffering from pneumonia.

Shyam, as part of the Ramsay brothers, made films like *Veerana*, *Purani Haveli* and *Andhera*. Ramsay brothers also consisted of Tulsi Kumar, Keshu, Arjun, Gangu and Karan. Apart from films, Shyam and Tulsi also gave the TV audience *Zee Horror Show*.

Netizens have poured in RIP messages for the director. "Rest in Peace #ShyamRamsayji. You and your family's stories are inspirational. How your whole family came together to give Indian Cinema a new genre called 'horror' it inspired so many industry people how to work on something, which genuinely believes in," one wrote.

Another went back to her childhood days and wrote, "As a kid, I was always afraid of ghost and horror movies, while my sibling and cousin watched it without batting an eyelid."

Another wrote: "The genre of #horror is as tough as making people laugh, the #RamsayBrothers did it with their own unique ways. RIP #ShyamRamsay. I still remember watching that zee horror show and how that scared the hell out of me."

Filmmaker Vikram Bhatt, who has carved a name as a horror filmmaker in recent times, was also saddened by his demise. The *Raaz* director feels the late filmmaker was innovative, and regaled his audiences with fabulous spooky cinema from time to time.

—IANIS

FROM HERAT TO TAJ

CD Foundation collaborates with the Embassy of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan on its 100th independence anniversary and will host a food and culture festival in the city

CD foundation collaborates with Embassy of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. Charge d'affaires Tahir Qadiry announced a 15-day long Afghanistan food and culture festival with the foundation in October on the 100th independence anniversary of Afghanistan.

The food and culture festival is one of eight events which will take place during the anniversary celebration. Live Afghan band performance, ghazal performance, cricket match and many more performances will be there. There will be food stalls and live kitchen display of Afghanistani cuisines too. It will also display handicraft and textile exhibition, fashion walks, cultural performances, conferences, workshop, media interactions and meets for three days. Subsequently, the festival will also mark a meet between Afghanistan and Indian film makers.

The festival aims at enhancing the cultural relations between India and Afghanistan. Both the countries are bound in cultural and historical relations. The age old cultural and civilisational ties and the deep-rooted linkages in the fields of music, art, architecture, lan-



guage and cuisine constitute an important bond of friendship between the countries. Therefore, events like this make us celebrate our values together. Tahir appreciated the

founder director of CD Foundation Charu Das. She said that it is a privilege for her foundation to have the responsibility of this festival. She added that this initiative was mainly taken to meet the commit-

ments made by CD foundation in Kabul during a formal visit of the city by a group of Indian delegation in August.

Her aim for planning this festival is double. On one hand, it is a way to exhibit various

aspects of Afghanistan culture to Indians. On the other, it provides an opportunity for the participants (women entrepreneurs) to get trained in their respective fields by Indian experts and to create a network

for doing future business in India.

Dr Sandeep Marwah, chairman of AAFIT and president of Marwah Studio was also present. He extended his support to the festival.

IN SHORT



SPMCIL has been awarded Best in Class for Training and Development in the 18th edition of the Asia Pacific HRM Congress held on Tuesday in Bengaluru. The award was received by BJ Gupta, additional general manager (HR) and Durga A Prasad, manager (HR).



Andhra Association celebrated Ganesh Puja festival at AAD building in the city. Arvind Kejriwal, chief minister and Sanjay Singh, MP (RS) attended the function.



Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) has been awarded the Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar for 2018-19 for implementation of official language policy of Government of India. Home minister Amit Shah presented the award to Santosh Kumar Mall, commissioner, KVS at Vigyan Bhavan on Saturday. KVS was selected for its excellent work in Hindi under the category of 'Boards/Autonomous Bodies/Societies of GoI' in region A by the Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs.

The board meeting of city's Municipal Corporation was boycotted by municipal commissioner Dinesh Chandra as there was a uproar during it.

The dispute started when Municipal Corporation's executive vice president and BJP councillor Sunil Yadav, commented on the work style and behaviour of officials of Pawan Pandey, manager of CLC (urban livelihood development company). Chandra became so uncomfortable and angered by this indecisive behaviour of councillors, that he left the board meeting.

Later mayor Asha Sharma adjourned the meeting indefinitely,

Municipal commissioner boycotts board meeting

repeating all the proceedings. She then had a conversation with councillors of all parties and condemned the behaviour of the city commissioner. She even wrote a letter to the chief minister, contemning the house. In the letter, the chief minister has been demanded to be disciplined against the city commissioner and other officials.

On the other hand, Chandra told that the councillors in the house were using unparliamentary language against the former city commissioners which led them to leave the house



Councillors near the House table

silently. He added that he has not committed any contempt of the house but instead sent the additional municipal commissioner Pramod Kumar to continue the proceedings of the house. But, the councillors continued to create a ruckus even then.

In this sequence, the manager of CLC Pawan Pandey said that he has never behaved indecisively with any Municipal Corporation officials or councillors. He alleged that some councillors are angry as he had not facilitated their misleading work.

SRM students bag good jobs

At the first day of recruitment process at SRM Institute of Science and Technology, four major IT companies offered 4,749 jobs to students from the graduation batch of 2020.

TCS (Ninja) has made 1437 offers, Infosys 1315, CTS 1175 and Wipro 822. Apart from this, TCS has made 183 offers under digital track too (₹7 lakh per annum), said Sriram Padmanabhan, director, career centre at SRMIST.

The highest paid offer



was ₹41.6 lakh per annum by Microsoft. More than 120 companies have visited the campus since the commencement of the placement session on July 22. They have made 6000 offers.

Top recruiters include Amazon (18 offers of ₹32 lakh per annum), Barclays (25 offers of ₹10 lakh per annum) and startup Udaan (four offers of ₹30 lakh per annum). Besides this, organisations like Veritas and Pay Pal have made internship offers

Municipal Corporation incorporates steelware-only model

With regard to environmental protection, municipal commissioner Dinesh Chandra has issued instructions to Municipal Corporation establishment heads that refreshments will be provided only in steel utensils at meetings held in all the establishments of the city's Municipal Corporation.

This model was first used in the kavay yatra and had positive results. Dinesh said that due to the use of banned plastics, the



Municipal Commissioner Dinesh Chandra

city used to get dirt piles during the bhandara and religious events. He added that he made it mandatory to use steel and other metal utensils for all such events.

"Inspired by us, the management committees of the gurdwaras and temples have abandoned steel crockery and made steel utensil banks for the distribution of langar and food offerings," said Dinesh. He added that they have also decided to put hoardings and stalls for publicity so that people are aware of it.

'Industry and academia need to come together'



IIT Madras organised a Technology Conclave: Vision New India 2022 with the theme — development for all through technology.

Rakesh Kumar, chairman, Scope and CMD, NLC India Limited addressed the conclave. Arjun Ram Meghwal, MoS, Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises inaugurated the conclave in the presence of Dr Madhukar Gupta, additional secretary, department of Public Enterprises.

Rakesh asserted the need for industry and academia to come together to bridge the skill gap of the talent required by the industry. He pointed out that the ambitious plan of creating a new India through "Strategy for New India @ 75" could only be achieved if the younger generation is equipped with the necessary skills required in the current volatile market environment.

The chief executives from various public sector enterprises and other organisations also participated in varied panel discussions such as role of CSR in technology, leveraging CSR funding for nation building and many others.

Smoking could lead to rheumatoid arthritis

Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) is a chronic inflammatory disorder that occurs when the immune system mistakenly attacks the joints leading to pain and inflammation in the tissue surrounding the joints. Women are three times more likely to get diagnosed with RA than men and the disease can impact anyone within the age group of 20 to 50 years.

Though, there are no exact numbers, we can safely say that RA impacts 0.5 per cent to one per cent of the population. Despite relatively high awareness levels on



RA, there are many myths and misconceptions surrounding the disease which could pose an impediment to the treatment. Some of the common myths like RA only affects people of old age



and that there is no treatment. It can have a negative impact on patients therefore it is important for them to come in for regular check-ups and follow the Rheumatologist's advice," says Dr Himanshu Agarwal, Consultant Rheumatologist Max Superspecialty Hospital, Vaishali. "Smoking may contribute towards the increase in RA cases especially among younger population. People with genetic risk factors are also prone to developing the condition. RA causes pain and disability leading to loss of

daily functioning and missing of work schedules. Change in weather also leads to change in barometric pressure which could exacerbate the arthritis. Majority of the patients come in within three months of experiencing the first signs of RA. About 0.5 to 1 per cent of the Indian population is affected with the condition. Education and early detection are crucial to the effective management of RA," shares Dr Sonal Mehra, Consultant Rheumatologist at Jaypee Hospital, Noida.

NHPC INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP

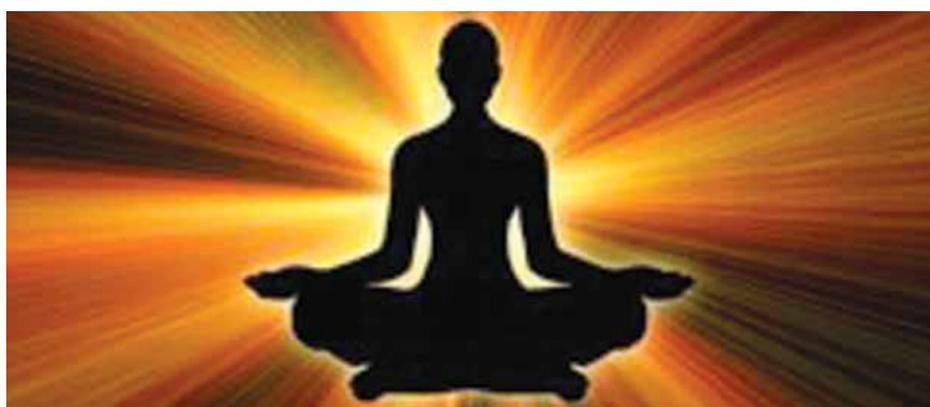
National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) invites applications for the second batch of NHPC Sports Scholarship Scheme for Upcoming Sportspersons in five sports — football, kabaddi, boxing, wrestling and para sports. These scholarships are meant for young players of 14-19 years (14-24 years for para sports) with a view to encourage talent and create a pool of sportspersons during their formative years of education.

There is a maximum provision of 10 numbers of scholarships with two numbers in each of the five sports. The applications shall be considered for scholarships in two categories — elite scholar and scholar, based on the fulfillment of required criteria. The details regarding the scholarships are available in the career corner of NHPC website. The last date for receiving application forms has been extended till October 17.

God is the seer of past, present and future. He knows the intellect of all human beings. In this regard, god preaches in Rigved mantra that there are people who although sees the literal Vedvani yet ignores it due to lack of the literal knowledge. And then there are people who don't understand it. A few of so-called saints are unknown to the meaning of Ved mantras and Vedic knowledge, and then they misguide people. Whereas they must pay attention to the other mantras where god preaches that if an aspirant understand Vedas, he only receives benefit of it. People listen to Puranas, Bhagwad Geeta and other spiritual books as they are inspired to listen, in the name of faith. They are even explained the meaning of each word in Hindi language, whereas as far as the matter of Vedas, the said practice is not in vogue and hence the prob-

THE SUPREME KNOWLEDGE

lem. So it is clear that until people become aspirants and start understanding Ved mantras, the problem to follow Vedic path will always remain unsolved. Intellectuals should approach the government to do the needful because the most important knowledge to make the future bright is the knowledge of four Vedas, which emanate directly from god. It can't be compared to any other literal knowledge. Today, Vedas have almost been intentionally disregarded instead of being followed by people. Above quoted matter concludes that illusion, corruption, dishonour to women, violence and several other types of problems exist in world because people are not aware of the Vedic knowl-



edge. Therefore, we will have to pay attention towards Vedas and its literature like Shastras, Upanishads. Kapil Muni states

in his Sankhya Shastra Sutra that there are three types of sorrows, whose total destruction enables a devotee to

attain salvation. First, AdhyatmikDukh, which is generated due to internal reasons. It has two kinds —

Shareerik, due to human body and Manas, due to mind/thought. Second, Adhibhautik, pain and afflic-

tion caused by snake and scorpion's bite due to physical violence and bitter words. Third, Adhidaivik, caused by non-living things like rain, fire, snowfall, lightning, earthquake and sorrows generated by cyclones.

Kapil Muni says that it is not possible to put an end to the sorrows until we follow the Vedas. Undoubtedly, today, most people do not believe in Vedic knowledge but truth prevails. He further adds that the said sorrows can't be separated from the soul. Yes, money should be earned with hard effort. So the learning of Vedas in all circumstances will help to attain salvation.

(The author is Swami Ram Swarup, chief editor of Ved Ishvareeya vani, a bi-annual magazine.)

Penalty of drama

Mertens scores from spot to surprise holders; Ter Stegen wins point against Dortmund

AFP ■ NAPLES/LONDON

Holdes Liverpool began their defence of the Champions League trophy with a defeat against Napoli on Tuesday, while one missed spot-kick condemned Chelsea to defeat against Valencia and another came to Barcelona's rescue.

Liverpool survived a 1-0 defeat in Naples in the group stage last season to go on and win their sixth European Cup, and this time a 2-0 reverse at the San Paolo made them the first reigning champions to lose their opening game in the competition since 1994.

Both sides had chances in the Group E clash before the hosts won a late penalty with barely 10 minutes remaining when Jose Callejon went down under an Andy Robertson challenge.

Dries Mertens beat Adrian from 12 yards and substitute Fernando Llorente — who played for Tottenham Hotspur against Liverpool in last season's final — then took advantage of a rare defensive lapse by Virgil van Dijk to make it 2-0 in stoppage time.

HAT-TRICK HERO HAALAND

Liverpool must now bounce back in two weeks when they host Austrian champions Salzburg, who made a stunning return to the group stage as teenage forward Erling Braut Haaland netted a hat-trick in a 6-2 demolition of Genk.

Salzburg had fallen in the qualifying rounds in the last seven campaigns but finally progressed this season to the group stage for the first time since 1994-95.

Haaland, the teenage English-born Norwegian striker whose father Alf-Inge played for Manchester City, gave Salzburg a second-minute lead and netted twice more before half-time.

Aged just 19 years and 58 days, Haaland is the third-youngest player to score a Champions League hat-trick behind Wayne Rooney and Raul.

The South Korean Hwang Hee-Chan and Dominik Szoboszlai also struck before the break for Salzburg, while captain Andreas Ulmer completed the rout in the second half.

Jhon Lucumi and Tanzanian striker Mbwana Samatta scored for the Belgian champions.



Barcelona's goalkeeper Marc-Andre ter Stegen saves a shot by Marco Reus during the Group F match in Dortmund AP



Fernando Llorente holds Dries Mertens after he scores from spot against Liverpool AP

FIGURATIVELY

1 Napoli are the first Italian side to win against the European reigning champions in the CL group stages since Juventus, against Chelsea in 2012 (3-0).

19 Erling Haaland, aged 19 years and 58 days, is the third youngest player to score a Champions League hat-trick, behind Raul (18y 113d in 1995) and Wayne Rooney (18y 340d in 2004).

1 Frank Lampard is the first Chelsea manager to lose his first Champions League match in charge, 10 of the previous 11 had won, while Gianluca Vialli drew with Milan in 1999.

12 Lille remain on 12 matches without success in European competition (6 draws, 6 defeats — preliminary rounds included), the worst series of its history.

4 Marc-Andre ter Stegen has stopped four of the six penalties he has received in the Champions League and is the goalkeeper who has stopped the most in the competition since at least 03/04 alongside Andriy Pyatov

1 Ansu Fati (16 years and 321 days) becomes the youngest player in CL history to play for Barcelona, breaking the record of Bojan (17 years and 22 days).

"You want to have at least a point and we didn't get that because of the penalty. When the player jumps before there is contact it cannot be a penalty. We cannot change that any more, so now we carry on. That's it."
—Jurgen Klopp (Liverpool manager)

"It was just one victory, but yes it has given us confidence, being able to match Liverpool is impressive as for me they are the best team in Europe at the moment."
—Carlo Ancelotti (Napoli manager)

"Given the performances last season, the bar was set high, and people were asking if we could do it again this season. I think a 3-0 victory shows that we can."
—Quincy Promes (Ajax forward)

"It was a difficult game today and I think the result is fair considering what happened."
—Marc Andre Ter Stegen (Barcelona goalkeeper)

"Without a doubt (we deserved more). Probably a win, but at least a draw. We conceded with one shot on target. It's a harsh lesson of Champions League football, a game we've played pretty well in and we lose it."
—Frank Lampard (Chelsea manager)

"We had four or five chances, and if we had taken one of them, we would have won. We said after the draw that we wanted to qualify for the knockout stages. If we continue to play like we did today then there shouldn't be a problem."
—Marco Reus (Borussia Dortmund captain)

"Slavia Prague attacked us with intensity and showed a ruthless streak. We didn't do well in terms of finding the right solutions and struggled too much."
—Antonio Conte (Inter Milan coach)

"Everything is possible. We all saw Ajax last year, it would be nice to be the new Ajax. But we know there are a lot of good teams. It's hard, but everything is possible."
—Erling Braut Haaland (Salzburg striker)

ANAX IMPRESS
Also in Group H, last season's semi-finalists Ajax claimed an impressive 3-0 home win over Lille with two of their newest signings among the goals.

Quincy Promes headed the Dutch champions in front and the Mexican Edson Alvarez doubled their lead early in the second half before Nicolas Tagliafico sealed the win.

After a patchy start to the season, Barcelona will be relieved to escape from their trip to Borussia Dortmund with a 0-0 draw as Lionel Messi returned from injury as a second-half substitute.

The home side will feel they should have won, but Marco Reus had a second-half penalty saved before Julian Brandt hit the bar late on.

"We played brilliantly in the second half, and it feels a bit like we have lost two points," Mats Hummels told Sky.

Those two appear well placed already to progress from Group F after Inter Milan needed a stoppage-time Nicolò Barella goal to rescue a 1-1 draw against rank outsiders Slavia Prague.

Nigerian forward Peter Odemwingie put Slavia ahead in the 63rd minute, only for Barella to level in the second minute of stoppage time after a Stefano Sensi free-kick hit the bar.

In Group G, RB Leipzig won 2-1 at Benfica with Timo Werner bagging a brace before Haris Seferovic pulled one back.

Earlier, Memphis Depay's penalty gave Lyon a 1-1 draw at home to Zenit Saint-Petersburg after Iranian striker Sardar Azmoun opened the scoring.



Marcus Rashford, Matic & Juan Mata during training MUFC/Twitter

Man Utd, Arsenal carry English hopes

AFP ■ PARIS

Manchester United and Arsenal headline an English trio that also features Europa League newcomers Wolves while record five-time champions Sevilla figure to be among the primary contenders as the group stage begins today.

Scottish rivals Celtic and Rangers face testing paths to the knockout rounds as bitter foes Roma and Lazio bid to end Italy's two-decade wait for the title.

Porto, PSV Eindhoven and Feyenoord are the other former European Cup winners in a competition that will welcome the eight third-place finishers from the Champions League groups for the knockout phase.

United, Europa League winners in 2017, will host Astana in Group L as Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's side face opponents from Kazakhstan for the first time in club history.

They will expected to progress with relative ease from a group that also includes Partizan Belgrade and former finalists AZ Alkmaar of the Netherlands.

Unai Emery's Arsenal return to the competition after last season's 4-1 defeat by Chelsea in the final in Baku.

The Gunners visit Eintracht Frankfurt to kick off their campaign, with 10-time Belgian champions Standard Liege and Portugal's Vitoria Guimaraes also in Group F.

Wolves, in their first European campaign since 1980, will meet Portuguese club Braga in their opening game at Molineux.

Scottish champions Celtic travel to French Cup holders Rennes in Group E, with Italian Cup holders Lazio and CFR Cluj, the Romanian side to whom they lost in Champions League qualifying, completing a tricky section.

Steven Gerrard's Rangers are at home to Jaap Stam's Feyenoord and will do well to navigate a group with Porto and Young Boys.

Roma will take on Istanbul Basaksehir in their first game while Muenchengladbach host Austria's Wolfsberg.

Austria boast two representatives with LASK Linz among the six debutants — alongside Espanyol, Wolves, Wolfsburg, Olexandriya and Ferencvaros — in the tournament.



Amit Panghal celebrates after winning his last 8 bout against Filipino Carlo Paalam PTI

Panghal, Kaushik assure 2 medals

PTI ■ EKATERINBURG

India were assured of an unprecedented two medals at the World Men's Boxing Championships after Amit Panghal (52kg) and Manish Kaushik (63kg) entered the semi-finals of the marquee event with impressive victories here on Wednesday.

While Sanjeet went down 1-4 to Ecuador's seventh-seeded Julio Castillo Torres, a Pan-American Games Silver-medallist, Bishit was beaten by the reigning Commonwealth Games champion Peter McGrail of England 0-5.

The second-seeded Panghal, who had earlier defeated Paalam in the Asian Games semifinals last year, wasn't off to the best of starts and was trailing Paalam at the end of the opening round.

But the Army man from Rohtak didn't take long to get his act together and become the more aggressive one in the next two rounds.

In the last-four stage, the Haryana-pugilist will be up against Kazakhstan's Saken Bibossinov, who stunned Armenia's European Gold-medallist and sixth seed Artur Hovhannisyan in his quarterfinal showdown.

"He is a southpaw and has a long reach, I will work out a strategy for him," the 23-year-old Panghal said.

While next up for Kaushik is Cuban top seed Andy Gomez Cruz, who out-punched Russia's eighth-seeded Iliia Popov.

Cruz was the light welterweight (64kg) category Gold-medallist in the 2017 edition.

Naomi Osaka celebrates after beating Viktoriya Tomova in straight sets on Wednesday to reach Pan Pacific Open quarters WTA/Twitter

India's most successful wrestlers with Gold medals at the Commonwealth Games and the Asian Games, already in her cupboard.

Adding to the elation of the Indian camp was a gritty show by Pooja in the 59kg, a non-Olympic category. Pooja reached the semi-

Vinesh locks Olympic quota with Bronze

PTI ■ NUR-SULTAN

Indian wrestling had a lot to celebrate on Wednesday as Vinesh Phogat secured Tokyo Olympics qualification and won a Bronze, while Pooja Dhandha put herself one win away from her second medal at the World Championships.

Having endured a medal-less run in three World Championships before, Vinesh finally ended the drought by pinning wrestler Maria Prevolaraki by fall in the Bronze-medal bout.

"It is my first World Championship medal and it is a big thing to win a medal at the Worlds," Vinesh told reporters.

"I had changed my weight category and in just 10 months, I got this medal. It is a thing of great happiness for me. It is the biggest medal of my career till now."

She is only the fifth Indian woman wrestler to win a Worlds medal after Alka Tomar (2006), Geeta Phogat

(2012), Babita Phogat (2012) and Pooja Dhandha (2018).

Earlier in the day, she had held off world number one Sarah Ann Hildebrandt with some superlative defense in her second repechage round to qualify for the 2020 Olympics.

Vinesh is now one of



Vinesh Phogat in action against Yulia Khvaldzhny Blahinya PTI

India's most successful wrestlers with Gold medals at the Commonwealth Games and the Asian Games, already in her cupboard.

Adding to the elation of the Indian camp was a gritty show by Pooja in the 59kg, a non-Olympic category. Pooja reached the semi-

nals with a remarkable come-from-behind 11-8 win over Japan's Yuzuka Inagaki before losing the semifinal by technical superiority to Russia's Liubov Ovcharova, the 2017 European champion.

She will now fight for her second Bronze medal at the Worlds, having won one in 57kg at the 2018 Budapest edition.

Pooja can now become the first female wrestler and only second Indian to win two World medals. Only Bajrang Punia has achieved the feat. He won a Bronze in 2013 and a Silver in 2018.

Seema Bisla though missed Olympic qualification in the 50kg after losing her second repechage round 3-11 to Russia's Ekaterina Poleshchuk.

Much was expected from Sarita Mor after her shock victory over Pooja Dhandha in the trials but she was far from her usual aggressive self.

In the 76kg, Kiran had rattled her German opponent

Aline Rotter Focken to lead 4-0 but lost five points in a row in the second period to lose the opening bout 4-5.

She paid the price for being over-defensive. Since the German lost her semifinal, Kiran's campaign is over.

Navjot Kaur was also ousted from 65kg after losing her opening bout to Alis Manolova, who later lost her semifinal.

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SHO P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi Ph. No.: 011-29551080 Mob. No- 9868872688 DP/3254/RD/19

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His physical description is as under:- Sex: Male, Age: 37 years, Height : 5'6" ft., Complexion: Fair, Face: Long, Build: Thin, Wearing: Blue Colour T-Shirt and White Colour Half Pant. Any person is having information or clue about this missing/ kidnapped person may kindly inform to the following:-

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CAPTIAN FANTASTIC

Kohli leads the chase as India win 1st T20 at home against Proteas by 7 wickets

PTI ■ MOHALI

Skipper Virat Kohli led India to a resounding seven-wicket win over South Africa in the second T20 International with an unbeaten 72-run knock as the hosts took a 1-0 lead in the short three-match series here on Wednesday.

Kohli (72 not out off 52 balls), who made a memorable 82 not out in his last T20 on this ground more than three years ago, helped India chase down the modest target with consummate ease, getting the team home in 19 overs.

Opener Shikhar Dhawan (40 off 31) too made a significant contribution and shared a 61-run stand with the skipper, who scored his 22nd T20 fifty. His 52-ball knock comprised four boundaries and three sixes.

The solid performance with the bat came after the bowlers restricted South Africa to 149 for five in 20 overs.

The third and final T20 will be played in Bengaluru on Sunday. It effectively became a two-match series after the opening game in Dharamsala was washed out on September 15.

India were always in control of the chase despite losing Rohit Sharma (12 off 12) early. The India vice-captain was trapped in front by Andile Phehlukwayo after he pulled debutant Anrich Nortje for two sixes in the second over.

While it was a treat to watch Kohli, Rishabh Pant (4) threw away his wicket again. India were cruising when he came into the middle and it was an ideal platform for Pant to take the team over the line alongside his captain.

It was an innocuous ball from debutant spinner Bjorn Fortuin but Pant hit it straight to the short fine-leg fielder Tabraiz Shamsi.

Earlier, South Africa captain Quinton de Kock (52 off 37) and debutant Temba Bavuma (49 off 43) played impressive knocks but India managed to limit South Africa to a below-par total.

South Africa did not get the final



India's captain Virat Kohli, right, congratulates teammate Deepak Chahar after he dismissed South Africa's Reeza Hendricks during the second T20 international

Time for experiment

PTI ■ MOHALI

Skipper Virat Kohli on Wednesday said India will try out new players and test their temperament in the ongoing series against South Africa.

Kohli, who smashed an unbeaten 72 to guide India to a seven-wicket win over South Africa in the second T20 International here on Wednesday, credited his bowlers for restricting the visitors to a modest 149 for five.

"Bowlers showed a lot of character. The pitch was very good and they (South Africa) got off to a good start so it was an outstanding effort from the bowler to pull the game back from us," he said at the post-match press conference.

"That's exactly what we're looking at, try out new people and see who stands up under pressure," he added.

Asked about the mantra behind his consistency, Kohli said: "It's the badge in front of my shirt. It's a pride to play for my country so whatever it takes to get over the line, I will do. Get the team across the line anyhow. If you want to make your team win, you'll find a way."

South Africa skipper Quinton de Kock said Indian bowlers' fine display in the death overs didn't help their cause.

"I think we got off to a good start. Towards the end they bowled pretty well, they understood the conditions a lot quicker than we did," he said.

Asked about the performances of the three debutants — Bjorn Fortuin, Anrich Nortje and Temba Bavuma — of his side, de Kock said: "There was a lot of pressure coming in for some of the new guys and I thought they played really well. Obviously we didn't get a winning start but I thought they held their nerve very well."

"Unfortunately when there was pace on the ball it looked like it was easier to bat on, so it was about taking the pace off. But then they batted really well."



Virat Kohli plays a shot

AP

U Mumba beat UP Yoddha 39-36

PTI ■ PUNE

A defensive masterclass by U Mumba helped them beat UP Yoddha 39-36 in their Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) game here on Wednesday.

Surinder Singh secured a 'High 5' (6 tackle points) and Fazel Atrachali (3 tackle points) were the heroes in Mumbai's defence, while Abhishek Singh led the attack with a Super 10 (11 raid points), as U Mumba displaced UP Yoddha in the fifth place of the points table.

A bitterly fought first half saw UP Yoddha start on the front foot. Both teams had a high line of defence who were in no mood to let the raiders have an easy day.

A few uncharacteristic errors from the Mumbai defence allowed Yoddha to dominate the first 10 minutes and UP also clinched their first All-Out in the 9th minute and opened up a 9-point lead.

But U Mumba defenders got them back into the game after the All-Out, thwarting all the raiders that dared to come in their half.

Ashu Singh's Super Tackle on Mumbai's Abhishek Singh gave a temporary revival for Yoddha but the Mumbai team clinched their All-Out under two minutes remaining to half time. The half-time ended with scores 16-15 in favour of the UP



Puneri Paltans defenders attempt to catch Tamil Thalaivas raider during Pro kabaddi League tie

Pro Kabaddi/Twitter

side.

The second half saw both U Mumba and UP Yoddha trade blow for blow. A two-point raid by Arjun Deshwal gave U Mumba the lead for the first time in the fourth minute of the half, but UP Yoddha immediately clawed back with a Super Tackle.

Both sides kept pushing it to the extremes in the dying minutes as defenders stepped up their game.

The most important move of the match came with slightly less than six minutes left in the clock by Abhishek Singh. His

three-point raid gave Mumbai a lead and Mumbai secured an All-out in the subsequent raid by Yoddha to open up a three-point lead.

A three-point raid in the dying minutes by Rishank Devadiga made it a nervous ending for U Mumba but they managed to hold to their nerves to secure an important win.

Meanwhile in the second game, a bizarre final minute raid by Nitin Tomar handed a draw to Tamil Thalaivas against home-side Puneri Paltan.

The raiders inability to pull off a valid raid in the final play

of the match resulted in All-Out that gave Thalaivas the three points they required to level the match at 36-36.

Ajith Kumar was the star for the Tamil Thalaivas with a Super 10 (18 raid points), but the Chennai team will have Pune's bad planning to thank for the one point they secured in the night.

Manjeet (11 raid points) and Pankaj Mohite (8 raid points) impressed in the raiding department for Pune, who would rue missing the chance of jumping to 8th on the points table.

Sindhu, Praneeth, Kashyap win in China

PTI ■ CHANGZHOU (CHINA)

Reigning world champion and title favourite P V Sindhu sailed into the pre-quarterfinals with a convincing straight-game win over former Olympic Gold-medallist Li Xuerui at the China Open Super 1000 tournament here on Wednesday.

India's top shuttler Sindhu beat China's Li Xuerui 21-18 21-12 in just 34 minutes to set up a clash with Thailand's Pornpawee Chochuwong.

Replicating her world championship form, the Olympic Silver-medallist produced another strong performance to get the better of the currently 20th-ranked Chinese, who entered the match with a 3-3 record against the Indian.

Men's singles players, Sai Praneeth and Parupalli Kashyap also progressed to the second round after notching up contrasting opening-round wins.

Commonwealth Games bronze medalists Ashwini Ponnappa and N Sikki Reddy too found a place in the pre-quarterfinals



PV Sindhu attempts a return shot

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second successive loss to the Thai player. The 29-year-old Saina has struggled for form following her recovery from injuries.

The Indian started her season with a win at the Indonesia Masters but has failed to reach another final on the BWF circuit so far.

In men's singles, world championships bronze medalist Praneeth had to battle for an hour and 12 minutes to get past Thailand's Suppanyu Avihingsanon 21-19 21-23 21-14,

while former top 10 player Kashyap beat France's Brice Leverdez 21-12 21-15 in 38 minutes.

Next world no 15 Praneeth will face China's Lu Guang Zu, while Kashyap lock horns with seventh seeded Indonesian Anthony Sinisuka Ginting.

In women's doubles, Commonwealth Games bronze medalists Ashwini Ponnappa and N Sikki Reddy too crossed the opening hurdle after their opponents Chinese Taipei's Cheng Chi Ya and Lee Chih Chen retired mid way in the second game after lagging 13-21 8-11.

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LOCATION: Sector 78, Gurugram, Manesar, Urban Complex.

APPLICATION DETAILS AND PAYMENT TERMS

S.No.	Type	Carpet Area (in sq. ft.)	Balcony Area (in sq. ft.)	No. of Units	Total Area (in sq. ft.)	Total cost *	5% Booking Amount †	20% Allotment Amount ‡
1	1BHK-T1	350	65	19	416	1433000	71650	286400
2	1BHK-T2	357	100	2	457	1478000	73900	295400
3	2BHK-T1	571	65	347	636	2316500	115825	463300
4	2BHK-T2	540	99	195	639	2209500	110475	441900
5	2BHK-T3	464	87	2	551	1899500	94975	379900
6	3BHK-T1	645	95	156	740	2627500	131375	525500

*Balance 75% of the total cost to be paid as per policy. No interest shall fall due before the due date of payment. Any default in payment will bear penal interest as provided in Rule 15 of the Haryana Real Estate Regulatory Authority, Rules, 2017. Taxes Extra as applicable

- Cost includes two wheeler parking
- The above rate is an all-inclusive cost of flat as per the rates prescribed under the policy notified vide no. PF-27/48921 dated 19.8.2013 (details available at the Department Website, i.e., tcharyana.gov.in)
- No. of Units available for draw: 721 out of total 1364 Units
- 5% of the total Units (68 out of 1364) will be allotted by the developer as per his discretion against Management Quota under 3 BHK Type 1 Category.
- Applications can be procured & submitted at: (i) AADR, Sector-79, Gurugram, Haryana Hues, Sector-68, Gurugram, Haryana by paying an application fee of Rs.1000/-.

ELIGIBILITY

- (1) The applicant should not be debarred from entering into legally binding contract under any prevailing law.
- (2) Any person can apply, however, the PMAY beneficiaries, which include their spouse or dependent children, identified by the Urban Local Bodies Department, Haryana under "Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna-Housing for All" programme shall be granted preference in allotment. First priority shall be given to the identified beneficiaries of the said town followed by other PMAY beneficiaries of the State of Haryana. Thereafter, for the remaining flats, persons which include their spouse or dependent children who do not own any flat/plot in any HUDA colony/sector or any licensed colony in any of the Urban areas in Haryana, UT of Chandigarh and NCT/Delhi shall be given next preference in allotment of flats.
- (3) Any applicant can make only one application. Any successful applicant under this policy shall not be eligible for allotment of any other flat under this policy in any other colony, he/she will have choice to retain only one flat. All such applicants shall submit an affidavit to this effect.

ALLOTMENT CRITERIA

- (1) The allotment of apartments shall be done through draw of lots in the presence of a committee consisting of Deputy Commissioner or his representative (at least of the cadre of Haryana Civil Services), Senior Town Planner (Circle Office), DTP of the concerned district and the representative of coloniser concerned.
- (2) After fixation of date for draw of lots, an advertisement shall be issued by the Developer informing the applicants about the details regarding date/time and venue of the draw of lots in the same newspapers in which the original advertisement was issued.
- (3) For detailed criteria and time-frame to be adopted for scrutiny and allotment, the applicants may also refer to the details in the Affordable Housing Policy 2013 notified vide no. PF-27/48921 dated 19.8.2013 (available on the Department Website i.e., tcharyana.gov.in)

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