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# Corporate tax slashed to 25% to rev up economy

## In biggest cut in 28 years, Govt to lose ₹1.45L crore annually; it brings India on par with Asian giants China, S Korea on tax rate

PTI ■ PANAJI

In the biggest reduction in 28 years, the Government on Friday slashed corporate tax by almost 10 percentage points as it looked to pull the economy out of a six-year low growth and a 45-year high unemployment rate by reviving private investments with a ₹1.45-lakh crore tax break.

Two-and-a-half-months after presenting her maiden Budget that was hailed as "development-friendly" and "future-oriented", Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced cutting corporate tax rate to 25.17 per cent to bring them at par with other Asian countries such as China and South Korea but at the possibility of breaching the 3.3 per cent fiscal deficit target.

In the fourth tranche of post-budget economic stimulus measures, she cut base corporate tax for existing companies to 22 per cent from current 30 per cent; and for new manufacturing firms, incorporated after October 1, 2019 and starting operations before March 31, 2023, to 15 per cent from current 25 per cent.

This will be subject to the condition that these companies will not avail any other incentive or concession such as tax holiday enjoyed by units in Special Economic Zones (SEZ) and accelerated depreciation.

The effective tax rate for existing units, after considering

surcharges and cess such as Swachh Bharat cess and education cess — which are levied on top of the income and corporate tax rates, will be 25.17 per cent as compared to 34.94 per cent now. For new units, it will be 17.01 per cent as against 29.12 per cent now.

The new tax structure, which will lead to Government losing ₹1.45 lakh crore in revenue annually, is effective from April 1, 2019, and will bring Indian corporate tax rate at par with Asian peers in a bid to attract investments.

The reduction in corporate tax, which India Inc hailed as the one which will revive growth and investment, is the single biggest cut in tax rates since India opened up its economy in 1991.

India had the highest effective corporate tax rate of 38.05 per cent in 1997.

Companies in China, South Korean and Indonesia pay 25 per cent tax, while those in Malaysia pay 24 per cent. Only Japan has a higher tax than India at 30.6 per cent. Hong Kong has the lowest corporate tax rate of 16.5 per cent, Singapore has 17 per cent, Thailand and Vietnam levy 20 per cent tax.

Sitharaman said the latest measures will promote growth and investment, but side-stepped questions on its impact on fiscal deficit. "We are conscious of the impact all this will have on our fiscal deficit, and

will reconcile the numbers," she said adding the changes in tax rate are being done by promulgating an ordinance to amend the Income Tax Act.

The Government had budgeted ₹16.5 lakh crore as tax revenue in fiscal to March 31, 2020. Sitharaman also said no tax will be charged on share buyback by listed companies that announced such a move prior to July 5.

Also, super-rich tax by way of enhanced surcharge on income will not apply to capital gains arising on equity sale or equity-oriented funds liable to securities transaction tax with a view to stabilise flow of funds into capital markets.

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### GST on caffeinated beverages raised, cut on hotel tariffs

**Panaji:** The all-powerful GST Council on Friday doubled the tax on caffeinated beverages and slashed the rate on hotel room tariffs. GST on caffeinated beverages has been hiked to 28 per cent plus additional cess of 12 per cent as against the current 18 per cent. For hotels, nil tax for those with tariffs of up to ₹1,000 per night. Those charging ₹1,001 to ₹7,500 per night room, GST would be 12 per cent as against the existing 18 per cent.

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## Sensex rides crest of enthusiasm, rises 2k pts

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Markets roared back to life on Friday, with the Sensex posting its biggest single-day jump in over a decade at 1,921 points and investors' wealth soaring by a staggering ₹6.8 lakh crore, after the Finance Minister delivered a surprise cut in corporate tax rates. Bulls took over the market soon after the announcements.

The 30-share BSE Sensex soared 2,284.55 points to a peak of 38,378.02 intra-day, before settling 1,921.15 points



Investors react as they watch the stock prices on a digital screen at BSE building in Mumbai on Friday

or 5.32 per cent higher at 38,014.62.

Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty zoomed 569.40 points or 5.32 per cent to end at 11,274.20.

The market capitalisation of BSE-listed companies jumped to ₹145,37,378 crore, from ₹138,54,439 crore on Thursday. Cash-market equity turnover on BSE and NSE nearly tripled to nearly ₹90,000 crore, while derivatives turnover also zoomed to about ₹2.4 lakh crore.

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## Chinmayanand arrested, girl cries case weakened

### UP SIT arrests 3 on charge of extorting money from ex-Min

PREETAM SRIVASTAVA ■ LUCKNOW

Within 48 hours of the victim threatening to immolate herself, the Special Investigation Team (SIT) on Friday arrested former Union Minister of State for Home Swami Chinmayanand, who has been accused of rape by the law student of Shahjahanpur.

After the arrest, the SIT took Chinmayanand for medical examination and thereafter produced him before Chief Judicial Magistrate Omveer Singh, who sent him to judicial custody for 14 days.

The SIT also arrested three other men — all charged with trying to extort money from the former Union Minister — and named an unidentified woman as a suspect in the same case. The victim claimed police are trying to weaken the case against the politician.

Later, disclosing the development to the media, the SIT claimed that the accused had



Former Union Minister Swami Chinmayanand, accused of rape by a law student, is seen outside a Government hospital after a medical examination following his arrest by an SIT of the Uttar Pradesh Police in Shahjahanpur on Friday

confessed to sexual harassment and also said "main sharminda hoon, (I am ashamed)" to apologise for his act.

Chinmayanand, however,

has not been booked for rape as alleged by the victim in her statement before the magistrate under Section 164 of the CrPC.

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## Day after Babul assault, WB BJP chief calls for 'surgical strike' a la Pak inside JU

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Even as a war of words ensued between the ruling Trinamool Congress and Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankar for his unsolicited entry inside Jadavpur University on Thursday evening to rescue Union Minister Babul Supriyo from Left-wing student activists who heckled and assaulted him for more than five hours, State BJP president Dilip Ghosh on Friday called for a surgical strike on the university campus a la Pakistan on account of its turning anti-national.

He was reacting to posers regarding the vandalism carried out on Thursday night by BJP and ABVP supporters who broke open the university gates, ransacked the interiors and torched valuable items.

"I will say similar things will be repeated if they dare to touch any BJP leader, celebrity or Minister," he said, adding "like JNU, JU too has become a hotbed of anti-national activities. The students who do such activities are no less than the terrorists of Pakistan. A surgical like the one carried out in

Pakistan is needed inside JU."

Another senior State party leader Sayantan Basu told at the end of an anti-Left, anti-TMC rally that "our leaders will visit Jadavpur University repeatedly and in case of a repeat of such incident we will assault them on the streets ... or wherever we find them."

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### Row may cast shadow on JU Central funding

PNS ■ NEW DELHI/KOLKATA

The gherao of Union Minister Babul Supriyo by students of Jadavpur University could cast a shadow on the Central funding to the varsity which was just a few days ago conferred with the Institute of Eminence (IoE) status. Under the IoE status, the JU is to get additional funds for upgradation. HRD Ministry sources said that they have sought a detailed report on the current situation on the JU premises.

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## Toddler on way to hospital dies as ambulance hits truck halted by STA on DND flyway

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

An unwillful act by an Enforcement team of the Delhi's State Transport Authority (STA) to stop a speeding truck on the DND flyway led to a road accident in which a 30-year-old ambulance technician and a two-year-old child on way to Safdarjung hospital for treatment died after the ambulance rammed into the truck on Friday at 3.15 am.

The child's family also inside the ambulance suffered injuries in the crash and are undergoing treatment at AIIMS Trauma Centre.

"The enforcement officials were at fault as they tried to stop the truck by standing in the middle of the road. The driver

applied brakes and gave no time to the ambulance driver to react. Had enforcement officers allowed passage to the ambulance rather than blocking its path by stopping the truck, the tragedy could have been averted," said an official.

The deceased have been identified as Subhash Pal (2) and Sunil Kumar (30), ambulance technician.

Police said the ambulance driver Vipin (25) and Subhash's father Suresh (35), his mother Manno (32) and his four-year-old brother Shubham (4) sustained injuries.

"A police team reached the spot after a call was made to the Police Control Room (PCR)," said a police official.

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## CAPSULE

### J&K HC REPORT DOESN'T SUPPORT CLAIMS: SC

**New Delhi:** The claim that people in the Kashmir valley are unable to access the Jammu & Kashmir High Court has not been supported by a report received from the chief justice there, the Supreme Court said on Friday.

### KERALA HC OVERTURNS COLLEGE HOSTEL RULE

**Kochi:** In a landmark judgment, the Kerala HC has directed readmission of a girl student expelled from a college hostel for opposing a regulation on use of mobile phones, noting that the right to access Internet is part of the Right to Education and Right to Privacy.

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### ILLICIT LIQUOR CLAIMS 6 LIVES IN DEHRADUN

**Dehradun:** Six people died and several others took ill on Friday allegedly after consuming illicit liquor in Dehradun, police said.

## Panghal 1st Indian to enter Boxing championship final

**Ekaterinburg (Russia)/Nur-Sultan (Kazakhstan):** Asian champion Amit Panghal (52kg) on Friday became the first Indian to enter the finals of the World Men's Boxing Championship while Manish Kaushik (63kg) signed off with a bronze medal after going down in the semifinals here. Second seeded Panghal prevailed 3-2 against Kazakhstan's Saken Bibossinov in the last-four stage.

Meanwhile in world wrestling championship, struggling off his controversial semifinal defeat, Bajrang Punia bagged his third medal while Ravi Dahiya made his debut memorable by grabbing a bronze on Friday.

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## Winged guests' early arrival leaves ecologists in tizzy

SAPNA SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

While the early arrival of migratory birds is being celebrated by ornithologists, it has taken ecologists by surprise.

Presence of Northern Shoveler, European bird species and Red Crested Pochard, Central Asia-Siberia in Yamuna biodiversity park has raised an alarm among global scientists to assess the effect of climate change on the schedule of the migration of birds.

Shovelers were normally witnessed here in October-end when the European lakes are frozen and Siberian Crested Pochards were seen in November-end. Faiyaz Khudsar, Scientist-in-charge, Centre for Environment Management of Degraded Ecosystems (CEMDE),



University of Delhi, said the unusual arrival timing is directly related with phenology. (Phenology is the study of periodic plant and animal life cycle events and how these are influenced by seasonal and inter-annual variations in climate, as well as habitat factors)



Khudsar said this year the temperature in Europe was unusually warm. He said lakes and water bodies in Europe and Central Asia are not suitable for 'Hydrilla' (aquatic plant beneath the water) and birds

are forced to fly in Southern part before the designated time.

"Everything is not well across the globe. Early arrival of these birds is an indication that their breeding cycle will be advanced," Khudsar added.

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## Tiger dies in Delhi soon after relief panel named

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

Within hours of the Central Zoo Authority (CZA), a statutory body under the Union Environment Ministry, setting up a three-member panel on Friday to enquire into the prolonged illness of the Bengal tiger Rama in Delhi Zoo, the eight-year-old big cat died of kidney failure.

A blood report indicated very high phosphorous content and creatinine levels impacted the functioning of kidneys, said an official in the CZA which has recently taken over the Delhi Zoo under its fold following allegations of mismanagement and violation of rights of captive animals. The average lifespan of a tiger in captivity is around 20 years.

The deceased tiger was brought from the Mysore zoo in 2014 and was unwell since July 27, 2019. It was not eating enough and showing signs of distress, in other words stereotypical behaviour, including rocking, pacing, head weaving, tongue playing, etc, which is a sign of stress, the CZA official explained.



However, in what is being seen as a delay in providing medical treatment to the ailing animals, sources in the Delhi

Zoo said while the tiger had shown signs of illness by July 27 itself, it was only on August 14 that an inspection was conducted by the zoo's veterinary officer.

Thereafter, the animal was kept in a squeeze cage for examination purposes. A squeeze cage is like a normal cage but with a moveable panel which can be adjusted to restrict the movement of animals for vaccinating and examining them.

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# City tops in court infra, says report

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi has ranked on the top in terms of Court Infrastructure in India leaving behind Kerala, Meghalaya, Himachal and Haryana States. Releasing Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy report, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal thrust on upgrading court infrastructure has brought such results.

According to Vidhi Centre report published in August month, Delhi is the only state to have court complexes in accordance with National Court Management Systems (NCMS) committee. With this announcement, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) claimed that it is because Kejriwal has prioritised expansion of judicial infrastructure to provide speedy justice for all residents of the city.

"The Chief Minister had directed the law department in the first year of the Government itself that avail-

ability of funding should never come in the way of building court infrastructure," Delhi Government said.

Quoting the report, Delhi Government in its official statement said, "The impact of its infrastructure push is seen through this report. The survey shows that only one State (Delhi) and one Union Territory (Chandigarh) have court complexes that meet NCMS standards. Overall, Delhi (90%), Kerala (84%), Meghalaya (75%), Himachal Pradesh (70%) and Haryana (70%) were the best performing States across all parameters." Based on a survey conducted by Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy in collaboration with Justice, Access and Lowering Delays in India (JALDI) and Tata Trusts, across 665 district courts in India, 6650 litigants were interviewed across 36 States and union territories."

Interestingly, the nine parameters include the location of the court complexes, navigation, waiting areas, hygiene, barrier-free access, case display, amenities, security, and website.

"Delhi is among the top performers across all parameters. Not only does Delhi come out on top in the overall rankings, it ranks number one across parameters such as hygiene, waiting areas, getting there," it stated.

Notably, the report further highlighted that Delhi is in second place when it comes to security and website, and third in barrier-free access, navigation, case display, and amenities. Delhi has achieved a 100 per cent score in terms of accessibility, parking areas, equipment of the waiting areas, and hygiene in the court complexes. The State has also performed well in parameters such as security, website, and case.

## Ajoy named AAP's national spokesperson

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A day after joining the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), former Congress Jharkhand president and IPS officer Ajoy Kumar was appointed its national spokesperson on Friday.

Welcoming Dr Kumar, party's national convenor Arvind Kejriwal said that the entry of Dr Kumar into the AAP will strengthen the struggle for a corruption free and prosperous India. Kumar joined the AAP on Thursday. He was born in Mangalore (Karnataka) and completed schooling from Hyderabad. He earned an MBBS degree from Jawaharlal Institute of Post Graduate Medical Education and Research (JIPMER) Puducherry in 1985. He became an Indian Police Service (IPS) in 1986.

"The Aam Aadmi Party has appointed @drajoykumar as National Spokesperson. Welcome aboard brother," tweeted AAP Delhi Spokesperson Saurabh

Bharadwaj. Dr Kumar is known for his exemplary work as SP Patna and SP Jamshedpur between 1986 and 1996, particularly for his fight against Mafia Raj in Bihar and Jharkhand.

He was elected to the 15th Lok Sabha from the Jamshedpur Lok Sabha constituency in a by-election in 2011 on a ticket of Jharkhand Vikas Morcha (Prajatantrik) Party. Later he joined the Congress party in 2014.

Kumar on Thursday after joining the AAP had said that only the AAP is truly a party of the 'aam aadmi' where anyone can join and work towards development.

"The changes brought by the Delhi Government in the fields of education and health are revolutionary. I am so happy to see the work done for 24x7 water and power by the AAP-led Delhi Government," he said, adding the AAP is doing positive politics and people can join it without any political background to serve the country.

## Govt mulls selling onions through fair price shops, mobile vans: Min

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Food and Civil Supplies Minister Imran Hussain on Friday reviewed the status of onion prices due to the crop having been affected because of excessive rains in different parts of the country.

The Minister observed that the Delhi Government is considering selling onions through its 'Fair Price Shops/Mobile Vans', in order to check the price rise of onions. In this regard, meetings with DSCSC and transporters have also been held.

The meeting was attended by the Commissioner, Food and Civil Supplies (CFS), senior officers of Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation (DSCSC) and Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee..

The Minister directed Commissioner, DSCSC, APMC/DAMB that immediate corrective action be taken as

average wholesale prices of onions have risen astronomically in last two-three days in Lasalgaon and Nashik in Maharashtra.

Its repercussions would be felt in retail markets across the country, it is being apprehended. The officers present in the meeting informed that due to ongoing phase of Shraadhhs followed by the festive Navratri period, the demand of onions decrease which will help in neutralising some of the effect of price rise of onions.

Officers also informed the Minister that NAFED is in a position to supply 200 metric tonnes of onions daily for the retail sale in Delhi. The meeting also discussed whether market intervention was needed for checking retail price of onions. During the meeting, various options to make onions available at affordable prices to consumers in Delhi was also discussed, an official said.

The Food and Civil Supplies Department and DSCSC have been directed to expedite tendering process for making adequate arrangements for supply of onions at various FPSs in Delhi for their retail sales, in case any emergent situation arises.

Delhi Government has already constituted a high level Price Stabilization Fund Management Committee under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary with Principal Secretary (Finance), Commissioner (F&S), Development Commissioner, Divisional Commissioner and Director (Agricultural Marketing) and Director (Planning) as other members to suggest market intervention for checking the prices of essential commodities. This Committee has been activated to timely and effectively deal with the situation of high retail prices of onion.

## DU plans to build two hostels on North, South campus

GAYATHRI MANI ■ NEW DELHI

The long pending demand of Delhi University (DU) students appears to be bearing fruit as DU administration is planning to construct two hostels in North and South Campus with '400 bed capacity with double accommodation'. DU is also going to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Central Public Works Department (CPWD). Besides, there is also a pact to preserve the century old DU Central Library as 'Heritage' building.

The central library was started in 1922 with a collection 1380 gifted books. During the first decade of its existence it functioned from shifting locale. After some years, it was shifted to the present locations Art faculty in 1950.

Apart from hostels, DU has also planned to construct a fully 'digitised Academic block' at Maurice Nagar. As per the officials, one hostel with double accommodation facility will be constructed at Mukherjee Nagar. While, the site for the South Campus hostel is yet to be finalised.

The CPWD will be the executing agency of the project

MOU BETWEEN DU AND CPWD	
■	Construction 400 bed Hostel with double accommodations in Mukerjee Nagar and South campus, Digital Academic Block in Maurice Nagar, Renovations and preservation of DU central library
■	Estimated cost of the project- ₹200 Crore
■	Existing hostel- 17 hostels with a capacity of 4000 students
■	Total number of students in DU - nearly 3 lakh

and the estimated budget cost is around ₹200 crore. As per the officials, the cost of academic block will be ₹90 crore, while ₹20 crore is estimated for the construction of hostel building in Mukherjee Nagar and around ₹9 crore for the re-development of DU central library.

"DU planning hostels in both South and North Campus. The library will be renovated and preserved, further adding another block is in plan. Besides, a digital academic block that being considered and the plan is to construct digital smart class rooms, seminar halls and auditorium. The academic block will be used for teaching purpose only. The block will be completely constructed with digital and world class technology for instance, the if a political science department want to use the smart classrooms and seminar for a day, it should pre-book or check online for availability and separate team will be appointed to look after the

block," said Tarun Das, Registrar, DU adding the plans are yet to be final as the university is working on more interesting plans and to come up with new technology for the students.

"The project is final but the plans are in initial stage with many formalities to be done. Permissions need to be sought from environment department for felling trees, budget sanctions are also need to be finalised, final building plans and many other works are there before beginning the project," added Das.

Currently, there are only 17 hostels in DU with a capacity of 3,215, and one at university with a capacity of 630, for undergraduate course students. The total number of 1,89,653 undergraduate, 26,910 post-graduate students, including M.Phil./Ph.D. students and 6,948 in Certificate/Diploma/PG Diploma students enrolled are enrolled in DU.

## Atishi terms BJP anti-women after its leader slaps his former wife

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Friday slammed the BJP over the incident in which Mehrauli district BJP president Azad Singh slapped his former wife and Mayor of South Delhi Sarita Chaudhary at party office.

Senior AAP leader and national spokesperson Atishi termed the BJP as "anti-women" party, "The safety of women in Delhi is a major issue and the responsibility to ensure the safety of women is with the Delhi Police which is under the Home Ministry of BJP-led Center. Now if BJP cannot ensure the safety of a woman inside the party office how can they ensure the safety of women of Delhi?" asked Atishi.

"Everyone knows that the BJP is an anti-women party because they have people like former minister Swami Chinmayanand who is in jail. BJP also has MLAs like Kuldeep Singh Sengar who is an accused of rape," she said.

Atishi further said "Chaudhury is an empowered woman and elected by the people of Delhi. She is also the Delhi BJP chief of the 'Beti Bachao Beti Pado' unit. When a woman like her is not safe in the BJP office then how the BJP-led Center will ensure the safety of women of Delhi? In Delhi, the BJP has only one responsibility which is maintaining the law and order where they have failed miserably.

## BJP eyes Muslim, SC/ST votes to win Assembly polls

SAPNA SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

Leaving no stone unturned to wrest the control of Players Building from the ruling AAP, the central leadership of the BJP had devised plans to carpet bomb the national Capital in the run up to the Delhi Assembly elections.

Top sources told *The Pioneer* that along with State election in-charge Prakash Javadekar and co-in-charge, Hardeep Singh Puri, Nityanand Rai will also play a key role in profiling and visiting Assembly segments, especially those with sizeable number of Muslim votes, SC&ST. The BJP wants to rewrite the poll lexicon by winning seats where it never was in serious contention in the national Capital. There are 12 reserved and 8 Muslim dominated Assembly constituencies that BJP wants to change the final poll outcome.

While the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convenor Arvind Kejriwal has launched a blitzkrieg of people friendly schemes primarily in education, health and rural-urban infrastructure focusing regularization of unauthorised colonies, it has become quite challenging for the seven BJP Lok Sabha MPs



believed, the BJP National In-charge Amit Shah is taking personal interest and determined to bloom the 'Lotus' in Delhi's street.

When asked why Rai's name has been picked up for this assessment, the leader replied, "Rai has strong hold on the issues pertaining to National Security, we performed before public by abrogating 370 in Kashmir, surgical strike 'Balakot' is another example."

Delhi's politics is entirely different from other Indian States and Union Territories (UTs) and this is why, the Central leadership will act as master guiding all seven parliamentarians.

"In Delhi, issues are different, here people are not jobless but change in lifestyle is emerging problem, instance - diseases like dengue, respiratory issues due to polluted air and growing completion in market," said the leader.

Amidst all the challenges, Delhi people co-relate themselves with policy matters, in such scenario, the intervention of top leaders is must to convey the work done by Narendra Modi Government in Delhi's assembly constituencies.

## Inter-State drug cartel busted, ₹40 cr heroin seized

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

With the arrest of two persons the sleuths of Delhi Police special cell has claimed to bust an inter-State narcotic drug cartel and recovered 10.5 kilograms (kgs) of heroin worth more than ₹40 crores in the International market from their possession.

The duo arrested has identified as, Bajilur Rehman (28) and Abu Bakkar Siddique (24) both resident of Malda, West Bengal (WB).

According to Sanjeev Kumar Yadav, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Special Cell, a police team of the unit has been focusing on the drug trade from the infamous 'Golden Triangle', which is centered around Myanmar's conflict-ridden north and has export hub for illicit drugs to the world for decades.

"The officials had developed information that one kingpin of this infamous cartel namely Saidul, of Malda, West Bengal procured contraband drugs from Nasir of Manipur and transports the drugs to Malda, (WB), Delhi, and UP through carriers. Nasir, in turn, is suspected to procure drugs from Myanmar in a clandestine manner," said the DCP.

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## Kejriwal will make everything free to win polls, mocks Puri

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Taking a dig at Delhi Government's various freebies, Union Housing and Urban Affair Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Friday said if one could win elections by providing things free of cost, the Delhi Chief Minister would have made everything free.

"If you can win elections by making everything free, Kejriwal would make everything free — rides on buses, electricity. Some he would make completely free, others half-free. When you ask where the money is coming from, he would say there is corruption," Puri said while speaking at the 6th National Forum 2019 organised by Public Affairs Forum of India.

Puri said that it is not whether it should be free or not, but it should be how could you devise a system which is reasonably priced and efficient. The minister said that Delhi has one of the finest metro systems in the world that is not only cheap but also efficient.

The Aam Aadmi Party

government has recently announced making metro and bus rides free for women in Delhi. It has also announced free electricity to Delhi residents up to 200 units of power. The announcements have been in view of the Delhi assembly polls due early next year.

Countering the claim that metro ridership has gone down since its fare hike, Puri said the footfall has rather 'trebled' since the increase. "The ridership was 24-25 lakh then (before fare hike) but it has trebled since then. It is 66 lakh now and going up by the day. Yes, there is a co-relation between fare and ridership but it is more dependent upon the overall demand and what kind of service you are providing," he said. The metro fare was hiked in 2017 after a gap of nine years.

"The fare fixation committee in Delhi had not met for nine years. It was decided that since it has not been done in 9 years, it would be done in two installments," said Puri.

"Despite opposition, some of us have the maturity to realise if we succumb to populist pressures, barely any infrastructure would be left.

Whether you build a road or an airport, you have to be reasonable," he said.

Commenting on the recent slump in auto industry, Puri said people, especially the press, are very quick to criticise it. "But there must be calculative cost of ownership. You may say a lot of young professionals in India who started life, wanted a car of their own. But you have a metro system with the last mile connectivity. You have a situation where a lot of people would choose public transport if it were good," he said.

He also accused Kejriwal of not implementing any central scheme. "Kejriwal does not implement any of the central schemes. Ayushman Bharat is a scheme for the healthcare but he has not implemented it here," said Puri.

"Out of a Rs 40,000-50,000 crore budget, around Rs 500-600 crore he takes out for full-page advertisements of all the good work (he claims to have done) saying I went and counted all dengue mosquitoes and I want you to do the same. He has spent a lot of money on it," Puri said, again taking a dig at Delhi government's 'har ravi-rav, dengue pe war' drive.

## AAP Govt trying to mislead people with lies, falsehood: Maken

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Former Union Minister and president of the Delhi Congress Ajay Maken 'slammed' the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) led - Delhi Government for "ruining" the health sector in the national Capital.



"The AAP Government is trying to mislead people through lies and falsehood. The AAP Government has done an injustice with poor people by introducing contract in Government hospitals in Delhi while it had promised to end the system before coming in to the power," he said.

Addressing a dharna organised by a section of Congress leaders at Pooth Khurd, Maken alleged that ₹40,000 were being taken as bribe to give jobs in Government hospitals in Delhi under the AAP rule. He also alleged that even the contract employment is being given to the mothers, sisters and daughters of the contractors in hospitals.

"It is very unfortunate that the AAP Government has not been spending any money to

improve the health sector in Delhi as the poor people mostly depend on Government hospitals for treatment," he said, adding that the time has come for the Congress to play a role of a strong Opposition by exposing the misdeeds of the Kejriwal Government in Delhi.

Maken said that people are now fondly recalling the 15-year rule of the Sheila Dikshit Government in Delhi and the 10-year rule of the Congress Government headed by Dr Manmohan Singh at the Centre. He also appealed to the Congress workers to make door-to-door visits to make people aware of the real facts and expose the 'betrayal' of the Modi and Kejriwal Governments on the people. Former MLA and Kirari District Congress president Surender Kumar, AICC member Chatter Singh also participated in the dharna.

## Gun-toting men snatch couple's chain at Janpath

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A couple was robbed of their chain at gunpoint by two unidentified criminals while they were driving past Janpath Road on Friday morning.

The victims have been identified as Vinod Singh and his wife Amrita Bohra, residents of Neb Sarai in South Delhi. According to a senior police official, the incident took place at around 5.30 am in the morning when the couple was going to New Delhi Railway station on their scooter.

"When they reached near Connaught Place outer circle, two unidentified miscreants appeared on a white bike and aimed a gun at the couple and snatched a chain from them. During the commotion, the scooter fell on the woman and she sustained fracture near her shoulder," said a New Delhi district police official.

"Amrita works in a well-reputed multi-national company in Gurugram. She is now receiving treatment at Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital in Delhi," said the police official.

"A FIR Information Report (FIR) has been regis-

tered and the police launched an investigation into the incident. Police teams are scanning CCTV camera in the area to identify the culprits and to ascertain sequence of crime," said the police official.

According the victim, Vinod Singh, who works with a hospitality firm at Green Park, when they were going towards K G Marg two men on a bike started chasing them.

"They first targeted my wife, but when they could not get hold of any valuable, they went ahead but they followed us again. When we turned towards Tolstoy Marg, the bikers again chased us. When they threatened us with the pistol, my wife immediately removed her chain and threw it on the road," said Singh.

"In the meantime, I took a U-turn and lifted a bag that fell on the road. But they followed again and threatened us to handover the bag," said Singh.

This is not the first incident of people robbed at gunpoint in the national capital. In July, 2019, a family of four, including two children was robbed of their valuables at gunpoint by three masked miscreants in Delhi's Model Town area.



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# J&K CJ report doesn't back inaccessible HC claims: SC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The claim that people in the Kashmir Valley are unable to access the Jammu & Kashmir High Court has not been supported by a report received from the chief justice there, the Supreme Court said on Friday.

The apex court however directed the Juvenile Justice Committee of the High Court to undertake an exercise on alleged detention of children in Jammu & Kashmir following the abrogation of Article 370 and submit a report within a week.

"We have received a report from the chief justice (of Jammu & Kashmir High Court) which does not support your statement," a bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi told senior lawyer Huzefa Ahmadi, who had on September 16 told the top court that

people in Valley were finding it difficult to approach the high court there. The Bench, also comprising Justices SA Bobde and S A Nazeer, said it too has received some "conflicting reports" on the issue but does not intend to comment on the report received from the Chief Justice of the High Court.

Ahmadi, while representing child rights activists Enakshi Ganguly and Shanta Sinha, had said in the top court that people in Kashmir were finding it difficult to approach the high court there.

The submission was made when the top court was hearing a petition alleging detention of children in Kashmir following the abrogation of Article 370.

Taking note of Ahmadi's submission, the top court had sought a report from the Chief Justice on the issue. During the hearing on Friday, the Bench agreed to exam-

ine the plea filed by Ganguly and Sinha while observing that it has raised substantial issue pertaining to alleged detention of children.

"We have perused the report sent to us by the Chief Justice of the Jammu & Kashmir High Court pursuant to our order dated September 16, 2019. At this stage, we do not consider it appropriate to offer any comments on the said report," the Bench noted in its order.

"As the issues highlighted pertain to alleged detention of children, we direct the Juvenile Justice Committee of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir to undertake an exercise with regard to the facts stated in the writ petition and revert to us within a week from today," it said. The top court, which said that its Registry would send a copy of the petition to the committee "forthwith", has posted the matter for hearing after a week.

## ED seizes ₹32L, \$10K from official residence of TMC MP KD Singh

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Friday said it has seized cash of ₹32 lakh and USD 10,000 after it raided the "official residence" of TMC Rajya Sabha MP K D Singh in Delhi and few other locations as part of a money laundering probe against him and others.

The ED had on Thursday conducted searches at the seven locations on the premises linked to TMC MP in Delhi and Chandigarh including at registered offices of 14 group companies of the Alchemist Group.

"During searches, a number of documents reflecting the circular nature of transactions, digital evidences and property documents were seized at the official residence of KD Singh in Delhi and cash of ₹32 lakh along with foreign exchange worth 10,000 US Dollar was found and seized," the ED said in a statement.

According to a senior ED official, these searches were carried out in connection with a Ponzi scheme and housing fraud. The case allegedly involves ₹1,900 crore. The ED alleged that it sent several summonses to Singh, but did not get proper cooperation in the investigation.

In the case involving Alchemist Infra Realty Limited, the ED had in January attached assets worth ₹239 crore. Singh headed the Alchemist Group till 2012.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi leaves for the USA on a week-long tour. He will first reach Houston for the 'Howdy Modi' event and will address the UNGA on September 27 in New York

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## 13 hurt in Haldia Petrochem blaze

PNS ■ KOLKATA

At least 13 people were injured 7 of them, grievously when a naphtha pipe line exploded during repair at the Haldia Petrochemicals Petrochemical's naphtha cracker unit.

While ten fire tenders were pressed into service to bring the fire under control Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee who

was presently in Delhi took personal care to direct the State administration to quickly shifted the injured to Kolkata, 100 miles away.

Being largest of its kind in the country the factory is a joint venture between Government of West Bengal, Chatterjee Group, the TATAs and the Indian Oil Corporation, etc. who have an investment of Rs 5,864 crore.

## Heavy rain wreak havoc in Houston ahead of 'Howdy Modi' mega event

**Houston:** The stage is all set for the mega "Howdy Modi" event where US President Donald Trump will join Prime Minister Narendra Modi who will address over 50,000 Indian-Americans, but the torrential rains triggered by a tropical storm have wreaked havoc in Houston, prompting the Governor to declare an emergency in several parts of the state of Texas.

Tropical Depression Imelda slammed Texas on Thursday, causing devastating flooding, power outages and prompting urgent rescues and warnings across southeastern Texas for people to stay indoors. Texas Governor Greg Abbott has declared a state of emergency for 13 counties in southeastern Texas.

"This happened very quickly. It just demonstrates that in this day and time, climate change is real. We no longer have to be concerned just with a hurricane. We have to be concerned with almost any sort of weather system that can quickly evolve into a major storm and produce a great deal of rain," Abbott said.

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## SC seeks response from J&K on plea challenging detention of five persons

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday sought response from the Jammu & Kashmir administration on a plea challenging detention of five persons in Kashmir following the abrogation of Article 370.

A bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi issued

notice on the plea which has also challenged provisions of law, empowering authorities to detain a person in J&K.

The bench also comprising justices SA Bobde and SA Nazeer asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who was appearing for the Jammu & Kashmir administration, to file his response within two weeks.

## Winged guests' early...

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Migratory birds are highly rely on the aquatic diet and climate conditions. Ornithologists explained that Hydrilla, Potamojinton and Valucineria are the natural vegetations, favorable for the migratory birds and maintain balance in eco- system.

Instance good aquatic vegetation lead to survival of small fishes,good numbers of fishes indicates healthy aquatic condition of water body be it lake or river,"

Dr Faiyaz explained.

As per the previous trend, Migratory birds flocked Yamuna Biodiversity Park (YBP) in winter months indicating that the national Capital's ecological balance is good. The biggest attraction was the arrival of Black Crowned Night Heron after fifteen years in the YBP wetlands in 2016. However this year, not just in YBP but Sultanpur bird sanctuary is also hosting the migratory birds in large number in September month only.

Meanwhile, YBP hosts around 196 different species of birds from Russia, Europe and Central Asia have arrived

at the Phase -II, natural wetland of 350 acres between Wazirabad and Bhalswa. Black Crowned Night Heron bird, is a bird that is nocturnal nature also witnessed. Previous year, the park hosted above 10,000 migratory birds.

YBP also hosts a total of 35 species

of birds make wetlands of YBP as their permanent home and reproduce. Some bird species include Spot-billed Duck , Grey and Purple Herons, Oriental Darter , Little Cormorants and Indian Cormorants are the prominent resident

birds, Eurasian Scoops Owl , European Roller , Golden Orirole , Eurasian Wryneck , Asian Paradise - flycatcher , Indian Peafowl and Common Rosefinch are the terrestrial birds here in YBP which can be easily spotted in the YBP during winter months.

## Sensex rides crest of...

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Top gainers in the Sensex pack included Hero MotoCorp, Maruti, IndusInd Bank, Bajaj Finance, SBI, M&M, HDFC Bank, HUL and L&T, rallying up to 12.52 per cent.

On the other hand, PowerGrid, Infosys, TCS, NTPC and Tech Mahindra ended in the red, losing up to 2.39 per cent. "The new corporate tax reforms by the government is music to the investors' ears and will help to revive economic outlook in the coming quarters. FILs now have a good reason to come back to India and this progressive step will stimulate consumption and ignite capex cycle.

"Additionally, companies will get more elbow room to pass on benefits to customers, which in-turn will improve earnings visibility," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services. Devang Mehta, Head - Equity Advisory, Centrum Wealth Management, said, "Today's measures, without exaggeration, have revived the sagging economic situation and has

reinfused the 'Josh' amongst the corporate and capital market fraternity."

Sectorally, BSE auto, bankex, capital goods, consumer durables, finance, energy, oil and gas, metal and telecom indices rallied up to 9.85 per cent.

Only IT and teck closed in the red, losing up to 1.09 per cent.

The broader BSE midcap and small-cap indices followed the benchmarks, surging up to 6.28 per cent.

During the week, Sensex gained 629.63 points or 1.68 per cent, while the Nifty advanced 198.30 points or 1.79 per cent. Meanwhile, the rupee strengthened 29 paise to 71.04 against US dollar intra-day. Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, rose 0.64 per cent to USD 64.84 per barrel.

On the global front, equities ticked higher amid optimism surrounding the US-China trade talks beginning next month. In Asia, Shanghai Composite Index, Nikkei and Kospi ended on a positive note, while Hang Seng settled in the red. Stock exchanges in Europe were trading higher in their respective early sessions.



Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu releases the book 'Himalayan Odyssey' written by MP Veerendra Kumar, Member of Parliament and Chief Managing Director of Huzarubhumi daily. The Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha, Harivansh, the Member of Parliament, Jayaram Ramesh, D Raja and others were present on the occasion on Friday

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## India will soar high if Pak stoops low by raising Kashmir issue at UNGA: Akbaruddin

**New York:** India will soar high if Pakistan stoops low by raking up the Kashmir issue at the UN General Assembly session, India's top envoy to the United Nations has asserted, warning that Islamabad which mainstreamed terrorism in the past may mainstream hate speech now. With an anticipated rant by Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan on Kashmir during the UNGA session on September 27, India's Permanent Representative to the UN, Ambassador Syed Akbaruddin said "poison pens" don't work for too long.

Khan has repeatedly vowed that he will "forcefully" raise the issue before the international community during his address to the UNGA. "We explained to you what is our approach and how we are working very differently from our previous experiences," Akbaruddin said on Thursday.

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## Toddler on way to hospital dies as ambulance hits...

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"The injured were rushed to Lal Bahadur Shastri Hospital where Sunil Kumar succumbed to his injuries while Subhash was declared brought dead. Suresh, his wife Manno, Shubham and Vipin sustained injuries and they were referred to the AIIMS Trauma centre where they are still undergoing treatment," said the official.

"After the accident both the truck driver and the enforcement team fled the spot. A case has been registered under relevant sections of Indian Penal Code (IPC) at Mayur Vihar police station. Police teams have initiated a manhunt to nab the accused truck driver and the enforcement officers who had displayed utter callousness by trying to stop the truck which led to the crash," said the police official.

Atul Garg, Chief Fire Officer of Delhi Fire Service said that they had also received a call at about 3.40 AM regarding the incident after which two fire tenders were rushed for res-

cue operation.

Meanwhile the family members of Subhash also alleged that the driver of ambulance was in drowsy condition when he was driving. "I saw that the driver was in drowsy condition and I asked to stop the vehicle. He said that he was fine continued driving the vehicle," said Suresh Pal, father of Subhash.

Subhash, who used to live at Knowledge Park in Greater Noida with his family, was admitted at the Sharda Hospital in Noida on Thursday after he complained of breathlessness.

"We were informed that there was some water in Subhash's windpipe and doctors asked us to shift him to Safdarjung Hospital. We left the hospital around 3 am and were heading towards the Safdarjung. There was a truck driving in front of us on DND flyway and we couldn't see anything ahead of it. After the collision, I lost consciousness and could not save my kid," said Mannu Pal (35), Subhash's mother.

### Day after Babul assault...

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Lambasting the girl students for being a part of the team gheraoing the singer-turned-Union Minister, Ghosh said, "These are shameless women otherwise how can they hug him tight during the melee. Their character is doubtful".

Meanwhile, the Governor on Friday lashed out the ruling party, particularly senior Minister Partho Chatterjee who is also the TMC general secretary, for allegedly making statements without knowing the fact of it all.

Earlier Chatterjee had questioned the constitutional propriety of Dhankar's action in entering JU campus without consulting the Government to rescue the Minister.

A release from the Raj Bhavan presumably reflecting the Governor's mind "expressed relief" that as a result of his timely intervention an end to an unwholesome situation was brought about.

It said the Governor's visit was rendered imperative as both Vice-Chancellor and the pro-Vice Chancellor had left the University "while the Union Minister Shri Babool Supriyo continued to be detained by the agitating students/persons there"

The release further said, "In his capacity as Chancellor, being guardian of the students, he took the call so as to connect with the students in the interest of education and institution." Rejecting Partho Chatterjee's accusations the statement said, "Before his visit to the university, the Governor and Chancellor exhausted all possible avenues that could bring an end to the unsavoury spectacle by flagging the issue to the DGP and the Chief Secretary."

As a final step before going to the university the Governor also spoke to the Chief Minister, the statement said. "There were many telephonic interactions between the two and ... he would not like to divulge the conversation

## Chinmayanand arrested, girl cries case weakened

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Police have booked Chinmayanand under sections 376 (c) (a person in position of fiduciary seducing a woman for sexual intercourse not amounting to rape), 354 D (stalking), 342 (punishment for wrongful confinement) and 506 (punishment for criminal intimidation) of the Indian Penal Code.

Naveen Arora, who is heading the SIT team, told reporters that during the course of investigation, as they unravelled the case, Chinmayanand admitted to his actions and said, "Mujhse aur kuchh mat puchiye" (Don't ask anything more from me).

"He has admitted to almost every allegation levelled against him, including sexual conversations and body massage but not made any comment on rape charges. The circumstantial evidences in the case are also being examined. He (Chinmayanand) said he did not want to say more as he was ashamed of his acts," said the SIT chief quoting Swami Chinmayanand's interrogation.

The SIT chief, surprisingly, said they had taken all precautions about the health of Chinmayanand

between the two, except that he left for the place after sufficient time had elapsed and the situation did not show any change."

A separate statement also expressed anguish at the way Chatterjee made his claims without knowing the truth of the matter. It said, "It is unfortunate that the Secretary-General of the All India Trinamool Congress, through a Press release yesterday, has stated that the Governor did not inform the Government and has not taken the State Government into confidence before making a visit. Obviously he did not know of the developments that took place between the Governor and the DGP/CS as also the conversation with the Hon'ble Chief Minister."

Meanwhile, on a day of long processions, the BJP on Friday took out a long rally in North Kolkata which was equally matched by a massive rally by thousands of students in South Kolkata protesting "growing fascism in India and the campus."

before arresting him.

According to Arora, the SIT managed to look at Chinmayanand's call records and found that he had called the girl more than 200 times on her mobile phone. Further, three associates of the girl have also been booked under sections 385, 506 and 201 of IPC and Section 67 of the IT Act for blackmailing the Bharatiya Janata Party leader for extorting Rs 5 crore from him.

The three have also arrested by the SIT and sent to jail on Friday.

Meanwhile, Director General of Police OP Singh in his statement said that the police were acting on the direction of the Supreme Court and had constituted the SIT team.

"After a thorough probe we arrested Swami Chinmayanand from his ashram and he has been sent to jail. There has been no delay in the case. We have also arrested three people over extortion threats to Swami Chinmayanand," he added.

The law student, who is enrolled in a postgraduate course at one of the colleges run by Chinmayanand's organisation, had levelled allegations of rape and physically exploitation against the former Union minister. She alleged that her ordeal continued for a year.

The UP Police had set up the SIT to probe the case on the directions of the Supreme Court.

### Tiger dies in Delhi soon after...

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The panel set up by the CZA member secretary SP Yadav comprising PC Tyagi, senior fellow at Dehradun-based Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Parag Nigam, veterinarian and Dr Abhilash Khandekar, CZA member , also has the mandate to look into the "status of upkeep, housing and appropriateness of treatment to 59-year-old Chimpanzee Rita", another inmate of the Delhi Zoo. She is said to be the oldest chimpanzee in India. The CZA panel has also been asked to study the hygienic status of the Delhi Zoo and submit a report within three days.

Spread over 176 acres, Delhi Zoo from time to time has been in the news for all the wrong reasons. On January 8, 2019, in an explosive affidavit filed before the Delhi High Court, a panel led by the then CZA member secretary DN Singh (who is now retired), pointed out several irregularities such as fudging of animal death data, not carrying post-mortem in case of unnatural animal death, concealing of animal deaths, and mysterious nature of deaths among others. The panel had sought action against the erring officials. The affidavit had also alleged that no corrective action appears to have been taken by the Environment Ministry against those responsible for irregularities observed in Delhi Zoo.

The panel was set up in 2017 at the behest of the Environment Ministry following the string of allegations over a prolonged period of time. Between 2016 and 2017, the Delhi Zoo reportedly lost over 320 animals.

## Revocation of J&K's special status has national security connotation: Jaishankar

**Helsinki:** External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Friday said India's decision to revoke Jammu & Kashmir's special status has a "national security connotation" as he emphasised that the 'epicentre of global terrorism' is right there in the country's 'neighbourhood'. Delivering a speech on 'India and the World — Priorities of Indian Foreign Policy' at the Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA) here, Jaishankar, in an apparent reference to Pakistan, said, "India lives in a tough neighbourhood and faces more than its fair share of national security challenges. Most prominent among them is the cross-border terrorism that we have been subjected to for many decades."

He said cross-border terrorism has cost more than 40,000 lives in the last three decades. Jaishankar said India is opposed to terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and believe there is no justification for it, whatsoever. "But it is not just enough to have a position. When subjected to terrorist attacks, any polity that is sincerely committed to the welfare of its people will surely respond. And indeed, that is precisely what we have done in recent years," he said.

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HRD Ministry seeks report

Babul assault may cast shadow on JU funding

PNS ■ NEW DELHI/KOLKATA

The gherao of Union Minister Babul Supriyo by students of Jadhavpur University could cast a shadow on the Central funding to the Varsity which was just a few days ago conferred with the Institute of Eminence (IoE) status. Under the IoE status, the JU is to get additional funds for upgradation.

HRD Ministry sources said that they have sought a detailed report on the current situation on the JU premises. The Centre has earmarked a maximum of Rs 1000 crore to be given to each of the Varsity for upgradation following the Institute of Eminence tag to them.

West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankar, also Chancellor of the Jadavpur University, has taken serious note of the fact that Vice Chancellor Suranjan Das left the campus in the evening even as the Union Minister of State for Forest, Environment and Climate Change remained gheraoed by the students.



A HRD Ministry official, however, said that granting of eminence status to Jadavpur University in West Bengal was not initiated due to a procedural issue and this was already brought in notice to the state government. “The incident has not made us rethink on the coveted tag and the future course of action will be decided after we receive the report sought from the university regarding the unfortunate incident,” said the HRD Ministry official.

Along with the JU, the HRD Ministry is also reconsidering conferring of the prestigious ‘Institution of Eminence’ tag on Anna Universities over procedural issues. Both the universities got

the IoE status last month along with those like Delhi University, IIT Madras, BHU, IIT Kharagpur in the public sector while Vellore Institute of Technology, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham (Bengaluru), and Shiv Nadar University (Greater Noida) in the private sector.

UGC had recommended the prestigious tag to these universities subject to condition that they would be considered only after the respective state governments agree to share up to 50 percent of the maximum of the Rs 1000 crore each that they will be given over the next five years.

The Jadavpur incident happened at a time when West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee was in Delhi and had met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah. Both sides showed cordiality, the first time after the acrimonious Lok Sabha campaign. And yet again the Governor and State Government are at loggerheads in West Bengal.

Corporate Tax Cut

Constant rollbacks will worsen economic situation, says Cong

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress lashed out at the Government over the move of bringing down the Corporate Tax rate on Friday saying “constant rollbacks” may give an “impression of progress through stock market bumps” but these will lead to worsening of the economic situation and are unlikely to revive investments. It also said it was done with the ‘Howdy Modi’ event in mind.

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Friday said he is amazed at what Prime Minister Narendra Modi is ready to do for a stock market bump ahead of his ‘HowdyModi’ event in Houston, which he termed as the world’s most expensive event ever. He said the Government was pumping LIC’s money in loss-making companies.

Congress said the government’s “constant rollbacks” may give an “impression of progress through stock market bumps” but these will lead to worsening of the economic situation and are unlikely to revive

investments. Questioning the timing of the corporate tax cut announcement, the opposition party alleged that it has been dictated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s ‘HowdyModi’ event in the United States.

However, former Union Minister Jairam Ramesh welcomed the reduction in corporate tax rates but expressed doubts on whether the step will revive investment. But like Rahul, he also attributed the timing of the announcement to be in view of the US event.

Asking whether it was the prime minister’s “trump card”, Ramesh said the government’s move does nothing to dispel the fear that pervades India Inc. “A headline-itis afflicted, panic-stricken Modi Sarkar has cut corporate tax rates less than 3 months after a Budget and 4 months before the next one. This is welcome but it is doubtful whether investment will revive. This does nothing to dispel fear that pervades in India Inc,” Ramesh said on Twitter.

Terming ‘HowdyModi’ the “world’s most expensive event ever”, Rahul Gandhi said he is

“amazed” at what Prime Minister Modi is ready to do for a stock market bump ahead of the event in Houston.

“Amazing what PM is ready to do for a stock market bump during his Howdy Indian Economy jamboree. At + 1.4 Lakh Crore Rs. The Houston event is the world’s most expensive event, ever! But, no event can hide the reality of the economic mess ‘HowdyModi’ has driven India into,” Rahul Gandhi said on Twitter.

Another Congress leader, Abhishek Singhvi, said drastic reduction in corporate tax rate is good but the arbitrage between highest effective individual tax rate of 42 per cent and higher effective corporate rate of 25 per cent begins to look absurd.

“Good: GOI, FM reduce corporate tax rate drastically. But arbitrage between highest individual tax rate (42% effective) and highest effective corporate rate of 25% begins to look even more absurd. If animal instincts are required for growth, I predict 35% Individual rate yields more than 42% !” he tweeted.

Govt using public money to benefit corporates: CPM

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CPI(M) politburo on Friday termed the Centre’s move to reduce the corporate tax as nothing but enrichment of the corporates, leading to the heaping of miseries of common man. The Left party in a statement said this is attempted to woo the foreign portfolio investors in US on the eve of Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s visit to America.

CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury termed the Centre’s move as crony capitalism at its worst.

“Announcement timed for proposed spectacle of ‘Howdy Modi’ in the US? Massive concessions to foreign speculators. India is going through its worst phase after independence and all we are getting is a callous govt and circuses. When we needed more money in the hands of the people to stimulate demand, the govt has handed it to corporates instead. This is crony capitalism at its worst,” said Yechury.

“This RSS-BJP government

through an ordinance has amended the Income Tax Act giving huge concessions to the corporates and superrich to the tune of a whopping Rs. 1.45 lakh crores. This comes over and above the Rs. 70,000 crore of concessions to the realty and exports sectors recently. The misappropriation of the reserves of the Reserve Bank of India to the tune of Rs. 1.76 lakh crore is now being transferred to the corporates instead of it being used for increasing public investments that will generate employment and increase people’s purchasing power.

“The current economic recession in India is caused by the lack of demand i.e. people do not have the purchasing power to buy. These efforts reversing the budget announcements cannot reverse the economic recession as people simply do not have the money to buy what may be produced. With the global economic slowdown and a huge fall in world trade any hope of increasing our exports will also come to a naught,” said the polit bureau.

INSHORT

**WHO CONGRATS INDIA FOR E-CIGARETTE BAN**  
**New Delhi:** The World Health Organisation (WHO) has congratulated India for its ban on e-cigarettes. In a tweet, the UN body’s Southeast Asia office said that India was the sixth country in the region to ban e-cigarettes after North Korea, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand and East Timor.

**SINGLE-JUDGE BENCH TO HEAR BAIL CASES**  
**New Delhi:** To reduce the growing backlog of cases, the Supreme Court has for the first time since its inception provided for sitting of a single-judge bench to hear appeals of bail and anticipatory bail in cases related to offences entailing jail term up to seven years. As per the rules which have been amended, the single judge would also hear transfer petitions.

**COMPLIED WITH COURT: KERALA GOVT TO SC**  
**New Delhi:** The Kerala Government told the Supreme Court Friday that it has taken requisite steps to comply with the court’s direction to demolish four apartment complexes constructed at Kochi’s Maradu in violation of Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) notifications.

**SC TO HEAR AYODHYA CASE FOR AN EXTRA HOUR**  
**New Delhi:** The Supreme Court Friday said it would sit for an extra hour next Monday to hear the Ram Janmabhoomi Babri Masjid land dispute case. The Constitution bench told the counsel for both the Hindu and Muslim parties that it has decided to rise at 5 pm instead of 4 pm on September 23.

**LAWSUIT IN 1989 WAS SOCIO-POLITICAL**  
**New Delhi:** The lawsuit filed by deity ‘Ram Lalla’ through a next friend in 1989 was nothing but a “socio-political vehicle” of ‘Ram Janmabhoomi Nyas’ to construct a new temple on the place of Babri masjid, Muslim parties told the Supreme Court Friday.

**SC TO HEAR PLEAS OF VEMULA, TAADVI MOTHERS**  
**New Delhi:** The Supreme Court on Friday agreed to hear a plea filed by mothers of Rohith Vemula and Payal Tadvii, who had allegedly committed suicide following alleged caste-based discrimination, seeking to end such bias in universities and other higher education institutions across the country.

Rajpath facelift after 2021 R-Day parade

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The redevelopment of historic Rajpath will start soon after hosting the Republic Day parade in 2021 under the ambitious plan of the Modi Government.

According to sources, the redevelopment work is likely to begin in February 2021 and will be completed by November, the sources said, adding that the Republic Day parade would take place at the “modernised” Rajpath in 2022.

There may be vending zones and other facilities to cater to visitors at the newly-developed Rajpath under the redevelopment plan.

The Modi government had



Parliament Building, Common Central Secretariat and Central Vista.”

Source said an architectural firm would be finalised before Diwali to execute the ambitious project.

The sources said the North and South Block, which may be turned into a museum, would be made earthquake-resistant structure as per the plan.

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

unveiled its mega plan last week to redevelop the over 3-km stretch from Rashtrapati Bhavan to the India Gate at Lutyens’ Delhi.

The Centre had on September 2 floated a request for proposal for the “development or redevelopment of

Govt wants innovations to ensure accessible toilets for Divyangs

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With an aim to ensure accessible toilets for the persons with disabilities (PwDs) under the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) in the rural areas, the Government is looking towards innovative and smart solutions that can meet the need of the sector.

“An important aspect of complete Swachhata is inclusion. Our department envisages equitable and inclusive access to sanitation facilities for PwDs, as an integral aspect of their empowerment to lead a life with dignity,” Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat said that his ministry is working day in and out towards providing better toilet facilities to divyangians.

In this connection, the Ministry of Jal Shakti and the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) in association with Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog recently organised San-Sadhan Hackathon aiming towards thought-provoking ideas for accessible toilets for Divyangians.

The event, which is the latest initiative under the SBM, aiming to set up accessible toilets for Divyangjan (PwDs) is an indication that the Government is working towards a Divyangjan-friendly nation, said Shekhawat.

Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities Secretary, Shakuntala D. Gamlin echoed similar sentiments, stating that “Rural toilets must be accessible for Divyangjan. A prototype of such a model that would be affordable, accessible and scalable is the need of the hour.”

Mission Director - Atal Innovation Mission, Niti Aayog, Ramanan Ramanathan was of the view that leveraging emerging technology for the benefit of the society is the way forward. He said that India, through its young innovators can create an unparalleled ecosystem of solutions to



world problems.

The participants competed in four categories which included Rural Individual Use Toilet, Rural Community Use Toilet, Urban Individual Use Toilet and Urban Community Use Toilet. The winners were given cash awards and piloting opportunities in the field across the country under SBM.

Award under Rural individual use toilet was bagged by Divyang Innovation; Urban individual use toilet by Arcatron Mobility while Dr Sandeep Sakat and his team took away the Runner-up cup.

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and 91springboard were the organizing partners for the hackathon.

According to 2011 census, India has a population of 2.68 crore persons with disabilities, making up 2.21 per cent of the total population.

Govt sets 291.1 mn tonne foodgrain target for 2019-20

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Buoyed by good rains received across the country, the Modi Government has set a foodgrain target of 291.1 million tonnes (MT) for 2019-20. It is 6 million tonnes more than last year. India’s foodgrains output in 2018-19 was 284.95 million tonnes.

According to the agriculture ministry, despite floods in 12 states this year, India’s food grain crop production in the Kharif season (summer-sown) will be higher than last year’s 141.71 MT on better

monsoon rains.

As per the targets set, projected production of coarse cereals would be 48.3 MT as against expected 42.95 MT in 2018-19 and that of pulses 26.30 MT (23.40 million tonnes in 2018-19).

The targets for rice and wheat have been retained at 116 MT (116.42 million tonnes) and 100.5 MT (102.19 million tonnes) respectively.

Area sown to summer crops remained flat at 1,054.13 lakh hectare so far in the ongoing kharif season of the 2019-20 crop year (July-June). Area

sown to rice was down by 5.25 lakh hectare to 378.62 lakh hectare so far this season and pulses by 2.41 lakh hectare to 132.99 lakh hectare, as per the latest government data. However, acreage of coarse cereals was up by 3.1 lakh hectare to 178.12 lakh hectare, while that of oilseeds remained flat at 178 lakh hectare in the said period.

The official said the prospects of rabi sowing looks bright because of better soil moisture on account of good monsoon now and reservoirs are also full.

Speaking at the national conference to launch rabi campaign on Friday, Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare, Parshottam Rupala said both kharif and rabi crop yields are expected to be very good this year, thanks bountiful rains received during the current monsoon season. The minister said kharif crops were affected in some states because of floods but it would not have much impact on the overall production. “Still, we will have bumper production in kharif season, higher than last year,” Rupala added.

PM Modi, Mongolian Prez unveil Lord Buddha statue amid prayers

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In a unique gesture, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and visiting Mongolian President Khaltmaagiin Battulga on Friday here jointly unveiled a statue of Lord Buddha amid the chanting of Buddhist prayers via video. The statue is installed at the Gandan Monastery in Mongolia.

The Mongolian president here on a five-day visit and the golden statue with Lord Buddha holding a bowl was unveiled at a brief ceremony held at the prime minister’s Lok Kalyan Marg residence. The

**In May 2015, Modi had visited the monastery where he presented a Bodhi tree sapling describing it as a token of friendship from the Indian people**

Gandan Monastery is located in Mongolia’s capital Ulaanbaatar.

Just before the unveiling, young monks at the monastery chanted Buddhist chants. Soon after, a Buddhist monk present at the prime minister’s residence offered prayers

as Modi and President Battulga stood with folded hands. The Prime Minister’s Office on Thursday described the unveiling ceremony as a “symbol of India-Mongolia spiritual partnership and shared Buddhist heritage.”

In May 2015, Modi had visited the monastery where he presented a Bodhi tree sapling describing it as a token of friendship from the Indian people.

Gandan is the largest and most significant monastery in Mongolia. Built in the mid 19th century, it is the only monastery where Buddhist services continued to function even during the Communist period.



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SARADHA SCAM

# Bengal ex-CP skips summons, CBI raids different locations

Kumar files anticipatory bail plea in court

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

In an unprecedented 'hot pursuit' of sorts, multiple teams of Central Bureau of Investigation raided a number of places across Kolkata, South and North 24 Parganas looking for Bengal Additional Director General CID, Rajeev Kumar, who continued to remain underground though he had filed a petition for anticipatory bail in Alipore Court.

CBI wants to interrogate Kumar for his alleged role as the chief of the Special Investigation Team constituted by the TMC Government to probe the multi-crore Saradha chit fund case in 2013. The Supreme Court later transferred the case to the CBI following complaints of insincerity by the SIT.

After Thursday's frantic search, the CBI continued its look out on Friday raiding half-a-dozen places including resorts, CID and other Government guest houses at DH Road, Park Street, Bishnupur, Dum Dum, Lake Town etc. The officers also vis-

ited his house handing over yet another summons notice there. They even spoke to his wife, a senior IRS officer herself.

Kumar has been escaping the CBI for the past one week after the Calcutta High Court withdrew protection against his arrest. The CBI had been complaining that Kumar was not cooperating with them in the investigation process.

Meanwhile, Kumar's lawyer Gopal Halder on Friday said that a petition for anticipatory bail had been filed at the Alipore Court. The hearing will be conducted tomorrow and "a notice to this effect has been served on the CBI too," he maintained.

The Agency is frantically looking for a Red diary, cash registers, pen drives, and other related evidences that were allegedly ceased by the SIT but went missing. "These articles contain information regarding the transaction" between the influential people and the Saradha boss Sudipto Sen, the jailed Saradha chief and other witnesses have reportedly told the CBI.

# No rift within NDA, will win over 200 seats in 2020 polls: Nitish

**Patna:** Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Friday categorically dismissed any rift within the alliance and predicted that the NDA will win more than 200 seats in the next year Assembly election.

He further asserted that those trying to create a fissure between his JD(U) and alliance partner BJP will be in trouble.

Addressing the state council meeting of the Janata Dal (United), of which he is the national president, Kumar lashed out at his detractors charging them with "lacking political acumen and trying to gain publicity by launching personal attacks on me..Many of them later privately confiding that they did so because it was their USP".

"I would advise my party spokesmen, do not get drawn into all this. Express the party position on issues firmly but avoid reacting to every slanderous remark that may be made against me, Kumar said.

"Try to recall the 2010 assembly poll days. Skeptics were doubting that we will get majority. We ended up winning 206 out of 243 seats. Rest assured we will cross 200 next year, Kumar said evoking applause. NDA had won 39 out of a total 40 Lok Sabha seats in Bihar recently.

The state will see poll by the end of 2020.

"There are many who think there is ghachpach (something



amiss) in our alliance. It is not so. Those trying to do ghachpach are going to be in trouble (bura haal hone waala hai), let me assure you, Kumar added.

The JD(U) national presidents statement assumes significance in the backdrop of recent statements by some BJP leaders who had favoured the party pressing for having its own Chief Minister after the assembly polls next year.

Kumar has been at the helm since 2005 when the JD(U)-BJP combine ousted Lalu Prasad RJD, which had ruled the state for more than a decade.

In 2013, Kumar snapped ties with the BJP and went on to form the Grand Alliance with Prasad, his arch rival, and the Congress, which won the 2015 assembly polls handsomely. He returned to the NDA in 2017.

The BJP-led coalition in Bihar now includes Ram Vilas Paswans IJP.

Kumar also took a veiled dig at the RJD and its leader

Tejashwi Yadav, mentioning neither by name. Some RJD veterans like Raghuvansh Prasad Singh and Shivanand Tiwary had, after the party drew a blank in the Lok Sabha polls this year, begun to speak in favour of a fresh tie-up with Kumar.

The proposal, however, met with outright rejection by Tejashwi Yadav, who is Prasad's younger son and was Kumars deputy in the short-lived Grand Alliance government.

Notably, money laundering cases lodged against Tejashwi and the RJDs stout refusal to heed demands for his resignation had led Kumar to abruptly walk out of the grand alliance.

"Some of their leaders say let us have some sort of understanding. Another says, no it is not needed. Who is even thinking of them", Kumar said berating the opposition party which was drubbed in 2010 but made a dramatic comeback five years later when it contested the assembly polls in alliance with his JD(U).

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# Maha polls: Shah, Uddhav seat-sharing talks likely

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

As the ruling saffron alliance partners have not arrived yet at any agreement over the seat-sharing for the Maharashtra Assembly polls, Union Home Minister and BJP's national president Amit Shah may intervene and talk to Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray during the weekend to sort out issues impeding the formalisation of the electoral tie-up.

Informed sources in the BJP said that Shah, who is expected to visit Mumbai on Sunday, would hold talks with Uddhav and formalise the seat-sharing arrangement between the two parties for the State Assembly polls. Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis is expected to participate in the talks.

Though both the BJP and its ally Shiv Sena have been claiming that it is only a matter of time before they inked the seat-sharing deal them, not much is happening on the ground during the recent weeks.

Insiders in both the parties say that since the earlier seat-sharing understanding between them of sharing 135 seats each after leaving the remaining 18 seats to allies had come cropper, the saffron alliance partners are struggling to arrive at a new formula to share the seats.

Candidly enough, Maharashtra's BJP president Chandrakant Patil said on

Friday that the two saffron alliance partners had not so far finalised any formula for sharing the seats for the Assembly polls. Talking to media persons after an election committee meeting of the BJP, Patil said: "No formula has been finalised yet. But, there will definitely an electoral alliance between the BJP and Shiv Sena for the Assembly polls. Chief minister Devendra Fadnavis and Sena president Uddhav Thackeray will seat across and decide".

On his part, Uddhav struck a different note when he said that the BJP and Sena had already decided on the seat-sharing formula for the Assembly during the tie-up for the Lok Sabha polls.

Addressing a news conference at the party's headquarters "Sena Bhavan", Uddhav said: "We (Sena and BJP) had decided on the seat-sharing formula for the Assembly polls when we formalised the tie-up for the Lok Sabha polls. There is no problem within the alliance. We will formalise the seat-sharing for the Assembly polls in two-three days". It may be recalled that The BJP and Shiv Sena had agreed to share seats equally for the Assembly polls, at a joint meeting that BJP president Amit Shah and chief minister Devendra Fadnavis had with Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray on February 18 this year when the two parties formalised the seat-sharing

pact for the Lok Sabha polls.

Later on June 2, senior BJP leader and now State party president Chandrakant Patil had confirmed that the BJP and Shiv Sena would contest 135 seats each in the State Assembly polls, setting aside the remaining 18 seats for their allies.

However, the BJP is no mood to allocate 135 seats to the Shiv Sena on the ground that since it had won 122 seats as against 63 seats won by the Sena in the 2014 polls, it deserved more number of seats than the Uddhav Thackeray-led party.

Informed sources in the BJP said that the principal ruling party might offer anywhere from 110 to 120 seats to the Shiv Sena. The Sena, meanwhile, is understood to have pushed a new formula — under which it would get 126 seat, while the BJP would keep 162 seats. From its quota of 162 seats, the BJP would allocate seats to various allies in the BJP-Sena combined "Maha Yuti" (grand alliance).

The BJP has reservations in accepting the 126 (Sena):162 (BJP+allies) formula. So much so that the BJP, which is confident of returning to power in the state, has hinted that it has Plan-B of contesting all the 288 seats in the state ready. However, the talk about the Plan-B is more of posturing on the part of the BJP to force the Shiv Sena to settle for lesser number of seats than it is demanding.

# Not indulging in bayanbaazi: Uddhav on PM's temple jibe

**Mumbai:** A day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi asked "loudmouths" to refrain from making statements on the Ram Temple issue while the judicial process is on, Shiv Sena chief

Uddhav Thackeray on Friday said his party's stand on the issue mirrored "sentiments of Hindus".

"I am amazed at the 'bayan bahadurs and badbole' (loudmouths) on the Ram Mandir

issue. Every one in the country respects the Supreme Court."

The apex court is hearing the case. I want to tell these people with folded hands to have faith in the judicial system," Modi said at a rally in Nashik on Thursday. Asked for his reaction on the PM's remarks, Thackeray, a BJP ally, said, "Who was he (Modi) referring to? I am not indulging in 'bayan-baazi'. I am just highlighting the sentiments of Hindus."

While Modi did not name anyone, a section of the media claimed that it was a rap on the knuckles for the ally Sena, which is often seen taking a strident stand on the Ayodhya issue, seeking an ordinance to construct the temple.

Stressing that his party had faith in the apex court, Thackeray added, "But this case is pending in the court for several years. I had gone to Ayodhya last year, and even now, before the (Maharashtra) Assembly polls, I have a wish to go to the temple town again."

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# Adityanath will have to leave UP if NRC is implemented: Akhilesh

**Lucknow:** Terming the National Register of Citizens (NRC) a medium to instil fear, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav on Friday said if it is implemented in Uttar Pradesh, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath would have to leave the State.

Yadav was addressing a Press conference at the party office here as he welcomed former BSP leaders Dayaram Pal and Mithai Lal Bharati into the Samajwadi Party fold. Pal has been a president of the Mayawati-led Bahujan Samaj Party's UP unit.

Replying to the Chief Minister's statement regarding implementation of the NRC in Uttar Pradesh, the SP chief said, "If NRC is implemented in UP, then he (Yogi Adityanath) would have to return. He is a 'mool niwaasi' (resident) of

Uttarakhand." "NRC is only a medium to indulge in politics of instilling fear. Earlier, it was divide and rule, now it is the politics of fear," he said.

"We have kicked out the divisive forces. Now, we will make the people understand, and these people instilling fear will be out of the Government," Yadav added.

Referring to the situation in Jammu & Kashmir, the former Chief Minister said the question is whether people falling ill are getting treatment and whether the children are going to schools.

"The Government claims that the situation is normal there. If it is really normal, then why are there so many restrictions," he questioned.

"The BJP is seeking votes in the name of Pakistan, but it has not allowed Prime Minister

Narendra Modi to fly in its air-space. Danger from China is more than Pakistan, and hence, it is necessary to secure the borders," the SP chief said.

Yadav also termed the cases registered against senior party leader and Rampur MP Azam Khan unjust.

"Why were people on whose complaints cases were registered against Azam Khan silent for nine years? Who suddenly exerted pressure on them? This Government is in power for two-and-half years. Why were the cases not lodged earlier? Action is being initiated against Azam Khan since he has built the university," he said.

Yadav also referred to little Khajanchi, who was born to his mother when she was waiting in a queue outside an ATM after demonetisation.

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# Three J&K leaders released from detention

**Srinagar:** Former PDP leader Imran Ansari, PDP leader Khurshheed Alam and Syed Akhoo of the National Conference, detained after the abrogation of special status of Jammu & Kashmir under Article 370 on August 5, were released on Friday, officials said.

The political leaders were kept at the Centaur Hotel, along with other political detainees from the state, they said.

Akhoo was released on health grounds while Alam was "temporarily released" in view of his brother's death recently, they said.

Ansari, who was among the first PDP leaders who rebelled against party chief Mehbooba Mufti after her Government lost power, left for New Delhi on Friday for medical treatment, they said.

He was shifted from Centaur Hotel to his house, before Muharram, where his detention continued.

The administration released Ansari on Friday and he left for New Delhi for medical treatment.

He was elected from the Pattan Assembly constituency in the 2014 polls.

More than a thousand people, including politicians, separatists, activists and lawyers, were detained after the August 5 decision of the central government to abrogate the special status, according to unofficial estimates.

Three former Chief Ministers — Farooq Abdullah, Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti — were among the detainees. Around 100 were sent to the jails outside Jammu & Kashmir.

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**SEARCH OF MISSING**

General public is hereby informed that one lady, (depicted in the photo), **Named:** Sunita, **W/o:** Daya Shankar, **R/o:** H.No. E-57/C-301, Jhuggi Sunder Nagri, Delhi, **Aged:** about 35 years, has been missing from the area of P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi since 01.05.2019 at **vide DD No. 56-A, Dated 05.05.2019, has been lodged at P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi.** His physical description is as under:

**Complexion:** Shallow, **Height:** 5'1" Feet, **Face:** Round, **Clothing:** Blue Colour Kurti, Red Colour Salwar and Chappal in Feet.

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

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General public is hereby informed that one male was found dead at Pillar No. 23 Near Gurudwara, Azad Market, Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi on 13.09.2019. In this regard a **DD No. 18-A Dated 13.09.2019** has been lodged at **P.S. Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi.** The description of the dead body is given as under:

**Name:** Kailash, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** 32 years, **Height:** 5'5"

Feet, **Complexion:** Shallow, **ID Mark:** A Tattoo of "Shiv" on Right Arm, **Wearing:** Navy blue colour shirt & Grey colour lower.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the information about the dead male but no clue has come to light so far. If any one is having any information about this dead male please inform the undersigned.

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**Haasan blames 'Govt apathy' for Chennai techie's death**

**Chennai:** Makkal Needhi Maiam (MNM) founder Kamal Haasan on Friday blamed "Government apathy" and "half-baked politicians" for the recent death of a 23-year old woman techie in Chennai after an illegal hoarding put up by an AIADMK functionary crashed on her.

The victim R Subhashree, riding a two-wheeler, had lost balance and fell on the road after the hoarding crashed on her and she was run over by a water tanker that came from behind. The incident prompted a public outrage.

Haasan said the powers that be have kept people "slaves" by calling them "ordinary" folks, but asserted such "ordinary" citizens create "extraordinary" leaders.

"Many Subhashrees and Raghus have been killed due to this Government apathy," Haasan said in a video.

K Raghupathy (Raghu) also died in similar fashion in 2017 in Coimbatore when he was run over by a Corporation lorry after his two-wheeler rammed into an arch erected for the MGR Centenary fete then.

The late MG Ramachandran, fondly addressed as MGR, is founder of the ruling AIADMK and a former Chief Minister.

On Friday, Haasan wondered "how many more lives will be taken away by these ignorant officials and half-baked politicians."

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Activists shout slogans as they participate in a climate change protest in Mumbai on Friday

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# Kerala to host country's first-ever 'trans art festival'

**Thiruvananthapuram:** Talented transgender members will soon get a platform to showcase their artistic and creative skills in Kerala, as the state Government is gearing up to host an exclusive festival for the marginalised group next month.

The state Social Justice Department conceptualised the unique event as part of its various initiatives to support the TG community, make them part of the mainstream society and to promote their talents.

Titled "Varnapakitt-2019", the two-day event is considered to be the first such state-sponsored art festival to be organised exclusively for transgenders in the country.

According to authorities,



the state-level festival is being organised as part of the transgender policy implemented by the Government for the upliftment of the community.

The venue of the festival is expected to be the state capital and the official announcement of the dates are yet to come.

As part of the art festival, the Department also invited

Besides the performing art category including dance, music (both single and group), mono-act and mimicry, competitions will be held in story, poetry and essay writing, it said.

Transgender activist Sheethal Shyam hailed the Government initiative and said it will be an exciting platform for the TGs to perform and show their talent to the world.

"It may be for the first time in the country that a state department is organising such an art festival for us. There are several talented persons in our community who do not get a platform to perform and show their skills to the world because of the stigma attached to the gender," Sheethal, also an actor and dancer, told PTI.

Not just in the fields of art, there are several TGs who contribute and serve the society in different capacities but their services go unnoticed, the activist said.

"Many TGs are unsung heroes. Their services and talents go unnoticed. People are honoured in our state for fighting floods and came out of its hardships successfully. But, our life is a fight everyday. But, no one recognises it," the activist said.

A member of the state Transgender Justice Board, Sheethal also said the art festival and the TG award are considered as a recognition to those who have fought several odds to express their gender.

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# Fresh curbs in Valley parts ahead of Friday prayers

**Srinagar:** Fresh restrictions were imposed in parts of Kashmir on Friday as a precautionary measure to maintain law and order in view of congregational prayers, officials said.

Normal life continued to remain affected across the valley for the 47th consecutive day with markets closed and public transport off the roads, the officials said.

Restrictions under Section 144 CrPc have been imposed in few areas of the valley to maintain law and order, the officials said. They said the curbs have been imposed in Nowhatta and adjoining areas in downtown (interior city) and Anchar area of Soura police station in Srinagar.

The restrictions have also been imposed in Kupwara and Handwara police districts and the main towns of Ganderbal, Anantnag and Bijbehara, the officials added. Security forces have been deployed in strength in vulnerable areas in the rest of the valley, they said. The officials said the curbs were a precau-



The gate of the grand mosque stands locked during restriction in Srinagar on Friday

tionary measure to maintain law and order in view of apprehensions that vested interests might exploit the large Friday prayer gatherings at big mosques and shrines to fuel protests.

Friday prayers have not been allowed at any of the major mosques or shrines – including Jamia Masjid in Nowhatta or Dargah Sharief in Hazratbal - in the valley for the past over a month now. Restrictions were first imposed across Kashmir on August 5 when the Centre

announced its decision to abrogate Article 370 of the Constitution and bifurcate the state into two Union territories. The restrictions were lifted in phases from many parts of the valley. Internet services have remained suspended across all platforms, they said. While landlines across the valley were functional, voice calls on mobile devices were working only in Kupwara and Handwara police districts of north Kashmir, they added. **PTI**

## Train services remain halted

**MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU**

The wheels of world's second largest rail network continue to remain jammed in different parts of Kashmir valley owing to continuous shutdown in the region since August 5.

On one hand, the Government agencies are struggling to bring back the public transport back on track and on the other hand, daily commuters are eagerly waiting to embark on the train journey and return to work.

On ground zero, the railway authorities are yet to receive a green signal from the higher authorities.

On an average, 30,000 passengers used to travel between Banihal to Baramulla on daily basis. In the absence of start of rail services, the railway authorities are only busy counting losses.

Due to frequent suspension of train services across Kashmir valley, the railway authorities have so far incurred losses to the tune of over 6 crores in the last three years.

## Not every Kashmiri potential stone-pelter or terrorist: Iltija Mufti

**Mumbai:** Iltija Mufti, the daughter of former Jammu & Kashmir Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti, on Friday attacked the Modi-led Government for holding her mother and other State political leaders under preventive detention.

Speaking at the India Today Conclave here, she also said it is wrong to assume that every Kashmiri is a potential stone-pelter or a terrorist.

"Every Kashmiri is not a stone-pelter. We are as aspirational as others," she said.

Iltija also challenged the assertion that "political dynasties" had destroyed Kashmir over the years.

"The Government pushes the narrative of some dynasties having destroyed Kashmir, because that serves its narrative," she said.

A host of political leaders continue to remain under detention in Kashmir, including three former Chief Ministers Farooq and Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti, after the state's special status was revoked last month. **PTI**

# Kerala HC strikes down college hostel rule prohibiting mobile use

## Orders to readmit student expelled for using mobile in college hostel

**Kochi:** In a landmark judgement, the Kerala High Court has directed readmission of a girl student expelled from a college hostel for opposing a regulation on use of mobile phones, noting that the right to access Internet is part of the Right to Education and Right to Privacy under the Constitution.

The court also held that discipline shall not be enforced by blocking ways and means of students to acquire knowledge.

In her judgement on Thursday, Justice P V Asha said, "When the Human Rights Council of the United Nations has found that right to access to Internet is a fundamental freedom and a tool to ensure right to education, a rule or

instruction which impairs the said right of the students cannot be permitted to stand in the eye of law".

"As pointed out by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the Apex Court has in Vishaka & Ors. V State of Rajasthan & Ors. Held that in the light of Article 51(c) and 253 of the Constitution and the role of judiciary envisaged in the Beijing Statement, international conventions and norms are to be read into fundamental rights guaranteed in the Constitution in the absence of enacted domestic law occupying the fields when there is no inconsistency between them.

"Going by the aforesaid dictum laid down in the said judgment, the right to have access to Internet becomes the part of right to education as well as right to privacy under Article 21 of the Constitution of India," the court said.

The court gave the judgement on a writ petition filed by

a third semester B.A girl student of an aided college under the Calicut University, challenging her expulsion from the hostel.

In her petition, she had said the inmates of the hostel were not allowed to use their mobile phone from 10 pm to 6 am within the hostel and that undergraduate students were not allowed to use laptops also in the hostel.

The petition said from June 24, 2019 onwards the duration of the restriction in using the mobile phones was changed from 6 pm to 10 pm.

Such restrictions were imposed only in the girls hostel. The petitioner said it amounted to discrimination based on gender, in violation of guidelines issued by UGC, which prohibits gender discrimination.

In its order, the High Court said the total restriction on the use of mobile phones and the direction to surrender it during the study hours was absolutely unwarranted. **PTI**

## 70-yr-old Catholic priest in Kerala accused of molesting minors



**Kochi:** A 70-year old Catholic priest allegedly molested three minor girls when they visited him to seek blessings at his church office in Chendamangalam in Ernakulam district last month, the police said on Friday.

The priest, George Padayatty, vicar of a Syrian Catholic Church in Chendamangalam, has been absconding after a case was registered against him in connection with the incident, police said.

He has been charged under various sections of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO Act), an official at Vadakkekara Police Station told PTI.

According to the police, the incident occurred a month ago when the nine-year old girls went to the priest's office to seek his blessings after service in the Church.

A source in the Syro-Malabar Church said the priest has been suspended by the Ernakulam Archdiocese.

He has been directed to cooperate with the police investigation into the incident, sources said. **PTI**

# Very little space for dissent in politics today: Tharoor

**Jaipur:** The space for dissent in politics has shrunk dramatically in 2019 compared to 1962, said Congress leader Shashi Tharoor on Friday.

Tharoor made the remark weeks after facing wrath of his party's state unit for endorsing party colleague Jairam Ramesh's warning last month that demonising Prime Minister Narendra Modi all the time and not recognising his work will not help the party.

Talking of the alleged shrinkage of space for dissent in politics with TV commentator Karan Thapar at a "Talk Journalism" event here, Tharoor also said the anti-

defection law has made elected representatives mere "rubber stamps" of their parties.

"A leader in 1962 had challenged former Prime Minister Jawahar Lal Nehru's unfortunate statement on Aksai Chin that not even a blade of grass grows there. Pointing to his baldpate, the leader had told Nehru not a single hair grows on his head either. So, are you going to give it too to China?" said Tharoor, referring to the well-publicised reaction to Nehru's statement.

Tharoor along with Thapar also referred to the demand for a special parliament session by Atal Bihari

Vajpayee, then a parliamentarian, after the 1962 war with China and call for secession of Tamil Nadu by former MP C N Annadurai, pointing out that Nehru acceded to Vajpayee's demand and dismissed Annadurai's call as an opinion one was entitled to have.

"All these examples illustrate such things are impermissible and unthinkable today in any party. If these were said today, Annadurai would have been charged with sedition and Vajpayee's demand would have been treated as anti-national," said Tharoor.

The former Union minister

said MPs today cannot speak out of their conscience as they cannot afford to differ from their party lines in Parliament on any Bill as it would amount to disqualification from Parliament.

He said Bollywood actor-turned-politician Shatrughan Sinha had spoken against Prime Minister Modi and the party in previous dispensation of the BJP but voted as instructed on every Bill tabled in Parliament as a negative vote could have attracted disqualification.

"This is a situation we are seeing as a result of the anti-defection law. I don't believe those who drafted the (anti-

defection) law had intended it but it is certainly an unintended consequence. In many ways it disempowers our democracy and our elected representatives as they become mere rubber stamp of their political parties," he said.

"Except during the Emergency, Indian media never saw this degree of self-censorship. It is devastating for the Indian democracy as there is no democracy without dissent," Tharoor added.

Tharoor lauded judiciary as sole institution capable of protecting its space of dissent.

"Judiciary is one institution in the country, which is most capable of resisting this

trend toward the shrinking space of dissent as they are relatively more capable of managing their own autonomy in decision making," said Tharoor.

On the contrary, other institutions are directly dependent on the government and are not able to do it, he added.

"Politicians should learn to take uncomfortable questions as a part of their job and if they are not able to do it, they do not deserve to represent people," said Tharoor.

"Some motivated and malicious questions, however, need to be ignored," he added. **PTI**

# No link to Elgar Parishad-Koregaon Bhima case: Ferreira to Bombay HC

**Mumbai:** Activist Arun Ferreira told the Bombay High Court on Friday that there was no incriminating evidence against him in the Elgar Parishad-Koregaon Bhima case.

Ferreira's counsel Sudeep Pasbala told the court that the former had been arrested by Pune police only because of his acquaintance with co-accused Surendra Gadling, and on account that Ferreira was a member of the Indian Association of People's Lawyers (IAPL).

Pasbala told a single bench presided by Justice Sarang Kotwal that Ferreira was an activist and lawyer working for

the rights of tribals.

Justice Kotwal has been conducting detailed hearings on the bail pleas filed by Ferreira and his co-accused in the case, Sudha Bharadwaj and Vernon Gonsalves.

The three are among several activists arrested in the case last year by the Pune police over alleged Maoist links and several other charges following the violence at Koregaon Bhima between December 31, 2017 and January 1, 2018.

Pasbala said, in 2007, Ferreira was arrested on 12 charges and spent five years in Nagpur Central Jail, and was ultimately acquitted of all the

charges and released in 2012.

During these years, Gadling was Ferreira's lawyer, Pasbala said, adding that "he, therefore, got acquainted with Gadling".

"And when Gadling was arrested last year in the present case, Arun and some others filed their vakalatnama and began to represent Gadling in the case. This brought Arun under the scanner (of Pune police), he said. Pasbala said Ferreira was not named as an accused in the case initially, and that his name was added to the list of accused in the supplementary charge sheet filed by the Pune police. **PTI**

### SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a person (depicted in the photo), **Namely : Lalit Kumar Sah S/o Lt. Sh. Bhola Sah R/o C-57, Keshopur Industrial Area, Vikas Puri, Delhi** has been missing since 07.09.2019 from his house. In this regard a case vide DD No. 61A dated 09.09.2019 has been lodged at PS Vikas Puri, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-

**LALIT KUMAR SAH** Age : 24 Years, Height: 5', Complexion : Wheatish, Built : Strong, Identification: Physically handicapped walks with crutches, Wearing : Brown colour shirt and white colour pant and chappal in feet.

Any person is having any information/clue about this missing person, may inform SHO, Vikas Puri, Delhi at E-mail : [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) or website: <http://cbi.nic.in>

**SHO**  
P.S. Vikas Puri, Delhi  
West Distt., Delhi  
Ph. No. 011-25551213, 2592600

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### SEARCH FOR MISSING MALE

General Public is hereby informed that a male (depicted in the photo) namely **Manpreet S/o Sawan Singh R/o A-806 JJ Colony Choukhandi Tilak Nagar, Delhi Age - 23 Years** has been reported missing since 07.09.2019 from his home. vide DD No. 112A dated 09.09.2019 lodged at Police Station-Tilak Nagar, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-

**Complexion:** Fair, **Height:** 5'5" **Face:** Long, **Physique/Build :** Normal, **Clothing:** Shirt and Jeans pant, Keshri Patka.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing male, may inform **SHO, Tilak Nagar, Delhi at E-mail : [cic@cbi.gov.nic.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.nic.in) or website : <http://cbi.nic.in>**

**Tele No. : 11-24368638 or 24368641** **SHO**  
**Fax No. : 11-24368639** **P.S., Tilak Nagar, Delhi**  
**Ph.: 011-25407800, 25409290**

DP/8415/WD/19

### PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

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

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Kuldeep, S/o Sh. Devender, R/o SE-7150, Gali No. 57, Near Samudayik Bhawan, 33 Foota Road, Sanjay Colony, Sec. 22, Faridabad, Haryana** has Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 09/19 u/s 407/120-B/411/34 IPC, PS Mayapuri, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Kuldeep** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Kuldeep** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Kuldeep of FIR No. 09/19 u/s 407/120-B/411/34 IPC, PS Mayapuri, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **30.10.2019**.

**By Order**  
**Sh. Pankaj Arora,**  
**Metropolitan Magistrate,**  
**Room No. 292, 2nd Floor,**  
**Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi**

DP/8417/WD/19(Court Matter)

### SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Jaswinder Kaur, D/o Bijender Singh, R/o: Plot No. 63-A, Kh. No. 17/10, Chander Vihar, Nihal Vihar Ph-II, Nangloi, Delhi, Age: 20 years, Height: 5'1", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, wearing Khaki Long Kurti, Blue Jeans and Jutti in feet,** has been missing/ kidnapped from the **Area of P.S. Nihal Vihar, since 26.08.2019**. In this regard a **DD No. 81-A, dated 27.08.2019 has been registered at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi.**

Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about her please inform undersigned.

Website : <http://cbi.nic.in>  
E-mail : [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)  
Fax: 011-24368639  
Ph. No. : 011-24368638, 24368641

**SHO**  
**P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi**  
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### NORTHERN RAILWAY

#### OPEN TENDER NOTICE (E-Tender)

For and on behalf of President of India, the Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer/ Freight, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E- tender for following work from experienced and capable tenderers. **Tender No.: 197-S/228/Installation of HAHW/ DL/19/MC-IV** **Name of work:** Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Hot Axle. & Hot Wheel detection system (HAHW) as per specifications over Delhi & Ambala division. **Advertised Tender Value:** Rs. 96,80,000/- (Including GST). **Earnest money in favour of Sr.DFM/NR, New Delhi:** Rs. 1,93,800/- (Note: It should be in the form of net banking or gateway only. FDR not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS)**Date & time of submission of tender bid:** Up to 18.10.2019 at 12:00 hrs. **Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen:** [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) No. 197-S/228/Installation of HAHW/DL/19/MC-IV Date: 19.09.2019 3032/19

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#### E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited from eligible contractors/firm for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on Noida Authority's official website: [www.noidaauthorityonline.com](http://www.noidaauthorityonline.com) & <https://etender.up.nic.in>. Please ensure to see these websites for any changes/amendments & corrigendum etc.

(A) (1) 54/G.M.(R)/AO/SM-JAL-OA/18-19- O/M of sewer line and MS/PS/IPS at RHS Expressway (Providing and fixing of manhole cover and repairing of manholes in green belt along Nodia-Gr. Noida Expressway), Noida. Cost: ₹27.56 Lacs.

The above tenders can be uploaded by date **03.10.2019** upto **5.00 PM**. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date **04.10.2019 at 11.00 AM**.

(B) (1) 68/G.M.(R)/AO/SM-JAL-OA/18-19- C/o STP (Supply and fixing of Non-clog Submersible Pump at 50 MLD STP Sec. 168) Noida. Cost: ₹53.23 Lacs.

The above tenders can be uploaded by date **07.10.2019** upto **5.00 PM**. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date **09.10.2019 at 11.00 AM**.

**General Manager (R)**  
**Noida**  
**Office: Water Works Compound, Sector-5, Noida**  
**G.B. Nagar (U.P.)**

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### GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

#### OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PHE MECH. DIVISION NORTH JAMMU

#### NOTICE INVITING TENDER

#### e-NIT No. 41 of 2019-20

For and on behalf of Governor of J&K State, Executive Engineer, PHE Mech. Division North Jammu, invites tenders by e-tendering mode from the reputed/registered firms for the below mentioned work:-

**S. No. 1, Name of Work :-** Repair of damaged 670 HP HT motor unit-I installed at HT pump House Sitlee Lohar reservoir alongwith allied works.

**Name of Division :-** PHE Mech. Division North Jammu  
**Cost of document / tender fee (in Rs.) :-** 200/-  
**Earnest money :-** 02% of quoted rates  
**Validity of Rates :-** 180 days  
**Bid validity :-** 180 days  
**Position of funds : Demanded**  
**Date of Publishing : 19-09-2019 04.00 pm.**

1. Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 19-09-2019 (04.00 pm).

2. The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 19-09-2019 (04.00 pm) to 27-09-2019 (04.00 Pm).

**Sd/- Executive Engineer**  
**PHE Mech. Division North Jammu**

**No. DIP/J-6472/19**  
**Dated: 20.09.2019**

### कार्यालय परियोजना निदेशक (आवासन)

#### राजस्थान शहरी पेयजल, सीवर एवं आधारभूत संरचना निगम लिमिटेड

**क्र.: रुद्रसिको/प.नि. (आ.)/JPR/2019/20/677** दिनांक: 18.09.2019

**NIT No. 04/2019-20** **NIT No. 05/2019-20**  
**NIB Code - RDP1920A00017** **NIB Code - RDP1920A00018**  
**UBN - RDP1920WSOB000030 to 40** **UBN - RDP1920WSOB000022 to 29**

देव (जोधपुर), सेवाना (जोधपुर), कल्याणपुर (बाड़मेर), साम्भर (जयपुर), नारायणपुर (सवाईमधोपुर), नवलपुर (झुन्झुनार), जयपुर, नदीराबाद (अजमेर), अजमेर, फलसिया (उदयपुर) एवं गुन्डोच (बाली) में विभिन्न निम्नांक कार्य तथा एडिओर सेंटर बीकानेर, बांलोतरा, हनुमानगढ़, जैसलमेर, जालौर, सिरोही, पाली एवं मेराना में रिपेयर एवं मरम्मत के कार्य हेतु कुल राशि रु. 926.75 लाख की निम्नलिखित आमेति की जाती है।

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### NORTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

#### OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (M-I), KAROL BAGH ZONE, ROAD NO. 34, OPPOSITE FIRE STATION, MOTI NAGAR, NEW DELHI-110015

**NIT No. 13/EE-(M-I)/TC/KBZ/2018-19** **Dated : 18.09.2019**

Executive Engineer (M-I), Karol Bagh Zone, invites on behalf of the Commissioner, North Delhi Municipal Corporation, sealed percentage rates tender from the approved and eligible contractors registered with the MCD (General -Wing) as per following schedule.

**Start Date of Sale of Tender Documents 18.09.2019 from 18:00 PM**  
**Last Date of Bid Submission 03.10.2019 up to 15:00 PM**  
**Opening of Financial Bid 04.10.2019 at 15:30 PM**

**S.No.: 1, Name of work:** Construction of Road by RMC from Y 212 to Y 230 in Loha Mandi, Naraina Ward No. 104-N/KBZ, **Tender No.:** EEM-I/TC/KBZ/2019-20/13-1, **H/A:** XL- VIII-V, **Tender Amt. in Rs.:** 3149733/-, **Earnest money:** 63000/-, **Time of completion:** 3M, **Rate Hold Goods for:** 5M, **Tender Cost.:** 500/-

**S.No.: 2, Name of work:** Making good the deficiency of civil work for development of MOR Land for residential plots at site no.1 Shanker Road New Rajinder Nagar in Ward No. 103- N/KBZ, **Tender No.:** EEM-I/TC/KBZ/2019-20/13-2, **H/A:** R/71257, **Tender Amt. in Rs.:** 6577732/-, **Earnest money:** 131600/-, **Time of completion:** 3M, **Rate Hold Goods for:** 5M, **Tender Cost.:** 1000/-

**S.No.: 3, Name of work:** Strengthening of road by pdg. Dense carpeting from H. No.182 Double Storey to E-174,H-446 to H-461, 706 to 736 Double storey, 701 to 668 Double storey, R-815 to R-721, R-679 to R-668, R-619 to R-606, R-543 to E-211 and C-119 to R-806, in New Rajinder Nagar at Ward No.103-N/KBZ., **Tender No.:** EEM-I/TC/KBZ/2019-20/13-3, **H/A:** XL-VIII-S, **Tender Amt. in Rs.:** 9080056/-, **Earnest money:** 181600/-, **Time of completion:** 4M, **Rate Hold Goods for:** 5M, **Tender Cost.:** 1000/-

**S.No.: 4, Name of work:** Strengthening and Improvement of Drainage system and Roads from E-270 to E-248, E-259 to E-260, E-Block Naraina Vihar Ward No. 104-N/KBZ., **Tender No.:** EEM-I/TC/KBZ/2019-20/13-4, **H/A:** XL-VIII-S, **Tender Amt. in Rs.:** 3028972/-, **Earnest money:** 60600/-, **Time of completion:** 3M, **Rate Hold Goods for:** 5M, **Tender Cost.:** 500/-

EMD and Tenders cost to pay through online mode only. You can opt for Challan no. in mode of payment for paying form fee details through E-Payment/NEFT/RTGS.

All the circulars issued from time to time by MCD up to the date of issue of this NIT shall be applicable. The detail of the tender can be seen at <http://www.tenderwizard.com/NORTHDMCETENDER>.

**Sd/-**  
**Executive Engineer-(M-I)**  
**Karol Bagh Zone**

**R.O. No. 90/North/DPI/2019-20**



# Mamata's flip-flop

Her reconciliation with the Modi-Shah duo raises questions about why she is staking her credibility



Mamata Banerjee may be the Trinamool Congress chief and the Bengal Chief Minister but her larger than life image across India has been of a quintessential rebel, a fighter for her people, a crusader for justice and a conscience keeper of the establishment. In fact, she has been able to carve up the political space and craft her invincible spirit precisely because of her fire and brimstone attitude and agitationist style. Her politics of subversion convinced people of her sincerity of purpose, one that never settled or compromised. She broke away from the Congress, toppled the Left and swung in and out of the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government with an activism of principles. In that sense, she has been a disruptor and in recent years emerged as a helmswoman of the Opposition, the only one qualified to take on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his deputy Amit Shah and match their aggression step by step. But as she met her arch enemies, carrying *sandesh* instead of the gravel that she had promised they would have to chew if they overstepped limits in Bengal, it seemed she had not only softened but had submitted to a truce. Ostensibly for smoother Centre-State relations. There were yellow flowers too, the colour of friendship, something that didn't even bloom in the 15-month duel of "*Jai Shri Ram*" and "*Jai Maa Kali*." The swiftness with which she changed tack following the CBI's heat on Kolkata Police Commissioner Rajeev Kumar certainly raises questions about whether she is dousing flames of the Sarada chit fund scam and staking her political survival on a cessation of hostilities. For her twin meetings can only be interpreted in extremes, as self-defeatist or selfish.

Didi's overnight transformation certainly is not in sync with her politically astute moves. Known for her rabid opposition to the National Register for Citizens (NRC), she has now accepted it as part of the Assam Accord and confining its context to that State, said it wasn't needed in Bengal. And in a shocker, she has overturned her "defiance" by expressing "concern" over "genuine citizens left out" and reasoned out their exclusion with the one man she had abhorred, refusing him landing rights in Bengal during the Lok Sabha campaign — Amit Shah. Also, for all the vitriol against Modi — whom she called a "big zero," a "most corrupt man" and a "*danga babu*" — she actually sought his good offices to set up a meeting with Shah, who as Home Minister controls investigative agencies. Modi now is her "Prime Minister", one whose oath-taking she had shunned, claiming it was tantamount to devaluing democracy as he was using it to score political points. It isn't rocket science to understand that her offer to Modi to jointly inaugurate a mining block in the State would mean sharing the dais and perhaps even a speech. Considering amnesia comes easy to other turncoat leaders, one doesn't expect such short-term memory loss from the Trinamool leader, whose members and insiders are just as confused by the sudden turn of events. Assuming that Kumar knows way too much and might be pressured to spill the beans, has it spooked Didi enough to risk her credibility? Enough to take away the sheen off her dharna in Kolkata for Kumar, which she had magnified as a national campaign against an assault on constitutional freedoms? Whatever, this latest posturing by Mamata beggars logic. Deducing the meetings at face value, even if she has managed to convince the Modi-Shah duo of the need to keep NRC from Bengal, what would the BJP get in return? With the latest bonhomie pictures blunting the edge of her anti-Modi plank that she had built up with a certain shrillness, it is difficult to understand how she will get a new narrative going before the Assembly elections in 2021. With the BJP besting its performance in the Lok Sabha polls and within smelling distance of power in the State, it is unlikely it will give up on its intimidatory tactics, namely poaching legislators, targeting the scam-tainted and naturalising cross-party migration. With the Trinamool being the only other party of substance in Bengal, Mamata's ideology of "*Maa, Maati, Maanush*" isn't enough to hold it together. A compromise by anybody else can be taken in stride but the one by Mamata seems like a wilful surrender. Worse, though she is known for earlier flip-flops, the current move could cost her the popular vote. Any comeback after that will be an uphill task. Unless she reconciles to being just an ideologue than the robust leader she is. Or expected to be.

# The noose tightens

Chinmayanand finally admits to accusations before SIT. All rape survivors in UP need closure



The law has finally caught up with Swami Chinmayanand whose wrongdoings had cost the nation its collective conscience as the girl he sexually exploited and treated like bonded labour cried for justice. This allowed the accused enough time to flex his political muscles, charge her instead with character assassination and eliminate traces of evidence. Till a Special Investigative Team (SIT) was set up by the Uttar Pradesh Government at the behest of the Supreme Court, this case seemed headed in the direction of unsolved files. But now the BJP politician seems to have accepted all the allegations levelled against him and is even "ashamed," whatever that means anymore. However, the former Union Minister hasn't been booked on charges of rape though the victim had publicly alleged so. Unlike the Unnao rape case, where another BJP leader was involved and which came to light only when the girl threatened self-immolation, the action against Chinmayanand, an influential leader who also claims to be a godman, hasn't been delayed. So the pressure on justice delivery is clearly building up given the repetitive nature of abuse by those in power.

Of course, this is not the end. While Chinmayanand has been sent to judicial custody, it remains to be seen if he sticks to his "confession" in a court of law or does a U-turn. Considering he has earlier accused the girl of blackmail, when she went public with her evidence through social media, he could turn hostile. At the heart of such cases lies the failure of the police, the Government and law enforcement agencies, which have consistently failed to respect the criticality of a woman, braving backlash and threats, lodging an FIR. They, perhaps, get more anxious about brushing the case under the carpet than ensuring a fair and speedy trial. And if it involves somebody powerful, then the justice system in the country is almost programmed to be on the back gear, more interested in covering up the tracks of political masters. It is precisely because entitlement is encoded in our legal system that politicians like Chinmayanand and Unnao rape accused Kuldeep Sengar get away. Worse, the senior BJP leadership stayed away from taking a stand against these fallen men till matters came to a head. This silence is often read as tacit endorsement of the crime, one that has cost the Yogi Adityanath government its image. With Chinmayanand often flaunting his closeness to the Chief Minister and the Unnao rape survivor threatening self-immolation in front of his residence, his reign is under a shadow. In the end, the crime spiral has always defined UP and till that changes, old perceptions won't.

# Not a matter for courts

We are pitting the institutions that make up our Constitutional settlement against each other with no real understanding of the consequences



PHILIP JOHNSTON

Which is sovereign, the people or Parliament? Is the Crown — that is the Government — entitled to interpret the wishes of the former and override the latter? Should the courts intervene in these arguments, something they have been reluctant to do since 1689? Such arcane questions, once the dusty preserve of academic jurists, are now central to politics in Britain. The bedrock of the UK's Constitutional settlement, the separation of powers, has been shaken to its foundations by Brexit.

There have been so many unprecedented political events since the referendum in 2016 that is easy to be blasé about the proceedings taking place in the Supreme Court. And yet this is arguably the most extraordinary moment of them all. Here are 11 judges sitting to decide whether the Queen was right to agree to the prorogation of Parliament or whether the advice she received from her Prime Minister was unlawful.

First they must rule on whether this matter is even for the courts to consider at all. The High Court in London concluded that this was non-justiciable because it was concerned with "high policy" and politics, areas that the courts have conventionally stayed away from. Three senior judges in Scotland took the opposite view. Who is right?

A compelling argument for the latter was made by Lord Pannick QC, who successfully spearheaded the previous case before the Supreme Court brought by the businesswoman Gina Miller, insisting that a decision to trigger Article 50 must be taken by Parliament, not the Government alone.

On the opening day of the hearing in London, he contended that the exercise of executive power must be proper, otherwise it was unlawful. This applied both to statutory and prerogative powers; and since the courts had a duty to enforce rules of Constitutional law, the matter was justiciable. It was, Lord Pannick said, the "fundamental principle of our Constitutional law that the executive is answerable to Parliament." Ministers are the junior partners and, therefore, cannot effectively close down the latter for political purposes.

While all this may be true, he chose to ignore the great big Constitutional elephant in the room: The referendum. Parliament is sovereign only in so far as it derives that authority from the people. It does not exist as a discrete phenomenon. Had there not been a referendum, there would not be an issue. The principle that Parliament is supreme and the executive is answerable to it is not seriously questioned. But there must be a source for that sovereignty. When Parliament is preventing the implementation of a majority decision of the people taken in a referendum, it is arguable that it is Parliament, not the executive, that is behaving unlawfully.



Our system is a balance between the powers of its institutional components. To hear some MPs and, indeed Lord Pannick, one would imagine that what Parliament says goes. Yet once it handed the decision on Britain's membership of the European Union (EU) to the people, then it was required to enact the public will and not seek to frustrate it.

Perhaps MPs agreed to the referendum, thinking they were doing nothing other than allowing the country to reaffirm its support for the UK's continued membership of the EU. Certainly, former Prime Minister David Cameron thought so, as he has made apparent in his new memoirs. But it didn't; so Parliament is no more entitled to thwart the June 2016 referendum result than it was the 1975 outcome in favour of staying. The fact that the latter was heavily in favour while the former was much narrower is irrelevant — at least in principle, if not politically.

Even if we leave the referendum aside, the prerogative to prorogue in this instance does not undermine parliamentary sovereignty. It has not removed Parliament's power to scrutinise the actions of the executive, even if has limited the time for that to

“AS HAS BECOME THE CASE IN ANY BREXIT ARGUMENT, THE FINER LEGAL POINTS ARE SECONDARY TO THE ENTRENCHED POSITIONS OF BOTH SIDES. THOSE WHO WANT THE UK TO LEAVE THE EU ARE BEHIND BORIS AND THOSE WHO WANT TO STAY CONSIDER HIS ACTIONS TO BE THOSE OF A DESPOT”

happen.

Furthermore, it was open to the Commons to pass a motion of no-confidence in the Government if it did not like what it was up to. The reason it didn't was because it did not suit the purposes of the Opposition to have an election at this time.

Lord Pannick said he was not questioning the right of a Prime Minister to prorogue Parliament for political reasons: After all, any prorogation in order to bring forward a Queen's speech setting out a new programme is a political act. His objection was that the suspension in this instance is for much longer than is necessary because the Government wants to block scrutiny of its actions as the clock ticks down to Brexit day. It was a political decision.

This is true. It is stretching credulity to breaking point to claim that a five-week suspension is needed to prepare for a Queen's speech that the Government can't even get through because it has no majority. But if it is political it is not a matter for the courts.

As has become the case in any Brexit argument, the finer legal points are secondary to the entrenched positions of both sides. Those who want the UK to leave the EU are behind

Boris and those who want to stay consider his actions to be those of a despot.

But these are dangerous times. We are pitting the institutions that make up our Constitutional settlement against each other with no real understanding of the consequences. Moreover, the people *versus* Parliament is not a banner under which any Conservative Government should be happy to campaign; yet this is where the Brexit debate has taken us. If the Prime Minister has abused his power then he is answerable to the Commons, who can bring him down, and then to the voters. His call for a general election has been blocked by the Opposition, aided by the Fixed-Term Parliaments Act, which removed the exercise of the crown's prerogative power to dissolve Parliament.

The case before the Supreme Court is unique. The justices are being asked to decide between an executive acting to uphold what it believes to be the democratic will of the people expressed through a referendum and a Parliament seeking to frustrate it. If that is not a political matter then nothing is. The judges should steer well clear; but I'm not sure that they will. (Courtesy: Daily Telegraph)

SOUNDBITE

The Houston event is the world's most expensive ever. But no event can hide the reality of the economic mess HowdyModi has driven India into.

Congress leader  
—Rahul Gandhi

I have been blessed, I am lucky with the roles I have got to play but at the same time there is no substitute for hard work.

Actor  
—Sonam Kapoor

India will soar high if Pakistan stoops low by raking up the Kashmir issue at the UN General Assembly session.

Indian envoy to the UN  
—Syed Akbaruddin

People must learn as many languages as possible. There should not be imposition, nor should there be opposition to any particular language.

Vice President  
—M Venkaiah Naidu

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Burning issue

Sir — This refers to the article, "A Himalayan threat" (September 19) by KK Paul. The writer must be commended for having raised forest fires that have now become a growing problem for nations across the world. While the forests in the Amazon forests drew international attention, back home, the situation is no different. During the late 1990s and early 2000s, as the then Deputy Inspector General of Forests, I was responsible for the creation of a roadmap for fire prevention and protection in the country. I had also assessed the quantum of damage done due to fires at around ₹440 crore. This does not include losses to biodiversity, soils, carbon and other forest goods and services. The actual costs are much larger. The same was also communicated to the Parliament, which led to the creation of an integrated forest protection scheme.

After the 2016 forest fires that burnt 4,048 hectares of land, I led a delegation of people and met KK Paul, who was then the Governor of Uttarakhand, and also the then Chief Minister

### Why imposing Hindi is a bad idea

Union Home Minister Amit Shah needs to be reminded that the mother tongue is integral to a person's identity as his motherland. Having resided in Faridabad since 1971, my family and I have grown to love Hindi and become fluent in it. But imposing it as a national language and putting Hindi speakers at an advantage over others amount to gross discrimination. This cannot take unite people. Shah's appeal to the people to promote Hindi along with their mother tongue and the hint that this would fulfill the dream of Mahatma Gandhi and Vallabhbhai Patel were but a shrewd attempt to manipulate the masses. He also tried to turn the people against English. He must not forget that English links all States of the country, regardless of their respective regional languages.

The BJP-led Government is trying to divert attention from its failure to bring about any development. But by playing with the language issue, it has made its own path of coming to power in States like West Bengal more

Harish Rawat and submitted a memorandum suggesting a slew of measures to tackle the menace.

I had even written to the then Chairman of the National Green Tribunal, who took *suo motu* action and pulled up both the Central and State Governments for their lackadaisical approach to this environmental catastrophe. Sadly, fire continues to rage in Uttarakhand forests every year,

which not only destroys the entire ecosystem but is also a health hazard for human beings.

While central India remains the largest fire-affected area, southern States and the North-East, too account for the biggest share of fire detections. There is a need to protect and preserve them for the sake of humanity.

VK Bahuguna  
Via email



difficult. Who can forget the backlash that the Congress Government faced in the 1967 elections in Tamil Nadu after having tried to impose Hindi on its own people in 1965? The mother tongue is an emotional matter and neither rhetoric of the Prime Minister, nor the organisational skills of Shah will be able to make amends if they touch that raw nerve.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee  
Faridabad

### Token measure

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Missing woods for trees" (September 20). The Union Government's decision to ban electronic cigarettes is commendable. But it makes one wonder as to why it did not put a ban on other forms of tobacco products like normal cigarettes and *beedi*.

The e-cigarette market in India is not too large, neither is it consumed by many. On the other hand, conventional tobacco products are available in every nook and corner of the country. If indeed the Government was concerned about public health, it should have banned cigarettes and *beedis*. The present ban is only a token measure. It could end up boosting the sales figures of the country's tobacco industry.

Rashmi  
Via email

### The verdict is out

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Missing woods for trees" (September 20). India is not the first country to ban the use of e-cigarettes. Recently, Michigan became the first state in the US to ban flavoured e-cigarettes. The very fact that vaping serves to introduce youngsters to smoking must propel the Government to go all out to ensure that the ban is implemented.

Shubham  
Via email

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(The writer is Principal Correspondent, The Pioneer)



# India Inc says tax cuts will revive animal spirit

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Hailing the massive tax giveaways to corporates to the tune of ₹1.45 lakh crore, industry captains said the decision will not only boost the economy but will also make the industry more competitive globally.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharam announced a number of changes in the direct tax regime, including a 10 per cent points cut in corporation taxes to an effective 25.17 per cent, which is more or less on par with the US and many other developed economies.

"The steps to pump-prime the economy will lead to a big reset and revive the animal spirits in corporate India. The tax reduction will not only lead to economic buoyancy but will also make the industry more competitive globally," Aditya Birla Group chairman Kumar Mangalam Birla said.

He further said these measures only reaffirm the gov-



Bystanders react as they watch the stock prices displayed on a digital screen outside BSE building in Mumbai on Friday

## Gadkari: Tax giveaways to boost investor confidence

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Terming the massive Rs 1.45 lakh crore tax giveaways announced by the government earlier in the day on Friday, as "historic", Union Minister Nitin Gadkari said the move will boost investor and entrepreneur confidence.

Expressing confidence that the tax cuts will increase the confidence of investors, he said "the decision is a historic one" and this can be construed as growth engine for the MSME sector.

"For achieving the dream of becoming a USD 5-trillion economy (by 2025), such a decision is important," he added.

## Corporate tax cut to push local manufacturing in auto sector, says SIAM

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Auto industry body SIAM on Friday said the reduction in corporate tax rate and other announcements made by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman would help give boost to local manufacturing in the sector.

The government slashed effective corporate tax to 25.17 per cent inclusive of all cess and surcharges for domestic companies. Making the announcement, Sitharaman said the new tax rate will be applicable from the current fiscal which began on April 1.

"The reduction of corporate tax to 15 per cent for new companies making fresh

investments from October 1, 2019 will support investment and also FDI in the auto sector. This is expected to give a big boost to Make in India for automobile industry," Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) President Rajan Wadhwa said in a statement.

Expansion of scope of CSR (corporate social responsibility) expenditure to include incubation centres and R&D activities will also help with expenditure in automobile sector, he added.

"All these set of fiscal measures are expected to uplift market sentiments and improve demand for automobiles," Wadhwa said.

## Moody's says corporate tax cut too boost net income of cos

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Moody's Investors Service on Friday said the government's move to cut corporate tax rate will boost net income of Indian firms, and is a credit positive move.

"The Government of India's decision to reduce base corporation tax to 22 per cent from 30 per cent will boost net income of Indian corporates and is credit positive," said Vikas Halan, senior vice president, corporate finance group, Moody's Investors Service.

## Healthcare industry welcomes Govt's decision

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Healthcare industry on Friday welcomed the government's decision to slash corporate tax, and said rationalisation of tax structure will provide much-awaited booster dose to the sector. In a major fiscal booster, the Government on Friday slashed effective corporate tax to 25.17 per cent inclusive of all cess and surcharges for domestic companies.

"Reduction in corporate tax and other relief would create a favourable business climate for the companies which were under tremendous pressure due to several internal and

external market forces," Nathealth President said.

The apex healthcare industry body believes that the corporate tax reduction move would be supplemented by the Goods and Services Tax (GST) reforms as well.

Apollo Hospitals Chairman Prathap C Reddy said: "We heartily welcome the measures announced by the hon'ble Finance Minister today. Corporate India has for long been advocating standardised rates of corporate taxation, as a tool to drive creation of investible surplus and enhanced dividend payouts to drive purchasing power".

## Corporate tax cut to boost liquidity of developers, boost demand, says Realty industry

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Realtors on Friday hailed the Government's decision to cut corporate tax, saying the move will have a ripple effect on all sectors including real estate, improve liquidity of cash-starved developers and boost property demand especially in the commercial segment.

Realtors' apex body CREDAI Chairman Jayash Shah said: "It's a full house blockbuster Friday for India Inc. Game changer announcements. Market sentiment will change completely in all sectors including real estate".

# GST Council hikes tax on caffeinated beverages

## Cuts rates on hotel tariffs

PTI ■ PANAJI

The all-powerful GST Council on Friday more than doubled the tax on caffeinated beverages to 40 per cent and slashed the rate on hotel room tariffs.

Briefing reporters after a

meeting of the panel, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the GST on caffeinated beverages has been hiked to 28 per cent plus additional cess of 12 per cent as against the current rate of 18 per cent.

For hotels, she announced nil tax for those with tariffs of up to ₹1,000 per night. Hotels charging ₹1,001 to ₹7,500 per night room tariff would be levied with 12 per cent tax as against the existing 18 per

cent. Similarly, the tax on room tariff of above ₹7,500 has been slashed to 18 per cent from the existing 28 per cent.

Also, tax on outdoor catering has been reduced to 5 per cent from existing 18 per cent with input tax credit, she said.

The GST was also cut on marine fuel to 5 per cent while the same on railway wagons, coaches, rolling stock has been increased from 5 per cent to 12 per cent.

Exemption from the GST has been given to imports of specified defence goods that are not manufactured in India.

A uniform GST rate of 12 per cent will be levied on woven non-woven polyethylene bags. The cess levied on top of the maximum 28 per cent tax rate on petrol vehicles with capacity to carry 10-13 persons has been reduced to 1 per cent and the same for diesel vehicles has been cut to 3 per cent.

# Das expects rising Govt spending to spur economy from Q2

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Reserve Bank governor R. Shaktikanata Das expects the growth to pick up from the second quarter as the government spending has gained momentum now.

In the first quarter, the GDP grew at the slowest pace in as many as 25 quarters at 5 percent-which is even lower than that of Pakistan's 5.4 per cent.

Das addressing an India Today event here said in the first quarter the government expenditure, which has a major role in GDP numbers, was very low due to the elections, pulling down the growth numbers to some extent.

"From the second quarter government expenditure has been picked up. So second quarter numbers will be hopefully better than the first quarter," Das said.

He said for the first quarter, the RBI analysis showed growth to be at 5.8 per cent and all the surveys it did also projected growth to be in the range of 5.5-5.8 per cent but the final print was much lower.

"When it came in at 5 per cent it was a surprise. That is perhaps due to conflicting signals in the economy. One month the PMI goes up, the next month it goes down. The IIP numbers have also been going up and down.



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**SEARCH FOR MISSING BOY**

General public is hereby informed that one boy namely Veedant Suri, S/o Shri Rajesh Suri, R/o A-321, Meera Bagh, Paschim Vihar, Delhi, Age 22 years, Height 5'11", Complexion Wheatish, Round Face, Wearing Black colour T-shirt, blue colour jeans pant and black colour shoes in feet has been missing/ kidnapped from the area of PS Paschim Vihar West, Delhi since 02.09.19. In this regard a case FIR No. 431/19 dated 03.09.19 U/S 365 IPC has been registered at PS Paschim Vihar West, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing/ kidnapped boy may kindly inform to the following.

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**SEARCH FOR MISSING**

General public is hereby informed that one boy namely **Nitin Mehra S/o Sh. Mohan Lal Mehra** R/o 1/16 Jhuggi Vadhwa camp Kirti Nagar, Delhi has been missing from the area of P.S. Kirti Nagar, Delhi since 03.09.2019. In this regard, a case **DD No. 19A dated 04.09.2019 has been registered at P.S. Kirti Nagar, Delhi.** The description of the missing boy is as under.

**Age:** 26 Years, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Height:** 6', **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Green & yellow check colour shirt and light blue colour jeans pant. and red colour chappal in feet. 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/ kidnapped boy then please inform P.S. Kirti Nagar, Delhi at following Tel No. / e-mail: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) and Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>

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### VIT-AP UNIVERSITY HOLDS TEDxVITAP EVENT

**Amaravati:** VIT AP University conducts a TEDxVITAP is a full-day event being organised by students and faculty members, with an audience of about 158 from all over the nation, held at VIT-AP University Campus. The primary goal is to bring together bright minds to give talks that are idea-focused, and on a wide range of subjects, to foster learning, inspiration and wonder - and provoke conversations that matter.



### BHEL NET PROFIT UP BY 51%

**New Delhi:** Amidst the continued challenging business environment, Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has registered profitable growth in fiscal 2018-19, while continuing to contribute in nation building endeavours. This was stated by Dr Nalin Shinghal, Chairman and Managing Director, BHEL at the 55th Annual General Meeting of the company.



### PNB DELHI ZONE ORGANISES CUSTOMER MEET

**New Delhi:** Punjab National Bank (PNB), Delhi Zone organised a customer meet on 17.09.2019 at Le-Meridian, New Delhi for PNB-Customers under Asian Development Bank (ADB) Technical Assistance (TA) fund of Solar Rooftop Investment Program (SRIP). The main aim of the meet was to sensitize the customers about the PNB financing facility for Rooftop Solar Power Projects.



### PRSI DELHI CHAPTER LAUNCHES BANYAN TREE SERIES



**New Delhi:** The Delhi Chapter of Public Relations Society of India launched the third workshop on photography on September 13, 2019 under its flagship platform: "The Banyan Tree" series at the Bharatiya Vidya Bhawan, New Delhi. Shri Pushkar Hans, renowned fashion photographer and Shri Umesh Mehta, International Photography Coach conducted the workshop. Shri Naresh Kumar, Chairman of Delhi Chapter of PRSI welcomed Shri Ashok Pradhan (Retd. IAS), Director, Bharatiya Vidya Bhawan who inaugurated the workshop. The workshop focused on technicalities of photography and live demonstrations to bring about the best shots using the most common handheld device, i.e. smartphone. Shri Umesh Mehta, an international photography coach, began with the first session and explained basic technicalities involved in using a camera.

### MAX BUPA, INDIAN BANK INK BANCASSURANCE TIE-UP

**New Delhi:** Max Bupa, one of India's leading standalone health insurance players, today announced a bancassurance corporate agency agreement with Indian Bank, one of the leading Indian state-owned banks. Under the agreement, Max Bupa will provide bespoke and comprehensive health insurance solutions and services to over 40 million customers of Indian Bank spread across 2800 branch network, through a slew of digital touch points. As part of the tie-up, Max Bupa will provide customizable product variants, tailor made to meet the differentiated health needs of the bank's diverse customer base spread across the country. The offerings include both retail and group health insurance products including Indemnity and Fixed Benefit products.



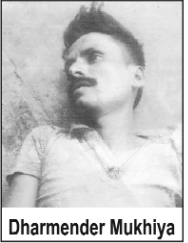
### CPSE ORGANISES NUKKAD NATAK OVER CLEANLINESS

**New Delhi:** While observing the Swachhta Pakhwada (16.9.19 to 30.9.19) as a part of "Swachh Rail Swachh Bharat" initiative of Indian Railways, Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd, a Miniratna (category 1) Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under the Ministry of Railways, organised a nukkad natak in its premises on 19.9.19 to create awareness in its employees towards maintaining cleanliness in all aspects of life. The thrust of the street play enacted by children, was to encourage recycling of waste, resisting the use of plastics and maintaining good sanitation in the day to day lives of all viewers.



## APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that a person namely **Dharmender Mukhiya** about 30-35 years of age whose residence and family is unknown, was found dead at Sabji mandi, Near Poll No.40, Azadpur of P.S. Mahendra Park, Delhi on 16.09.2019 at 10:31:56 a.m. In this regard a report has been lodged vide **DD No: 51-A, dated 16.09.2019 at P.S. Mahendra Park, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to identify the deceased person but no clue has come to light so far.



The description of the UIDB is as under:  
**Name:** Dharmender Mukhiya, **Sex:** Male, **Age:** About 30-35 years, **Height:** About 5'6", **Face:** Oval, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Sky blue colour t-shirt and dark blue colour Lower.

If anyone has any information about his relatives, kindly inform the SHO/ P.S. Mahendra Park, Delhi.

SHO

P.S. Mahendra Park, Delhi  
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## SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that one female (depicted in the photo) namely **Nisha Kumari**, D/o Sh. Jaspal Singh, R/o 245, Westend Marg, Saidulajab Village, New Delhi, has been missing since Dated 07.09.2019. In this regard a D.D. No. 43-A, Dated 08.09.2019 has been registered at

Police Station - Mehrauli, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

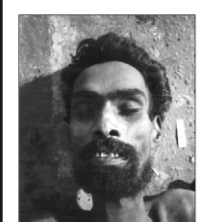
**Age:** 22 year, **Complexion:** Fair, **Height:** 5'0", **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Clothing:** Wearing unknown.

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

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## APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



It is publically informed that, one male dead body namely Unknown S/o Unknown, R/o Unknown, Age about 35 years, Height 5'4", Complexion Sallow, Wearing Jeans Pant, was found dead at Underpass, Near Hanuman Mandir, Kashmere Gate, Delhi. In this regard a D.D. No.

35-A, Dated 15.09.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi.

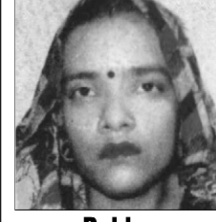
Sincere efforts have been made by local police to identify the dead body but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this male dead body please inform undersigned.

SHO

P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi  
Ph.: 011-23968730

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## SEARCH FOR MISSING WOMAN



General public is here by informed that this woman namely **Rekha** W/o Harish R/o H.No. D-1/501, Nand Nagri, Delhi **Age :** About 26 years, **Complexion :** Fair, **Height :** 5', **Build :** Medium, **Face :** Round, wearing sky blue colour suit-salwar and ladies chapple in feet, has been missing since 30.07.2019 from her house. In this regard DD No. 83-A, dated 30.08.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing woman may kindly inform to the following:-

E-mail: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)  
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>  
Fax: 24368639,  
Tel.: 24368638/24368641

**SHO - P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi**  
**Tel. No. : 011-22583307,**  
**22585985**

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## SEARCH FOR WANTED PERSONS

General Public is hereby informed that two persons (depicted in the photo) **Age:** about 25-30 Years, **Built:** Medium, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Height:** 5' 6-7", are involved in house theft on dated 13.10.2017 vide **FIR No. 368/17 u/s 454/380 IPC, dated 13.10.2017** lodged at Police Station Moti Nagar, Delhi.



Any person having any information/Clue about these wanted persons, may inform SHO, Moti Nagar, Delhi at E-mail : [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) or website : <http://cbi.nic.in>

Sd/-

Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641  
FAX No. : 011-24368639  
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**SHO, Moti Nagar, Delhi**  
**Tel.:** 011-25226550  
**Mob.:** 8750871125



Tax rates now comparable to US; hope growth gets a fillip: Goyal



PTI ■ MUMBAI

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal on Friday said he "hopes" the tax relief measures announced by the government for the corporates will give the necessary fillip to growth that has been sputtering for long.

The measures also get our tax rates comparable to those in the US and in South Asian economies, if one were to include the exemptions thrown in, Goyal said, adding these will help push investments up.

With an eye to push growth, which has slipped to a six-year low in the June quar-

ter—which is even below that of Pakistan's 5.4 percent — Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman earlier in the day announced a raft of changes in direct taxes, including a 10 percentage points cut in corporation taxes to 25.17.

The measures, which come a day after Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das had warned against any fiscal measures to spur growth saying the government has little fiscal space to do so, will entail a revenue sacrifice of ₹1.45 lakh crore to the exchequer this year.

"Some excellent announcements have just been made which I hope give the necessary fillip to growth that we have all been waiting for," Goyal said, speaking at an event organised by the Indo American Chamber of Commerce.

If one were to include the exemptions, the tax rate now is competitive and comparable to those in the US and elsewhere in South Asia, he said, pointing out that the US taxes corporate at 21-22 percent.

Goyal said using the exemptions, our tax rates are as low as 15 percent as well, and added this will help push investment that has been lagging historical averages in the past five years.

He said the ₹1.45-lakh-crore gains will go directly into the purses of businesses and individuals, and the same could be used for investments, which in turn would spur the sputtering growth engine.

It can be noted that private capex is among the lowest at present, and the government has also included a move to tax new investments in manufacturing at 15 percent.

After the announcement, the corporate tax rate will be 25.17 percent including surcharges, while the minimum alternative tax will go down by 3.5 percent to 15.

Goyal named large tax payers like Wipro, Infosys and Coal India, which do not seek any exemptions, as significant beneficiaries of the tax relief measures.

Amid many corporates eyeing the education sector through initiatives such as Mukesh Ambani's Jio Institute, Goyal said the measure to recognise aid to publicly funded universities will attract corporate to the education sector.

He said the government wanted public private partnerships in innovation, which would be possible now with spends on research and development being recognised as CSR.

Das welcomes corporate tax cuts, says its a bold move

Mumbai (PTI): Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das on Friday said the reduction in corporate tax was a bold measure which would be highly positive for the economy.

In a major fiscal booster, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday morning slashed effective corporate tax to 25.17 percent inclusive of all cess and surcharges for domestic companies cheering everyone and sending the market to decadal single-day rally.

These are definitely bold and welcome measures. It will augur extremely well and will be highly positive for our economy, Das said at an event.

The RBI Governor said one of the major drawbacks that we had was high corporate tax rates and today's drastic cut in the same will take the country closer to the rates that prevail in emerging economies such as Thailand, and the Philippines.

Sensitive, super-sensitive data must remain in India: Ravi Shankar Prasad

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government on Friday asserted that it will not allow the country's data sovereignty to be compromised and made it clear that sensitive and super-sensitive data must reside in India.

Mincing no words, Minister for IT and Electronics Ravi Shankar Prasad said there must be a fine balance between data availability, utility, innovation and data privacy.

"...I would never like data sovereignty of India to be compromised for Indians. The super sensitive data, the sensitive data must remain in India," Prasad said speaking at a conference on 'emergence and impact of Artificial Intelligence and Internet of Things' hosted by Jaipuria School of Business.

Citing an example of harnessing data for public good, the Minister said data in the field of healthcare could usher new breakthroughs and innovations, solutions and medicines.

The minister's comments come in the backdrop of burning debate on data, as also storage restrictions being mulled for personal data. While some have dubbing data as the 'new oil' propagating protection of Indian users' data on the Internet and social media plat-

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forms, a senior Facebook executive last week had countered the viewpoint arguing that data is not the new oil, and countries like India should, in fact, allow its free flow across borders instead of attempting to hoard it as a finite commodity within national boundaries.

Facebook Vice President (Global Affairs and Communications) Nick Clegg said data sharing is crucial for national security as India right now finds itself 'locked out' of major global data-sharing initiatives aimed to clamp down on serious crime and terrorism.

Meanwhile, Prasad said that while the country has made its mark globally in IT services, Digital India is looking to transforming lives of Indians. He added that India has also set its sights on manufacturing in a big way and poised to attract investments in areas like medical electronics.

Modi likely to inaugurate 2nd edition of Patidar business meet

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to inaugurate the second edition of 'Global Patidar Business Summit' to be held in Gandhinagar in the first week of January.

Around 22,000 businessmen from across the world are expected to attend the three-day meet beginning from January 3, the organisers said on Friday. The 'Global Patidar Business Summit' will be held at helipad ground near Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, said Gagjibhai Sutariya, president of Sardardham, a Patel community outfit.

Sardardham is organising the biennial summit earlier held at Mahatma Mandir in 2018. Besides attending the summit, Modi is also expected to inaugurate 'Sardardham Institute', a multi-storey complex coming up on the outskirts of Ahmedabad city, Sutariya told reporters here.

"This second edition of the summit will see participation of around 22,000 businessmen from across the world.

"We expect that over 7 lakh visitors would visit the summit as well as the exhibition. We have invited PM Modi to inaugurate the mega event on January 3.

AITUC backs bank officers' 2 day strike against merger of banks

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Central trade union All India Trade Union Congress on Friday announced its support to the two-day strike called by bank officers' unions next week to oppose the merger of public sector banks.

Bank officers' unions have given a strike call on September 26 and 27.

"The government's move (to merger banks) is actually meant to create space for private banking, which the AITUC is strongly opposed to. Therefore the AITUC backs the strike call and prepares for a national convention of the workers to move into action to oppose all such anti-people and pro-corporate policies," an AITUC statement said.

Since August 30, 2019, when the government announced its plan to merge 10 banks into four (third time), there have been strong protests from common people, including bank officers and employees, the statement said.

Because the Government is adamant, the officers have decided to take their protest to a higher level: a two day strike on September 26 and 27 and indefinite strike from the middle of November if the government persists with their plan.

NIFTY 50						
SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE	
NIFTY 50	10746.80	11381.90	10691.00	11274.20	569.40	
EICHERMOT	15875.90	19488.00	15760.00	17860.00	2107.50	
HEROMOTOCO	2535.00	3016.55	2532.85	2844.65	312.40	
INDUSINDBK	1289.00	1454.40	1271.50	1422.50	140.25	
BAFINANCE	3385.30	3750.00	3282.65	3718.00	355.95	
MARUTI	6015.00	6949.80	5982.45	6601.00	629.25	
SBIN	274.50	307.65	268.40	301.75	27.70	
ULTRACEMCO	3860.00	4323.95	3852.65	4250.00	383.70	
BRITANNIA	2633.00	2883.00	2602.55	2876.65	254.85	
TITAN	1160.00	1334.40	1153.00	1260.00	106.80	
M&M	524.45	574.00	518.65	567.00	47.70	
HDFCBANK	1108.00	1299.00	1105.40	1202.00	100.60	
HINDUNILVR	1182.00	1292.00	1810.25	1973.35	140.95	
IT	1305.00	1416.45	1289.10	1412.15	111.45	
IBULHSGFIN	402.00	434.00	395.35	428.00	33.25	
ASIANPAINT	1559.00	1725.25	1542.10	1684.40	130.50	
VEDL	147.60	161.40	145.50	158.10	11.95	
ICICIBANK	389.00	424.00	386.65	415.75	29.15	
TATASTEEL	347.90	381.40	341.00	370.55	25.90	
BAJAJFINSV	7230.00	7800.00	7102.00	7720.00	531.35	
TATAMOTORS	125.00	137.75	122.60	133.15	8.95	
GRASIM	609.00	765.00	697.15	750.00	50.10	
ONGC	124.40	134.95	121.60	133.05	8.75	
BAJAJ-AUTO	2730.00	3020.10	2725.00	2928.90	190.05	
JSWSTEEL	226.00	240.20	225.50	234.50	14.95	
BPCL	377.55	455.80	372.45	404.50	24.60	
RELIANCE	1187.95	1269.90	1174.30	1254.35	74.35	
AXISBANK	641.05	689.45	622.65	677.00	38.80	
KOTAKBANK	1455.00	1598.90	1450.50	1540.70	88.10	
ADANIPTS	362.45	384.80	361.00	381.50	19.60	
IOC	125.95	136.55	123.50	132.95	6.75	
BHARTIARTL	339.70	365.10	335.05	353.15	15.55	
DRREDDY	2738.00	2862.00	2711.05	2840.05	107.05	
HDFC	1983.90	2065.00	1960.00	2050.65	76.50	
INFRAEEL	250.45	263.25	249.10	258.80	9.40	
YESBANK	53.70	59.90	52.70	56.10	2.40	
COALINDIA	193.70	202.40	188.85	200.30	6.85	
HINDALCO	196.05	208.20	194.75	202.00	6.05	
CIPLA	454.20	465.40	445.50	463.00	10.95	
WIPRO	241.90	248.70	240.50	245.15	4.65	
GAIL	132.50	136.95	130.80	134.55	1.50	
SUNPHARMA	413.90	420.80	408.00	414.20	3.05	
UPL	564.70	585.00	555.05	564.00	1.95	
ITC	237.00	248.50	234.30	237.30	0.60	
HCLTECH	1052.00	1063.55	1037.30	1050.00	0.45	
TECHM	701.30	716.20	696.05	700.00	-3.35	
NTPC	121.05	125.10	118.50	119.85	-1.85	
TCS	2104.90	2129.40	2057.00	2069.00	-32.95	
INFY	822.90	833.05	802.00	807.30	-13.40	
POWERGRID	200.20	208.90	195.40	195.75	-5.40	
ZEEL	308.00	316.45	273.05	300.00	-8.85	

NIFTY NEXT 50						
SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE	
NIFTY NEXT 50	26026.45	27476.35	25812.05	27406.85	1484.75	
ASHOKLEY	58.75	70.15	57.70	69.70	11.30	
PAGEIND	19599.60	22998.80	19390.05	22730.00	3153.70	
HAVELLS	648.00	737.40	638.60	733.80	88.35	
MRF	58880.00	65880.00	58069.15	64900.00	6340.85	
AMBUJACEM	192.20	217.35	191.25	214.00	22.20	
SRTANSFIN	1044.10	1162.85	1014.10	1148.00	112.25	
BANDHANBNK	446.70	525.00	444.45	492.00	48.05	
ACC	1486.95	1643.90	1480.60	1636.45	157.45	
HINDPETRO	230.05	285.90	247.25	276.70	25.70	
PGHI	10525.00	11483.25	10401.10	11475.00	1008.25	
PIDILITIND	1300.00	1422.00	1288.00	1418.00	123.45	
SAIL	32.05	34.90	31.40	34.65	2.80	
L&T	91.70	100.45	90.05	98.70	7.95	
OFSS	2930.00	3200.00	2904.00	3199.00	257.20	
CONCOR	521.15	565.80	515.25	564.10	44.85	
DMAT	1633.00	1770.00	1620.00	1758.35	139.00	
MOTHERSUMI	104.95	118.50	103.40	113.80	8.80	
HDFCAMC	2630.00	2832.00	2577.10	2822.00	214.40	
SHREECEM	17975.00	20490.00	17717.10	19350.00	1422.90	
DLF	155.05	173.65	152.90	167.70	12.30	
SIEMENS	1241.10	1335.00	1229.10	1329.80	95.60	
IDEA	5.50	5.95	5.30	5.85	0.40	
PETRONET	256.45	272.00	249.20	270.10	15.15	
HDFCLIFE	536.00	567.00	536.00	564.10	31.65	
BANKBARODA	94.70	102.75	90.75	100.10	5.50	
ABB	1328.60	1535.25	1316.95	1400.00	74.95	
COLPAL	1329.95	1406.25	1316.55	1402.00	73.95	
BHEL	47.55	51.30	46.60	49.95	2.55	
ICICIGI	1175.80	1249.70	1141.05	1232.00	58.95	
PEL	1777.50	1891.00	1760.00	1847.05	82.90	
GODREJCP	659.65	690.00	655.20	686.00	30.40	
BOSCHLTD	13480.00	14399.00	13390.45	14085.00	607.00	
UBL	1233.10	1290.00	1218.25	1280.00	52.00	
MCDOWELL-N	598.75	630.45	596.25	624.90	24.60	
BAJAJHLNG	3174.95	3350.00	3110.00	3269.70	116.40	
NMDC	84.40	87.95	80.00	86.95	3.30	
DIVISLAB	1596.00	1660.50	1575.10	1633.00	50.60	
HINDZINC	211.00	220.85	201.30	216.50	6.40	
CADILAC	238.00	249.55	234.65	244.50	6.25	
NIAL	105.10	109.95	101.95	107.05	2.45	
LUPIN	747.70	758.85	734.15	757.00	13.75	
GICRE	188.75	194.00	180.10	190.00	3.85	
INDIGO	1698.20	1777.00	1670.40	1725.35	31.40	
AUROPHARMA	609.00	625.15	597.25	617.10	10.90	
SBILIFE	804.00	825.50	803.35	813.55	11.70	
ICICIRULI	430.20	441.75	425.30	435.20	4.80	
BIOCON	228.00	232.90	223.30	227.75	0.45	
MARICO	381.85	391.00	373.70	379.20	-0.80	
NHPC	23.65	23.85	22.85	23.55	-0.40	
DABUR	458.50	469.20	441.10	446.15	-12.40	

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Script	Open	High	Low	LTP	
ASTRAL	1159.45	1265.20	960.00	1213.70	
HDFC	1982.00	2065.00	1960.40	2052.10	
SBILIFE	803.75	825.50	800.70	815.85	
MARUTI	6001.00	7043.55	5984.00	6585.25	
ZEEL	309.20	316.45	272.00	301.10	
HDFCBANK	1108.00	1208.90	1107.10	1200.10	
YESBANK	54.00	59.90	52.65	55.45	
RELIANCE	1186.60	1269.50	1174.60	1254.40	
BAFINANCE	3376.00	3748.00	3284.00	3705.60	
SBIN	274.05	307.60	268.55	301.70	
ICICIBANK	388.30	423.90	386.65	417.35	
LT	1309.70	1416.60	1289.10	1412.85	
INDUSINDBK	1282.20	1453.95	1270.25	1419.60	
COALINDIA	192.55	202.35	188.85	199.95	
IBULHSGFIN	401.05	434.00	395.25	428.00	
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TATAMOTORS	125.00	137.80	122.70	133.40	
HINDUNILVR	1819.95	1991.05	1811.50	1970.00	
TATASTEEL	345.55	380.70	344.25	369.10	
HEROMOTOCO	2532.45	3015.60	2532.45	2849.40	
KOTAKBANK	1450.25	1598.00	1450.25	1538.50	



# Trump announces toughest sanctions ‘ever’ on Iran

**AFP ■ WASHINGTON**

President Donald Trump on Friday announced new sanctions on Iran's central bank, calling the measures the toughest ever imposed on another country by the United States.

"We have just sanctioned the Iranian national bank," Trump told reporters in the Oval Office.

"These are the highest sanctions ever imposed on a country," he said.

The Trump administration has vowed a response after US officials blamed Iran for weekend blasts on Saudi Arabia's oil infrastructure, which caused a sharp hike in global crude prices.

The United States already maintains sweeping sanctions on Iran, including on its central bank, with anyone who deals with it subject to prosecution.

Elaborating on Trump's remarks, the Treasury Department said it was authorising sanctions on the central bank not only over Iran's alleged nuclear work but for "terrorism."

Such a designation may be more difficult to lift, even if Trump loses next year's election to a Democrat who wants to ease sanctions as part of a future deal.

"Iran's brazen attack against Saudi Arabia is unacceptable," Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said in a statement.

"Treasury's action targets a crucial funding mechanism that the Iranian regime uses to support its terrorist network, including the Qods Force, Hezbollah and other militants that spread terror and destabilize the region," he said.

The Qods Force conducts international operations for Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards, who are in charge of protecting the clerical regime.

Hezbollah, the Shiite militant group and political party in Lebanon, is among Iran's closest regional partners.

The Treasury Department said that the Iranian central bank has provided "billions of dollars" to the two units, which were both previously designated as terrorists by Washington.

The US also imposed sanctions on Iran's sovereign wealth fund, whose board of trustees include President Hassan Rouhani, as well as Etemad Tejarate Pars, a company that the Treasury Department said had sent money internationally on behalf of Iran's Defence Ministry.

**GLOBE TROTTER**

**THAI RACE TO SAVE TIGERS RESCUED FROM TEMPLE**  
**Ratchaburi (Thailand):** Officials at a sanctuary in Thailand said on Friday they are racing to keep dozens of tigers alive after more than 80 died from disease following their confiscation from a controversial temple. The Wat Pha Luang Ta Bua temple — better known as the "Tiger Temple" — had for years attracted tourists with the promise of being able to pose for photos next to the big cats.

**SEX RACKET: FIVE INDIAN WOMEN RESCUED IN NEPAL**  
**Kathmandu:** Five Indian women trafficked to Nepal for flesh trade have been rescued by the police here, according to a media report. The women were rescued by the police with the support of Maithi Nepal, a nongovernmental organisation which has earlier worked to rescue Nepalese girls trafficked to Indian cities, *The Himalayan Times* reported.

**TRUMP: NO CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN LEADER**  
**Washington:** US President Donald Trump again denied on Friday that he did anything wrong during a mysterious phone call with an as-yet unidentified foreign leader after a whistleblower in the intelligence services sounded the alarm.

**PRINCE WILLIAM, KATE TO VISIT PAK FROM OCT 14**  
**Islamabad:** Britain's Prince William and wife Kate Middleton will pay their first official visit to Pakistan from October 14, more than 13 years after the last royal visit to the country, the UK embassy here said on Friday.

**TWITTER CLOSES 10K FAKE NEWS ACCOUNTS**  
**Washington:** Twitter said on Friday it shut down over 10,000 of accounts worldwide for spreading misinformation, including some artificially amplifying pro-Saudi messaging as part of a regional propaganda war. The move affected pro-Saudi accounts coming from Egypt and the UAE directed at Qatar and Yemen, Twitter said, as well as others from China seeking to sow discord among protesters in Hong Kong.

**APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION**

General public is hereby informed that an unknown person about 25-30 years of age whose residence and family is unknown, was found dead at Chota Ganda nala, Nangli puna, In front of Eicher Company Delhi of P.S. Swaroop Nagar, Outer North Dist, Delhi on 10.08.2019 at 08:03 a.m. In this regard a report has been lodged vide **DD No: 13-A, dated 10.08.2019 at P.S. Swaroop Nagar, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to identify the deceased person but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the UIDB is as under:

**Sex:** Male, **Age:** About 25-30 years, **Height:** 5'9", **Face:** Oval, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Medium, **Identification:** The name Shekhar Patel and Geeta devi is written on his right hand in English, **Wearing:** Brown colour T-Shirt, Black colour underwear and black rubber band in right hand.

If anyone has any information about his relatives, kindly inform the SHO/P.S. Swaroop Nagar, Delhi.

**SHO**  
**P.S. Swaroop Nagar, Delhi**  
**Ph.: 011-27811415, 27811416**

**DP/649/ON/19**

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSONS**

**See Section 82 Cr.P.C.**

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused persons namely **1. Renu W/o Sube Singh and 2. Sube Singh S/o Late Sh. Daleep Singh R/o H.No. 254, Village Maidan Garhi, New Delhi** have committed (or are suspected to have committed) the offence vide case FIR No. 249/17 u/s 323/451/506/509/34 IPC P.S. Mehrauli, New Delhi and it have been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **1. Renu and 2. Sube Singh** cannot be found and whereas it have been shown to my satisfaction that the **1. Renu and 2. Sube Singh** have absconded (or are concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation u/s 82 Cr.P.C. is hereby made that the **1. Renu and 2. Sube Singh** accused of FIR No. 249/17 are required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **23.10.2019.**

**By Order: Sh. Vaibhav Mehta**  
**Metropolitan Magistrate-5**  
**Room No. 210,**  
**Saket Courts, New Delhi**

**DP/5712/SD/19**

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

**Name of work and its location:** 30-Elect-40-T-2019-20-E3. Electrical work in connection with provision of Facade lighting at HNZM & ANVT Railway Station.

**Approx cost of the works:** Rs. 205.61 lacs. **Address of the office:** Sr. Divl Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi. **Earnest Money:** Rs. 2,52,800/-.

**Date & time of submission of tender:** 15.10.2019, 15:00 Hrs. **Opening of tender:** 15.10.2019, 15:15 Hrs. **Website & notice board:** [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) & Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.

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My Client Sh. Ashish Batra, Partner 'Patilashahane Caterers', R/o Sl. 7, 1st Floor, L. Block, Hari Nagar, New Delhi-64 hereby affirm & declare that since 14-08-2019 No Trade Mark / Logo / Brand Name is registered in his name and if any outlet / shop / cart is using his name or identity as Trade Mark / Logo / Brand, my client have no responsibility or liability of it in any manner. Anybody dealing with such persons who are using such Brand / Logo / Trademark in any manner, whosoever will be doing so at his/her own cost, risk & responsibilities thereto. My client shall be in no way responsible & liable for any acts, deeds & things done by them.

**Adv. Sachin Chawla**  
703, Dwarka Court, New Delhi

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**UK claims ‘momentum’ in Brexit talks**

**AFP ■ BRUSSELS**

Brexit talks are progressing with "momentum", the British Minister in charge of the divorce said on Friday after meeting his EU counterpart, despite warnings that a deal was still some way off.

After talks in Brussels with EU chief negotiator Michel Barnier, Brexit Minister Stephen Barclay said there was a "shared sense of purpose" to reach agreement and avoid Britain crashing out of the bloc without a divorce agreement.

Britain is racing toward its October 31 departure without an exit agreement and faces the threat of economic disruption that the government admits could cause food shortages and spark civil unrest.

Barclay and Barnier discussed three papers submitted by London with ideas on replacing the so-called "Irish backstop" provisions in the Brexit deal struck last year but rejected by British lawmakers.

"There is significant work still to do but there are serious discussions that are taking place," Barclay said after the talks. "We are moving forward with momentum, talks will continue next week between the technical teams." But the European Commission, which leads Brexit talks for the remaining 27 member states, gave a more sober assessment, stressing that the British papers amounted to no more than "a first set of concepts, principles and ideas".

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson insists the backstop, which could temporarily keep Britain in the bloc's customs union to avoid a hard border in Ireland, is undemocratic and unacceptable to London. But Britain has so far not come up with an alternative that satisfies Brussels or Dublin, and after Friday's talks the commission once again called on London to come up with substantial proposals — suggesting the papers submitted fall short of what is required.

**UK rebuffs EU call for Brexit solution by end of month**

**Helsinki:** The European Union's Finnish presidency demanded on Thursday that Britain deliver a written new Brexit proposal by the end of September or face a messy "no-deal" divorce — an ultimatum immediately rejected by London. Britain is racing toward its October 31 departure without an exit agreement and facing the threat of border disruptions that the Government admits could cause food shortages and spark civil unrest.

The sides have been irrevocably split over ways to avoid a hard border between EU member Ireland and the UK's Northern Ireland in any Brexit scenario. An agreement that includes the so-called "backstop", which would temporarily keep Britain in the bloc's customs union, has been repeatedly rejected by the UK parliament.

Boris Johnson has vowed to come up with a new solution — and not to sign any in which the backstop remains. **AFP**

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**Name of work with its location** Up gradation of version of existing Coral Tadriran Exchange Railway Board New Delhi.

**App. Cost of the work (₹)** ₹ 31,10,483/- only

**Tender Document Fee (₹)** ₹ 3,540/- only

**Earnest Money Deposit (₹)** ₹ 62,200/- only

**Address of the office** Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-I, Northern Railway, 3rd Floor, Annexure-1, DRM office, New Delhi-110055.

**Date & Time for upload the tender / closing of tender** Tender uploading/closing date & time-16.10.2019 up to 15:00 hrs.

**Website particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.** See the Northern Railway website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) & Notice board at S&T branch, 3rd Floor, DRM office, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055

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**[See proviso to rule 8 (6)]**  
**Notice for sale of immovable properties**

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

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 ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Co-Borrowers / Guarantors / Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured assets with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding (In ₹)	Reserve Price (In ₹)	Earnest Money Deposit (In ₹)	Date of Property Inspection and Time	Date & Time of Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)
1.	Rajendra Kumar Sharma/ Yash Sharma/ Taruna metals Pvt Ltd/ Rakesh Sharma/ Shashi Sharma/ Vivek Sharma	Flat no. 7 & 8 on Second Floor, On Plot no. B-7, Situated at T.H.A Residential Colony Chandra Nagar, Ghaziabad, (U.P.), 201011 Area - 3208.28 Sq.Ft)	Rs. 2,46,08,880 /- as on September 11, 2019.	Rs. 1,20,00,000/-	Rs. 12,00,000/-	October 01, 2019, From 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM	October 14, 2019, At 12:00 Noon
2.	Vivek Kumar Sharma (Borrower) Rajeev Gautam (Guarantor)	House No. III- K- 35/5 Ground Floor Without Roof Right, Nehru Nagar, Ghaziabad, U.P. Carpet Area- 530 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 51,84,385/- as on September 11, 2019	Rs. 20,50,000/-	Rs. 2,05,000/-	October 03, 2019, From 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM	October 14, 2019, At 12:00 Noon

The online auction will take place on the website of auction agency Shriram Automall India Ltd. (**URL Link – "https://auctions.samil.in"**). The Mortgageors/ Noticees are given last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **October 11, 2019, before 5:00 P.M** failing which, this/these secured assets/s will be sold as per schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit their offer along with aforesaid earnest money deposit (as referred in column No. (F) in a sealed envelope superscribed "offer for purchase of property" so as to reach at **ICICI Bank Limited, 2nd Floor Videocon Tower, Block E-1, Jhandewalan Extension, Rani Jhansi Road, Delhi-110055** or our marketing agents Shriram Automall India Ltd having their office at **2nd Floor, Best Sky Tower, Netaji Subhash Place, Pitampura, New Delhi – 110034** on or before **October 11, 2019 before 5:00 P.M**. The marketing agency has also been engaged as auctioneer for proper conduct of auction. EMD DD / P.O should be from a Nationalised / Scheduled Bank favouring **"ICICI Bank Limited"** payable at **Delhi**.

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**Date: September 21, 2019**  
**Place: Delhi/ NCR**

## Schoolchildren throng streets in vast global climate strike

**Paris:** Crowds of children skipped school on Friday to join a global strike against climate change, heeding the rallying cry of teen activist Greta Thunberg and demanding adults act to stop environmental disaster.

It was expected to be the biggest protest ever against the threat posed to the planet by climate change.

Yelling slogans and waving placards, children and adults across Asia and the Pacific kicked off the protest, which spread later to Africa and Europe with crowds filling the streets in Paris, London and Berlin.

"We are the future," said Vihaan Agarwal, 15, protesting in Delhi. "We believe there is no point in going to school if we are not going to have a future to live in." Organisers forecast one million participants overall.

In Australia alone, they said more than 300,000 children, parents and supporters rallied.

Ghana's capital Accra, where some 44 per cent of the country's population has not heard of climate change, according to a study by Afrobarometer.

Hundreds of others also took to the streets in Kenya and Uganda. The demonstrations were due to culminate in New York, where 1.1 million students in around 1,800 public schools have been permitted to skip school.

Events began in the deluge-threatened Pacific Islands of Vanuatu, the Solomon Islands and Kiribati, where children chanted: "We are not sinking, we are fighting." The defiance message was heard across Asia.

Numerous peer-reviewed scientific studies have shown a link between human-made gas emissions and climate change. But the protests also laid bare resistance from those who question the threat.

Amazon chief Jeff Bezos on Thursday pledged to make the US technology and retail giant carbon neutral by 2040 and encourage other firms to do likewise. **AFP**

## Top N Korea negotiator praises Trump's 'new method' suggestion

**AFP ■ SEOUL**

North Korea's chief negotiator in talks with the United States welcomed Donald Trump's suggestion of trying a "new method" in negotiations, and hailed the exit of his hawkish national security adviser.

The US President had fired John Bolton last week, revealing deep divisions between the two on major foreign policy issues including nuclear talks with Pyongyang.

Trump on Thursday said he would consider trying a "new method" in talks with Pyongyang, which have been deadlocked since the collapse of his second summit with Kim Jong Un collapsed in February.

Kim Myong Gil, Pyongyang's top delegate for working-level negotiations with Washington, said the comment underscored a "political perception and disposition peculiar to President Trump", calling it a "wise political decision" in a statement carried by the official Korean Central News Agency.

"At the moment I am not quite sure what he implied in his suggestion of 'new method', he added. "It seems he wanted to imply that a step-by-step solution starting with the things feasible first while building trust in each other would be the best option."

Trump had criticised Bolton's suggestion of the "Libyan model" for North Korea, a reference to a denuclearisation deal with the African nation's former dictator Moamer Kadhafi — who was killed after being deposed in 2011.

Pyongyang had bristled at that comment, which Trump said had "set us very back very badly". Kim Myong Gil described Bolton as "a nasty trouble-maker who used to face everything out of his anachronistic way of thinking".

## Israel vote deadlock confirmed by near-complete results

**Jerusalem:** Israeli vote results on Friday confirmed a deadlock in the country's general election and put Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud party as the second-largest, leaving him with a tough battle to extend his long tenure in office.

The near-complete official results from Tuesday's election gave ex-military chief Benny Gantz's centrist Blue and White alliance the most seats, with 33 out of parliament's 120. Netanyahu's right-wing Likud won 31 seats, but neither had an obvious path to a majority coalition. In a stark admission on Thursday, Netanyahu acknowledged he was unable to form a right-wing coalition as he hoped and called on Gantz to join him in a unity Government instead.

Gantz responded by saying he would have to be prime minister in a unity government since Blue and White was the largest party.

The standoff has even raised the possibility of yet another election — which would be the third to be held in a year following April polls that also ended inconclusively. Israeli President Reuven Rivlin plans to begin consultations with all parties voted into parliament on Sunday to decide who to choose to try to form a Government. **AFP**

**SEARCH FOR MISSING**

General public is hereby informed that one person (depicted in the photo) namely **Ram Chander, S/o Harish Chander, R/o H. No. S-82E, Gali No. 10, Vikash Nagar, Delhi**, has been missing since 03.06.2018. In this regard a FIR No. 376/19, Dated 27.06.2019 has been registered at Police Station – Ranholia, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-

**Age:** 30 years, **Complexion:** Fair, **Height:** 5'6", **Face:** Round, **Clothing:** Wearing grey colour Shirt and blue colour Jeans Pant.

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E-RFP INVITING NOTICE NO-28/2019-20 जिसका पी० आर० सं०-05972(नि०नि०) 2019-20 है, में वर्णित कार्यों की निविदा के डाउनलोड/अपलोड/तकनीकी बीड खोलने की तिथियों में निम्न रूप से संशोधन किया जाता है।


- 1 निविदा कागजात प्राप्त (डाउनलोड) करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :- दिनांक-25.09.2019 के 03.00 बजे अपराह्न तक।
- 2 निविदा जमा (अपलोड) करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :- दिनांक-26.09.2019 के 03.00 बजे अपराह्न तक।
- 3 निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय (टेक्नीकल बीड) :- दिनांक-28.09.2019 के 03.00 बजे अपराह्न तक।
- 4 निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय (वित्तीय बीड) :- तकनीकी बीड मुख्यांकन के पश्चात।
- 5 अन्य सभी शेष शर्तें यथावत रहेंगी।

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**BHUMI PEDNEKAR**  
*Climate Warrior* is my attempt to start a dialogue with people who work tirelessly to save the environment and highlight the crisis due to climate change. Through this platform I hope to remind people that climate change is real and comes with some serious repercussions.




**KUBBRA SAIT**  
*Sacred Games* is a breakthrough show amongst the global audience, and being nominated for this global phenomenon at the International Emmys is a result of all the hard work the entire cast and crew have put in. This show has a fanbase of its own and it is absolutely exhilarating.



**SIDDHARTH MALHOTRA**  
A lot of content that I make and aim to make is watched in tier two and three cities, where a woman's character is judged on the basis of her appearance. I like to portray empowered women who make their own decisions in life, but sadly this is not the trend which is followed on television.



**SURVEEN CHAWLA**  
Getting nominated for such prestigious award, International Emmy Awards is truly a benchmark. This is the result of the hard-work each and every person associated with the show has put in. It's an amazing feeling and I am elated to be a part of this whirlwind journey.



**KIM KARDASHIAN**  
My nails were dark. It was when I was still in my Linkin Park after-dark phase with my Burgundy nails. And because I was going to deliver a girl I wanted a light pink nail for delivery. So I asked the doctor if he was sure that I have to deliver right now, can you give me two hours? And he said, fine, meet me in two hours.

SHORT CIRCUITS

CONVERSATION 45 MINUTES

THEY BREAK OUT WITH SOUND AND FURY



Actors SOBHITA DHULIPALA and EMRAAN HASHMI have trodden a new path with their latest web series *Bard of Blood*, says AYUSHI SHARMA

While a former Miss India is riding high on the success of her recent show *Made in Heaven*, the moniker of the other is a 'kissing star', who has traversed a long distance to break out of that image. No prizes for guessing the names of Sobhita Dhulipala and Emraan Hashmi. The two have come together as co-actors for a web series *Bard of Blood*, adapted from the eponymous book by Bilal Siddiqi, where the former is a courageous analyst and the latter is an ex-communicated RAW agent. They take up a covert mission in Balochistan when four Indian spies are captured by the Taliban.

Both the actors are breaking new grounds in their career with this one and they seem to have enjoyed every bit of it. Sobhita had no references while preparing for the role but in a way the conflicts that her character goes through are very relatable not only for her but for every girl who is trying to find her place in a man's world. And having to prove so many people wrong even before you can actually test your own merits is something that many women go through everyday — even though the terrain might not be as hostile. Apart from that, Sobhita, of course, on account of the content, had to do a lot of physical prep. While the action was new, it was not difficult for her to be a part of it.

When Sobhita speaks her mind, her non-assertive manner, calming voice creates an aura that exude purity which is heightened by the white saree she is wearing. The actor is somebody who loves to punch above her weight and sink her teeth in a good role. "The reason I actually enjoyed it so much was because of its newness, relatability and emotional intelligence. Yes, it's a huge transition from Tara to Isha but I am an actor playing different roles and that is what my motivation is. I am curious about people, why they do what they do. Even if for a brief while, I get a chance to live my life differently, I am going to take it up. So for me, between action and cut, I am free. I am at home," says she. Her transformation is evident in reality too by how, from Tara to Isha, she has become an outspoken extrovert from a painfully shy person.



For Emraan too, there were no reference points. He tried to understand the psyche by what the writer or the director guided him or what was written. Also his love for spy thrillers helped. He has been watching them for a long time, so it was present in his subconsciousness. He believes that it helped him in playing the character of Kabir Anand. The actor saw a lot of interviews of ex-military spies and one thing that really made a mark on him was that you wouldn't really understand a spy or know what fear feels like until you have actually worked as one in an enemy nation. "You have a dual identity where you play someone else, speak a different language in another country and at any moment, you could slip and find a bullet shot in your head. It could simply be because something that you wore was wrong or a slight difference in the way you speak their language. That's true fear and that was a big takeaway for me to understand the psyche of Kabir. I had to get into that zone where these guys travelled to Balochistan and it felt like they are walking on a mine field," says he.

The role was as challenging for him as a first step for a toddler. He says that getting into a different format was new but this one has its own struggles. "The kind of action that we have in the show was physically exertive. I haven't played any-



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thing even close to it. Acting in a series was almost like doing two films in 90 days. So that's a lot of work. But a great team makes it happen. Everyone was very supportive. We all felt that we were in safe hands. The journey became much easier," he says.

Sobhita was more invested in the emotional graph of the characters than the factual one. Of course, it's fiction but a fictional story often borrows its essence from certain real incidences. She agrees that it reflects some of it as reality but doesn't necessarily "represent" it. "Because these are real characters going through emotions which we have experienced some-times. We all have disagreements and feel anger or even paranoia," says the actor.

She is an observer, a prolific writer and a reader of verse but doesn't advertise all of this often. Small instances and experiences from her own life had helped her play Isha. "I think that sense of mentally travelling to places and constantly observing, something that's my arena since I was a child, has backed me. I have used some of that and looked at how people get trapped in a situation, how they react emotionally or what their body language is when they do a specific thing. I didn't particularly research on the political aspect of it," she says.

The film industry has had a fair share of spy thrillers. While some slipped under the radar, there have been films that were memorable for many reasons. And again, there's a sudden surge of interest in this kind of genre and content. The recent ones being *Tiger Zinda Hai* and *The Family Man*. Sobhita and Emraan respond swiftly one after the another. Though I was expecting an answer from Sobhita first, she, instead, within the blink

of an eye, puts forward a question, "Hey, I am asking you! You are the media, I don't know!" And then says that maybe, it's because people think there should be more information. Emraan adds, "I don't think Indian cinema has really dabbled with a lot of subjects of this kind till this point. The kind of films that have been made on spies can be counted on the fingers of one hand." Sobhita nods in agreement and says, "The ones that are made are so fantastic that people crave a sense of realism even if it is peppered with fiction. I don't think there's any agenda to put out a show like this that 'we are going to give this certain message'.

Emraan feels that it is more intriguing than a film on the Army or the Air Force. "I think spies have a different kind of intrigue associated with them. It's not in your face but there are a lot of unsung heroes who have been spying for our country and it's not shocking anymore that you do not know their names. They extract a wealth of political, social information from enemy territory and transfer it home. But we still don't know much about them and their journey. And it's because it's not written about by the media. When you make a film or an original series, it's very engaging because it's an unknown world. We probably know more about the Army because it's there in your face through the information about it in the media. But this is also a no man's land. And a place that I wish to explore more," says Emraan. Sobhita believes that the reason why people are more interested is also because the story acts like a real mirror and of course, increases one's curiosity.

(The series will release on September 27 on Netflix.)

ENCOUNTER 30 MINUTES

'SINGERS LOOK UP TO ME'

Bhangra-pop star Daler Mehndi has often taken the role of a mentor or a judge on singing shows. He says both are ways to give back to society the love and appreciation that he receives.

The former *Sa Re Ga Ma Pa Singing Superstar* judge sees it as a responsibility to guide aspiring singers and help them in their musical journey.

"It's a natural progression and an innate human nature to give. The singers look up to me, they have an eagerness to learn and seek inspiration. I still listen to great maestros like Nazakat Sahab, Salamat Sahab, Ashiq Ali, Bade Ghulam Ali Khan Sahab, Pervaiz Mehdi, Ghulam Ali Khan, Asha ji to name a few. Everyone needs to continue learning, seeking, and do the *Sangat of Maestro*, said he.

The *Tunak Tunak Tun* hit-maker recently returned as a judge on *Radio City Super Singer*. "Every year this show provides a platform to aspiring singers to showcase their talent and takes things a notch above the previous year. We see better singers and bigger dreams with each passing year and it's a joy to see this passion continue to burn bright every time," added he.



The shows also provide a platform to singers who were once busy with back-to-back Bollywood songs. "Talent-based shows have been ruling the roost for several years now. Who gets selected as a judge is not a reflection of the quantum of work he/she currently has, but is a mark of their talent, the acclaim they have amassed over the years, and their standing in the industry," said the singer.

He added that people become judges on talent shows because they are in demand which is why they are on television. Also, shows like these provide additional business avenues to any singer, the same being applicable to an actor or a public figure.

—IANS

He once took the spotlight and presented his bagful of jokes on India. One of them being, "Indian people have been dedicated to being cheap for so long. They actually created the number Zero." And now, Indo-Canadian stand-up comedian Russell Peters is all set put on another show in October in the country, where the industry is "booming."

He says, "I hear the stand-up comedy industry in India has been booming. Unfortunately, I haven't had a chance to check out any of the people doing it. But it's great that it's become a more recognised art form and more people are taking it up." The comedian will take "any" excuse to come to India. "I love it here. This is the first time that I am coming back so quickly between dates. But this gives me an opportunity to play in cities that I've never been to — Pune and Ahmedabad," says he.

For someone, who had started out in the 90s, a lot has been changed. He tells us, "When I started in 1989, stand-up was dominated by white males. That's all changed now, as it should. For me, I never expected to be where I am at today. All I knew was that this was something that I had to do and that I had no choice. Even if I was a stand-up comic working and doing the club circuit,

Joking under the table

For stand-up comedian RUSSELL PETERS, who is set to return to India, there's no right or wrong. Every comic can have an original viewpoint. The person has to be funny. By TEAM VIVA

I'd be happy. Stand-up is a calling."

Talking about whether India is yielding enough matter for his show, he says that his content isn't restricted to a particular place. "My show isn't just about India or Indians. I talk a lot about where I am at this point. One moment I would be talking about a middle-aged man with health issues, and the other moment, a newborn and the next of strained relationships and other sorts of silliness," he chuckles.

The comedian, for whom George Carlin, Eddie Murphy and Steve Martin, have been the greatest inspirations, usually starts prepping up for his next set right after a show. That's how Russell approaches an act — by observing his subject while on the go. He says, "After I record my set, like I did in Mumbai in June, I start working on new material. Even these shows in October will be a bit different from the ones that I did in India previously. I'm always working on new stuff, observing and thinking. I never write anything



down though."

He tells us how he had started collecting and putting together his material — by sitting under the dining table with his cousin Mikey and recording their parents and

relatives talking to each other. Later, the duo mimicking them. "Post that, I started listening to the way my Jamaican friends and their parents spoke. It just began as a fun thing with my friends," he says.

History is evidence of how burlesque New York stand-up comedy shows featured standard vaudeville gags that focussed primarily on the female chase, money troubles, gold-digging wives and constantly harping mothers-in-law. And often, this kind of humour, despite being sexist, has been acceptable. However, Russell feels that as more and more women come into the comedy industry and express themselves, "they'll be able to fix that." Well, the Emmy-nominated series *The Marvelous Mrs Maisel* is a perfect example to what Russell says.

What does he make of the content of comedians like Hasan Minhaj and Vir Das who have their own particular strain of humour, which is rooted in the experience of the diaspora. Every comic, he says, has their own voice and point of view. "There's no right or wrong. Every voice and every experience should be heard. The only thing that they all have to be is funny!" he adds.

As a person, who is not a

Caucasian, would he say it gives him a better insight into the different ethnic groups as happened in *Comedy Now?* He says, "My insight into different ethnic groups comes from a very real place. I grew up with Black people from Jamaica and Trinidad as well as Filipinos and Italians. When I was bullied and beaten up by the white kids, I found a home with the 'Other' kids. My comedy explores racism and prejudice as well and it's because of what I have experienced. There's nothing a white guy can do to stop me from doing what I do but it has to come from a place of understanding and acknowledgement. Else, it's just not real."

The comedian says that he really enjoys acting for films and TV shows, despite the struggle behind the "hurry-up and wait part" of being on the set. "I'm not complaining. It's just so completely different from doing stand-up," says he and laughs.

Even though he has actually showed the way to the newer breeds of South Asian comics, Russell says that he is unfortunate that he isn't familiar with most of them. He says, "I haven't had a chance to check them out. Hopefully, I will, soon."

(Russell will perform on October 1, 4 and 6 in Pune, Ahmedabad and Hyderabad, respectively, as a part of his *Deported World Tour at Supermoon, a Zee Live IP*.)



SPOTLIGHT 45 MINUTES

Actor and director LILLETE DUBEY tends to gravitate towards strong women as protagonists in her plays. The quest has led her to DEVIKA RANI, the first lady of Indian cinema, says SAIMI SATTAR

# BEYOND THE ARC LIGHTS

Who is the Indian actress who was on the verge of becoming our first global star, ran a production house, discovered some of the best known talent of the time (think thespian Dilip Kumar, beauteous Madhubala and the unparalleled Nargis) and was called the first lady of Indian cinema? Devika Rani was more than that. She was also the first woman actor who came from what could be termed as an elite family, lived her personal life on her terms and once she gave up the arc lights, never turned back dedicating herself to art and culture. With a life that was as varied and eventful as hers, it's indeed a surprise that her bio file has not been recreated on screen or stage. Until now.

It took another powerhouse performer, Lillete Dubey, to recognise the intensity and magnetism that her story could exert when performed on stage. "The Primetime Theatre Company promotes Indian writers and dramatises works written by people like Mahashweta Devi, Girish Karnad. There are classics like *Adhe Adhoore* and *Kanyadaan*. There's none that was written abroad and adapted for performance. Devika Rani too came out of that space," says Lillete about the company where she has been the artistic director for almost 29 years now.

It was perchance that she met Kishwar Desai, a college mate, in March last year. "She had written a book on Devika Rani and I remarked that she was a fascinating woman which could make a terrific play," recalls Lillete. And Kishwar promptly asked if she was interested in staging it. Both of them tried to figure out if there was something in her biography that could lend itself to a play "since she had such a wide arc and a long and interesting ride that went on till she was 87". Lillete decided that it was not her cinematic history that she wanted to portray because neither was it a film nor the theme for a dissertation or a documentary. "We were looking at her real and not reel life. Her personal journey growth, trajectory and her evolution are what interested me," says Lillete. So the play covers the period from the time she meets Himanshu Rai (1928), whom she later married and set up the production house Bombay Talkies with in 1934, to the time when she gave it all up after meeting Svetoslav Roerich, her second husband (1945), including the incident where she ran off with her co-actor, in *Jeevan Nayya* Najm-ul-Hassan.

Of course, when it came to Devika, her personal life was closely intertwined with her professional one. "We went with the flow of her personal life, her relationship with Himanshu, the shared dream of Bombay Talkies and the way it keeps them together irrespective of what happens in their relationship. There

is a beautiful line which encapsulates the ups and downs with Himanshu where Devika says, "The further I go from you, the closer I feel to you," says Lillete pointing out to the fact that life and relationships are complex where there is nothing black and white, including their relationship. "It is a very poignant, touching and relatable relationship," adds Lillete.

She says that the play ends when she meets Roerich as it isn't possible to squeeze everything in two hours. "Cinematically, there's more scope in a film. The two are different media."

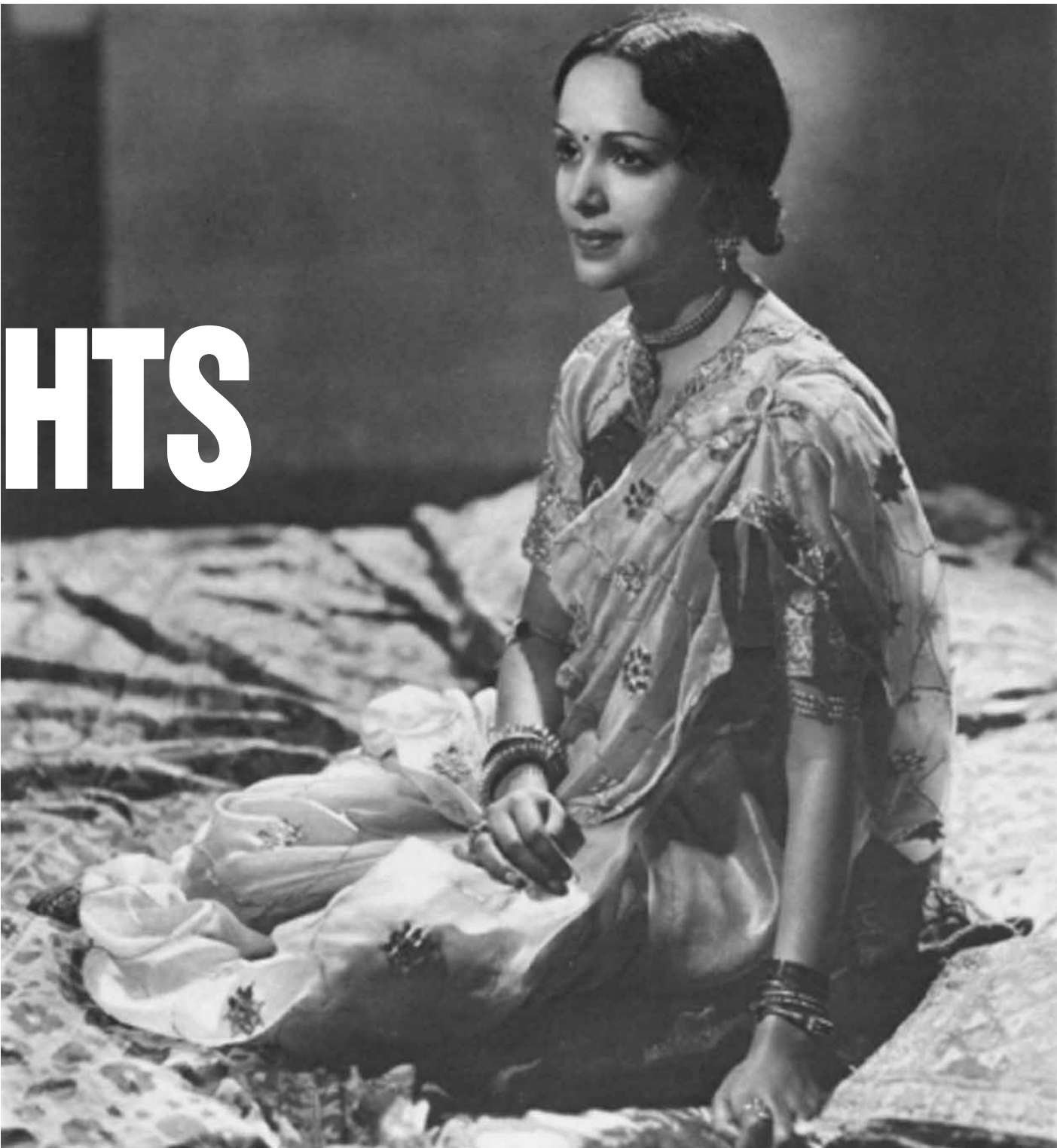
Kishwar and Lillete worked on 11 odd drafts for more than a year to get the nuances and essentials right for the play. "I used to keep telling her if a part needed rewriting or has to be thrown away or highlighted. The material was constantly reshaped. Of course, it is Kishwar's play but I was moulding the shape as even in these 18 years, there is a lot of material. It was tough to decide what to leave out and what was important to our story," she says.

Lillete was also particular about creating a world view of the time and period that Devika Rani lived in rather than just focussing on her life. This was done by some of the parallel stories. "Not just actresses, even women composers from respectable families were rare in the industry. There was this story of Saraswati Devi, a Parsi lady and an amazing composer, who practically stormed the male bastion. She also composed the iconic *Main ban ki chidiya* from *Achyut Kanya*, which we recreated. Ira, who plays Devika, has sung it herself," points out Lillete.

In the play, the song is nicely woven with the incident where she comes back from Najm after the intervention of Sashadhar Mukherjee, an assistant sound-engineer at the studio as she was aware that neither could she get a divorce or marry Najm. "When she returns, she feels upset and says that he has had so many flings but that is fine because he is a man. I have done this one thing and I am untouchable. And the next film that is written for her is *Achyut Kanya*, so one blends into the other," says Lillete.

However, it is not just Devika's life during the time that she was a leading lady on the silver screen that fascinates Lillete but even the fact that she left it forever. "Yes, she was over the hill for her time as she was too old to be a lead actress. People were leaving Bombay Talkies and starting Filmistan Studios and she was struggling to stay afloat financially as the last few films that she had produced had flopped. But when she gave it away for a very different life, she had no desire to come back. Compare it to any actress today who would run back to the arc lights even if she is given half a chance by way of a reality show or the like. She was remarkable in that too," Lillete asserts.

Moreover, her pedigree too made



**'WE WERE LOOKING AT DEVIKA RANI's REAL LIFE AND NOT THE REEL ONE. HER PERSONAL JOURNEY, GROWTH TRAJECTORY AND EVOLUTION ARE WHAT FASCINATED ME'**



her exceptional. "All the *kothas* had shut and the *tawaifs* and nautch girls who had nowhere to go joined films. And look at her lineage, from her *nani's* side, she was the grand niece of Rabindranath Tagore. Educated in England, she was certainly a far cry from others in films," says Lillete, who made her film debut with *Zubeidaa* (2001), when she was over 40.

Devika was one hell of a feisty lady. "She was five feet nothing. She was independent-minded and too much of her own person. Devika was multi-talented as she acted, produced, did costumes, art direction and ran a studio so she can be called a pioneer. She was quite a path-breaker and chose the kind of subjects that people would be scared of putting on screen even now as she touched upon untouchability, barren women, widow remarriage and more."

And then there's her personal life which is, as tumultuous as, in some ways inspiring. "She was a woman who just did what she wanted and stood for what she believed in. When she returned after eloping with Najm, she asked for the separation of her finances from those of her husband, separate pay for working in his films while he would be required to single-handedly pay the household expenses for the home in which both of them would live. How many women do that even now?" asks Lillete.

Her personal correspondence that Kishwar had access to also gave an intimate peek into the formidable woman that she was. "Many things, which did not form a part of public domain were brought out in these letters, which also form a part of the

play," says Lillete.

Indeed, it is a travesty of our times that not many know this feisty lady who stood her ground and held her head high. "I am not saying that she was Mahatma Gandhi but she certainly holds up an interesting role model for women. When you talk about actors who have become global icons, she, after *Karma*, (which famously or infamously had a four-minute long kiss), was offered films in Hollywood. While she did debate over the possibility, she gave it all up for another dream of her production company. The Press was completely dazzled by her after *Karma* as she was gorgeous, a complete natural and articulate," says Lillete.

Her world class studio made four international films in English of which one was shown at Windsor Castle while *Karma* opened in London. "It's difficult to do this even now," asserts Lillete. She had an eye for talent and her protegee went on to dominate the silver screen.

Lillete tends to gravitate towards topics and stories that seem to have a strong women characters. "I am always looking for interesting scripts or material that will lend itself to a play but over the years I have found that my protagonists tend to be female and that happens unconsciously. A play called *Gauhar* which we did three years ago was on the first woman to sing on a waxed record," she says. Of course it helped that Lillete is fond of classical music even though she insists that she cannot claim to be an aficionado or anything. "I enjoy it and I studied it for seven years," she says.

Lillete wants to do a new play once a year while older ones are still running. *Dance Like a Man*, *Kanyadaan* are some which are running at present. But having made her big screen debut in 2001, where she has acted in some noteworthy films including *Monsoon Wedding* (2001), *Kal Ho Na Ho*, *Lakshya* and *Pinjar* (2003) there is certainly something that keeps exercising a magnetic pull to draw her back to stage. Lillete explains, "Anyone who has become an actor from theatre can never get it out of his system. You might leave it for sometime for money or exposure and work in films, serials or advertisements but the pull of theatre is so strong that once you have established yourself, you come back again when you don't need the money as much. Naseer may do different things but he returns to theatre as there is no other place where an actor feels as alive as on stage."

She also points out that in a film, one is a part of big project and team and does not drive a project. "It is the vision of the director and determined by commerce. Honestly, in 50 odd films, I did not feel challenged in even one. I need to do a play to feel challenged. I feel embarrassed when people tell me that I have done a fabulous role in a film. I want to say that I never needed to put my whole body, heart and soul in it," she says and adds, "One reason why theatre demands such is because it is not commerce driven and can talk about whatever I want to including child sexuality, Gandhism or whatever."

However, she does accept that while cinema looked jaded five years ago, it is evolving now thanks to the fact that people are travelling a lot and the internet has ensured that they are exposed global content. "The 18-35 age group forms 70 per cent of the audience and they are watching all kinds of stuff. They determine the change. Everyone is waking up to the power of small films becoming huge."

The actor-director completes 30 years on stage in January 2021 and plans to celebrate it by reviving a huge megarock musical of Mahabharata like *Jesus Christ Superstar* which was performed 20 years ago. "It is a two hour plus rock opera," she says. She is also doing two web series, one in Bengali and the other in Tamil.

So, here is to another 30 years of the feisty lady.

ENCOUNTER 15 MINUTES

## 'Won't do intimate scenes'

Actor PRIYAMANI says that she doesn't want to associate herself with sexual content in the webspace

The National award-winning actor Priyamani, who stars in the web series — *The Family Man* along with Manoj Bajpayee, said that she avoids intimate scenes because such content is not suitable for a family audience.

"I don't want to associate myself with sexual content in the webspace. I understand that as an actor I should be comfortable with different characters. I am also not degrading those actors who are part of stories that require intimate scenes, but as an actor, I wouldn't be doing any intimidating scene because I am not comfortable with it," Priyamani said.

The web series tells the story of a middle-aged, middle-class man who is on a mission to achieve something extraor-



dinary in order to protect the country. Priyamani plays the role of his wife.

Sharing the insight of her character in the show, the cel-

ebrated south Indian actor said, "My character Suchitra is a housewife who is constantly trying to balance everything in her life. She changes role from

mother to father in the absence of her husband and spends quality time with them. I think women have the natural ability to do multi-tasking. She is the boss of the house but at the same time she has the desire to explore new opportunity as a professional."

She added Suchitra is not aware about the profession of her husband. She often misunderstood him and his work. However, as the series moves forward one can see that she discovers more about him.

Priyamani commenced her career in 2003 with a Tamil film, *Ullam*. She has also done films like — *Paruthiveeran*, *Thirakkatha*, *Mana Oori*, *Ramayanam* and many more.

The actor is interested in exploring more opportunities in Hindi cinema. And she

hopes that the show will help her gain offers. But, simultaneously she mentioned that she won't wear a bikini like other mainstream actors.

"When I wore a swimsuit for the first time in one of my films, I received flak from people. They asked if I was trying to build a glamorous image. In south India, a major chunk of audience is traditional. They are not the Bollywood cinegoers. Having said that I applaud those girls who have the confidence to flaunt their skin gracefully on the screen," said she.

*The Family Man* is directed by Raj Nidimoru and Krishna DK. The show also features Sharib Hashmi, Darshan Kumar, Gul Panag, Dalip Tahil among others.

—JANS

Ever since it was announced that actor Kangana Ranaut will be essaying the role of former chief minister of Tamil Nadu late Jayalalithaa in a biopic on the superstar-turned-politician, there was a lot of anticipation around how the actor would look, especially in her older version.

Producer Vishnu Induri, who had earlier revealed that Hollywood artist, Jason Collins, who has worked on films like *Blade Runner* and *Caption Marvel*, will be working on Kangana's look in *Thalaivi*. Kangana flew to Los Angeles a few days ago for the same, and now, few pictures of her undergoing a transformation have been revealed.

Sister Rangoli Chandel shared the pictures on her social media where we can see Kangana being completely covered in prosthetic glue for her tests, which she must have kept for a long time for the team to have a set to check and work upon.

Rangoli explained the process and said how difficult it is to be an actor. She tweeted, "This is how measurements for

## Thalaivi in the making



prosthetics are taken. It's not easy to be an actor. Kangana is so calm in something which is so suffocating for us to even watch."

The actor, when she was leaving for LA, had earlier said, "I am very curious about this process. I don't know how it will impact my expressions and

approach to my character but this is going to be a one-of-a-kind experience for me."

The prosthetics will be in addition to Kangana's lessons for Bharatnatyam and Tamil. The film will go on floors post Diwali and will be shot in Mysore, Karnataka.



# Amit 1st Indian to enter Worlds final

PTI ■ EKATERINBURG

Asian champion Amit Panghal (52kg) on Friday became the first Indian to enter the finals of the World Men's Boxing Championship while Manish Kaushik (63kg) signed off with a Bronze medal after going down in the semifinals here.

Second seeded Panghal prevailed 3-2 against Kazakhstan's Saken Bibossinov in the last-four stage.

But Commonwealth Games Silver-winner Kaushik, competing in his debut world championship, lost 0-5 to top-seeded Cuban Andy Gomez Cruz.

"The bout went very well for me although I had to put in more effort than I had thought. It is a huge achievement for Indian boxing and I am thankful for all the support that I have got," Panghal said after the triumph.

Today, he will take on Uzbekistan's



Amit Panghal (52kg) being declared the winner of his bout against Saken Bibossinov at World C'ship PTI

Shakhobidin Zoirov, the reigning Olympic champion. Zoirov defeated Frenchman Billal Bennama in his semifinal showdown.

Before this, India had never won more than one Bronze medal in a single edition of the world championships but Panghal and Kaushik changed that by making the semifinals.

"I am obviously very happy but there is an unfinished business as of now. I have worked really hard and I would like to ensure that I get the best prize," Panghal said.

"The guy I fought today was taller but he didn't have the kind of power that I have. My rival tomorrow (final) is an unknown entity to me. I haven't fought him before. I will rely on old videos to figure him out," he said.

His trademark pace and ability to adapt coming in handy, Panghal outma-

neuvered the taller Kazakh, who came into the semis after upstaging reigning Artur Hovhannisyan in the quarterfinals.

The diminutive Armyman was more accurate, put more power into his punches and was sharp defensively against the Kazakh. This was after Panghal spent most of the first round getting a measure of his rival.

Bibossinov was no pushover either and tried his level best to cash in on the height advantage but the Indian kept him at a distance to ensure that most of the Kazakh's attacks either didn't connect or lacked in impact.

In the other semifinal bout featuring an Indian, Kaushik struggled to keep up with the Cuban, whose counter-attacking game was simply outstanding.

Kaushik did get a few body punches through but couldn't fend off the counter-strikes that came his way in all the three rounds.



Manish Kaushik (blue) during his bout against Andy Gomez Cruz at World Men's Boxing Championship. Kaushik signed off with a Bronze medal after going down in the semifinals PTI

## I knew I'll get a medal: Manish

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A medallist on debut at amateur boxing's biggest stage, world championship Bronze-winner Manish Kaushik (63kg) says he was sure of finishing on the podium in Russia, the day he triumphed in the selection trials.

The 25-year-old, who hails from Devsar village which is about 5km from the cradle of Indian boxing — Bhiwani, signed off with a Bronze on Friday after losing 0-5 to top-seeded Cuban Andy Gomez Cruz.

"My draw was tough and before that I had a tough trial bout against Shiva (Thapa). Once I beat him, I got the confidence that I would win a world medal," Kaushik said, referring to his long-standing home rivalry with Thapa, a three-time Asian medallist and a 2015 world Bronze-winner.

The disappointment of the semifinal loss apart, Kaushik can take heart from a stellar run at the big event. Among the opponents he took down en route the semifinals was Mongolia's fourth-seeded Baatarsukhiin Chinzorig, an Asian Games Silver-medallist and a two-time Asian Championships medal-winner.

Speaking of getting better, coming up for him is the Olympic Qualifiers in February next year in China. The medal in Ekaterinburg has sealed his spot in the Indian team and Kaushik said he couldn't have been more relieved.

"Now that I am assured of a place in the Olympic Qualifiers, I feel there is less pressure on me," he said.

"I can prepare myself more confidently as I know that I don't have to give trials. It would help me be at my best in the qualifiers and hopefully clinch a spot for Tokyo," he added.

Shrugging off his controversial semifinal defeat, Bajrang Punia bagged his third World Championship medal while Ravi Dahiya made his debut memorable by grabbing a Bronze here on Friday.

Bajrang was already India's only multiple-medallist at the Worlds and he consolidated his record with his narrow 8-7 win over Mongolia's Tulga Tumur Ochir, the under-23 Asian champion.

Bajrang held off a spirited challenge from Ochir who had raced to a 6-0 lead but true to his style, the Indian ruled the second period with a flurry of moves.

He had won a Silver medal last year and a Bronze in the 2013 edition in Budapest. It was Bajrang's first tournament of the season where he did not make the final though he qualified for the Tokyo Olympics in this championships.

"I will never forget what they did to me. I was so heartbroken that I did not even want to fight for Bronze today," Bajrang said, referring to his controversial semifinal defeat against home wrestler Daulet Niyazbekov.

"The whole world saw what they did. I had worked so hard for the World Championship Gold. I appeal to the UWW to do something about it.

"My coaches told me medal is a medal so I agreed to compete in this bout. I am glad I gave India third World medal," he added.

Ravi was up against Reza Ahmadali Atrinagharchi, the reigning Asian champion from Iran, and capped his stunning debut with a 6-3 win in the Bronze medal bout.

"I have achieved what I wanted. I have an Olympic quota and a medal too. I have gained a lot of experience. I will get better," said Ravi, son of a farmer from Nahri Village in Sonapat district in Haryana.

This was India's third medal of the championships — all Bronze. Vinesh Phogat had also won a

# Hat-trick of medals

### Bajrang swells Worlds tally with third podium finish; Ravi grabs Bronze on debut



Bajrang Punia (65kg) who bagged his third World C'ship medal with his compatriot Ravi Dahiya (57kg) who grabbed a Bronze PTI

Bronze in women's 53 kg event.

The last time India won three medals at the Worlds was in 2013 when Amit Dahiya, Bajrang and Sandeep Tulsy Yadav stood on the podium.

India also clinched two Olympic quotas through Bajrang (65kg) and Ravi (57kg).

However, double Olympic medallist Sushil Kumar, who returned to the Worlds after eight

years, exited after a 9-11 first round defeat in 74kg against Khadzhimurad Gadzhiev of Azerbaijan. Sushil was leading 9-4 but seven points in a row to his opponent to lose the bout.

The Azerbaijani wrestler later lost his quarterfinal bout to USA's Jordan Ernest Burroughs, resulting to Sushil's ouster from the championship.

For Ravi, it was a memorable World Championships. He had shocked Arsen Harutunyan, the 61kg European champion from Armenia and 2017 world champion and world number three Yuki Takahashi of Japan before losing to Zaur Uguev of Russia.

In the bronze play-off, Ravi stayed ahead of his Iranian opponent, who made the first move but it was the Indian who scored two points on counter. With a take-down following a double leg attack, Ravi led 4-3 at the break as he conceded one point for stepping out an two on his rival's move.

Another takedown made it 6-3 for Ravi and he held on to the lead to ensure his place on the podium.

Ochir put Bajrang under a lot of pressure from the beginning as he pushed the Indian outside the mat to take lead. He locked Bajrang's arms to prevent attacks and then effected a four-point throw to lead 6-0.

Bajrang got on board with a counter

and true to his style made a superb comeback in the second period. He first erased the deficit and then took lead with a flurry of moves to eventually nail the medal.

Asked if he found his defence lacking since he has been trailing in his bouts, Bajrang replied: "No, that's my style. I do well after trailing. I have been doing that for years."

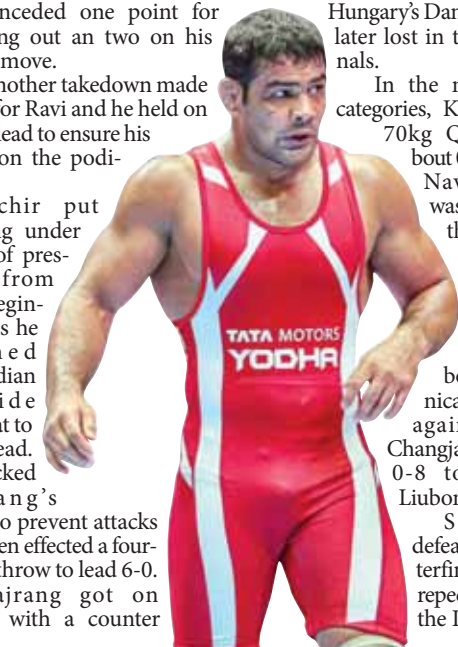
Last year also, it was only at the Asian Championship in Bishkek where he did not reach the final, finishing with a Bronze.

In the other category which offered Olympic qualification on Friday, Sumit Malik lost his 125kg first round bout 0-2 to Hungary's Daniel Ilieti, who later lost in the quarterfinals.

In the non-Olympic categories, Karan lost his 70kg Qualification bout 0-7 to Ikhtiyor Navruzov and was ousted when the Uzbek lost in the quarterfinal.

In 92kg, Parveen won his first bout by technical superiority against Korea's Changjae Su but lost 0-8 to Ukraine's Liubomir Sagaliuk.

Sagaliuk's defeat in the quarterfinals shut the repechage door on the Indian.



## Bopanna wants to play with Sharan in Olympics



Rohan Bopanna (R) and Karman Kaur Thandi interact with the media PTI

PTI ■ CHENNAI

Indian tennis ace Rohan Bopanna on Friday said he plans to team up with Divij Sharan and represent the country at the men's doubles event in next year's Olympics but for that to happen, they need to keep their rankings high.

Bopanna started the year playing alongside the left-handed Sharan and won the Pune Open title.

"I started in Pune with Divij. Obviously, me and Divij wanted to try to play the whole year together but unfortunately our rankings were not high enough," Bopanna, who has subsequently partnered Canadian Denis Shapovalov, said."And we had to forcefully change partners in March because we were not getting into any of the 500s or Masters Series events and with Indian Wells, Miami, Monte Carlo,

Barcelona, Monte Carlo, Madrid, Rome all coming up, it was for us to find different partners or just miss the entire season and not play at all.

"Unfortunately at that point we had no option but to change partners wherever we can play together we are still playing together," he added.

As for playing the Tokyo Olympics with Sharan, he said, "Absolutely for the Olympics, we need to make sure our rankings are high enough to play together."

"Wherever we can play together, we are still trying to. That is the key. The good part is that the ranking deadline for the Olympics is the 2020 French Open.



B Sai Praneeth returns a shot during his match BWF

## India's campaign end in China

PTI ■ CHANGZHOU

B Sai Praneeth suffered a three-game loss to world No 9 Anthony Sinisuka Ginting in the quarterfinals to draw curtains on India's campaign at the China Open World Tour Super 1000 badminton tournament on Friday.

Almost a month after dispatching the Indonesian en route his historic world championships Bronze at Basel, world No 15 Praneeth went down to the same opponent 21-16, 6-21, 16-21 in 55 minutes to end his campaign here.

Ginting will now take on eighth seeded Denmark's Anders Antonsen, who had clinched the Silver at the World Championships.

Praneeth, who had reached the finals of Swiss Open early this year, came into the match with a 3-2 advantage in the head-to-head count against Ginting but he ran out of steam after winning the opening game.

In the second game, Ginting galloped to a 9-4 lead after grabbing six straight points and entered the interval with a cushion of 11-5.

The Indonesian continued to rule the roost after the break, jumping to a massive 18-6 lead and soon roared back into the contest.

The decider was a close affair as Praneeth erased a 2-6 deficit to catch up with Ginting and was ahead 11-7 at the breather. A fighting Ginting, however, turned the tables after reeling off six points on the trot to reach 13-12.

The Indonesian kept his hold on the proceedings after that to grab four match points and converted it easily to enter the semifinals.

## Sathiyar enters Asian quarters

PTI ■ YOGYAKARTA

G Sathiyar on Friday became only the second Indian to reach the men's singles quarterfinals at the Asian Table Tennis Championships when he defeated An-Ji Song of North Korea here.

Sathiyar, currently the top-ranked Indian in the world, hardly broke a sweat as he notched up a 11-7, 11-8, 11-6 win against his North Korean opponent in the pre-quarterfinal match that lasted 22 minutes.

The only other occasion when an Indian paddler had reached the singles quarterfinals was when Sudhir Phadke beat a Chinese in the pre-quarterfinals of the Asian Championships in Pyongyang way back in 1976.

The Indian, ranked 30 in the world, will take on world number 4 Chinese Lin Gaoyuan in the quarterfinals.

"I am extremely happy to reach the quarterfinals for the first time and it has been a wonderful journey so far. I would really love to set the bar high for Indian table tennis and hungry to go even further in the tournament," said an elated Sathiyar.



G Sathiyar celebrates after winning his last 16 match ITTF/Twitter

all the pressure is on Gaoyuan.

Reminded that he and Achanta Sharath Kamal had an impressive outing against Gao and his partner earlier in the day in men's doubles, Sathiyar said, "Yes, we were almost in the medal round and that would have been historic. But in the decider they (Chinese) pulled it off."

In the men's doubles, the pair of Sathiyar and Sharath Kamal failed to reach the medal round in the men's double as they lost to the Chinese duo of Liang Jingkun and Lin Gaoyuan 6-11, 12-10, 7-11, 11-8, 7-11.

Except for Sharath and Harmeet Desai who could

not go past the round of 64, the other three Indians — Sathiyar, Amalraj and Manav — made it to the round of 32 in the men's singles. Only Sathiyar survived to move into the pre-quarterfinals and then to the quarterfinals while the other two exited.

Among the women players, only Ayhika entered the pre-quarterfinals before losing to three-time world champion and reigning Olympic champion Ding Ning of China 5-11, 13-11, 4-11, 9-11.

Manika Batra lost to Hitomi Sato of Japan 9-11, 8-11, 4-11 in the round of 32 while Archana lost to Feng Tianwei of Singapore 9-11, 9-11, 11-9, 4-11.



Mandeep Singh & Rupinder Pal Singh in a file picture PTI

## Rupinder, Lalit back for Belgium tour

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Forward Lalit Upadhyay and drag-flicker Rupinderpal Singh on Friday returned to the 20-member Indian men's hockey squad, to be led by Manpreet Singh, for the tour of Belgium from September 26 to October 3.

India will be playing three matches against Belgium and two matches against Spain during the week-long tour.

Upadhyay will be making a comeback after having last played during the men's World Cup in Bhubaneswar. Rupinderpal had missed out on the Olympic Test Event earlier this year.

Goalkeeper PR Sreejesh joins the side after being rested for the Olympic Test Event while Krishan B Pathak is the other goalkeeper in the team.

"All the players in the squad complement each other very well and we are hoping that the team continues its good form. We are delighted to have Lalit back in the squad as he will play a vital role in the forward line," chief coach Graham Reid said.

He was also happy that Rupinderpal worked on his game during his time away from the national team and is now back in the mix.

"It's fantastic to have Rupinderpal back in the side as well, he has improved his game since the Men's Series Finals. We are still looking to fine-tune a few aspects of our game before we leave for Belgium," said Reid.

The Australian said that the tour of Belgium will be the perfect preparation for the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers match against Russia in Odisha.

"Belgium are a strong team and if we perform well against them at their own backyard, then the team will gain a lot of confidence ahead of the Olympic Qualifiers match against Russia. We are expecting a tough challenge from Spain as well."



## Kuldeep not worried about T20s exclusion

PTI ■ MYSURU

Commission from T20 International squads for India's last two series hasn't bothered Kuldeep Yadav too much as the chinaman bowler feels it is an opportunity for him to do well in five-day format of the game.

Kuldeep was dropped from India's T20I squads for the West Indies tour and home series against South Africa but that hasn't dented his confidence.

"So far, I have done a good job in limited-overs format. I feel very comfortable with the white ball," Kuldeep told reporters.

"I am not worried about not being picked for the last two T20I series. Maybe the selectors felt I needed a break. Maybe the team thinks some changes are required. I respect that, and I have no complaints. I see this as an opportunity to do well in Tests."

Kuldeep was part of the India A side for the second unofficial Test against South Africa A, which ended in a draw in Mysore on Friday.

The wrist spinner had a decent outing in the game, scalping 4 for 121 in 29 overs in the only innings India bowled in the match.

In 68 T20 matches since that 2016 T20 World Cup, Kuldeep has taken 81 wickets at an average of 22.97 (ninth-best in the world, second among Indians), and an economy rate of 7.60 (fifth among Indians).

Kuldeep, however, feels it is very difficult to adjust to red-ball cricket after consistently featuring in the limited-overs formats.

"It's hard to play red-ball cricket when you aren't consistently playing that format," he said.

"If you aren't a regular in this format, it takes time to get into your rhythm. When you are consistently playing limited overs and suddenly switch to Tests without much preparation, it will be tough to excel.

"You need to bowl long spells, play practice games, to understand field placements and to know how to pick wickets. It



Kuldeep Yadav poses for photo during India's practice session

BCCI/Twitter

## Need to look beyond Dhoni now: Gavaskar

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Former captain and batting legend Sunil Gavaskar believes that time has come for Indian cricket to “look beyond Mahendra Singh Dhoni” and invest in youth going into next year’s World T20 in Australia.

However, there has been a raging debate on the options available as Rishabh Pant has not been able to grab his opportunities. But he remains Gavaskar's "top-choice" going into the marquee event next year.

Asked if Dhoni should be picked for the Bangladesh tour, Gavaskar replied in the negative.

"No, we need to look beyond. Mahendra Singh Dhoni at least doesn't figure in my team. If you are talking about the T20 World Cup, I will certainly think about Rishabh Pant," Gavaskar told *Aaj Tak*.

For Gavaskar, if Pant doesn't do well, then Sanju Samson is the next best option.

"If I need to have an alternate option, then I will think of Sanju Samson because Sanju is a good keeper as well as a good batsman."

"If I have to think of the T20 World Cup, I would think about youth as we need to look forward. Dhoni has made great contribution to Indian cricket but it's now time to look beyond him," the iconic opener said.



Rishabh Pant bats during nets session *AF*

Later on the *India Today* channel, Gavaskar said: "I think he (Dhoni) should be going without being pushed out."

Dhoni, who is yet to announce his international retirement, took a two-month sabbatical from the sport after the ODI World Cup but the current selection committee has already indicated that it doesn't want to look behind.

However, Pant's inconsistency and poor shot-selection is hurting the team's interest as head coach Ravi Shastri had recently pointed out.

## ‘Shreyas, Pandey will keep Rahul on his toes’

**FIANS** ■ NEW DELHI

Former Indian skipper Sourav Ganguly feels Lokesh Rahul will be kept on his toes by Shreyas Iyer and Manish Pandey for the No 4 slot in ODIs, a position which has been debated a lot by the team management over the last couple of years.

Iyer was preferred over Rahul in the three ODIs against the West Indies and he grabbed the opportunity with both hands by scoring two half-centuries in the two games he played and forced

his way into the T20I side.

Meanwhile, Rahul, who has been in indifferent form in all the three formats of the game, recently lost his place in the Test squad for the upcoming three-match series against South Africa.

"With Rohit and Shikhar at the top as the best possible opening pair, KL Rahul will be pushed. He has lost his place in Test cricket due to indifferent form and the likes of Shreyas and Manish Pandey will keep him on his toes if he wants to hold onto the No 4 slot," Ganguly wrote in

his column for *The Times of India*.

"Shreyas Iyer finds a place in the T20 squad, a reward for his good show in the 50-overs games in West Indies," he added.

The former India skipper also spoke about the visiting Proteas team and said that they are in a rebuilding phase. "They need to look at the system back home. Not very long ago, they boasted of having enormous talent, but like many teams, they have dropped a few levels down," Ganguly said.



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