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# **COMMUNICATION LOST WITH 'VIKRAM'**

### 2.1 kms from moon surface, live feed from lander snaps

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s Chandrayaan-2 "Vikram" Alander began a successful manoeuvering for soft landing on the south pole of the moon early on Saturday, the live feed of the historic moment could not be telecast due to breakdown of communication just as the lander was about 2.1 km from the lunar surface around 2.05 am (IST).

At the time of the paper going to press, ISRO chief K Sivan said, "Vikram lander descent was as planned and normal. Performance observed up to altitude of 2.1 km. Subsequently communications from lander to ground station was lost. The data is being analysed."

Later Prime Minister Narendra Modi — who had arrived at the Yelahanka Airbase on Friday night to witness from an ISRO centre in Bengaluru the planned landing of Vikram — addressed the mission scientists and said, "It is not a small achievement, country is proud of you."

Not only India but the entire world waited with bated breath for the soft-landing of the "Vikram" on the south pole of the lunar surface, the first

attempt by any country.

The euphoria was visible among domestic and international scientist community.

Former NASA astronaut Ierry Linenger — who flew on

Russian space station Mir that operated in low Earth orbit from 1986 to 2001 for five months — said, "It's a fantastic mission, everybody should be so excited. And I'm going to be sitting on the edge of my seat. And it's a privilege for me to be here, lending some expertise to that live broadcast."

The US space community believes that the landmark mission would help them enrich their understanding of the moon's geology. The Indian Embassy in Washington arranged a live screening and presentation on Chandrayaan-2's landing.

Now moon's south pole is likely to become one of the most important places on the lunar surface, said Space.Com, adding that it will become the southernmost spot on the moon to be visited by a spacecraft. "It will be in completely new terrain," Brett Denevi, a planetary scientist at Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, told scientific journal Nature.

Å few hours after Vikram touches down on the moon, rover "Pragyaan" will emerge from the lander and roll out onto the lunar surface between 5.30 am and 6.30 am.

explained about Pragyaan. The cubical vehicle, exclusively designed for travelling on the moon, is fitted with a solar panel. Two navigation cameras, which could be called as its left rover will be relayed to Vikram



### KNOW ABOUT LANDER, ROVER

Lander — Vikram Weight — 1,471 kg **Electric Power Generation** Capability — 650 W The Lander of Chandrayaan 2 is named Vikram after Dr Vikram A Sarabhai, the Father of the Indian Space Programme. It is designed to function for one lunar day, which is equivalent to about 14 Earth days. Vikram has the capability to

communicate with IDSN at Byalalu near Bangalore, as well as with the Orbiter and Rover. The Lander is designed to execute a soft landing on the lunar surface

VIKRAM PAYLOADS

The lunar ionosphere is a highly dynamic plasma environment. Langmuir probes, such as RAMBHA, have proven to be an effective diagnostic tool to gain information in such conditions <u>ChaSTE measures the vertical temperature gradient and thermal</u> conductivity of the lunar surface. It consists of a thermal probe (sensors and a heater) that is inserted into the lunar regolith

Instrument for Lunar Seismic Activity (ILSA)
ILSA is a triple axis, MEMS-based seismometer that can detect minute ground displacement, velocity, or acceleration caused by lunar quakes. Its primary objective is to characterise the seismicity around the landing site

and right eye, are mounted on top of it besides an Alpha par-ticle X-ray spectrometer, receive In a short video, ISRO and transmit antenna and rocker bogie assembly.

Soon after rolling on the moon soil, Pragyaans battery will be activated to release its solar panel. The scans of the

and then earth and it will be processed at mission control for path planning.

Subsequently, instructions for the rovers movement will be transmitted back to it. The six wheels of the rover are attached with "rocker bogie" to over-come obstacles as it moves forChandrayaan 2's

**Electric Power** 

Generation

Capability

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Rover is a 6-wheeled robotic vehicle named Pragyan, which translates to 'wisdom' in Sanskrit. It can travel up to 500 m (1/2-a-km) and leverages solar energy for its functioning. It can only

communicate with the Lander

Alpha Particle X-ray Spectr

PRAGYAN PAYLOADS

APXS' primary objective is to determine the elemental composition of the Moon's surface near the landing site. It achieves this through X-ray fluorescence spectroscopy technique, where X-ray or alpha particles are used to excite the surface. APXS can detect all major rock-forming elements such as Sodium, Magnesium, Aluminium, Silica, Calcium, Titanium, Iron, and some trace. Titanium, Iron, and some trace elements such as Strontium, Yttrium and Zirconium

LIBS' prime objective is to identify and determine the abundance of elements near the landing site. It does this by firing high-powered laser pulses at various locations and analysing the radiation emitted by the decaying plasma

CHANDRAYAAN 2 is on a mission unlike any before. Leveraging nearly a decade of scientific research and engineering development, India's second lunar expedition will shed light on a completely unexplored section of the Moon South Polar region

This mission will help us gain a better understanding of the origin and evolution of the

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Moon by conducting detailed topographical studies, comprehensive mineralogical analyses, and a host of other experiments on the lunar

While there, we will also explore discoveries made by Chandrayaan 1, such as the presence of water molecules on the Moon and new rock types with unique chemical composition





## States get cold feet as MVA fines raise people's hackles

The hefty penalties under the new Motor Vehicle Act has triggered massive protest across the country with people manhandling traffic policemen at several places and some States, including BJP-ruled Gujarat, refraining from enforcing the Act. The Delhi Government says they are still studying the new Act, but the Centre has already implemented it.

States which have not implemented the Act so far are West Bengal, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan and Punjab. BJPruled Gujarat has contended that the high fines do not seem feasible and they will implement the new norms only after getting a report from the RTO. Another BJP-ruled Goa said the new Motor Vehicles Act would be implemented in the State from next week.

Meanwhile, the Odisha Government has decided to relax penalty norm for a period of 30 days, for air and noise pollution, following public outcry over imposition of heavy fines on violators of traffic rules.

"In view of long queues for pollution test in the State, the Government has decided not to charge ₹10,000 as penalty for air and noise pollution from violators for the next 30 days. This is effective from September 6," according to State Commerce and Transport Secretary G Srinivas.

The Delhi Government has said it is still working on some categories of offences where it can reduce the quantum of penalties. "Many States are saying they won't implement it. But the Centre has implemented it and States do not have any discretionary power. States can decide the quantum of penalties only in certain categories of offences. But the Centre has kept a very few such categories. Maximum cases will end up in court. We are studying how States are saying no," Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said.

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"They have no option but to comply with the amended Motor Vehicles Act, which has several new provisions including higher penalties for traffic offences, as the Central law will prevail even if a State Government frames its own law. Motor vehicle laws fall under provisions of Concurrent List and thus condefine the power available to the State. The States that are delaying enforcement of provisions may also face questions from auditors for revenue loss," said the official.

Ministry officials said the penalties notified by the Centre are minimum and the States have the power to increase them 10 fold, for instance if the drunk driving penalty is ₹10,000 it is up to the State whether it wants to continue with this minimum Centre's notified penalty or revise to the maximum of ₹1 lakh.

While Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari said steep penal-ties under the amended Motor Vehicles Act are not meant to collect fines but to ensure that people do not violate the law, the new regulations have seen collection of a whopping ₹1.41 crore through challans in just four days in two States since its implementation as per the records availability.

"There is a misconception among people. If they abide by the laws, there will be no fine imposed. The law has not been imposed to collect fines. It has been brought into force so that people take traffic rules seriously and do not violate them," Gadkari said

### Collegium names 3 for Allahabad HC judge post

New Delhi (PTI): The Friday recommended that three of the four additional judges of the Allahabad High Court be made permanent judges.

The collegium of the Allahabad High Court had recommended elevating these four additional judges as permanent judges against the existing vacancies on February 18 and April 8.

A three-member collegium headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and comprising justices SA Bobde and NV Ramana considered the opinion of the judges who are conversant with the affairs of high court, report of the judgement evaluation committee, complaints received against one of the judges and law ministry and recommended the names of Irshad Ali, Neeraj Tiwari and Virendra Kumar-II as permanent judges. "In view of the above, the Collegium resolves to recommend that: Justices (1) Irshad Ali, and (2) Neeraj Tiwari, Additional Judges be appointed as Permanent Judges of the Allahabad High Court against the existing vacancies," the three-member Collegium said in the resolution uploaded on the apex court website.

### on free Metro ride: SC to AAP Govt Bear land cost for Ph-IV with Centre equally,

Delhi Govt told PTI NEW DELHI

 ${f T}$ he Supreme Court on Friday said the operational loss, if any, in the 104 km long Phase IV of the Delhi Metro project would be borne by the Delhi govern ment as it is a mode of conveyance in the national capital.

The Delhi government is bound to ensure that the financial health of Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) is maintained properly and no steps are taken that might result in loss-es, it said. The top court, how-ever, directed that the land cost for the project would be borne by the Centre and the Delhi government equally, in 50:50 ratio. A bench of justices Arun Mishra and Deepak Gupta asked the authorities concerned to ensure that no delay is caused in the Phase IV metro project and the total land cost of Rs 2,447.19 crore is released forthwith.

The bench directed both the Centre and the Delhi government to work out the modalities and release the amount of land cost within three weeks. The top

time to DDA to clarify its stand on increasing financial contri-bution, as proposed by EPCA, in three priority corridors of the fourth phase of the Delhi Metro project. The 103.94 km long phase-IV of Delhi metro will consist of six corridors — Aerocity to Tughlakabad; Inderlok to Indraprastha; Lajpat Nagar to Saket G Block; Mukundpur to Maujpur; Janakpuri West to RK Ashram and Rithala to Bawana and Narela. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) had on March 9 this year approved the 61.66 km, three priority corridors — Aerocity to Tughlakabad, R K Ashram to Janakpuri (west) and Mukundpur to Maujpur — at a cost of Rs 24,948.65 crore.

Won't let you splurge public money

The Environment Pollution Control Authority (EPCA) had suggested that DDA can be



court had on July 29 granted asked to give Rs 2,500 crore for the three priority corridors out of their agreed Rs 5,000 crore for six corridors of phase-IV. The EPCA, in its report filed earlier in the apex court, had said that the total share of Delhi government in the three corridors of phase-IV of metro is around Rs 7,844.07 crore but the Delhi Cabinet in December 2018 approved only Rs 5,994.50 crore. Therefore, the difference in financial terms is at most Rs 1,800 crore, which constitutes some 7 per cent of the total project cost of these 3 key corridors," the EPCA had said. It had said DDA agreed to pay Rs 5,000 crore for the six corridors and "its contribution for the first three corridors could be increased to either partially or completely taking on the difference between the Delhi cabinet approved cost for the three corridors as against the final approved cost".

The apex court had on July 12 ordered that phase-IV of the Delhi metro project, which is estimated to add around 18.6 lakh riders per day, be implemented forthwith and construction work for it be started. Of the 103.94 km to be constructed under phase-IV, 37.01 km will be underground while around 66.92 km will be elevated. The estimated cost of the project is Rs 46,845 crore.

murdering his wife. "The FIR was registered under IPC sections 302 (murder) and 201 (causing disappearance of evidence of offence, or giving false information) against IAS Umesh Kumar Singh at Chinhat police station here in connection with his wife Anita

FIR against

IAS officer for

wife's 'murder'

Lucknow: An FIR has been

cer posted as Director of the

State Urban Development

Agency (SUDA) for allegedly

Anita (42) died of bullet injuries on September 1 at the officer's residence located in the Chinhat area.

Singh's death," a senior police

official said.

The FIR was registered on a complaint lodged by the victim's cousin Rajiv Kumar Singh, who alleged that the IAS officer had relations with other women due to which his sister was not happy and Umesh used to beat her.

"She used to protest against her husband, who used to beat her. She had also apprehended that something untoward could happen. On September 1, we were informed about the incident. We reached the post-mortem house. As all of us were very upset, we could not understand what to do," Rajiv said in his complaint.

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## despot, passes away

Harare: Robert Mugabe, the former guerrilla leader tuned despot who ruled Zimbabwe for 37 years until



forced out by the military, has died aged 95, the country's President announced on Friday. First heralded as a liberator who rid the former British colony of Rhodesia of white minority rule, Mugabe used repression and fear to govern until he was finally ousted by

his previously loyal generals in November 2017. "It is with the utmost sadness that I announce the passing on of Zimbabwe's founding father and former President... Robert Mugabe," President Emmerson Mnangagwa said in a tweet.

Mugabe died at 2.40 GMT in Singapore, where he had been hospitalised in April.

## Mugabe, Zimbabwe's Wrong corpse! Courier firm's body blow to grieving family courier which had booked the coffin on

A silly mistake by a courier company has left the family members of a deceased shocked as they received an unidentified body in the coffin while waiting to perform the last rites for their deceased family member.

Seetaram Purohit, a resident of Shri Dungargarh in Bikaner, passed away after suffering a heart attack in Mumbai on Wednesday.

His family members travelled to Bikaner in a plane along with his body, which had been packed in a coffin by a courier company, people with knowledge of the incident said.

On arriving back home on Thursday morning, the family was shocked to see an unknown body, and contacted the

the flight.

Accepting their fault, the company said that the body, which had got exchanged with that of late Prakash Kumar (35), a resident of Odisha's Jajpur district, had arrived in Bhubaneshwar and they promised to restitute

Purohit's body soon. Kumar's body was sent to Bhubaneshwar on Thursday afternoon, while Purohit's body was delivered in Jaipur, from where it was shifted to Shri Dungargarh in an ambulance. Purohit's last rites were performed on Friday.

## **CAPSULE**

BUDDHADEB ADMITTED IN HOSPITAL Kolkata: Ex-WB Chief Minister

Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee, who has been suffering from coronary obstructive pulmonary disease. was on Friday admitted to hospital in critical condition. But he is on the mend.

ALKA LAMBA QUITS AAP, JOINS CONGRESS New Delhi: Disgruntled AAP MLA Alka Lamba on Fridav

announced that she has returned

IAS BABU QUITS, CRIES THREAT TO DEMOCRACY

to the Congress.

Mangaluru: A Karnataka IAS officer resigned on Friday, claiming that the fundamental building blocks of democracy are being compromised.

## **CM Yogi: Saharanpur on path** of speedy development

Lays foundation stones of projects worth over ₹450 crore

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laiming that Saharanpur had now taken the path of speedy development, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that abrogation of Article 370 granting special status to Jammu and Kashmir and strict law against instant triple talaq had given a new dimension to the country's development agenda.

"Law against triple talaq has not only ended the harassment of Muslim women but has also given a new identity to them for their all-round development. Besides, abrogation of Article 370 will set a new milestone in the development of

Jammu and Kashmir," he

Addressing a large gathering at Gangoh in Saharanpur on Friday after laying the foundation stones of projects worth over ₹450 crore and distributing certificates of welfare schemes to the beneficiaries, the Chief Minister said that Saharanpur had now adopted the path of nationalism and it would give a new identity to the area with all-round develop-

"A new airport is coming up in the district and it will decrease the distances between Saharanpur and Delhi and Lucknow," he said.

The Chief Minister said the government was taking steps to provide a global identity to the Nakkashi Bazaar in Saharanpur in order to promote woodwork of the district.

"Saharanpur has benefited

One Product' scheme and today the wood carving work of the district is popular worldwide and has given this place a new identity," he said. Highlighting the welfare

measures taken by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Yogi Adityanath said Prime Minister Modi abrogated Article 370 granting special status to Jammu and Kashmir for creating 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat'

"Muslim women are getting an opportunity to live a respectful life with the enactment of law against triple talaq. Toilets have been constructed under the Swachh Bharat Mission in every needy household, specially for the benefit of women," he said.

In a scathing attack on Samajwadi Party, the Chief Minister said everyone knows what the situation was around two-and-half years back. "Riots took place here during Samajwadi Party regime, but now Uttar Pradesh will not have another 'Kairana'. A PAC battalion will be established in Kairana," he said.

"Now criminals are afraid of the government. No riots have taken place in the state in the last two-and-half years. All festivals are celebrated in peace and there is no restriction on celebrating any festival, whether it is Kanwar Yatra, or any other occasion," he said.

The Chief Minister said in 2017, when Bharatiya Janata Party formed the government in UP, anarchy prevailed in the state. "Illegal slaughterhouses a lot from the 'One District, were functioning across the



state but the state government decided to close them within 24 hours," he said.

"In a move to protect cows, the state government has decided to open cow shelters for stray cattle and funds have been made available to every district in this regard. Farmers who rear cattle will be given Rs 900," the Chief Minister said, adding that his government would not allow cow slaughter at any cost.

Referring to the welfare schemes of the Central and the state governments, the Chief Minister said they were implemented in the state without any discrimination. He said during the regimes of Samajwadi Party and Bahujan Samaj Party, there were anomalies in recruitment process and people of one community used to get jobs, but this was not happening today. "We have provided around 2.25

lakh jobs without any dis-

crimination in the last two and-half years," Adityanath said.

Claiming that the BJP slogan of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' was followed in both letter and spirit in the region, the Chief Minister said there was no discrimination in connecting welfare schemes with the

Giving the status of sugar mills, Yogi Adityanath said, The distillery of Nanota Sugar Mill will be operational soon. Besides, the plan to start Bidvi Sugar Mill is in process. During the tenure of Samajwadi Party, the cane payments were outstanding for five years but we paid arrears of Rs 73,000 crore."

The Chief Minister said that very soon a new state-level university would come up in Saharanpur for which land was being identified.

Several UP ministers and local MPs and MLAs were present in the programme.

## UP ministers to undergo refresher course at IIM-L

Lucknow (PNS): The ministers in the Yogi Adityanath government in Uttar Pradesh will undergo a refresher course at the Lucknow campus of the Indian Institute of Management to learn the finer points of efficient governance. The first such refresher course, or training session, by the professor of IIM-L will be held in its campus on September 8.

Official sources said here on Friday that the IIM training session would be attended by most of the ministers, including those

who inducted in the ministry recently. "Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has asked the first-time ministers to attend the course. It is mandatory for all the ministers to attend this training session," the sources said. While the first session will be held on September 8, the second one will be held on September 15 and the last one on September 22. Each session, which will commence from 0900 hours and continue till 1800 hours, will take up the issues of good governance, financial management, how to expedite files and how to monitor schemes and projects. "This course will help in increasing the efficiency of ministers. They will be taught the finer points of administration and how to deal with people when under duress. They will also learn a few things about managing their state, ople and themselves," the spokesman said.

IIM giving training to ministers is not new. A few years ago, IIM-Kozhikode had imparted training to Kerala Chief Minister Oommen Chandy and his ministers.

## **Bisalpur Nagar Palika** 'inadvertently' lists BJP **MLA** as land mafia

Orders probe

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The Uttar Pradesh unit of ■ Bharatiya Janata Party faced embarrassment when Bisalpur Nagar Palika in Pilibhit declared party MLA Ram Sharan Verma as a land mafia but when the legislator made a hue and cry, the civic body made a hasty retreat, saying it was a typographic error and ordered an enquiry into the matter.

The red-faced MLA has sent a defamation notice to the nagar palika officials, asking them to prove which government land he has grabbed and

The Bisalpur Nagar Palika issued a list of people who grabbed government land. The list, published in a newspaper, contains the names of 320 people, including the name of BJP MLA Ram Sharan Verma.

"I have sent a defamation notice to the nagar palika officials, asking them to prove

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which government land I have grabbed. The act of nagar palika is an attempt to tarnish my image and the image of my he party," Verma said in a statement on Friday.

Executive officer of Bisalpur Nagar Palika, Vandana, said the name of the BJP MLA inadvertently appeared in the list. "This was a typographic error. There is no intention to tarnish the image of the BJP MLA," she said in her clarification.

"An enquiry has been ordered into the matter and action would be taken against the guilty," she said.

The executive officer fur-

ther said that the list contained the names of those people who had grabbed govern-ment land. She said notices had also been served on these persons, asking them to explain from where they got the said

Ram Sharan Verma is a respected name of the region. He is a four-time MLA and was even minister in the Kalyan Singh government in Uttar

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## Arrest warrant issued against Azam Khan

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Camajwadi Party leader and Smember of parliament from Rampur, Moĥammad Azam Khan, may have to spend some time in jail as arrest warrant has been issued against him in three cases, including one filed after he made derogatory remarks against actress-turned-

politician Iava Prada. 80 cases have been registered, to prevent him from emerging has been ordered to appear in as a national leader.

Superintendent of Police of Rampur, Ajay Pal Sharma, confirmed that a warrant has been issued against the parliamentarthe outer wall of Azam Khan's residence in Rampur city.

During the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, Azam Khan had targeted Party workers to gear up for a

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gious function.

Tension prevailed in Mahoba district after

Bharatiya Janata Party MLA

Brijbhushan Rajpoot lodged a

strong protest and demanded

arrest of the persons who

allegedly served non-vegetari-

an biryani to Hindus at a reli-

The local administration

earlier tried to resolve the

issue and the local village

also called a panchayat and

assured of withdrawing the

FIR. However, with fresh

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his opponent and Bharatiya Janata Party candidate Jaya Prada, using an inappropriate jibe. He had been denied anticipatory bail in five other cases by court earlier.

Reacting to the litany of cases against Azam Khan, Samajwadi Party patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav in an earlier press conference had said that the Rampur MP was being Azam Khan, against whom wrongfully targeted by the BJP

The former chi of Uttar Pradesh had also called for a state-wide protest against the government's alleged mistreatment of Khan.

ian in three cases. Police have pasted a copy of the warrant on further said, "The entire Samajwadi Party and I stand by Azam Khan and I would also like to appeal to all Samajwadi

**Tension in Mahoba after** 

involvement of political lead-

ers demanding criminal pro-

ceedings, tension spread in the

area after which heavy police

deployment has been made to

has been registered against 43

persons for serving non-veg-etarian biryani to Hindus at a

community feast during a

'urs' festival in Mahoba

during the 'urs' of Sheikh

Peer Baba in Salat village in

Charkhari area on August 31,

Wednesday after the interven-

tion of BJP MLA Brijbhushan

Rajpoot, who visited the area

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Those named in the FIR

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the local police revealed.

The feast was organised

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Reports said that a case

avert any clash.

district.

**BJP MLA's protest** 

state-wide protest against the atrocities on Azam Khan."

Yadav also trained guns at the BJP directly and said, "I would not to like name anyone but a few BJP leaders have acknowledged that whatever is happening with Azam Khan is wrong and will cause the BJP damage somewhere."

The Rampur district court on Thursday rejected the bail plea filed by Azam Khan. The cases are related to the FIRs lodged by farmers accusing him of land-grab. The farme have accused Azam Khan of forcibly grabbing their land during the Samajwadi Party rule in Uttar Pradesh. The land is now a part of Azam Khan's

Jauhar University. The district administration on Wednesday ordered to take back 17.5 acres of land from Jauhar University, according to

lo meat was served mixed

with rice without alerting

the Hindus to intentionally

hurt their religious senti-

tered under sections 153A

(promoting enmity between

different groups on grounds of

religion, race, place of birth,

residence, language, etc., and

doing acts prejudicial to main-

tenance of harmony), 295A

(deliberate and malicious acts,

intended to outrage religious

feelings of any class by insult-

ing its religion or religious

beliefs), 420 (cheating and

dishonestly inducing deliv-

ery of property) and 506

(criminal intimidation) of the

ately served to hurt the sentiments of Hindus. Strict action

is needed in the matter,"

Rajpoot told reporters when

"The biryani was deliber-

Indian Penal Code.

The FIR has been regis-

Authorities claim that the

gate of Mohammad Ali Jauhar University, established by Azam Khan in 2006, is built on a government land. After the Bharatiya Janata Party came to power in Uttar Pradesh, a man named Akash Saxena brought this matter to the notice of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. The matter was sent to then Rampur District Magistrate Shiv Saĥai.

Meanwhile, Khan has linked the action against him in ing assembly bypolls in the state. He has been accusing the BJP government of committing "atrocity" to win the upcoming bypolls in the state, in reference to raids conducted at Jauhar University .

"They (UP government) want to destroy the university," he had recently alleged.

## Child killed in

Noor Jahan died after she was attacked by the leopard at Thursday.

by the leopard.

Divisional Forest officer RK Mittal said two teams had been constituted to trace the leopard and drone cameras

# Police said on Friday that

In a separate incident at Atrapari village on Friday, Tirath (60) was seriously injured when he was attacked

year-old girl was killed and an elderly person injured in a leopard attack in Sohelwa forest range area of Uttar Pradesh's Balrampur district.

Sitaram Purwa village on

### leopard attack Balrampur (PTI): A five

# were also being used.

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निवासी - देना बैंक, एच०आई०जी० - 21, without telling them. The FIR stated that buffamade," he said.

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contacted.

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## FIR against SUDA director for wife's murder, hiding evidence

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case was registered on A Friday against State Urban Development Agency (SUDA) director Umesh Pratap Singh in connection with the mysterious death of his wife Aneeta. The case was registered under IPC sections 302 (murder) and 201 (causing disappearance of evidence of offence, or giving false information) against Singh at Chinhat police station.

The FIR was registered on a complaint lodged by Aneeta's cousin Rajeev Kumar Singh, who is an advocate at the Lucknow bench of Allahabad High Court. Aneeta (42) was found dead at her house in Vikalp Khand (Gomti Nagar) on September

"Rajeev contested the police findings and alleged that his sister was done to death. Taking cognisance of his complaint, the police registered a case for murder and hiding/destroying evidence," a police spokesman said. Rajeev gave the complaint on Thursday night. Sources said the police were on a sticky wicket in terms of registering the case against the IAS officer. "Aneeta's brother Rajeev organised a press conference at UP Press Club after which the police came under pressure and a case was register against the SUDA director," they said.

In his complaint, Rajeev alleged that Umesh Pratap Singh had friendly relations with several women and Aneeta was against his conduct. "It would to lead verbal spats between the couple, and Aneeta was thrashed on several occasions. Aneeta would often complain to us about Umesh's conduct and she had apprehended that some untoward might happen to her,"



Rajeev Kumar Singh, the cousin of SUDA director's wife, addressing mediapersons

## Victim's cousin seeks CBI probe

After a case was registered against SUDA director Umesh Pratap Singh in connection of his wife Aneeta's death, her cousin advocate Rajeev Kumar Singh demanded a CBI probe on Friday. He said he would petition the case to State Commission for Women and request Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to order CBI probe into the case.

'The Chinhat SHO is from the same village which Umesh belongs to. The SHO made me sit for two hours before registering the case. I

"Aneeta and Umesh stayed for an hour and a half at our house warming function in Pratapgarh. She was apparentdisturbed. In the past too, we had counselled her to stay with Umesh for the sake of her

children," Rajeev said. Picking holes in the police

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW came to know from my sources that Umesh was not ready to give the sample of his handwash to the police," he alleged.

Meanwhile, the embattled IAS officer said he did not see Rajeev at his house in happiness or sorrow for around 22 years. We had nothing to do with him. He is defaming me when we are preparing for 'Terahvi' of Aneeta," he alleged.

Aneeta's daughter Upasna said: "We do not know any Rajeev Kumar Singh. We are passing through a stressful time due to death of my mother."

claim that Aneeta committed suicide, Rajeev argued as to why the entry wound on Aneeta's body was larger than the exit wound on the back. Had she shot herself, the wound of the exit point would have been larger in size," he said. Rajeev further pointed out that the police failed to explain as to why Aneeta suffered a contusion on the back of her head. "As per police claim, Aneeta shot herself while she was sitting on a sofa. In that case, how did she suffer contusion on the back of her head," he exclaimed.

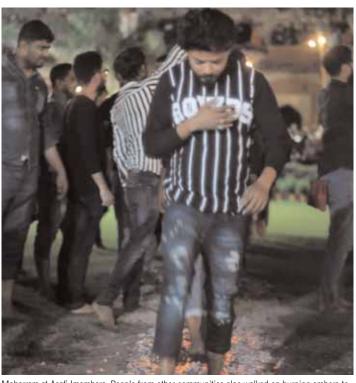
He said the door's bolt in the room where Aneeta's blood-stained body was recovered did not appear to have been broken. It seemed as if the door was opened by another way to hide the crime," he claimed.

Rajeev said it could not be ruled out that the situation was created for Aneeta to shoot herself and the police should investigate on that line too. "According to Umesh, Aneeta was under treatment and she was not well. Under these conditions, how did Aneeta get the loaded pistol and why it was not kept away from her or hidden in the wake of her mental problem or complaints of depression?" he asked. Rajeev alleged it seemed that Umesh killed Aneeta. However, he failed to explain the motive.

"Umesh is an IAS officer posted as SUDA director in Lucknow. My sister died under mysterious circumstances and Umesh's conduct towards Aneeta was not good. The police should arrest Umesh so that he may not be able influence the probe. The police should re-investigate the case," he added.

Aneeta's daughter said she had nothing to say about the incident. Aneeta's son Abhishek had told the police that his father was knocking the door of the room in which Aneeta was resting and was crying for help on the fateful day. He had told the police that his mother was found in a pool of blood on a sofa and her licenced pistol was lying





Aag par maatam: Shia mourners walking on burning coal on the sixth of Moharram at Asafi Imambara. People from other communities also walked on burning embers to

### **Blood-stained** body of girl recovered

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The blood-stained body of an unidentified girl was recovered from the thickets alongside IIM road in Kakori on Friday afternoon. Denying reports of foul play, police said the girl's dress was found intact and the injury marks were on the body because she fell down.

As per reports, some commuters spotted the body lying in the service lane between Power House crossing and Jehta tri-section on IIM Road around 3 pm and alerted the police. The commuters said the girl had head injuries and blood had oozed out from her mouth. They apprehended that the woman was killed and her body dumped into the thickets in service lane which witnesses less traffic volume.

The Kakori police discounted people's apprehension and said circumstantial evidence did not endorse the same. "The girl seemed to be aged around 25 years belonging to a middle class family," they said. The police said details had been sent to neighboring stations to expedite the identification process.

Meanwhile, a section officer of Jal Nigam was found dead in Ashiyana on Friday morning. Ashiyana SHO Vishwajeet Singh said the deceased was identified as gone on a morning walk and was found lying unconscious alongside the road near his house. A police team took him to Lok Bandhu where doctors declared him brought dead," the SHO said. He said the deceased was identified by neighbours and fellow morning walkers. "He was on a morning walk during which he suffered cardiac arrest. Deceased's son lives outside of Lucknow and he has been informed about the incident. The autopsy will be conducted on Saturday," the SHO said.

## 'Dip in number of traffic violations since Sept 1'



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The implementation of Motor Vehicles Amended Act from September 1 has brought an appreciable decrease in violation of traffic rules, officials have claimed. According to SP (Traffic) Purnendra Singh, there had been a 10 per cent increase in the number of people wearing helmets and seat belts since

September 1. had also been less number of violations in terms of jumping of red signal and overloading of vehicles. "There has been considerable decrease in the drunken driving cases," he said. He added that the impact would be more in the next 15 days when the trial process began and heavy fines were

"Currently, we are issuing 900-1000 challans per day, including for wrong parking, driving without wearing helmets, driving in haphazard manner," he said. Asked

"THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE DECREASE IN THE DRUNKEN DRIVING CASES. THE IMPACT WILL BE MORE IN THE NEXT 15 DAYS WHEN THE TRIAL PROCESS BEGINS AND HEAVY FINES ARE IMPOSED" - SP (TRAFFIC)

whether they were making any revenue, he said it was not much since the challans were issued at old rates.

"There is no doubt that there is a spurt in the number of people reaching RTO to get driving licences. Earlier, over 300 licences were issued and now there is a demand for over 600 licences per day. Long queues can be seen at the petrol pumps for pollution certificates. People are realising the importance of carrying documents of their vehicles,"

Meanwhile, a senior transoort official said that a government notification had been issued for the amended Motor Vehicle rule number 51, making the number portability rules more flexible. He said that the number of

portability facility would be provided to both commercial and non-commercial vehic now. "The condition of the facility being applicable to only those who have ownership of the vehicles for three years has been removed and there are separate fees for twowheelers and four-wheelers. If one wants to register an attractive number, the applicant will only have to give 20 per cent of the base price," he said.

"Different base values have been fixed in the categories registration numbers which are important, attractive, very important and very attractive,"

## A Lord Ganesha idol being taken for immersion on Friday **Postmaster** booked for postman's

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murder

Acase of murder was registered on Friday against the postmaster of Polytechnic Post Office and three others in connection with the death of postman Ajay Yadav, who was found dead on August 15.

SHO, Ğhazipur, Brijesh Singh said the case was registered on the complaint of victim's wife. "In the FIR, the postmaster, his peon and two others have been named," he said. The SHO said Ajay had stayed at the post office to make arrangements for Independence Day celebrations. Sources said the police pressured the family to lodge a complaint of accidental fall of Ajay Yadav on the fateful day. "Ajay's wife petitioned her case to SSP Lucknow who directed the police to register a case of murder," the sources said.

Meanwhile, a labourer, identified as Amar Singh (22) of Faizabad, died after he fell off the third floor of the underconstruction house of Ram Jeewan Maurya in Tiwariganj (Chinhat) on Friday evening. Police registered a case and sent the body for autopsy.

## LLB student shot at by advocate

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student of LLB was shot at Madiaon over a dispute of tenantship on Friday night. The victim suffered firearm injuries on his knee and was admitted to hospital. Police swung into action and nabbed the accused.

As per reports, the victim, identified as Shobhit, is studying at Maharshi University while accused Yatendra Srivastava of Madhuvan Vihar Colony on IIM Road in Madiaon is an advocate. Yatendra had given a portion of his house on rent to Priyansh Dwivedi and Gyanendra Kumar on August 23 on the recommendation of Shobhit, an acquaintance. Priyansh and Gyanendra are students of Bora Institute. On Friday night, Yatendra reached the room of Priyansh and sternly asked him to pay arrears of Rs 2,500. After taking the cash, Yatendra asked Priyansh to vacate the room instantly at which both the groups had a verbal spat. Later, Priyansh called Shobhit to intervene and asked Yatendra to give him some time to look

for other accommodations Shobhit alleged that Yatendra lost his cool when he sought some time for Priyansh and he opened fire. However, Yatendra said he opened fire in self defense as Shobhit and his ted to KGMU Trauma Centre. pick up the sack, he found

## 4 held for thrashing woman on suspicion of being child-lifter ducting raids in search of other

accused, including men and

women of the locality where

Wasima was thrashed," a police

mentally unsound, had strayed

her way and reached Shahdoshi

Shah Ki Mazar locality in

Wasima, who is said to be

spokesman said.

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 $T^{\text{he Lucknow police on}}_{\text{Friday arrested four women}}$ named in the Hasanganj case in which a woman, identified as Wasima of Thakurganj, was thrashed on the suspicion of being a child-lifter. The group of women and men had also confronted the police team that rescued the victim and took her to police station to ensure her safety on Thursday afternoon.

Those arrested were identified as Guddi, Shabnam, Bano and Reshma (all of Hasanganj locality). They were arrested by a team consisting of women constables and sub-inspectors. "Different teams are con-

friends lunged at him during the verbal spat. A huge number of advocates thronged the police station in support of Yatendra. Meanwhile, over two dozen persons suffered injuries after two groups of people

Gudamba on Thursday night.

Police registered a cross-FIR

even as the injured were admit-

clashed over a petty issue in

Hasanganj around 9 am on Thursday. She had her mouth covered with a mask, as per her doctor's instructions. Wasima entered the house of a woman, identified as Jhallo, in the area and asked for water. Jhallo mistook her as child-lifter and raised an alarm hearing which a huge number of women and men reached the scene. Later, the group of women thrashed As per reports, Rajan Singh

Bhadauria of Sitapur is getting a house constructed in Ulrapur village of Gudamba. He had booked cement sacks for the purpose. Around 10 pm on Thursday, the supplier sent the goods by a tractor-trolley and one of the sacks fell on the road on the way to construction site. After a while when Rajan reached the place to

Wasima. A team of cops took Wasima to police outpost to ensure her safety. After a while, a huge number of women and men thronged the police outpost and confronted the cops accusing them of saving Wasima and not interrogating her. They had also pelted the police team with stones, leaving a constable injured.

The police had registered a case for rioting and other counts against the protesters and also booked them under 7 Criminal Law Amendment Act. Eight of the protesters were identified as Jhallo, Rizwana, Zeenat, Guddi, Reshma, Salman, Bano, Furqan and

Chhote of Ulrapur village taking it away. Rajan confronted Chhote but the latter said he had a mishap as he rammed his bike into the sack and his vehicle was damaged. This led to a verbal spat following which supporters of both the sides came face to face. Rajan, his kin and his labourers suffered injuries while Chhote and his supporters also suffered

## **LUMBA** favourite destination of students from abroad

SHARMILA KRISHNA LUCKNOW

The Lucknow University Business Administration (LUMBA) department is the favourite destination of foreign students. Head of the department Prof JK Sharma, while talking to *The Pioneer*, said that for the current academic session, they have eight foreign students for business administration and one for PhD.

Sharma said they had a strength of 120 students for the course and the foreign students were the additional candidates. "We had four foreign students last year and there are eight this year. These students are from Afghanistan, Morocco and Nepal," he said.

Giving details of the admission process, he said it did not take place under the centralised process of Lucknow University. We have students both from CAT and LU entrance test. Those who have CAT scores are inducted after an entrance test while those who do not have CAT scores have to take an entrance test conducted by

Lucknow University," he said. Sharma said that the foreign students were sponsored by the Indian Council of Cultural Relations. "The vari-

ous agencies and embassies contact the ICCR which formalises this process with different universities," he added.

Asked as to why the foreign students preferred Lucknow University when they could approach any other university in the northern region, he said some of the foreign students had done graduation from institutions like Pune University. "They get funded by their respective countries for pursuing the courses. If they go to the USA or Australia, the cost of education may be exorbitant which they may not be able to afford with their scholarship amounts. In this way, LU is a good destination for these students," Sharma said.

He admitted that education was a big business today and international universities

encourage students. Talking about the placement prospects, he said they successfully placed 60 per cent of their students.

'We are getting pan-India companies and the packages are as good as Rs 6 lakh per annum. There are companies from all sectors and this time, it was surprising when a cement company picked up four students. The placements started six weeks after the start of the session itself," he said. He admitted that they had no fixed calendar for placements.

On being asked whether the placements had improved over the years, he said it depended on sectoral demands.

He said that last year, they got companies on campus for 43 students. "The off-campus placements also take place," he pointed out.



माग-1 खुलने की तिथि 30.09.2019 को PUNB0018100) आरoटीoजीoएस ईं0टीं0सीं0(गोण्डा) / 2019-20 : विद्युत

**ई०टी०सी०(गोण्डा) / 2019–20** : विद्युत के0वीo उपकेन्द्र बेगमपुर पर स्थापित स्काडा **परिसर जेल रोड, गोण्डा।** संख्या बरोहर राशि रू० २०००.०० निविदा भाग-1 94 से 102 / 2019-20 दिनांक

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता <u>(9)ई—निविदा संख्या 102/ई०टी०सी०(गोण्डा)</u> विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल गोण्डा <u>/2019–20:</u> विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, बहराइच **ई—टेन्डरिंग निविदा सूचना** के अन्तर्गत 132 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र पयागपु अनुभवी फर्मों / ठेकेदारों से पर स्थापित स्काडा सिस्टम के वार्षिक नेम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु सीलबन्द निविदायें अनुरक्षण सम्बन्धी कार्य। धरोहर राशि रूर दो भागों में दिनांक 30.09.2019 को 14.00 2000.00 निविदा भाग-1 खुलने की तिथि बजे तक आमन्त्रित की जाती हैं। 30.09.2019 को 15:00 बजे, निविदा प्रपत्र (1) ई-निविदा संख्या 94/ई0टी0सी0 मूल्य रू0 236.00 (कर सहित)। निविदा <u>(गोण्डा) / 2019–20:</u> विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, प्रपत्र शुल्क (नान रिफन्डेबिल) एव बहराइच के अन्तर्गत 132 के0वी0 ई०एम०डी० अधिशासी अभियन्ता, विद्युत गोण्डा—बहराइच लाइन पर डेन्जर प्लेट, पारेषण खण्ड, गोण्डा के बैंक खाते में (बैंव नम्बर प्लेट एवं फेज प्लेट लगाने सम्बन्धी का नाम-पंजाब नैशनल बैंक, खाता सं०-कार्य। धरोहर राशि रू० २०००.०० निविदा ०१८१००२१००१२०६९७७, आईएफएससी कोड-15:00 बजे, निविदा प्रपत्र मूल्य रू० 236.00 एनईएफटी के माध्यम से निविदा की अंतिग (कर सहित)। (2) ई-निविदा संख्या 95/ अपलोड तिथि से एक दिन पूर्व तक जमा की जायेगी तथा बैक में जमा किये जाने क पारेषण खण्ड, बहराइच के अन्तर्गत 220 साक्ष्य यथा योज्य यूoटीoआरo संo, खाते का उपकेन्द्र बहराइच पर स्काडा नाम निर्गतकर्ता बैंक अधिकारी द्वारा सम्बन्धी उपकरणों की आपूर्ति सम्बन्धी हस्ताक्षरित एवं निविदादाता द्वारा प्रतिहस्ता-कार्य। धरोहर राशि रू० 2000.00 निविदा क्षरित पे इन रिलप की रकैन्ड प्रति, ईएमडी भाग-1 खुलने की तिथि 30.09.2019 को के लिए बैंक गारण्टी की स्कैण्ड कापी 15:00 बजे, निविदा प्रपत्र मूल्य रू० 236.00 जारीकर्ता बैंक के कन्फरमेशन मेल की प्रति (कर सहित)। (3) **ई-निविदा संख्या 96/** भी निविदा प्रपत्रों के साथ इलेक्ट्रानिकर्ल <u>ईं0टी0सी0(गोण्डा) / 2019–20 :</u> विद्युत साफ व पठनीय अपलोड की जायेगी, अन्यथ गरेषण खण्ड, गोण्डा के अन्तर्गत 132 कि स्थिति में निविदादाता द्वारा प्रस्तुत के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र नवाबगंज पर स्थापित निविदा को स्वतः निरस्त समझा जायेगा रकाडा सिस्टम के वार्षिक अनुरक्षण सम्बन्धी साथ ही निविदा के भाग–1 में तकनीकी बिड कार्य। घरोहर राशि रू० 2000.00 निविदा (पैन कार्ड, इन्कमटैक्स रिटर्न, जी०एस०टी० भाग-1 खुलने की तिथि 30.09.2019 को पंजीकरण की स्वयं प्रमाणित छायाप्रति एं 15:00 बजे, निविदा प्रपत्र मूल्य रू० 236.00 तकनीकी अनुभव इत्यादि), संलग्न करना कर सहित)। **(4) ई—निविदा संख्या** अनिवार्य है। घरोहर राशि / निविदा शुल्व 97/ईoटीoसीo(गोण्डा)/2019-20 : विद्युत जमा न होने अथवा किसी प्रकार की त्रृटि गरेषण खण्ड, बहराइच के अन्तर्गत 132 होनें पर निविदा का भाग−2 जिसमें दरें दी के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र भिनगा पर स्थापित स्काडा जानी है, नही खोली जायेगी। भाग-2 में दरें सिस्टम के वार्षिक अनुरक्षण सम्बन्धी कार्य। एंव वाणिज्यक नियम व शर्ते होनी चाहिये धरोहर राशि रू० 2000.00 निविदा भाग-1 तथा हार्ड कापी कार्यालय में जमा करने की खुलने की तिथि 30.09.2019 को 15:00 आवश्यकता नहीं होगी। किसी भी स्थिति ग बजे, निविदा प्रपत्र मूल्य रू० 236.00 (कर निविदा के Retender होने पर निविदा की सहित)। (5) ई—निविदा संख्या 98 🖊 निविदा शुल्क (नान रिफन्डेबिल) एवं धरोहर **ई**0टी0सी0(गोण्डा) / 2019-20 : विद्युत धनराशि पुनः जमा की जानी अनिवार्य होगी, पारेषण खण्ड, गोण्डा के अन्तर्गत 132 अन्यथा कि स्थिति में निविदादाता द्वारा प्रस्तुत के०वी० उपकेन्द्र मनकापुर पर 33 के०वी० के निविदा को स्वतः निरस्त समझा जायेगा। निविद उपयन्त्रों के अर्द्धवार्षिक अनुरक्षण सम्बन्धी का भाग प्रथम एवं द्वितीय :-- (प्राइजबिड दरे कार्य। घरोहर राशि रू० 2000.00 निविदा एवं शर्ते) दिनांक 28.09.2019 को 14.00 बजे भाग-1 खुलने की तिथि 30.09.2019 को तक www.etender.up.nic.in पर अपलोड 15:00 बजे, निविदा प्रपत्र मूल्य रू0 236.00 की जा सकती हैं। निविदा का प्रथम भाग कर सहित)। **(६) ई—निविदा संख्या ९९**/ दिनांक 28.09.2019 को 15.00 बजे एउ <u>ईं0टी0सी0(गोण्डा) / 2019–20</u> : विद्युत भाग–2 (प्राइज पार्ट) निविदा शुल्क एवं धरो गरिषण खण्ड, गोण्डा के अन्तर्गत 132 हर धनराशि प्राप्ति की पृष्टि होने के पश्चात के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र उतरौला पर 33 के0वी0 के सर्वाजनिक रूप से खोली जायेगी। निविदा उपयन्त्रों के अर्द्धवार्षिक अनुरक्षण सम्बन्धी खुलने की तिथि पर अवकाश होने की कार्य। घरोहर राशि रू० 2000.00 निविदा स्थिति में निविदा अगले कार्य दिवस पर भाग–1 खुलने की तिथि 30.09.2019 को निर्धारित समय पर खोली जायेगी। निविदाओं 15:00 बजे, निविदा प्रपत्र मूल्य रू० 236.00 को बिना कोई कारण बताये निविदा कर सहित)। (7) **ई-निविदा संख्या 100/** निविदाओं को अस्वीकार/विभाजित करने क <u>ई०टी०सी०(गोण्डा) / 2019–20 :</u> विद्युत अधिकार अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के पास सुरक्षित गरेषण खण्ड, बहराइच के अन्तर्गत 220 रहेगा। धरोहर∕निविदा राशि रहित व सशत के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र बहराइच पर स्थापित निविदायें स्वीकार नही की जायेगी। कृपय स्काडा सिस्टम के वार्षिक अनुरक्षण सम्बन्धी विस्तृत जानकारी, डाउन लोड, अन्य संशोधनं कार्य। धरोहर राशि रू० 2000.00 निविदा एंव निविदा प्रस्तुत करने के दिनांक तव भाग–1 खुलने की तिथि 30.09.2019 को विस्तार आदि के सम्बन्ध में कृपय 15:00 बजे, निविदा प्रपत्र मूल्य रू0 236.00 www.etender.up.nic.in की वेबसाईट पर (कर सहित)। (a) ई—निविदा संख्या 101/ लॉग आन करें। अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, विद्युत गरेषण खण्ड, बहराइच के अन्तर्गत 132 **कारपोरेशन लि0 220 के0वी0 उपकेन** सिस्टम के वार्षिक अनुरक्षण सम्बन्धी कार्य। 1387/वि0पा0मं0/गोण्डा/ई-टेण्डर नं0-खुलने की तिथि 30.09.2019 को 15:00 बजे, 06.09.2019 "राष्ट्रहित में बिजली बचायें"

नेविदा प्रपत्र मूल्य रू० 236.00 (कर सहित)। पावर ट्रांसमीशन तिथि-10-10-2019। निविदा प्रपत्र कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड ई-निविदा मूल्य-क्त० 7000+1260 (जी०एस०टी०@ से 78 18%) / धरोहर राशि रू० 70,000 / -(रू० ई0टी0सी0वी0)/2019-2020 सत्तर हजार मात्र)। (5) अल्पकालिक फर्मों / ठेके दारों / अधिकृत **ई-निवदा संख्या-73 ईoटीoसीo(वीo)** विक्रेताओं / निर्माताओं से जो कि 2019—2020— 220 के0वी0 विद्युत उपकेन्द्र ई-प्रोक्योरमेन्ट वेबसाइट www. हरहुआ पर स्थापित स्काडा उपकरण (ZIV tender.up.nic.in में पंजीकृत हो निम्नलिखित मेक) के दोष को दूर करने से सम्बन्धित कार्य। कार्य/आपूर्ति हेतु मोहर बन्द निविदायें दो निविदा खुलने की तिथि–23–09–2019। भागों में निविदा खुलने की दिनांक के 12:00 निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य-रू0 200+36 बजे तक आमंत्रित की जाती हैं, जो उसी (जी०एस०टी०@ 18%)/-धरोहर राशि-रू० दिन क्रमशः 15:00 बजे भाग-1 एवं 16:00 2,000 / -(रू० दो हजार मात्र)। बजे भाग-2 सार्वजनिक रुप से **अल्पकालिक ई-निविदा संख्या-74-ई०टी0** अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के कार्यालय में **सी0(वी0)/2019— 2020—**132 के0वी0 विद्युत निविदादाता / उनके अधिकृत प्रतिनिधियों जो उपकेन्द्र कैथी पर स्थापित स्काडा उपकरण उपस्थित होना चाहें के समक्ष, (ई.आर.एल. मेक) के मरम्मत हेतु सामग्री की अधोहस्ताक्षरी / उनके अधिकृत प्रतिनिधि द्वारा आपूर्ति । निविदा खुलने की तिथि-आनलाइन खोली जायेगी। यदि निविदा खुलने 23—09—2019। निविदा प्रपत्र का मुल्य—रू० की तिथि पर अवकाश पड़ता है तो निविदा 200+36 (जी0एस0टी0@18%)/-धरोहर अगले कार्य दिवस पर निर्धारित समय तक राशि—रू० 2,000/—(रू० दो हजार मात्र)। स्वीकार की जायेगी एवं निर्धारित समय पर (7) ई-निविदा संख्या-75-ई0टी0सी0 खोली जायेगी। भाग—1 में निविदा प्रपत्र मूल्य **(वी०)/2019—2020—**132 के०वी० विद्युत (नान रिफन्डेबिल) एवं धरोहर धनराणि जो उपकेन्ट कजरहर के प्रस्तावानसार एक वर्ष कि S.E.ETC. Varanasi के खाता संख्या के लिए अनुरक्षण का कार्य। खुलने की 4045002101942734 एवं IFSC कोड तिथि—14—10—2019 / निविदा प्रपत्र का PUNB0404500 बैंक पंजाब नेशनल बैंक, मूल्य-रू0 900+162 (जी0एस0टी0@ हाखा भिखारीपुर, वाराणसी में अलग–अलग 18%) ∕ –धरोहर राशि–रू० 9,000 ∕ –(रू० नै RTGS/NEFT द्वारा जमा करना होगा, (किसी हजार मात्र)। (8) ई-निविदा अन्य माध्यम से निविदा प्रपत्र मूल्य एवं **संख्या—76—ई0टी0सी0(वी0)/2019—2020**—13 धरोहर धनराशि स्वीकार नहीं किया जायेगा)। 2 के0वी0 विद्युत उपकेन्द्र चुनार व निविदा प्रपत्र, पैन कार्ड, व्यापार कर, प्रस्तावानुसार एक वर्ष के लिए अनुरक्षण क जी०एस०टी० पंजीकरण एवं इन्कम टैक्स रिटर्न कार्य। खुलने की तिथि–14–10–2019। प्रपन्न एवं समान कार्य का अनुभव प्रमाण पन्न निविदा प्रपन्न का मूल्य रू० 1500+270 की खंय प्रमाणित छायाप्रति एवं निविदा प्रपत्र (जी०एस०टी०@18%)/-धरोहर राशि-रू० मूल्य, धरोहर धनराशि जमा करने का प्रमाण 15,000 / -(रू० पन्द्रह हजार मात्र)। (9) ई पत्र जो कि बैंक द्वारा प्राप्त हो, तथा तकनीकी निविदा संख्या-77-ई0टी0सी0(वी0) बिड यदि कोई हो संलग्न करना अनिवार्य /2019-2020-132 के0वी0 विद्युत संपर्केन्द है। भाग-2 में दरें एवं वाणिज्यक नियम व नरायणपुर के प्रस्तावानुसार एक वर्ष के लिए शर्ते होनी चाहिये। (1) ई—निविदा संख्या—69 अनुरक्षण का कार्य। खुलने की **ई०टी०सी० (वी०)/2019-2020-** विद्युत ४०० तिथि-14-10-2019 । निविदा प्रपत्र का के0वी० उपकेन्द्र सारनाथ वाराणसी हेतु एक मूल्य-रू० 1000+180 (जी०एस०टी०@ नग ३१५ एम०वी०ए० परिवर्तक की ढुलाई, १८%)/– धरोहर राशि–रू० १०,०००/–(रू० थ्यापना एवं अन्य सबन्धित कार्य। निविदा. दस हजार मात्र)। **(10) ई–निविदा** खुलने की तिथि-10-10-2019। निविदा प्रपत्र संख्या-78-ई0टी0सी0 (वी0)/2019-2020-10,000+1800 220 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र भेलूपुर पर प्रस्तावानुसा (जी०एस०टी०@18%) / –धरोहर राशि– रू० हाईमास्ट लाईट की आपूर्ति एवं स्थपना का 1,00,000 / —(रूo एक लाख मात्र)। **(2)** कार्य। निविदा खुलने की तिथि—14—10—2019 **ई-निविदा संख्या-70-ई0टी0सी0(वी0)/** निविदा प्रपन्न का मूल्य-रू0 1700+306 2019-2020- विद्युत ४०० के०वी० उपकेन्द्र (जी०एस०टी०@18%)/-धरोहर राशि-रू० सारनाथ वाराणसी पर 315 एम०वी०ए० 17,000 / –(रू० सत्रह हजार मात्र)। निविदा 400 / 220 के0वी0 परिवर्तक हेत् 400 के0वी0. का भाग-1 (निविदा प्रपत्र मुल्य, धरोहर 'बे' एवं 220 के.वी. 'बे' का निर्माण एवं अन्य धनराशि. प्रमाण पत्र एवं तकनीकी बिड मल सबन्धित कार्य। निविदा खुलने की रूप में एवं पैन कार्ड, व्यापार, जीoएसoटीo तिथि—10—10—2019। निविदा प्रपत्र का पंजीकरण, इन्कम टैक्स रिटर्न प्रपत्र एवं समान मूल्य—रू० 10,000+1800 (जी०एस०टी०@ कार्य का अनुभव प्रमाण पत्र की स्वयं प्रमाणि 18%)/—धरोहर राशि—रू० 1,00,000/—(रू० छायाप्रति एवं भाग—2 प्राइसबिड (दरें एवं शर्ते) एक लाख मात्र)। (3) ई-निविदा निविदा खलुने की तिथि के 12:00 बजे तक संख्या-71-ई0टी0सी0(वी0)/2019-2020- वेबसाइट www.etender.up.nic.in पर अपलोड वेद्युत 400 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र सारनाथ वाराणसी की जा सकती है। निविदा का भाग–1 उसी पर 725 एमवी०ए०आर० बस रिएक्टर हेतु 1 दिन 15:00 बजे एवं भाग-2 16:00 बजे नग 400 के0वी0 'बे' का, निर्माण एवं अन्य सार्वजनिक रूप से आनलाइन खोला सबन्धित कार्य। निविदा खुलने की जायेगा। कृपया वेबसाइट www. तिथि—10—10—2019। निविदा प्रपत्र का etender.up.nic.in पर विस्तृत जानकारी, मूल्य-रू० 2500+450 (जी०एस०टी०@ विवरण/डाउनलोड तथा अन्य किसी प्रकार 18%)/ धरोहर राशि—रू० 25,000/-(रू० के संशोधन/विस्तार हेतु निविदा खुलने की पच्चीस हजार मात्र)। **(4) ई-निविदा** तिथि को 12:00 बजे तक लॉग ऑन करें। संख्या-72-ई0टी0सी0(वी0)/2019-2020- अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता को बिना कोई कारण बताये विद्युत 400 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र सारनाथ वाराणसी किसी अथवा सभी निविदाओं को पर 315 एम.वी.ए. 400 / 220 के.वी. परिवर्तक अस्वीकार / विभाजित करने का अधिकार को 220 के0वी0 बस से डबल मूज कंडक्टर 'सूरक्षित होगा। **अधीक्षण अभियन्ता** विद्युत प्रेषण

की लाइन को जोडने के लिए एक नग मण्डल उ०प्र०पा०ट्रा०का०लि० डी०एल०डब्लू

मोनोपोल की आपूर्ति, स्थापना एवं अन्य भिखारीपुर वाराणसी पत्रांक : 589 दिनांव

सम्बन्धित कार्यनिविदा खुलने की 6.9.19 राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचायें'

## Akhilesh hits out at Modi govt | After public humiliation,

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amajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav has lashed out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi government for bringing tough traffic rules providing for heavy fines on violation.

Áb janata BJP ka challan kaategi" (now the people will issue challan against the BJP), Akhilesh Yadav said in a statement issued here on Friday.

Likening the political leadership of the country with a vehicle, Akhilesh Yadav said, "The people of the country will issue challan to the Narendra Modi government as the control of the national vehicle is in inexperienced and immature hands. The voters had not given them licence to hurt the interest of the common man." Akhilesh Yadav alleged that the poor drivers of national vehi-



cle had polluted the social harmony and also destroyed the economy. He said the poor, the youth and the farmers were worst hit by the immature policy being pursued by the inex-

perienced leadership of the BJP. The SP chief said the economy was nowhere in the priority of the BJP. He said the economy had stagnated causing huge job losses due to the

closure of manufacturing units and the value of Indian rupee was also steadily falling against the US dollar. The SP chief said that tractor production had been worst hit by the slowdown in the economy, down by 32 per cent, while the automobile industry was on the verge of collapse. Akhilesh Yadav said that foreign institutional investors were withdrawing their investments from the Indian market and the flight of the capital from India in August was as high as Rs 6,000 crore. He said not only the people but international investors had also lost confidence in the Narendra Modi government.

The SP alleged said the closure of biscuit factory in Mumbai and the production unit of Maruti at Manesar in Haryana had grim portents for the Indian economy.

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Value addition in raw mango led to an award for

a woman farmer of Uttar

Pradesh. Director of Central

Research and Management,

Hyderabad. The award was

presented to her by secretary (DARE) and director general

(ICAR) Trilochan Mohapatra

during the Foundation Day celebration of ICAR-NAARM.

She is one of the eight farmers

who were chosen for award this

year. "Shweta, brought up in the

famous mango belt of

Malihabad, has always been

concerned about the wastage of

unripe mangoes damaged by

storms. Truck loads of man-

goes were sent to the markets

but were sold at meager rates.

Few women from her village

used to produce 'amchoor

from fallen fruits, but the qual-

ity was not good. Therefore, it

used to be purchasing at low

Shweta is now getting orders form Telangana and

Madhya Pradesh for 'amchoor'.

After getting training for value

addition, she started preparing

various products and devel-

oped specialised recipes for

prices," he said.

mango pickles.

## 23-yr-old Dalit officer commits suicide in UP Lakhimpur Kheri (UP): A 23mitted suicide in Uttar Pradesh's

year-old Dalit officer has com-Lakhimpur Kheri district, alleging humiliation and mental harassment by a village head, a leader of a farmers' outfit and others, police said on Friday.

Trivendra Kumar Gautam, who had started his service as a village development officer (VDŎ) last year and posted at Kumbhi block, hanged himself to death at his home on Wednesday night. His body was recovered on Thursday from the rented accommodation at Shivsagar locality of Lakhimpur town, 130 km north of Lucknow, police said.

In a hand-written suicide note addressed to his father, Gautam blamed the district president of a farmers' outfit, the head of Rasoolpur village and the son of another village head behind the decision to end his life. A video has gone viral on the social media, purportedly showing the young officer being humiliated at a public meeting.

Institute for Subtropical A man could be heard in the Horticulture (CISH) Shailendra noisy video questioning Rajan said farmer Shweta Gautam's professionalism and Maurya from Mohammad called him a 'kaamchor' (shirker), adding that such officers should be thrashed with shoes Nagar Talukedari village received 'Innovative Farmer Award' at ICAR-National Academy of Agricultural and kicked out.

In the note recovered from

his room, Gautam alleged that they were humiliating and men-tally harassing him. The officer also stated that he was subjected to abuses and targeted over reservation, which, he said, is wrong. Gautam also stated that he is troubled and feels that he is a failure. He called for punishing the farmers' party president and the village head after his death. Five people, including the three from the farmers' out fit, have been arrested, Additional Superintendent of Police Shailendra Lal told PTI.

An FIR had been lodged under Section 306 (abetment to suicide) of the Indian Penal Code and various sections of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, and the Information Technology Act, the ASP said.

"Investigations are on and no one found involved will be spared," Lal said. Meanwhile, agitated over their colleague's suicide, dozens of village development officers held a demonstration at the Vikas Bhawan on Thursday. The protesters, under the aegis of the Gram Panchayat Adhikari Sangh, threatened to boycott work if the guilty were not held within three days. The officers also handed a memorandum to the district

## Cong leaders' lantern march against hike in power tariff

**NORTHERN RAILWAY** 

**OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE** 

DRM/Engineering acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites following E-Tenders closing date 30.09.2019 on 15:00 hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors

are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

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16.09.2019

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S. No. 02 ₹ 288100.00

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ongress leaders and workers on Friday evening took out a lantern procession from Jhandewala Park in Aminabad to GPO crossing in Hazratganj in protest against hike in power tariff. Congress Legislature Party leader Ajay Kumar 'Lallu', who led the march on directions of AICC general secretary, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, demanded immediate rollback of the tariff hike and threatened that the Congress would stage a bigger demonstration if the government did not respond.

The lantern march is the

beginning of Congress' fourday-long protest to pressurise the government to withdrawing the recent power tariff hike. Besides Lallu, other prominent leaders who participated in the march included Vinod Kumar Mishra, Siddharth Priya Srivastava, Gaurav Chowdhary, Shailendra Tewari. Surprisingly, the senior Congress leaders including party legislators were missing from the protest.

In other districts of the state also, Congress leaders took out lantern marches through busy markets in protest against the power tariff hike and show their concern for the public.

### SIMI ex-chief held in Azamgarh **Woman farmer** awarded

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

police team from Gujarat A police team from Ca, and has arrested Shahid Badr, former chief of banned Students' Islamic Movement of India (SIMI), from his house at Manchoba area in Azamgarh.

Shahid Badr was arrested late on Thursday night in connection with a hate speech

prorogued

case registered against him in Gujarat's Kutch district in 2001. A court had issued an arrest warrant against him in 2012 in connection with the case but he could not be arrested at the time as his address was not

He was produced before a local court on Friday and the Gujarat police took his transit remand and left for Kutch to

which issued the arrest warrant. In 2002, Badr had contest-

ed in the court to lift ban on SIMI. Though the ban was lifted for some time, it was reimposed on August 6, 2008 on the directive of the Supreme Court. SIMI was founded on April 25, 1977 in Aligarh.

Badr runs an Unani medical clinic in his village.

### **UP Assembly SCHOOLSCAN**

**कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता** कार्य। धरोहर राशि रू० 2000.00 निविदा

विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल गोण्डा भाग-1 खुलने की तिथि 28.09.2019 को विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल गोण्डा भाग-1 खुलने की तिथि 28.09.2019 को ई-टेन्डरिंग निविदा सूचना 15:00 बजे, निविदा प्रपत्र मूल्य रू० 236.00

दो भागों में दिनांक 28.09.2019 को 14.00 अभियन्ता, विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, गोण्डा के

(1) ई-निविदा संख्या 86 / ईoटीoसीo बैंक, खाता सं0- 0181002100120697

सर्विसिंग एवं रिपेयरिंग सम्बन्धी कार्य। धरो. दिन पूर्व तक जमा की जायेगी तथा बैक मे

सहित)। (2) ई-निविदा संख्या 87/ निविदादाता द्वारा प्रतिहस्ताक्षरित पे इन

उपकरणों की आपूर्ति सम्बन्धी कार्य। धरोहर के साथ इलेक्ट्रानिकली साफ व पठनीय

सहित)। (3) ई—निविदा संख्या 88 / भाग—1 में तकनीकी बिड (पैन कार्ड

पारेषण खण्ड, गोण्डा के अन्तर्गत 132 की स्वयं प्रमाणित छायाप्रति एंव तकनीकी

स्काडा सिस्टम के वार्षिक अनुरक्षण सम्बन्धी धरोहर राशि / निविदा शुल्क जमा न होने

कार्य। धरोहर राशि रू0 2000.00 निविदा अथवा किसी प्रकार की त्रुटि होनें पर

भाग-1 खुलने की तिथि 28.09.2019 को निविदा का भाग-2 जिसमें दरें दी जानी है

15:00 बजे, निविदा प्रपत्र मूल्य रू0 236.00 नहीं खोली जायेगी। भाग-2 में दरें एंव

(कर सहित)। (4) **ई-निविदा संख्या 89/** वाणिज्यक नियम व शर्ते होनी चाहिये। तथा

तिथि 28.09.2019 को 15:00 बजे, निविदा अन्यथा कि स्थिति में निविदादाता द्वार

प्रपत्र मूल्य रू० 236.00 (कर सहित)। प्रस्तुत निविदा को स्वतः निरस्त समझ

गोण्डा के अन्तर्गत 132 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र को 14.00 बजे तक www.etender.up.nic.in

बलरामपुर पर बारबेड वायर लगाने सम्बन्धी पर अपलोड की जा सकती हैं। निविदा क

कार्य। घरोहर राशि रू० 2000.00 निविदा प्रथम भाग दिनांक 28.09.2019 को 15.00

भाग–1 खुलने की तिथि 28.09.2019 को बजे एवं भाग–2 (प्राइज पार्ट) निविदा शुल्क

15:00 बजे, निविदा प्रपत्र मूल्य रू0 236.00 एवं घरोहर धनराशि प्राप्ति की पुष्टि होने के

के०वी० उपकेन्द्र उतरौला पर 132 के०वी० निर्धारित समय पर खोली जायेगी। निविदाओं

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खुलने की तिथि 28.09.2019 को 15:00 का अधिकार अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के पास सुरक्षित

खण्ड, गोण्डा के अन्तर्गत 132 के0वी0 एंव निविदा प्रस्तुत करने के दिनांक तक

उपकेन्द्र तुलसीपुर पर स्थापित स्काडा विस्तार आदि के सम्बन्ध में कृपया

सिस्टम के वार्षिक अनुरक्षण सम्बन्धी कार्य। www.etender.up.nic.in की वेबसाईट पर

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सहित)। **(8) ई—निविदा संख्या 93/ई०टी० जेल रोड, गोण्डा।** संख्या—1371/वि०पा०मं०

सी0(गोण्डा)/2019-20 : विद्युत पारेषण /गोण्डा/ई-टेण्डर नं0-86 से 93/2019-20 खण्ड, गोण्डा के अन्तर्गत 132 के0वी0 दिनांक 06.09.2019 "राष्ट्रहित में बिजली

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(प्राइजबिड दरें एवं शर्ते) दिनांक 28.09.2019

पश्चात सर्वाजनिक रूप से खोली जायेगी

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Lucknow (PNS): Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel prorogued the second session of the UP Assembly with immediate effect on Thursday. The session had commenced on July 18 and was adjourned sine die by Assembly Speaker Hriday Naryan Dikshit on July 26. The next session of the UP Assembly is scheduled to be held on October. This will be a special session of UP Legislature as it will be held non-stop for 48 hours to discuss United Nation's 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The special session of both Houses is likely to be held on October 2 to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

As many as 504 members of both the Houses will participate in the special session. Though details are yet to be worked out, sources said each member will be given five minutes for giving suggestions on SDGs. Ministers may get more time.

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के सुदृढ़ीकरण सम्बन्धी कार्य। धरोहर राशि

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City Montessori School organised Teachers' Day celebrations at Gomti Nagar Campus II auditorium on Friday. The programme began with the lighting of lamp by Human Resource Development Minister Ramesh Pokhrival Nishank who was the chief guest on the occasion. He garlanded the portrait of former President of India Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. Also present on the occasion were UP cabinet ministers Mahendra Singh, Brijesh Pathak, Ramapati Shastri Satish Dwividi etc. The most deserving teachers of CMS were given away cash prizes of Rs 1.5 crore.



Candidates staging a sit-in, demanding UP Jail Warden and Firemen Recruitment

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

 ■ tists have been selected for prestigious awards of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) for their contributions in biomedical sciences. Kshanika Oration Award will be conferred upon Dr Anuradha Dube for vaccine targets for leishmaniasis. The award is given by ICMR annually to the eminent Indian women scientists for outstanding contributions in biomedical sciences.

Anuradha has made significant contribuease if not treated properly. Using the immunoproteomic approach, she has identified Leishmania parasite proteins as potential vaccine targets. With comprehensive as well as differential proteomic analysis of Leishmania clinical isolates, she identified some key biomarker proteins which may have crucial biological functions in Leishmania pathogenesis and may serve as new targets for therapeutic interventions against the disease.

Shakuntala Amir Chand Prize will be

conferred upon Dr Satish Mishra for paving the way for malaria vaccine. The award will be given by ICMR. Mishra has dedicated his career to studying malaria liver stage biology, including target-based drug discovery and development of a malaria vaccine using state-of-the-art technologies for inducing multi-stage immunity. The vaccine has been developed in a mouse model by knocking out a gene required by the STATE INNOVATIONS IN FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES PROJECT AGENCY (SIFPSA), LUCKNOW

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## for 2016, near Gandhi statue in Hazratgani on Friday Two CDRI scientists selected for awards

wo Central Drug Research Institute scien-

tions in the area of immunobiology of visceral leishmaniasis, a fatal neglected tropical dis-

parasite to complete development in the liver.

### **RSS's coordination meeting**

## **Art 370 abrogation, Ram Temple top on agenda**

The abrogation of Jammu and Kashmir's special status under Article 370, the current situation in the Valley and the Ram Temple issue will top the agenda of the RSS's coordination meeting, beginning at Pushkar, Rajasthan, on Saturday, with its affiliates, including the BJP.

The slowdown in the economy in the country will also come up for deliberations, sources said. This is the first coordination meeting of the RSS after the BJP's victory in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

The annual discussions will be held on a wide-ranging issues including national security, the situation in the country's border areas and environment conservation, the RSS's publicity in-charge Arun Kumar said at a press conference in the Rajasthan city on Friday. He said no union ministers will be attending the meet as it is a coordination meeting of the RSS, its affiliates and allies.

RSS-affiliate 'Seema



Jagran', which works in the border areas, may give a presentation on the abrogation of certain provisions of Article 370 and the situation in Kashmir that will be part of discussions at the meet.

The three-day 'Samanvay Baithak' will be attended by RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat and its top functionaries besides BJP working president JP Nadda, general secretary (organisation) B L Santhosh and general secretary Ram Madhav. In the past, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had been regularly attending the discussions.

RSS outfits ,the Swadeshi Jagran Manch and the Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh, will brief delegates on the overall economic

A bench of

**Justices Deepak** 

**Gupta and** 

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cases related to Unnao incident

to Delhi, the apex court had

fixed a time limit of 45 days for

the trial court to complete the

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within three weeks on setting

up of Protection of Children

(POCSO) courts in districts, where over 100 cases under the

trally-funded designated court in each district having more

than 100 FIRs under the

POCSO Act to deal exclusive-

ly with cases of sexual offences

against children.

The top court had on July 25 directed setting up of a cen-

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slowdown in the country. sources said. The Vishwa Hindu Parishad will share details of the ongoing judicial proceedings on the disputed Ayodhya temple issue, the sources said.

"Over 200 delegates of 35 affiliates and allied organisations of the Sangh will attend the coordination meeting in which discussions will be held broadly on national security, the situation in borders areas of the country and environment conservation," Kumar said.

Besides, issues around women empowerment, SC/STs, the issues of water conservation, development, employment opportunities and migration from border areas would be taken up, Kumar said.

## Centre to restore 100 wetlands in 5 yrs

Ignored for years, wetlands in the country are now all set to get their much-needed due with the Centre identifying as many as 100 of them to be restored within the next five years to help combat land degradation. Nearly 30% of country's land area has been degraded through deforestation, over-cultivation, soil erosion and depletion of wetlands increasing climate change

Speaking at the 14th session of the Conference of Parties to United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) (COP 14), Manju Pandey, Joint Secretary, Union Environment Ministry, said the role of wetlands is very important in achieving the sustainable development goals (SDG). The SDGs are collection of 17 global goals for the year 2030 set by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015. Of these, 11 goals have direct linkages to

"Wetlands are finally being given due importance. Their role has now been realised. Under the government's scheme of 'har ghar main jal' (water in every house), we need to focus not only on bringing water to households but also get to the source and



conserve it.

We have identified 100 wetlands across the country which are under pollution stress, tourism pressure. We will keep updating the number," Pandey said.

A wetland is a land area that is saturated with water, either permanently or seasonally and it takes on the characteristics of a distinct ecosystem. According to the the Union government publication National Wetland Atlas, India has 7.5 lakh wetlands. According to data, wetlands hold close to 5% of freshwater.

The official said states have been asked to prepare integrated management plan indicating "where exactly the wetland is, what are its character-

"We are mostly unaware of the size and location of the wetlands. So we have asked the states to prepare documents in this regard so that we can work for wetlands in the next

"Most of the villages have small ponds, wetlands which need to be protected and a nodal officer will be nominated for each wetland and they will talk to people about wetlands," the official said at the side event hosted by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) at the

five years.

She also said the government has devised wetland health cards to give information on the wetland, including the boundaries defined, oxygen content and other basic para-

Suresh Babu, Director of Rivers, Wetlands and Water Policy at WWF India, emphasised on the importance of wetlands in combating desertification. "Wetlands are disappearing three times faster than forests and half of India's rivers are water stressed. We need to reverse this trend to fight land degradation," Babu

Brij Gopal, Founder Director, Centre for Inland Waters in South Asia said that the British treated wetlands as waste lands. The importance of wetlands is such that the Supreme Court and National Green Tribunal have directed that even a half hectare of these have to be protected. The wetlands are also important for the water security.

As per estimates, 15 per cent of India's flora and 18 per cent of the country's fauna comes from the fresh water. It is estimated that if the shallow waters disappear, 80 per cent of the insect population will become extinct.

Manu Bhatnagar, Principal Director of the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH), said that 'Everybody wants a piece of land, but not a land with water. The country has had three water management policies but they do not address the problem of basin management."

### **INSHORT**

KERALA PART OF INDIA: SC TO STATE HC JUDGE New Delhi: "Tell judges in Kerala that they are part of India," the Supreme Court said on Friday while taking strong exception to the State high court's tinkering of its 2017 verdict on right to conduct administration and prayers in churches in a dispute between two factions.

**BJP SLAMS DIDI FOR DEMEANING C-2 MISSION** New Delhi: Slamming West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for her comments on Chandrayaan 2 mission, the BJP said on Friday that she "sulks" when India celebrates and accused her of playing "demeaning and appalling" politics. The Trinamool Congress president had said that the entire "hype" around the mission is an attempt to divert attention from the "economic

PREZ 3 NATION VISIT FROM SEP 9 TO 17

New Delhi: President Ram Nath Kovind will embark on a tour of Iceland, Switzerland and Slovenia from September 9 to 17. President Kovind will hold talks with the top leadership of these countries and cooperation in sectors such as blue economy, science and technology, tourism and climate will be high on the agenda, Ministry of External Affairs Secretary (West) A Gitesh Sarma said.

### VP NAIDU WARNS PAK OF STERN REPLY

New Delhi: India has been acting with restraint despite "grave provocations" but if attacked

year in office.

will give a reply the aggressor will be unable to forget, Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu said on Friday, in a veiled warning to Pakistan. He made the remarks after launching a compilation of 95 speeches delivered by President Ram

Nath Kovind during his second

FOR AYODHYA CASE New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday said a plea, filed by former RSS ideologue KN Govindacharya, seeking live telecast or recording of the hearing in the Ayodhya land dispute case be listed before a bench headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi. The plea came up before a bench of justices R F Nariman and Surya

### FROM THE SUPREME COURT

## Delhi HC to decide on special judge's request in Unnao case



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court Friday asked the Delhi High Court to expeditiously decide on the request of a special judge for the AIIMS hospital to record the statements of the Unnao rape survivor, who has sus-

tained injuries in an accident. The special judge Dharmesh Sharma, who is holding trial in the cases related to the Unnao incident, had recently written a letter to the Delhi High Court seeking permission to hold in-camera proceedings at AIIMS for recording of the statement of the woman after doctors said it was "not advisable" to bring her to the court premises.

Sharma has informed the Registrar General of the high court that the CBI, the woman and her family have "no objection" to such deposition.

A bench of Justices Deepak Gupta and Aniruddha Bose, also directed the CBI to complete within two weeks its probe and file the charge sheet in the road accident case, in which the rape survivor was injured.

It also indicated that if the special judge needed more than 45 days to complete the proceedings, then it may consider the request.

₹10 cr release to Karti for travelling abroad denied

The Supreme Court on Friday refused to release for three more months the ₹10 crore deposited by Karti Chidambaram with the apex court's registry for travelling A bench headed by Justice

Deepak Gupta said the amount will continue to remain in fixed deposit for another three Karti, who is facing pro-

ceedings in cases like Aircel-Maxis and money laundering matters, had deposited Rs 10 crore pursuant to the condition imposed by the apex court for travelling abroad.

The apex court had in Mav too dismissed his plea seeking return of the Rs 10 crore. Karti, who is the son of former Union finance minister ram had ea



claimed in court that he had taken the money on loan and was paying interest on it. the Supreme Court.

On May 7, a bench headed by the CJI had allowed Karti to travel to the United Kingdom, the US, France, Germany and Spain in May and June this year.

The apex court had in January also granted Karti pertravel

after depositing Rs 10 crore with the secretary general of

The court, on the Enforcement Directorate's request, had earlier asked Karti to file an undertaking that he would return to India and cooperate with the investigation, and warned that if he did not do so it would "come

### SC seeks response from centre on petitions challenging UAPA amendments

**PTI** ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday sought a response from the Centre on petitions challenging the constitutional validity of the amendments made in the UAPA.

The petitions challenges the changes to the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act on various grounds, including that these infringed upon fundamental rights of citizens and empowered agencies to declare a person a terrorist.

A bench comprising Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justice Ashok Bhushan issued notices to the central government on petitions filed by Saial Awasthi and an NGO, Association for Protection of Civil Rights (APCR).

The bill for amendments to



Parliament on August 2 and it received the President's assent on August 9. The amended Act allows the Centre to designate individuals as terrorists and seize their properties. The Unlawful Activities

(Prevention) Amendment Act, 2019 also provides for putting a travel ban on such individuals once they are declared as terrorists.

The petition filed by APCR said the amendments infringed upon the fundamental right to reputation and dignity under Article 21 of the Constitution, without substantive and pro-

## Exposure to 2.5 pm can lead to dementia later

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

Tf you are exposed over a long time to two air pollutants, particulate matter 2.5' and nitrous oxide', which are both commonly found in cities around the world, there is a high chance that you risk of developing dementia later in life, according to a study pub-lished in the Journal of Alzheimer's Disease.

"This is concerning because the World Health Organisation (WHO) estimates 91 per cent of the world's population lives in places where air quality exceeds WHO guideline limits," Study co-author Neuroscience Research Australia's Dr Ruth Peters said.

He added that it's difficult for people to reduce exposure if they live where pollution levels are high.

Dementia is a neurodegenerative disease — characterized by a decline in performance and cognitive impairment in multiple domains and affects a person's independence in doing activities of daily living.
"This research shows that

government regulation that reduces our exposure to air pollution has a huge potential health and economic benefit."

Researchers believe air pollutants can increase inflammation in bodies and raise the risk of having a stroke, which increases the likelihood of developing dementia. Preventing dementia is a focus because it has become a growing health problem, which affects some 50 million people around the world.

The WHO estimates that nearly 10 million people each year develop the condition. The study brought togeth-

tion, there would be a proporly is 5 per cent-7 per cent. In absolute terms, there are

### FIGHTING FIT

Pay attention to your overall health

Exercise regularly

Maintain a healthy weight Regulate blood sugar levels

Keep cholesterol within recommended limits

Give up unhealthy habits including drinking and smoking



Canada, Sweden, Taiwan, United Kingdom and the United States.

The study is important in the context of India which is home to 15 of the 20 most polluted cities in the world with some studies indicating nearly 700 million Indians are exposed to unhealthy air.

Moreover, with the increase in the elderly populationate rise in elderly suffering from dementia as the prevalence of dementia in the elder-

about 35.6 million people living in the world currently with dementia and 7.7 million new cases of dementia added every year, i.e., nearly one case every 4 with highest projections in South Asian nations such as India and China. Over a million Indians

died in 2017 because of the country's dirty air, according to the Global Burden of Disease Study.

However, not much is being done by the world governments who are failing to address the dementia crisis, as per Alzheimer's Disease Înternational (ADI).

Globally only 31 national plans exist, including just 26 WHO Member States, while up to 34 are in development.

In the last two years only two countries (Chile and Qatar) have created plans, meaning current rate the 2025 target of developing plans will not be reached, said Paola Barbarino, CEO of ADI.

## IMD starts experiment on impact of rain in said region

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

 $\begin{array}{cccc} B_{\text{forecast,}} & \text{the India} \\ \text{Meteorological Department} \end{array}$ (IMD) has on an experimental basis started a system to predict the likely impact of the rainfall in the said region. The impact forecast will be based on the inputs received from agencies like Ministry of Earth Sciences, ISRO, Surveyor of India, Municipal Bodies and Public Works Department.

The impact of rainfall forecast will include details on flooding of roads, closure of underpasses, water logging in low lying areas, occasional reduction in visibility, soil erosion, disruption of traffic flow in cities, localized mud-sliding

structures. At present, the IMD provides only weather updates with colour coding.

IMD Director General Dr Mrutyunjay Mohapatra said that the target has been set to provide impact-based weather forecast across the country. As a pilot project, he said that the IMD on Friday started providing rainfall impact forecast on a host of services in four Bhuvneshwar, cities-Guwahati, Ahmedabad and Srinagar.

Dr Mohapatra said that the information related to rainfall will also include latest update on condition of roads, traffic jams, localised flooding of roads and drains, soil erosion, possibilities of damage to

and damage to vulnerable vulnerable structures, water logging, closure of underpasses, damage to kutcha roads and horticulture crops. He said that the IMD will work with the state departments, disaster management authority and national space agency and collate geographical information system and geospatial information system, along with other socioeconomic data, including population and distribution of

The primary aim of the exercise is to provide weather information on a digital platform, with geographical coordinates giving locations for residential areas, hospitals and schools. "Instead of just giving weather information, we want

to provide impact-based weather information and risk based warnings, not only for meteorological hazards, but geo-physical hazards," he said. Dr Mohapatra said that

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, MPs and staff members participate in the Fit India Movement at Parliament House in New Delhi

the accuracy in climate monitoring and forecasting has gone up over the years. He said the main challenge was "not only to tell about weather conditions, but also about it direct implications. "At present, we provide forecast only up to district level and now we need to go deeper to the block level. Har block mausam, har ghanta mausam (Hourly weather information for every block), that is the goal for all the 7,000

On the extreme rainfall in

some parts of the country, the IMD chief said that extreme rain events are rising globally. India is seeing fewer rainy days, but more extreme rainfall events. Climate change is a factor, but each monsoon has inter-annual variations.

The IMD has also predicted heavy downpour over Konkan, Goa and Telangana. 'Heavy Rainfall at isolated places over Uttarakhand, West Uttar Pradesh, East Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Assam and Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Coastal Andhra Pradesh, coastal and South Interior Karnataka, Kerala and Mahe, the IMD stated in its All India Weather Warning Bulletin.

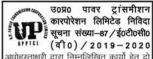
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## Opposition slams Maha Govt's move on conversion of 25 forts

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

vert 25 forts across the State into opposing the move on the



अधोहस्ताक्षरी द्वारा निम्नलिखित कार्यो हेतु द अलग–अलग भागों में मृहरबंद निविदार प्रतिष्ठित एवं अनुभवी ठेकेदारों से निर्धारित नेविदा प्रपत्र पर आमंत्रित की जाती हैं निविदा प्रपत्र अघोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय प्रत्येक निविदा के सम्मुख अंकित वापस होने वाले निविदा मूल्य नकद/बँक ड्राफ्ट अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, विद्युत प्रेषण मण्डल वाराणसी के पक्ष में जमा करके निविदा खुल की तिथि के एक दिन पूर्व तक किसी भी कार्यशील दिवस में 17.00 बजे तक प्राप्त किया जा सकता है। निविदायें प्रत्येक निविदा के सम्मुख अंकित तिथि को 14.00 बजे तक प्रघोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय में प्राप्त की जायंगी तथा उसी दिन सायं 16.00 बजे सार्वजनिव रूप से निविदादाताओं अथवा उनके अधिवृ त प्रतिनिधियों के समक्ष एक के बाद एव खोली जायेगी। निविदा के प्रथम भाग में प्रत्येक निविदा के सम्मुख अंकित धरोहर राशि एफ०डी०आर० / सी०डी०आर० / डी०डी० 🏻 के रूप में, जो अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, विद्युत प्रेषण नण्डल, वाराणसी के पक्ष में बन्धक हो, अनुमन आयकर, जी०एस०टी० पंजीकरण प्रमाण पः एवं शर्ते होंगी तथा दितीय भाग में केवल दरे होंगी। यदि निविदा खुलने की तिथि को अवकाश पड जाता है तो निविदायें अगले कार्य दिवस पर नियत स्थान एवं नियत समय पर खोली जायेंगी। (1) अल्पकालिक निविदा संख्या—87—ई0टी0सी0(वी0) / 2019—2020-अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत प्रेषण मंडल वाराणर के उपयोग हेत एक अदद डीजल चालि कार ड्राइवर सहित 10 महीनों के लिए किरा पर लगाने का कार्य। निविदा खुलने की तिथि-20-09-2019 निविदा प्रपत्र क मूल्य-रू० 200+36 (जी0एस0टी0@18%)/ धरोहर राशि-रू० 2000/-(रू० दो हजार मात्र)। अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत प्रेषण मण्डल उ०प्र0पा०ट्रा०का०लि० डी०एल०डब्लू० भेखारीपुर वाराणसी पत्रांक : 590 दिनांव 6.9.19 'राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचायें'

investments has sparked a The Maharashtra controversy, with the Government's move to con-Opposition leaders strongly Maharashtra controversy, with the heritage hotels and wedding ground that such a move would deprive the common people of access to the historic forts.

> The Opposition parties' anger should be seen in the light of the fact that most of the forts in the state have emotional connect with Maratha warrior Chhatrapati Shivaji and any effort by the state government to tamper with these forts is not taken kindly by people from various walks of lives, including historians.

> Hitting out at the Devendra Fadnavis dispensation for avoidable decision to convert 25 forts in the state into heritage hotels and wedding venues, senior Congress leader and former chief minister Ashok Chavan said: "On hand, the BJP garners votes in the elections using the name of Maratha warrior Chhatrapati Shiv Sena, while it is on the other hand it is now out to sell the forts. These forts portray history and culture of Maharashtra. Converting them into heritage hotels is depriving their access to the common people".

> 'The decision is a big blunder. Instead, the state government should have taken steps to preserve these forts," the former chief minister said.

> Without mincing words, NCP MP Surpriya Sule tweet-

venues to promote private have historical connect with Chhatrapati Shivaji. We strongly oppose the state government's move to convert forts into heritage hotels and restaurants. If anything, the state government should take steps to preserve the forts based on the opinion from international experts".

Slamming the state gov-ernment's questionable decision, MNS spokesperson Anil Shidore said: "The people are upset with the state government's decision to convert 25 forts into heritage hotels and wedding venues. Maharashtra has rich history of which we should all be proud. Please don't market our history".

Meanwhile, Tourism Minister Jaykumar Rawal, who himself is from a royal family, defended the state government's decision and: are not going to touch any of the forts with which Shivaji is involved. "An effort is being spread rumours about the decision relating to the promote heritage tourism through private investments in forts. The state government has not taken any decision relating Shivaji-linked forts in the state. They would neither be converted into hotels or used as wedding venues". There are three kinds of

forts in Maharashtra. The ones associated with Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharashtra, those coming under the ASI or the Directorate of Archaeology and Museum and other small forts coming under Revenue, Forest or Tourism departed: "The forts in Maharashtra ments," Rawal said.

## Resolution passed | PM on Metro inauguration against NRC in WB spree in Maharashtra

Kolkata: West Bengal Assembly on Friday passed a resolution denouncing the NRC in Assam and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee asserted that she will never allow such an exercise to ever take place in the State.

The resolution moved iointly by the ruling Trinamool Congress and Opposition Congress and CPI(M) was pased by voice vote while the BJP boycotted it.

"We will never let BJP implement the National Register of Citizens in West Bengal," Banerjee said at the Assembly during a discussion on the motion on the NRC which is a validation of Indian citizenship in Assam.

"The Assam Accord was signed during Rajiv Gandhi's

quility return to Assam. This was not acceptable to any other states," she said during the discussion on the motion under She went on to add "I wel-

come Nitish Kumar's statement that they (his party the JD(U)) will also not implement NRC in

The NRC in Assam was updated under the monitoring of the Supreme Court and the final list, published on August 31, excluded over 19 lakh applicants. The cut off date was March 24, 1971.

The BJP has often said it will implement the NRC in West Bengal and has accused Banerjee of opposing it for the sake of minority vote bank.

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI  $P_{\text{Modi will lay foundation}}^{\text{rime Minister Narendra}}$ 

stone for the development of three metro lines, inaugurate a metro station and state-of-the-Art metro coach in Mumbai. He will also address a women's rally at Aurangabad during his daylong visit to Mumbai and Maharashtra on Saturday.

During his visit to the metropolis, the Prime Minister foundation stone for the development of three metro lines, which together will add more than 42 km to the metro network of the city.

The three corridors are: 9.2 km-long Gaimukh to Shivaji Chowk (Mira Road) Metro-10 corridor, 12.7 km-long Wadala



to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus Metro-11 corridor and 20.7 km-long Kalyan to Taloja Metro-12 corridor.

Modi will also lay foundation stone for a state-of-the-art Metro Bhavan, a 32-storey centre that will operate and control 14 metro lines measuring around 340 km.

He will inaugurate Bandongri Metro Station at Kandivali East and a state-ofthe-art metro coach, the first metro coach manufactured under "Make in India". He will later release a Brand Vision

Document for Maha Mumbai

While in Aurangabad, the Prime Minister will address a state-level Mahila Saksham Melava or Empowered Women's Meet of Self Help Groups, being organized by Maharashtra State Rural Livelihood Mission (UMED).

Modi, who was to kickstart a host of projects in Nagpur, cancelled his visit to Nagpur. 'As IMD has declared 'Red Alert'of extremely heavy rainfall warningin Nagpur and Vidarbha region, the proposed visit of the Prime Minister to Nagpur tomorrow has been cancelled," a statement issued by the Press Information Bureau (PIB) stated late on Friday night.

## IAS officer's resignation takes political hue

Mangaluru: A Karnataka IAS officer resigned on Friday, claiming that the fundamental building blocks of democracy are being compromised in an unprecedented manner, a move that immediately took on a political colour with the Congress seeking to target the NDA Government on the issue.

Dakshina Kannada district Deputy Commissioner (DC) S Sasikanth Senthil tendered his resignation from the IAS and clarified that the decision was purely a personal one.

"I have taken this decision as I feel that it is unethical for me to continue as a civil servant in the government when the fundamental building blocks of our diverse democracy are being compromised in an unprecedented manner", Senthil said in a letter to his 'friends'.

He also said he feels strongly that the coming days will present extremely difficult challenges to the basic fabric of the nation and that he would be better off outside the IAS to continue with his work at making life better for all.

"It simply cannot be business as usual anymore," he remarked.

Meanwhile, Congress leaders, including Legislative Council member Ivan D'Souza and party workers staged a protest in the Dakshina Kannada district headquarters town of Mangaluru against Senthil quitting from the IAS.

Veteran Congress leader M Mallikarjun Kharge termed the resignation as an "indicator of the way India is moving".

"The democratic values are in danger and things are not happening according to the constitutional provisions. Hence there is dejection. These IAS officers function directly come under the Central government.

That's the reason that he(Senthil) has resigned," Kharge claimed while talking reporters. He also alleged that institutions like the Income Tax, Central Bureau of Investigation, Central Vigilance Commission and the judiciary were losing their "independence" due to the 'interference' of the Central

## Three more held in Pansare murder case

**TOTAL NUMBER OF STATIONS: 24** 

NAME OF THE STAIONS: Sarai Kale Khan, New Ashok Nagar, Anand

South, Modi Nagar North, Meerut South, Partapur, Rithani, Shatabdi

Nagar, Bramhapuri, Meerut Central, Bhaisali, Begumpul, MES Colony,

two others are depot stations - Duhai Depot and Modipuram Depot.

Daurli Metro, Meerut North and Modipuram. Besides these 22 stations

Vihar, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, Guldhar, Duhai, Murad Nagar, Modi Nagar

Kolhapur: Three more suspects were on Friday arrested by a Special Investigation Team (SIT) in connection with the 2015 killing of veteran CPI leader Govind Pansare here in Maharashtra, police officials said. With this, the number of accused arrested in the Pansare case has gone up to 12.

The trio - Sachin Andure, Amit Baddi and Ganesh Miskin - was lodged in jails in Mumbai and Pune under judicial custody in different cases, they said.

They were formally arrested from jails in the Pansare case by the SIT of the state CID, the **PTI** officials said.

Andure, an alleged sharp shooter, was lodged in Pune's Yerawada Jail in the Narendra Dabholkar case, while Baddi and Miskin were under judicial custody in Arthur Road jail of Mumbai, they said.

Baddi and Miskin are accused in the Gauri Lankesh case of Karnatka and also in the Nallasopara arms haul case of Maharashtra, Pansare was shot at on February 16, 2015 in Kolhapur and succumbed to his injuries on February 20. Narendra Dabholkar, a noted rationalist, was shot dead on August 20, 2013 in Pune while he was on a morning walk. PTI

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अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना

दिनांक 19.09.2019 के सायंकाल 4:00 बजे तक आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदा प्रपत्र किसी भी कार्य दिवस में

देनांक 19.09.2019 को 1:00 बर्ज तक निविदा मूल्य का नगद भुगतान केंश काउन्टर पर करके निविदा प्राप्त

किये जा सकते हैं। भरी हुई सील्ड निविदायें उसी दिन अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय में सायंकाल 3:30 बजे तक

निविदा बाक्स में प्राप्त की जायेगी। निविदा बाक्स से प्राप्त सभी निविदायें उपस्थित निविदादाताओं के समक्ष

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जोन—7 के कार्यालय में सम्पर्क कर किसी भी कार्य दिवस में प्राप्त की जा सकती हैं। निविदा बिना कारण बताये

Government of India

Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Department of Social Justice and Empowerment

VAYOSHRESHTHA SAMMAN

(National Awards for Senior Citizens) 2019

extension of date for inviting nominations in selected categories

The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment has decided to once again open the

Description/ Eligibility

elderly either by providing them gainful employ-

ment, or utilizing their skills and experience to

the benefit of the society or creating infrastruc-

ture in geriatric medical care or any other similar

step for the benefit of senior citizens as a com-

munity. The activities taken for benefit of senior

citizens should be away from the mainline busi-

ordinary courage in the face of grave danger.

2. The last date for receiving nominations as per Notification in respect of the above mentioned

Best Private Sector Corporate Houses, addressing the problems of (a) Citation;

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पास कुल 16 नग क्षतिग्रस्त मेनहोलों के मरम्मत का कार्य।

निरस्त करने का अधिकार अधोहस्ताक्षरी / महाप्रबन्धक में निहित है।

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सायं 4:00 बजे खोली जायेंगी।

निविदा का मूल्य घरोहर घनराशि

अधिशासी अभियन्ता जोन-7

जलकल विभाग

Nature of Awards

(a) Citation;

(b) Memento.

(c) Cash award of

two lakh and fifty

thousand Rupees.

### Centre approved ₹350 cr for 9th phase of Bru repatriation: Official

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उ.प्र. पावर ट्रान्सिमशन कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड निविदा मि संख्या ६६ से ६७/वि. पा. मं. ল. ∕2019–20 घोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता द्वारा अनुभवी ठेकेदारों/फर्मी

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Aizawl: The Centre has cial said. The approval came Secretary (internal security), Ministry of Home Affairs, A P Maheswari, in Delhi on Friday, Mizoram Home Secretary Lalbiakzama said.

The state had last month identified 4,447 Bru families for the exercise, scheduled to begin on October 1, he said.

"The approved amount of ₹350 crore would cover transportation and rehabilitation includes ₹5,000 per month for each resettled Bru family in Mizoram and free ration for two vears," Lalbiakzama, who represented the state in the meeting, told PTI over phone.

Among others who attended Friday's meeting were senior officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs, representatives of home departments of Tripura and Mizoram and organisations representing

The Bru community, also called Reangs, is among the 21 scheduled tribes in the country.

अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना विश्वकर्मा श्रम योजनान्तर्गत निम्न ०५ ट्रेडो लोहारी, राजमिस्त्री, दर्जी) प्रत्येक में 25 टूलकिट की आपूर्ति हेतु अल्पकालीन निविदा प्रपत्र दिनांक 07.09.2019 से दिनांक 13.09.2019 के मध्य कार्यदिवसों में समय पूर्वान्ह 11:00 बजे से अपरान्ह 2:00बजे तक कार्यालय से प्राप्त एवं जमा किये जा सकते हैं। दिनांक 13.09.2019 को समय अपरान्ह 3:00बजे निविदायें,निविदा समिति के सम्मुख खोली जायेगी। अल्पकालीन टेण्डर ख्यातिप्राप्त जी०एस०टी० रजिस्टर्ड अनुभव युक्त एवं पैन कार्ड धारकफर्मों से निम्नांकित विवरणानुसार अर्नेस्ट मनी सहित आमन्त्रित किये जाते हैं। क्रम0सं0 01 सामग्री का विवरण विश्वकर्मा श्रम सम्मानयोजनान्तर्गत 125 टूलकिट **अनुमानित धनराशि (रु0 में)** 801500 / — निविदा प्रपत्र **शुल्क (रु0 में)** 1603 / — अर्नेस्ट मनी **(रु0 में)** 16030 / — जमानत धनराशि (रु0 में) 40075/-नोट - निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क

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## **Delhi-Meerut RRTS** work gains speed

**Tender floated for Detailed Design Construction for** three stations

GAYATHRI MANI ■ NEW DELHI

The National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) has begun pre-construction work on the 16-km long Delhi Rapid Rail Transit Delhi Ghaziabad Meerut corridor. Tender has also been floated for 'Detailed Design Construction' (DDC) for three major stations Sarai Kale Khan, New Ashok Nagar and Anand Vihar Inter State Bus Terminal (ISBT), which will also be the major converging points of all three RRTS corridors.

Currently, the NCRTC implementing agency has started work on the Ghaziabad portions. "The preliminary work such as survey, pile, utility work such as utility diversion of electrical lines, water pipe line and sewer line has been started for parts of Phase I corridor of the Delhi Meerut Corridor. These three stations are the most important stations as these will inter connect the entire major RRTS corridor — Delhi Meerut. Delhi Gurugram Panipat-

Sonipat and Delhi-Alwar," said

civil construction will also be soon started for the sections.

**USUAL TIME: 4 hours** 

TRAVEL TIME FROM RAPID RAIL: 60 minutes

Among the three stations, New Ashok Nagar and Sarai Kale Khan will be elevated ones, While Anand Vihar Rapid Railway station will be totally underground as the existing Delhi Metro station is an elevated station due to which it attracts a heavy traffic in the vicinity and near Inter State Bus Terminus (ISBT) Anand Vihar..

The NCRTC official further added, "Besides three stations, an 11 km viaduct from Sarai Kale Khan will be developed which will connect RRTS ram near Khichripur to Jangpura stabling yard. The stabling yard will be developed on the 12 hectare land parcel Jangpura."

Moreover, inorder to bring different mode of transports at one point through the Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS),

RTC official adding these stations will be developed as Multi Modal Integration (MMI) which will connect ISBT Sarai Kale Khan, Hazrat Nizamuddin Station, Delhi Metro and Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), Aerocity, Uttar Pradesh State Transport Corporation (UPSTC) through skywalks, escalators, underpasses and

pathways. Anand Vihar Rapid Rail station will connect Delhi metro's Blue line and seven stations on Pink line which is under construction, the Anand Vihar ISBT and the intra-city railway station, Nizamuddin Railway Station, UPSRTC and subway facility for the pedestrians. Moreover, cutting the travel time between Noida-Ghaziabad, New Ashok Nagar station will provide a short direct route to Noida-Dwarka and Vaishali Ghaziabad.

## Conjoined twins get independent lives after surgery at AIIMS

**Odisha twins leave** for hometown after 2 years of recuperation

PNS NEW DELHI

As Jaga and Balia, conjoined twins from Odisha who spent over two years at AIIMS here undergoing complicated surgeries for separation of their heads left for their hometown on Friday, Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan lauded the team of doctors for the "rarest of the rare" surgery and asserted that it was the "first successful craniopagus conjoined twin separation surgery" in India wherein both the children survived.

Harsh Vardhan said in the last 50 years, only 10 to 15 children worldwide have survived after the surgical separation procedure.

"This is an extremely rare condition seen in one in 25 lakh live births and any kind of sur-

tion has 75-80 per cent risk to life to one or both children," the health minister said. Professor of Neurosurgery

at AIIMS Dr Deepak Gupta, who led the surgery termed it extremely complex and challenging as the twins "shared venous return (circular sinus) and were totally fused with each other at the head".

Their surgical separation required meticulous and detailed planning, he said. About the present condition of the twins, Dr Gupta said, "Jaga is developing well in all domains of neuropsychological assessment. He is gaining weight and can join school immediately after returning home.

After their arrival at the Odisha city on Saturday, the twins will be admitted to the Srirama Chandra Bhanja Medical College and hospital there for further medical assis-

Balia remains neurologi-

cally disabled and is being fed through a special tube. But he is breathing on his own, the neurosurgeon said, adding he requires long-term rehabilitation

The separation of their heads took place in two stages. The first stage surgery, lasting 25 hours, involved creating a venous bypass on Balia and partial brain separation from Jaga. It was conducted on August 28, 2017.

The final separation of the children was done on October 25 and this operation lasted 20 hours. Skin grafting and minor neurosurgical procedures were performed on the children to cover skin defects over the next few months.

During the final surgery on October 25, Jaga suffered a cardiac arrest, but he was successfully revived after 15 minutes. The two children stayed in the private ward of AIIMS's Neurosciences Centre for the last

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## Pak using social media to OGWs under radicalise J&K youth: DGP Intel scanner

Srinagar: Asserting that Pakistan is sustaining terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir, State police chief Dilbagh Singh on Friday said the neighbouring country's use of social media to radicalise the youths in the Valley remains a "big chal-

lenge".

He, however, exuded confidence that the police and the armed forces will rise to the challenge as they had done many times in the past.

The director general of Jammu & Kashmir Police was interacting with a group of trainee officers from the able to meet the challenge. College of Air Warfare, Secunderabad, at the police headquarters here.

"Pakistan has been sustaining terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir and a large number of terrorists have been moved to the launch pads across the border," Singh said.

He said social media was being used by Pakistan to radicalise the young minds in the Valley, which remains a "big challenge for all of us".

The DGP expressed confidence that the police and the



"The police enjoy a very cordial relationship with all forces. There is perfect synergy between the security forces and the police in the state. This fact has been recognised even by the senior functionaries in the Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Defence," he

He added that the police also share a good rapport with the state's residents, which helps in management of law and order.

During the interaction, security forces together will be Additional Director General of

Police (ADGP) CID B Srinivas; ADGP Armed SJM Gillani; ADGP Security, Law and Order Munir Ahmad Khan and Inspector General of Police, Kashmir, SP Pani, responded to different queries from the visiting officers, a police spokesperson said.

Earlier, Coordination, Headquarters, A K Choudhary welcomed the visiting officers, the spokesperson said.

As part of their one-year training, the officers are taken to the forward areas of Jammu & Kashmir and northeast. PTI

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**MOHIT KANDHARI** ■ JAMMU

Tleuths of both the Central and State intelligence agencies have been directed to closely monitor suspicious activities of over ground workers (OGWs) in frontier disers (OGWs) in Frontier dis-tricts of Rajouri and Poonch following restoration of mobile calling facilities in the region. Following fresh reports of movement of Pakistani troops

close to the line of control (LoC) in Bagh and Kotli sectors, the Indian army too has beefed up its defences while remaining in a state of 'high' alert to thwart any nefarious designs of the enemy from across the line of control.

Highly placed official sources maintained, "following restoration of mobile calling facility in the region after a gap of 30 days, the sleuths of both the central and state intelligence agencies have been directed to closely monitor the activities of the over ground workers in their areas of jurisdiction".

Besides tracking their physical movement, sleuths of these intelligence agencies have been directed to mount 'electronic surveillance' on them so as to prevent them from networking with their handlers sitting across the line of control. It has been seen in the past that Pakistan army manages to target civilian areas with accuracy on the basis of inputs shared by the over ground workers of ter-

rorist outfits. Intelligence agencies are also keeping a close watch on families, whose relatives live across the line of control and regularly visiting each other via Karvan-e-Aman peace bus service (Between Poonch-Rawlakote) via Chakan-da-

Bagh in Poonch. Efforts are being made to organise interaction session with the senior members of these families to convey them the circumstances and the prevailing security situation which prompted security agencies to take these measures.

## Chandrayaan-2 to divert attention from economic disaster, says Mamata

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

Hours before Vikram — the Chandrayaan-2's moon lander— was to make a landing on the surface of the moon, Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Friday landed a straight blow on the Central Government's face saying the "much hype" over lunar vehi-cle's maiden touch-down on moon's north pole was intended at diverting the nation's attention from the unprecedented economic crisis that India was passing through.

Starting with a blistering attack on the Narendra Modi Government for trying to hijack all the credit for the development of India's space science Banerjee said, "as if the Chandrayaan launch is first in the country. As if before they (BJP) came to power no such missions were taken up,". The "much-manoeuvred" hype on the moon mission was being done to divert the nation's attention from the "economic disaster that we are in," she



Banerjee, who was giving a speech on the "malicious implementation" of National Register for Citizens in Assam and what her ruling Trinamool Congress called a "diabolic design" to repeat an Assam-like NRC in Bengal, also said that the "BJP leaders are trying to take all the credit for India's success in space technology and its mission to moon."

She said "if the BJP leaders are so much interested in what is happening in the moon than in Indian economy then they should acquire lands up there, construct their own apartments to reside their perma-

### Jet founder Naresh Goyal questioned by ED

**PTI** ■ MUMBAI

et Airways founder Naresh Goyal was on Friday questioned here by the Enforcement Directorate in a case of alleged contravention of the foreign exchange law, officials said.

This is the first time that the central agency is grilling him after it conducted searches against him last month. Goyal's statement has been

recorded under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) at the agency's zonal office here, they said.

A dozen premises, including Goyal's Mumbai residence in Mumbai, his group companies, their directors and offices of Jet Airways, were searched by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on August 23.

According to agency sources, the businessman's empire had 19 privately-held companies, five of which were registered abroad. The agency is probing charges that these firms allegedly carried out "doubtful" transactions under the guise of selling, distribution and operating expenses.

## AIMIM to go it alone in Maha Assembly polls

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

Severing its links with the Prakash Ambedkar-led Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi (VBA), the Hyderabad-based All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) on Friday announced that it would go it alone in the State Assembly polls to be held next month.

In a statement issued here, AIMIM's Maharashtra president Imitaz Jaleel said that the VBA had — in the seat sharing arrangement for the State Assembly polls — allotted mere eight seats out of the total 288 seats. "This is simply unacceptable and unjustified as the list does not include the sitting seat AIMIM — Aurangabad Central," Jaleel said.

"After prolonged discussions with Prakash Ambedkarji lasting for two months, we could not reach a respectable figure in the seat distribution between my party and VBA, Jaleel said.

Announcing that his party would contest the polls on its own strength, Jaleel — who is the lone AIMIM MP from Maharashtra — said that his party would soon hold interviews for the prospective candidates in Aurangabad.

The VBA is a merged entity of political political outfits and groups representing Dalits, Tribals, Dhangars, Kolis, Agris, Banjaras, Malis, Kaikadis and other communities. The AIMIM was part of the VBA during the Lok Sabha polls.

## Hajela not efficient in discharging NRC duty, review needed, Gogoi writes to CJI

Guwahati: Senior Congress leader Tarun Gogoi has written to Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi alleging that NRC State Coordinator Prateek Hajela did not discharge his duty effi-ciently while preparing the final list published last week, and requested him to review the

The National Register of Citizens in Assam was updated under the monitoring of the Supreme Court and the final list which validates bonafide Indian citizens of the state, excluded over 19 lakh applicants.

In a letter to the CJI, Tarun Gogoi alleged that Hajela did not follow the direction of the apex court although over 50,000 Government officials were engaged in the NRC updation job and around ₹1,200 crore was spent at the cost of development work of

"Now the question arises rejected by all political parties,

about the fates of several lakh people who have been left out of the NRC and have to move to Foreigners Tribunals to prove their citizenship and face harassment, not due to their faults but due to the callousness and inefficiency of the NRC authority," he said.

In the letter written on Thursday and made available to PTI on Friday, the three-time Congress chief minister said a number of people were excluded though their names were there in the voters' lists of both 1966 and 2019.

March 24, 1971, is the cutoff date for making a legitimate claim to Indian citizenship.

'The (voters') list was prepared by Election Commission of India, a constitutional body, and so how could the names of people in it be excluded from the NRC," Gogoi said.

The final NRC has been

social organisations and intellectuals of the state, Tarun Gogoi said.

He also claimed that BJPheaded governments at the state and the Centre are contradicting each other on the final NRC

State Finance Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and Assam BJP president Ranjit Dass rejected the document claiming it has anomalies, whereas a statement of the Ministry of External Affairs maintained that the NRC update was statutory, transparent and a legal process, mandated and monitored by the Supreme Court, the Congress leader said in the letter.

"The state government, if I am not wrong, is trying to blame the Supreme Court by making allegations that they had their limitations due to the interference of the highest court," he wrote to the CJI. PTI



Residents carry their belongings as they evacuate Bowbazar area where several houses have been damaged owing to tunnel boring for East-West Metro corridor in Kolkata on Friday

## Deforestation leads to human-elephant conflict, says study

A scientific study carried out in the Western Ghats shows that deforestation increases human-elephant conflict. The study conducted in Bhadra Tiger Reserve in the north and the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve in the south and spanned over 47,000 km2 across Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala States. This area hosts one of the highest densities and abundance of wild Asian elephants in the world. One can see more than 6000 elephants in Nilgiri Biosphere which is one of the endangered ecological hotspots in the world.

The study conducted by wildlife biologists Jean-Philippe Puyravaud, Sanjay Gubbi, H. C. Poornesha and Priya Davidar and also published in the in the journal 'Tropical Conservation Science" using maps from the 1960s and satellite imagery, compared past forest cover to the recent agricultural mosaics for a period of 44 years and found a severe loss of elephant

According to the study data shows that between the years 1960 and 2004 a total of 4,023 km2 of forests and 2,738 km2 of scrub amounting to 6,761 km2 (1,67,0679 acres) of elephant habitat have been lost to agriculture, infrastructure development, and other activities. The lost elephant habitat is nearly equivalent to ten times the current size of Bengaluru city.
"In the same region, the

agricultural mosaic increased by 7,123 km2 of which 88% was outside protected areas (6,266 km2) while 12% (857

**KESTUR VASUKI** ■ BENGALURU areas which was largely in the state of Kerala and in Gudalur region of Tamil Nadu. The annual deforestation rate was estimated at 0.85% per year", the study reveals.

The authors further used records of conflict incidences and correlated the incidents with the intensity of deforestation. The results showed that human-elephant conflict incidents occurred at locations where deforestation rate was high and such incidents did not occur at random. The districts of Kodagu and Hassan witness some of the highest human-elephant conflict incidences in the country. A total of 64 people have died in Kodagu and Hassan due to elephant conflict in the last 10

"Elephants have continued to survive in this deforested area possibly relying only in small refugia of forests thus leading to a situation where isolated elephant populations are struggling with the land transformation. Elephants come in frequent contact with humans in areas where their habitat vanishes which is a recipe for disaster", the study points to the disaster.

In its interesting revelations the study points out that this deforestation severed the elephant habitat link between Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve and the Bhadra Tiger Reserve and most notably in Hassan and Kodagu districts. The deforestation in the two districts mostly occurred in areas that existed in private lands.

The study emphasizes the importance of proactively reducing deforestation, loss, and fragmentation of elephant habitats to reduce the loss of km2) was inside protected human lives and livelihoods.

## KCR 'image' on Yadadri temple sparks row

PNS HYDERABAD

nscription of pictures of Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao and TRS party symbol besides various welfare schemes of the TRS Government on famous Yadadri temple pillars has created a storm.

While the TRS and State Government are trying to distance themselves from the controversy by staying mum on the issue, the Opposition Congress and BJP have accused KCR of trying to project himself as a 'demi God' with this act at the cost of public money in the name of Yadadri temple renovation works. Tension prevailed at Yadadri temple premises on

Friday as scores of activisits belonging to Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Bajrang Dal and Hindu Parirakshana Samithi tried to enter into the temple to protest 'politicisation' of Yadadri temple by TRS Government in the name of temple renovation. Heavy police force was

entering into the temple premises, which led to scuffle between the police and the The activists raised slongans against KCR and TRS and

demanded removal of political

deployed to prevent them from

symbols from the pillars immediately and conduct a thorough enquiry to find out the culprits behind this 'unholy act'.

Officials of endowments department and YTDA (Yadadri Temple Development Authority) went into oblivion as soon as the news broke out about inscription of political symbols on Yadadri pillars on Friday. Endowments Minister A Indrakaran Reddy, top officials of endowments department who include secretary and commissioner remained inaccessible, apparently from the directions of 'government heads', who asked them not to react on this issue. Strict instructions were also issued to TRS party leaders not to react or give media statements on this issue. With this, there was no response either from the government side or from TRS side

However, the issue triggered sharp protests and criti-

on this issue.

cism from Opposition parties. The Congress alleged that KCR has been trying to portray himself as a 'Demi God' of Telangana State. TPCC treasurer

Gudur Narayana Reddy saidm This is highly condemnable as the expansion of Yadadri temple is being done with public money and not with the personal wallet of KCR. He must realise that he is just a public representative and not a king. No one can tamper with the santity of temples and equate themselves with Gods," he said

BJP warned KCR with dire consequences, if he doesn't immediately take down those pillars and replace them with acceptable ones, as per the Hindu temple norms.

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## Bengal CM protests against bank merger

Minister Mamata Banerjee wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday protesting against the Centre's unilateral decision to merge two public sector banks headquartered in the city without consulting the State Government. Expressing concern, she said the merger and the threat of shifting of the banks' headquarters will affect the developmental momentum of the state. Banerjee in her

letter urged Modi not to go for

Kolkata: West Bengal Chief the bank merger, which was announced on August 30.

"Im deeply concerned to learn that two public sector banks headquartered in Kolkata are being merged with banks headquartered in Delhi and Chennai respectively without any consultation with the state government or with the management of these two banks," Banerjee said in her letter to Modi. The unilateral decision of merger of banks and threat of shifting headquarters from West Bengal will adversely affect the developmental momentum of the state, she added. Banerjee, who is also the TMC supremo and a strident critic of the BJP, in her letter expressed her concern over the future of thousands of employees of the two banks. I strongly urge you not to merge UBI with PNB and Allahabad Bank with Indian Bank and thereby also raise the spectre of moving the headquarters of these two leading banks out of Kolkata, she wrote in her letter

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PAPER WITH PASSION —

## The endgame

Vendetta or financial skullduggery? With Chidambaram's attempts to stall proceedings, courts will have their say



or the last five years, investigation agencies have been playing a cat and mouse game with former Finance and Home Minister of India, P Chidambaram, and his son Karti Chidambaram. There are some fairly serious allegations against the father-son duo, most of them concerning deliberate financial misconduct and bribery. Authorities, primarily the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), have alleged that the two received kickbacks from INX Media. Many of these charges were first

exposed by this newspaper. They are pretty serious, ranging from wrongdoing, particularly during the approval process of INX Media and the Aircel-Maxis mobile telephony operation and takeover. There are several layers of irony in this case and the way the allegations came under the investigative lens. But the biggest irony is that both the agencies probing the case were once functioning under the direct control of Chidambaram. As a former Home Minister, he had unleashed the hounds of the CBI on BJP leader Amit Shah, who holds the reins as Home Minister today and surely has a board in his office that lists Chidambaram's tenure staring at him every day when he goes to the Home Ministry. There is also the irony that it is a woman accused of killing her own daughter, Indrani Mukerjea, whose testimony implicates the man, although it is a privilege afforded to prisoners to turn approvers not just in India but in the US, too, where this is commonly known as a plea bargain. But when agencies and systemic processes have been abused by the powers that be down the years, and circumscribed as we are in the politics of whataboutery, this regime will spare no effort to extract its pound of flesh as has been done before. So the larger question is of protecting values in public institutions, immunising them from political powerplay and ensuring that justice is done for its own sake, in its time, and not at the bidding of others. Or that it is not subject to tradeoffs.

Now it is for the courts to decide the validity of the allegations against Chidambaram. The senior Congress leader, himself a senior advocate, has assembled a fleet of the most renowned lawyers. Yet the courts, which used to give him and his son a wide berth, seem to have had enough of the bullying practices indulged by his team. The investigative agencies had until recently always seen him slip through their grasp and the former Minister also appeared paranoid about being sent to Tihar jail, trying to avoid it as long as possible. There might be some merit in Chidambaram's assertion that he is a victim of political persecution but he did refuse to submit himself to interrogation in the past until CBI officers had to climb the walls of his house to arrest him. Unlike several other political leaders, his bravado in refusing enquiry protocols has meant that he has fared poorly in the public perception battles. That, coupled with the fact that he enjoys a very limited political base even in Tamil Nadu, have meant that there has been little outcry over his arrest other than by the senior advocates representing him. It is not certain that Mr Chidambaram will be found guilty. The Government will have to persuade not just the courts but also the public at large that the former Minister and his son indulged in unprecedented fraud and corruption. What we have learnt is that it is very easy for the political tables to turn as Chidambaram went from being the hunter to the hunted. We have also learnt that irony is omnipresent in India. Can ever justice be righteous in this country without the shield of political endorsement? Can it be free of arrogance and egoism of the feudal kind?

## **Civil disobedience**

Hong Kong protesters, braving arrests and insinuations, have shown that an alive citizenry can still make good



t a time of monolithic triumphalism of nationalist regimes across the world, the Hong Kong protests showed how civil movements might just still be able to turn the tide. Hong Kong's Chief Executive Carrie Lam announced the withdrawal of the controversial extradition Bill, the impetus that had led the citizenry to stage Tiananmen Square-like prodemocracy protests since June. The Bill acted as a catalyst for three long months, paralysing the city and forcing millions of protesters, mostly the young, to make their way on to the

streets, demanding its withdrawal. Hong Kong is bracing for more demonstrations this weekend, with protesters threatening to disrupt transport links to the airport. The primary reason is that Lam's decision is still not formal, considering her announcement has no value till such time she formally declares it in the legislative council. The second and more important reason is that the extradition law, which would have put Hong Kong's dissidents under China's laws, has set a context for speaking out against the infringement of the island's semiautonomous character as guaranteed during the transfer by the British. And now that activists have tested the power of collective voice, the umbrella movement will not just remain an outburst but a struggle for democratisation of the local government. Needless to say that press freedoms have been compromised over the years on the island, elected legislators disqualified and demonstrators and dissidents thrown into prison. And now that a popular push has resulted in a global opinion that even a mighty China can ill afford to ignore, Hong Kong's citizenry has decided that they won't settle for anything less. They now want the power to directly elect their political representatives, including the Chief Executive. They also want an independent inquiry into police brutality. As for the latter, while Lam has assured an investigation into the protest crisis, there's a clever twist. Instead of committing a new, independent inquiry, as has been demanded by the protesters, she has named two senior officials on the existing inquiry panel, members of which are appointed by her and answerable to Beijing.

In the entire episode, what has been commendable is the bravery of the demonstrators, most of whom have been peaceful. More than 1,000 protesters were arrested; they had to face tear gas, rubber bullets and some were even accused of being members of a triad criminal gang. China, in the times of social media justice, has little manoeuvering room as it cannot fall foul of international opinion, having had a controversial rights record, or dilute Hong Kong's cosmopolitanism, something it could encash for PR. With its own economy grunting and heaving, it cannot afford to risk a dent in that of Hong Kong's. Already, Fitch Ratings has lowered its ranking of Hong Kong, citing uncertainty about the stability of its business environment. The protesters, however, should temper their moves a bit and not assume that China will be forced into a retreat. In fact, the more violent the clashes, the easier it will be for China to argue for the use of brute force and ensure peace. Worse, it can blame the US for provoking dissenters to swing the trade tariffs and at least get nationalist opinion on its side.

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# Total lack of direction

The BJP seems to have adapted some of the worst tenets of Right-wingers and foregone some of the better ones. Its very idea of nationalism is flawed



AJOY KUMAR

ne terms "Right-wing" and "Leftwing" are now a recurrent part of our discourse. They are used as labels for "conservatives" and "liberals" and collectively those who have a view on both cultural and economic practices of a State. Originally, the two terms were coined during the French Revolution when, in the summer of 1789, members of the French National Assembly met to begin drafting a new Constitution. Delegates primarily debated on the kind of authority King Louis XVI should have. The faction that supported the monarchy and who were more conservative, the aristocratic section, seated themselves on the right of the room while other "anti-royal" revolutionaries seated themselves to the left.

The difference between the Right and the Left wing is no longer about debating the role of the monarchy. However, stemming from this accidental birth, the principles on what essentially constitutes "right" and "left" wing have become more established over time. Right-wingers or conservatives are typically characterised with a social policy of macho nationalism with a strong emphasis on things like limiting immigration. In terms of economic policy, the Right-wing is typically characterised as one which focusses on minimum governance, where the role of the State is less of a grandfather and where businesses are allowed to channel and give effect to the demands of the economy.

On the other hand, in terms of social policy, the Left-wing is characterised as a proponent of minority rights, more economic equality and plays the larger role of the State to step in for those who need them. This is still a rather relaxed characterisation but I hope it captures the essence of the two sides.

These terms are often liberally used to describe parties in our country. To cite an example, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is often identified as the Right-wing party and the Congress as more Left of Centre. Such simple classification, however, does injustice to the complex political party system and ethos in India. The BJP loves to portray itself as India's Right-wing or conservative option. It furthers this idea through statements to the media. For example, in 2014, Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared that the BJP believes in "minimum Government, maximum governance" and will execute these values. These statements got the response the party desired as it tried to establish and strengthen its hold middle class urban tired of the overbearing role of the State.

While the BJP identified the right pain point — that the State often turns out to be an inhibitor of entrepreneurial spirit — the past five years have shown just how disingenuous the party has been in tackling the actual problems of an overbearing Government. Instead, it has taken it one step further. From a social point of view, the role of "State" in our everyday lives could not be higher. Today, it directly (through laws) tells its people what

they can eat, where they can go, how to dress and who to marry, among other things. If this is not done directly, it is done indirectly through instruments of the State like the police or through more informal means by allowing non-state bodies to get away for attacking people who dress a certain way or eat certain things.

This is hardly the brand of a "Right-wing party." On the aspect of macho nationalism, the BJP is an extreme form of the Rightwing. It would be acceptable, even encouraged, if it advocated a strong India where its people are steadfast about their beliefs and there is pride among Indians about the country. However, that is not the version of nationalism we see today.

Instead, what we have is a chest-thumping form of nationalism. One that is so loud that one cannot even hear a murmur of dissent. This form of macho nationalism displays a strong outer core but at the same time betrays a weak inner belief, one that is scared of editorials and of protest. This form of nationalism is less about building a stronger India and more about managing the Government's perception. In its social policy, the BJP, therefore, appears to have borrowed the worst parts of the Right-wing and foregone

some of the better ones. On the economic front, too, it appears we have been lied



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mum governance and minimum Government", Indians assumed that this meant that the BJP would reduce the retarding effect of bureaucracy and Indian laws on a doe-eyed entrepreneur. However, this has not been

Instead, the notion that the business and entrepreneurial community would gain from a "minimum Government" has been shattered. One had hoped the State would have a lesser role to play in terms of approvals or tax compliances. Instead, what we have been given is a scarier monster where direct tax authorities harass tax-paying citizens and exercise their wide berth of powers without any checks and balances.

Similarly, in terms of indirect taxes, the way in which the Goods and Services Tax (GST) was implemented has made it more intrusive than ever. The effect of this can be gauged by businessmen, who previously supported the BJP Government but have now come to realise that things are much worse under its stewardship.

Another hope from a conservative Government is stability of policy. This means that people, who are governed by a conservative Government, expect it not to change or alter its policies as per its own whims and fancies and ensure businesses are not affected. An extension of this policy, although it should really not require saying, is that a "conservative Government" should not attack or wear down a sector of the economy that contributes to the country's growth.

However, this is exactly what has happened. In a recently published article in The Mint, the writer argued how through demonetisation and a shoddy programme, the Government essentially waged a war on the informal sector even though more than 30 per cent of the economy is completely informal and over two-third of the workforce is employed in informal enterprises.

Therefore, this has made the "BJP's war on informality essentially a war on the economy The ironic bit is that the current version of the BIP, with its Rightwing social policies and far Left economic policies, is closer to a communist State (like China in the 1980s) and fails to neither a good socialist State that takes care of those who cannot take care of themselves, nor a conservative role model with more free markets and minimum interference. Maximum governance, Minimum Government? You must be having a laugh.

(The writer is former president of Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee)

### SOUNDBITE

India is open to talk about the issue of terrorism with Pakistan provided it is done in a civilised manner without having the gun pointed at my head

**External Affairs Minister** —S Jaishankar



It's taken me about 30 years From 'Sallu' and 'Salle' to 'Bhai' and 'Bhaijaan.' It has taken me a long time to

-Salman Khan



Kashmir is Pakistan's jugular vein. India's decision to alter its special status poses chal lenges to the country's

security and integrity. Pakistan Prime Minister



There should be discipline in every party. If someone indulge in indiscipline, no matter how big an individual, action should be taken against him

Senior Congress leader -Digvijaya Singl



### LETTERS TO THE

**Mismanagement on the economic front** 

### Come to the rescue

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Auto shutdown" (September 6). A dip in sales of passenger cars and commercial vehicles is a fair indicator of the direction and growth of the Indian economy. And it is not just these two segments but sales of two and three-wheelers, too, have considerably slowed down in the last few quarters.

Major transport associations threatening to stop buying new trucks is more bad news for the economy. In general, the entire auto sector is going through a troubled phase. The Government cannot be a mute spectator to this

slowdown. While all demands cannot be met, some, like the reduction in GST rates and two per cent TDS on cash withdrawal should be heard. When the Bharat-VI stage vehicles will roll out in seven months, the Government as also other stakeholders need to be on the same page and resolve all concerns. Like auto sales, commercial vehicle sales are equally critical for perking up the economy.

**Bal Govind** 

**Best batsman** 

alist sentiment.

"all-round mismanagement" has logic. When core sec-

tors like manufacturing, agriculture, real estate, construc-

tion, auto and services have taken such a strong hit and

consumption and investment are almost at an all-time

low, an economic revival needs more than tokenism.

Band-aids simply won't do. The quick-fix measures

unveiled by the Government do not suffice to undo the

damage caused by demonetisation and the hastily-imple-

Sir — It was heartening to watch Australian cricketer Steve Smith play exceptionally well on day two of the fourth Ashes Test played at the Old Trafford Cricket Ground, Manchester. Smith, who is now

again in the ICC Test rankings, made a massive comeback in red ball cricket after being banned for a year. It is interesting to note that Smith completed his 500 runs in only three Test Matches after hitting his 26th century and third double century on the second day of the fourth Test.

Smith is inarguably one of the



mented GST. The BJP came to power on the promise of creating jobs but the Modi Government has failed to do so or prevent further job losses. There is dearth of talent in the Government to run the economy but the failure to use the continued services of the country's best economists has cost us badly

**G** David Milton

ranked at No 1 position once

most accomplished batsmen of modern-day cricket as far as the five-day form of the game is concerned. After a continuous failed opening from David Warner in this series, it would be wise if he is made to open in forthcoming Test Matches.

**Tushar Anand** 

### **Adapt to new changes**

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Do the crime, pay fine" (September 4). Just a few days have passed since the implementation of the newly-amended Motor Vehicles Act and people have raised a lot of hue and cry over the huge penalties the new law imposes for petty offences.

These are the very people who are least bothered about endangering human lives on roads. And they are also the ones who are more worried about cash settlement when they are booked for committing a traffic offence.

The Act has the potential to bring down the number of road accident deaths, and most importantly, bring about a behavioural change. For the Act to be a success, it is also essential that traffic police is deployed in sufficient numbers and wrong-doers hauled up. There should be no room for corruption or bribery.

M Pradyu Kannur

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### FIRSTCOLUMN

## It's people who make a nation

The J&K decision, even if required, should have taken people into account and carved a way that did not endanger its ethnic & national construct



MALVIKA SHARMA

ince the abrogation of Article 370 and the territorial bifurcation a lot has been said about the situation Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) is in today. The 'ayes' vehemently deduce that apart from development, this is also a step towards full integration of J&K with India. The 'nay-sayers', while rebutting development arguments, believe that the move was more of an ideological battle. Development or not, it is the idea of full-national integration that needs to be decoded.

It ought to be emphasised that national integration is primarily not about territorial integration. Passing a law by locking down an entire State, without any say of local representatives and yet defending it through the narrative of territorially-integrating it with India, is no national integration in any sense of the term. It's the people and not the territory that make a nation and are one of the most important components of integration. People can be categorised as ethnic groups that coalesce together to form mono/multi-ethnic nations. It is these nations that further coalesce to form multi-national states or multi-national nation-states. Nations, thus, are a different construct from a nationstate: while a nation is a socio-cultural category, a nation-state is a

Professor Ashutosh Varshney recently explained in an article how the recent developments in J&K are a reflection of how a State functions only within the ambit of political democracy and how it had sidelined ethical and moral components in the democratic ethos and norms governing a State. Exclusive political-democratic alignment empowering the imposition of the abrogation order is neither a territorial nor a people's integration with India. Perhaps Varshney and many others who have critically analysed the same are right in saying that it's a political implication of democracy only because such an imposition, in the absence of the legislative Assembly, has rendered the spirit of democracy null and void. Thus, such an imposition is undemocratic and hegemonic. To put it differently, this is undemocratic where the idea of national integration doesn't take into account the basic unit of social organisation, rather it straight away jumps to the level of statehood and deals with people in a top-down approach where coercion and conflict are inevitable.

J&K occupied its position as a multi-ethnic construct in the larger multi-national nation-state of India. India, which celebrates its diversity, has now stood ideologically intolerant to the ethnic mosaic that made J&K diverse. Pahari, Gojri, Kashmiri, Dogra, Ladakhi, Dard and Balti, each being the varied ethnicities of the state, coalesced with one another as nations under the larger nation-state construct of India. By bifurcating territorially the national-construct that J&K stood for, and that too without full support of the people, the purpose of 'fullintegration' remains only half-baked. Clearly the authorities were more than aware about the utilitarian meter of who would be and who would not be happy with such a decision. Choosing the happiness-index of one ethnicity over the other was certainly a deadly blow to the actual national integration of J&K. This decision, even if required, should have taken the people into account and should have carved a way that did not endanger this ethnic and national construct of J&K.

One may be open to taking into account the arguments of those who say that the ethnic divide between a Dogra-Jammu and a Kashmiri-Vale or a Ladakhi-Leh had already been transformed into a natural division which has led to hostilities since posterity. However, such claims are silent on other ethnicities like Dards, Baltis, Bakarwals and Gujjars. Without denying the ethnic rift, a belief in the effervescence of primordial bonds and faith that they might remain interconnected, are some of the ideals that citizens striving for a peaceful society must work for. And let us also not forget that such tensions emerge under the influence of external forces that are communal.

Unfortunately, the reorganisation of the State hit where we were the most vulnerable — a society divided into different religious communities, ready to be cast into various moulds depending upon the multiple political ideological shifts it might take. We have divided J&K and have nothing rich left to offer to both. If this is national integration, then we have had it at the cost of our ethnic deaths. J&K has died as a rich ethnic vibrant nation that belonged to this beautiful diverse nation-state of India, which celebrated diversity and protected ones that were endangered. I hope to belong to the same India one day. Till then, let us be mindful that homogeneity breeds autocracy and vice-versa. It is up to us a society to decide what we choose for us and for those who shall inherit from us: a homogenous, autocratic, racial, fundamental, casteist society that denigrates ethnic-cohesion, or a free borderless society standing united in diversity. If we choose the former, then let us break ourselves down into a million pieces till the last unit of individual dissociates himself from the larger whole and dies a self-death. But if we choose the latter, then let us associate with a giant diversity that celebrates its rich historic constructions. (The writer is a Ph.D scholar at JNU)

### POINTCOUNTERPOINT

THE DELHI GOVERNMENT HASN'T TAKEN ANY DECISION. THE HOME DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE THE FINAL CALL (PROSECUTION IN JNU SEDITION CASE). —DELHI CHIEF MINISTER



IF AN ELECTED GOVERNMENT CAN'T PUNISH WORDS LIKE 'BHARAT KI BARBADI TAK JANG RAHEGI JARI', IT MEANS IT THINKS OF IT AS A PATRIOTIC SLOGAN. —DELHI BJP PRESIDENT

# Building block of economy

Homelessness is a big challenge. A decent shelter for the poor can catalyse overall economic growth and micro-housing is one way to do this



MOIN QAZI

ne of the most challenging problems of our times is homelessness. While we continue to record improvements in dealing with poverty, homelessness has elicited but an unimaginative response from policy doctors. The apathetic approach of successive Governments is symptomatic of the disease that ails India's housing sys-

A decent habitat and shelter for the underprivileged can contribute not just to their well-being but also catalyse overall economic growth. It is thus critical to recognise housing investment as a basic, fundamental building block of economic activity. There is nothing more critical to a family's quality of life than a healthy, safe living space. Sustainable and inclusive housing solutions could bolster economic growth quickly and efficiently and hence should be given priority over education and health.

Housing is not a standalone issue: It is closely intertwined with and often the cause of a slew of health and developmental problems. Poor ventilation and inability to maintain basic hygiene are major causes of poor health. Fragile building structures undermine safety and vastly increase vulnerability to disaster. Lack of lighting and space limits the ability of children to study. Inadequate privacy and lack of sanitation contribute to a host

diseases, thereby perpetuating poverty.
For many people in the developing world, the land on which they live is their only asset. If that property is not publicly recognised as belonging to them, they lose out on social benefits.

Land ownership is often the bedrock of other **development interventions:** Owning land boosts nutrition, educational outcomes and gender equality. The converse is equally true. Where land security is absent or weak — that is, when men and women do not receive recognised legal rights to their land and can thus be easily displaced without recourse - development efforts flounder, undermining conservation efforts, seeding injustice and conflict and frustrating efforts to escape

For most of India's poor and the vulnerable, secure property rights, including land tenure, make for a rare accessible luxury. Many who live in slums ve little to no control over or ownership of the property they live on. The lack of official land titles is a major impediment to the acquisition of housing finance. People do not have documentary proof of being owners of the piece of land on which they live and are, therefore, legally insecure. Many low-income villagers have owned their land for generations. The formal financial sector is unable serve them. Once titled, they could obtain access to several public benefits including loans.

Lack of ownership rights deprives people of basic amenities. Once titled, they can obtain access to several Government benefits. Even a small plot

can lift a family out of extreme poverty. Millions of urban citizens remain off the map, with the Government failing to extend basic services to slum residents by using the concept of opportunistic influx—the idea that the provision of services might encourage greater migration from rural areas — thereby paradoxically increas-

ing urban deprivation. Traditional housing finance has not offered products tailored to low-income people but a range of financial institutions is applying good micro-



ACT IS NEEDED TO PROMOTE RENTAL HOUSING. A UNIT SHOULD BE FIXED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LANDLORD AND THE TENANT FOR A STIPULATED LEASE PERIOD PRIOR TO WHICH THE TENANT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BE EVICTED AND AFTER THE EXPIRY OF THE LEASE PERIOD, THE TENANT WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO CONTINUE IN THE HOUSING UNIT





finance practices to housing finance. This is allowing them to successfully deliver much-needed services to economically weaker customers. Successful housing micro-finance providers have married the core principles of the micro-credit movement — peer-based borrower selection and repayment enforcement, close follow-up on repayment and so on — with the technical expertise required to investigate land ownership.

In response to the non-availability of tangible collateral from low-income households, as required by the formal financial sector, a new stream of lending has emerged, called housing microfinance. Institutionalised micro-finance systems have come up with innovative

These draw on the best practices in classical housing finance paradigm. This has been highly successful wherever Governments are offering longterm tenancies and shared-ownership housing in a supportive context. But the sector is still in need of a more sustainable business model to grow.

Housing micro-finance is broadly defined as small, non-mortgage-backed loans dedicated to housing activities, offered in sequences to support the incremental building practices of lowincome populations. It can include a range of financial services that support improving or upgrading housing such as home repair and expansions, additional cooking space, water and sanitation services, energy efficiency upgrades, the purchase of inhabitable land or permanent structures and the construction of new housing.

The demand for housing micro-

finance is high. Clients already chan-

nelise a good portion of micro-enterprise loans to home improvement. Microentrepreneurs often use their homes as productive assets in generating income. A home can be a place to store inventory, produce goods and run a business. A home is a personal asset that usually appreciates in value over time. Home improvement, thus, not only enhances living conditions but is also an invest-

The housing sector demands a high level of creativity. There is a lot to be done across a range of policy areas to improve the functioning of different aspects of our housing system. The conventional bureaucratic approach and thinking of business-as-usual can mere-ly scratch the surface of the problem. The stresses are mounting fast and India needs to start talking very seriously about the elephant in planned interventions to be successful, hard-coded timelines are required. These timelines should be insulated from political turbulence.

One major cause of India's aggravating problem is the weak legal structure for handling rental housing. According to census data, the share of rental housing in total housing fell from 54 per cent in 1961 to 28 per cent in 2011. That year, despite a severe shortage of rental housing, 11.09 million urban properties remained vacant across India. In most States in India, traditionally, rent control laws have disproportionately protected the tenant. Consequently, we have the paradoxical situation of unsatisfied demand for rental housing while many units lie vacant.

It is time the Government puts rental housing to use. Its share in overall housing has been steadily declining. There is clearly need for replacing current rent control laws with a modern tenancy law, which would give full freedom to tenants and owners to negotiate the rent and the length of the lease. Rules with respect to eviction also need to be reformed to restore balance between the rights of tenants and the owners.

We need a differently structured and more professional market rental sector. A Model Rent Act is needed to promote rental housing. A unit should be fixed by mutual agreement between the landlord and the tenant for a stipulated lease period prior to which the tenant will not be allowed to be evicted and after the expiry of the lease period, the tenant will not be permitted to continue in the housing unit.

The leadership class repeatedly turns to policies that sound appealing but are doomed to fail. Then their failthe issue head on. The lack of enthusiasm and attention from actors in the ecosystem that has surrounded affordable housing has been quite dispirited. There have been remarkably lukewarm endorsements from many of the very people who dreamed up the new poli-

Policy-makers, financial institutions and housing experts need to evaluate their current policies, cultures, and ways of working. With a thoughtful approach, they can be better prepared to tackle this humongous problem. The country's impressive economic growth must translate to faster progress in this critical area. The Government will have to change course and shift away from the legacy mindset before the problem gets out of hand.

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## Apt writer for a political narrative

A self-made man, Arun Jaitley rose in politics solely by dint of his hard work and due to sheer merit, intelligence and his persuasive ways in dealing with opponents and handling conflicting issues



¬he passing away of Arun Jaitley at the age of 66, when most Indian politicians are considered mature enough to soldier top constitutional posts, is a severe blow to the intelligentsia and the politics of understanding.

Though few can dispute that the former Finance Minister was an astute politician, a brilliant legal mind and a wonderful orator, what made him even more remarkable was the fact that he kept his razor-sharp mind active through his blogs till the very end of his life, knowing fully well that his days were numbered.

Despite his protracted illness, he never showed any inkling of nervousness in his writing and kept on serving his party, the Bharatiya Janata his peers and con-Party (BJP), the Government and the temporaries but also country with aplomb.

It is a matter of sadness that the BJP in less than two years has lost its four top articulate leaders in Arun Jaitley, Sushma Swaraj, Manohar Parrikar and Ananth Kumar, all at relatively young ages. Jaitley joined the BJP during his college days in the early 70s through the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) when most of his peers were making a beeline for the Congress offices. A young man at that time, he doggedly fought and went to jail during the Emergency. Later, he joined the legal profession and for years on end, he became one of the best and most articulate lawyers ever seen in the Delhi High Court and the Supreme

A self-made man, Jaitley rose in politics solely by dint of his hard work and due to sheer merit, intelligence and his persuasive ways in dealing with conflicting issues. Over the years he became an indispensible part of the BJP's politics and his formidable talent was recognised not just by

by his opponents in law and politics.

He was deeply involved in supporting his long-time friend Narendra Modi and Amit Shah when all were determined to finish them off in the aftermath of the February 2002

Godhra train carnage and during their incarceration in the Sohrabuddin Sheikh encounter case and other cases slapped by the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) regime through the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

He wrote a detailed letter as Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha to the then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh narrating how the CBI was being used to target Modi and Shah.

Though Jaitley's erudite account in the letter of the misuse of the CBI did not have a major impact on the



ruling establishment, it did expose the fact that a suspicious case was being pursued vigorously to finish the political careers of the Prime Minister and Home Minister of India. Ironically, today the wheel of time has run a full circle and former Finance

Minister P Chidambaram finds himself in the same position he brought these two politicians to, through CBI cases.

Jaitley's name will remain in the history of the BJP and the country as the man who promoted Narendra Modi as the BJP's face for the 2014 parliamentary elections. Together with Manohar Parrikar, he wove the narrative with a vision and in a persuasive manner to declare Modi as the BJP's prime ministerial candidate. The rest, as they say, is history. It was his eloquence, oratory skills and irrefutable arguments that silenced Modi's critics. For a long time, Jaitley was the chief troubleshooter for the BJP and Modi during his first stint in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

There's no doubt that Modi will miss Jaitley's articulated voice and wisdom as he was the man on whom the Prime Minister used to fall back upon for counsel.

The implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) will be remembered as Jaitley's greatest gift to the tax structure and financial reforms in country. With his masterly capability for forging bridges with opponents, he was able to synchronise the diverse interests of the BJP

and Opposition-ruled States. He made GST implementation smooth and later ironed out some of the difficulties that came in its way. As a Finance Minister he resolved the problem of insolvency of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) and finalised the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code. These were not mean achievements given that Indian banks were involved in multi-crore scams.

I got an insight into Jaitley's wisdom in 2004 when he was Law Minister in the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Government and I was Inspector-General of Forests in the Ministry of Environment and Forests. There was a proposal at the behest of the PMO just before the Madhya Pradesh and Lok Sabha elections to frame a roadmap for correcting the historical injustice done to tribals.

Jaitley corrected the Ministry's note in the presence of the Prime Minister and made it not only legalsound but had the foresight to see that this roadmap did not become a tool for increasing encroachments on forest lands.

Such was his vision that he could foresee events effortlessly. Later, after the defeat of the BJP in 2004, the UPA Government enacted the Forest Right Act 2006 and today it has become a political narrative for all parties. Jaitley, the tallest and brightest BJP leader born post Independence, will be remembered for a long time for what he has done for the party and for the nation. Rest in peace Arun Jaitley!

(The writer is a former civil ser-





### TESTING KIDS IS JUST WRONG

Politicians are right to seek

evidence that schools are delivering a good service. So there is nothing wrong, in principle, with gathering information in order to track progress. The problem with the UK Government's new baseline assessment of four-year-olds — being tried over the next six weeks in around half of primary schools, and intended to replace the tests previously taken by sevenyear-olds — is the idea's execution.

(The Guardian Editorial)

## **Sensex jumps 337 points**

## Finance, IT, auto stocks shine

**PTI** ■ MUMBAI

enchmark indices Bmarched higher on Friday amid expectations of more measures from the government to prop up the auto sector, while hopes of a trade truce between the US and China buoyed global markets.

The 30-share BSE Sensex ended 337.35 points, or 0.92 per cent, higher at 36,981.77. Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty spurted 98.30 points, or 0.91 per cent, to finish at 10,946.20.

During the holiday-truncated week, the Sensex lost 351.02 points or 0.94 per cent, while the Nifty shed 77.05 points or 0.69 per cent.

Amid clamour from the auto industry for a GST rate cut, Minister of State for Finance Anurag Thakur on Friday asked players to also take up the matter with state finance ministers who are part of the GST Council, and assured all support from the

Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari has also assured the crisis-hit automobile sector of all possible support from the government, including taking up the demand of GST reduction with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

All the auto stocks in the

**Gold prices fall** 

New Delhi (PTI): Gold prices fell by ₹372 to ₹39,278 per 10 gram in the national capital on Friday due to weak demand and strong rupee, according to HDFC Securities. In tandem with gold prices, silver also dropped by ₹1,273 to ₹49,187 per kilogram here.

In the international market, gold prices fell to USD 1,510 per ounce in New York, while silver also dropped to USD 18.30 an ounce.

Sensex pack ended in the green on Friday, led by Maruti Suzuki (3.61 per cent), Bajaj Auto (2.90 per cent), Tata Motors (2.58 per cent), Mahindra and Mahindra (2.34 per cent) and Hero MotoCorp (2.14 per

Other gainers included Tech Mahindra, NTPC, Axis Bank, Tata Steel, Bajaj Finance and Kotak Bank, which rose up to 3.77 per cent

On the other hand, Yes Bank, Sun Pharma, TCS, HCL Tech, HUL and ITC declined up to 2.42 per cent.

"Expectation of sops to the falling auto sector lifted market sentiments today, while gain across Asian markets on a hope of ease in trade tension

Continuous selling by FIIs remained as a concern, but market may trade positively in the short-term in anticipation of policy actions," said Vinod Nair, head of research, Geojit Financial Services.

Sectorally, BSE auto, power, metal, utilities, energy, bankex, consumer durables and finance indices gained up to 2.54 per

However, realty and FMCG indices ended in the

Broader BSE midcap and smallcap indices followed the benchmarks to settle up to 79 per cent higher.

On the global front, equities advanced following reports that China and the US would resume their trade negotiations next month.

In Asia, Hang Seng, Shanghai Composite Index, Nikkei and Kospi settled in the Exchanges in Europe were

also trading in the positive zone

in their respective early ses-Meanwhile, the Indian rupee appreciated 16 paise (intra-day) to trade at 71.68 per

US dollar. Global oil benchmark Brent crude was trading flat at USD 60.94 per barrel (intra-

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Automotive industry body SIAM on Friday sought government intervention to help the sector in smooth transition to BS-VI emission norms from April next year, saying the prospect of abrupt stoppage of manufacturing and sales of BS-IV vehicles overnight posed a "monumental" challenge.

Speaking at the annual convention of the Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India (ACMA), SIAM President Rajan Wadhera said vehicle manufacturers and component suppliers were on track to meet stricter emission norms, but expressed concern over availability of BS-VI fuel across the

"The transition is very abrupt on March 31, both manufacturing and sales (of BS-IV vehicles) stop. This has never ever happened in anywhere in the world," Wadhera said.

It is extremely difficult to predict sales and plan inventories in such a way to have zero inventory on end of March, he added. "This itself is giving speculation and confusion in customers and in huge loss for the entire auto fraternity,"

Wadhera said. Turning to Minister of State for Finance Anurag

Thakur and MoS for Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises Arjun Ram Meghwal, he said, "So sir, we request you to please look at this, and from time to time over the next few weeks we shall interact with you to give us a possible solution to this very big complex thing which is

Last year, Supreme Court had ruled that no Bharat Stage (BS) IV vehicle shall be sold across the country with effect from April 1, 2020.

Terming the transition as "a very monumental phase of the entire auto industry", the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) president said, "All eyes are on us. Together we have to ensure that we execute this transition very

Lots of investment and hard work have already been put in by both OEMs (original equipment manufacturers) and suppliers, he added.

Wadhera also drew the attention of the government to take a swift decision on GST reduction on automobiles ahead of the festive season.

'We have an issue at hand with the festival season around where 15 to 20 per cent of the sales happen during this festive time. The revival of sentiment is very important," he said.

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Auto industry seeks govt help in smooth transition to BS-VI emission norms

ACMA seeks uniform 18%

GST on all components

Auto components industry on Friday sought uniform 18 per cent GST in order to help companies with their working capital borrowings which could be used to invest in long-term assets.

The auto components industry currently employs 50 lakh people and contributes 2.3 per cent to India's gross domestic product (GDP).

"While the captains of our domestic original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) are ably representing the interventions that would be required to stimulate demand, we in the component sector seek assistance by way of a uniform goods and services tax (GST) rate of 18%, Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India (ACMA) President Ram Venkataramani said.

While speaking at ACMA Annual Summit here, he said that about 60 per cent of components were taxed at 18% currently, while the remaining high value parts attract a duty of 28%.

"Since we are largely a B2B business, this would not have an impact on the government exchequer, but would help our membership in managing their working capital borrowings, which could be better used to invest in long-term assets,"

Venkataramani said.

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Auto players should also take up GST rate cut demand with state FMs: Thakur

New Delhi (PTI): Amid clamour from the auto industry for a GST rate cut, Minister of State for Finance Anurag Thakur on Friday asked players in the sector to also take up the matter with state finance ministers who are part of the GST Council, and assured all support from the Centre. "You are aware that any rate cut on GST needs to be approved first by the fitment committee then by the GST Council. I request all of you to also reach out to the state finance ministers who are part of the GST Council," Thakur said while speaking at the annual convention of the Automotive Component Manufacturers Association.

He said the Finance Ministry had received multiple representations from car manufacturers, dealers and many of the stake holders regarding the GST rate cut. "Various OEMs (original equipment manufacturers) are based out of various parts of the country. The issue is whether they (the manufacturers) are taking these issues with their finance ministers or not," Thakur later said while speaking to reporters on the sidelines.

He added that a limited survey of 70 listed companies for the first quarter of FY20 indicates that companies with well diversified portfolios - be it across vehicle segments, market segments, product groups or different geographies — have performed better than others.

"Exports form a significant component of this portfolio, and therefore we request that export incentives are encouraged," Venkataramani said.

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(WTO) regulations in mind, and ACMAs request is to look at enhancing these benefits through the new input tax credit scheme being proposed so that the industry can become more export competitive, he

Venkataramani said, although fast-forwarding implementation of BSVI emission standards and introduction of new safety features within a short period of time has caused pain, it also allows the Indian auto component industry to be treated at par with global sup-

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ONGC	126.40	128.55	124.50	127.25	2.1	
COALINDIA	196.15	199.50	192.80	198.10	3.2	
INDUSINDBK	1321.10	1340.00	1311.30	1330.00		
INFRATEL	249.50	251.85	245.00	250.50	2.3	
ICICIBANK	391.00	394.50	389.20	392.05	3.0	
INFY	843.30	847.00	835.05	840.25	6.2	
ASIANPAINT	1524.00	1539.45	1519.75	1530.60	10.8	
GRASIM	702.15	711.45	699.65	701.35	4.2	
BHARTIARTL	350.20	354.00	345.10	349.65	1.9	
LT	1328.45	1334.00	1320.35	1326.85	6.5	
ISWSTEEL	217.40	219.35	212.25	217.30	1.0	
ULTRACEMCO		3972.00	3883.10	3907.45	18.6	
GAIL	131.70	132.05	129.25	131.35	0.4	
HDFCBANK	2228.00	2256.60	2221.30	2241.75	6.6	
SBIN	275.05	277.00	272.10	273.50	0.2	
HDFC	2056.45	2056.45	2023.00	2044.00	-0.1	
ITC	244.30	245.85	243.25	244.00	-0.2	
ZEEL	361.75	366.80	358.65	360.10		
BPCL	377.00	382.35	373.50	379.50	-1.3	
BRITANNIA	2695.40	2721.30	2646.20	2665.00		
ADANIPORTS	368.00	368.70	363.80	364.50	-2.0	
UPL	573.75	573.75	563.10	565.55	-4.1	
TCS	2216.00	2233.50	2192.60	2198.00		
HINDUNILVR	1831.00	1843.35	1814.20	1815.00		
CIPLA	479.00	482.50	473.75	474.20		
HCLTECH	1115.50	1121.15	1096.95	1097.05	-14.9	
WIPRO	255.35	257.30	248.80	251.75	-3.8	
SUNPHARMA	416.70	427.20	414.45	425.00	-6.8	
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NIFTY NEXT 50	26025.20	26082.35	25883.95	26053.95	118.9
NMDC	81.00	84.20	80.70	83.85	2.8
ICICIPRULI	428.00	444.40	427.00	439.00	12.2
BIOCON	230.55	237.00	229.35	236.00	6.4
ICICIGI	1180.50	1205.00	1180.50	1202.00	28.8
MRF	58080.00	58980.00	57900.10	58900.00	1177.5
IDEA	5.10	5.40	5.10	5.20	0.1
GICRE	170.60	175.00	170.60	173.70	3.1
SAIL	32.50	33.20	32.05	33.00	0.5
SIEMENS	1181.00	1194.80	1162.85	1188.00	17.9
BOSCHLTD	13601.00	13880.00	13600.00	13790.00	203.9
HAVELLS	653.00	665.35	653.00	661.40	9.5
MOTHERSUMI	98.65	100.90	97.30	99.00	1.3
BHEL	51.40	52.10	50.70	51.85	0.7
NIACL	106.50	112.10	106.50	109.00	1.4
ASHOKLEY	62.50	64.40	62.25	63.90	0.8
SRTRANSFIN	982.10	998.10	977.60	991.25	11.2
CADILAHC	236.00	240.80	233.10	238.65	2.6
SHREECEM	17650.60	17960.00	17507.95	17783.10	180.3
HINDZINC	214.60	218.10	212.45	217.30	2.1
INDIGO	1634.00	1654.70	1634.00	1647.00	15.0
AUROPHARMA	616.50	621.55	611.85	618.50	5.4
LUPIN	769.20	774.65	757.00	772.10	6.7
AMBUJACEM	193.60	196.70	193.30	194.90	1.7
COLPAL	1241.00	1254.00	1238.05	1251.05	10.4
PGHH	10098.70	10178.75	10055.00	10178.75	80.0
BANKBARODA	94.00	95.40	93.15	94.45	0.7
SBILIFE	834.50	837.00	821.30	835.75	4.5
DABUR	440.45	442.65	437.15	441.05	2.1
ABB	1319.80	1339.00	1310.35	1322.00	5.8
DMART	1528.00	1543.90	1515.15	1528.10	6.3
PAGEIND	18199.00	18199.00	17860.20	17985.00	58.6
HDFCLIFE	531.90	536.00	528.00	529.80	1.3
GODREJCP	598.00	609.15	587.90	598.70	1.5
BANDHANBNK	451.40	451.95	447.00	450.00	0.9
MCDOWELL-N	607.50	612.05	602.10	607.45	0.9
PIDILITIND	1370.10	1376.85	1359.35	1371.60	2.2
L&TFH	92.20	93.50	90.95	91.80	0.1
HDFCAMC	2625.00	2643.85	2596.10	2607.00	2.4
OFSS	3042.55	3080.00	3022.55	3043.30	0.7
ACC	1468.45	1477.00	1453.70	1461.10	-0.0
DIVISLAB	1645.00	1654.80	1620.95	1637.00	-2.0
NHPC	24.00	24.20	23.90	24.05	-0.0
PETRONET	267.10	267.40	261.55	264.00	-1.1
BAJAJHLDNG	3324.95	3330.00	3269.55	3295.05	-21.1
MARICO	386.00	387.90	381.00	381.90	-3.0
HINDPETRO	264.30	266.00	258.25	261.90	-3.1
UBL	1329.80	1332.40	1292.60	1300.00	-21.3
CONCOR	517.40	519 25	502.00	502.55	11.6

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IBULHSGFIN	420.70	438.80	406.20	425.75	M&M
YESBANK	61.40	62.15	59.55	60.40	BAJAJ-AUTO
RELIANCE	1205.00	1229.00	1196.25	1222.50	ADANIENT
IDEA	5.15	5.36	5.11	5.18	KOTAKBANK
IBVENTURES	158.00	167.80	146.55	155.55	MANAPPURAM
TATAMOTORS	118.60	122.20	116.65	121.10	WOCKPHARMA
DLF	159.30	159.30	148.20	154.20	AVANTI
MARUTI	6000.00	6219.00	5965.65	6185.85	TVSMOTOR
RBLBANK	324.90	339.50	316.80	336.75	LUPIN
SUNPHARMA	417.00	426.90	414.60	424.90	GODREJIND
TECHM	714.00	734.00	714.00	721.55	NBCC
SHANKARA	316.25	369.65	316.25	368.00	SAIL
WIPRO	255.00	257.35	248.80	251.95	ADANIPOWER
TATASTEEL	346.95	357.80	342.85	355.30	INDIANB
ONGC	127.00	128.40	124.50	127.85	TATAELXSI
AXISBANK	651.20	672.90	651.20	671.00	GAIL
BAJFINANCE	3317.20	3387.20	3298.60	3371.45	SPARC
ICICIBANK	391.90	394.50	389.20	391.50	EICHERMOT
JINDALSTEL	96.90	96.90	92.55	95.60	TITAN
SBIN	275.35	277.00	272.25	273.95	GRASIM
COALINDIA	195.80	199.35	192.85	198.50	HEROMOTOCO
SPICEJET	129.90	131.65	129.25	129.90	BRITANNIA
HDFCBANK	2233.00	2256.00	2221.05	2245.15	HINDUNILVR
LICHSGFIN	395.05	402.00	395.05	398.85	DMART
ESCORTS	470.85	487.95	460.50	485.50	RAIN
SUZLON	3.55	3.57	3.10	3.20	GNFC
ASHOKLEY	62.70	64.45	62.30	63.90	SBILIFE
BOMDYEING	86.15	89.70	85.60	87.65	ACC
RPOWER	3.48	3.52	3.25	3.27	BAJAJFINSV
LT	1324.55	1334.00	1320.55	1328.40	BEML
STRTECH	115.85	124.70	115.15	123.20	APOLLOHOSP
IFCI	7.10	7.20	7.06	7.15	M&MFIN
IBREALEST	63.50	66.10	62.60	65.30	HCLTECH
MCX	875.00	893.00	858.35	884.35	BHEL
TCS	2215.00	2231.70	2190.85	2197.65	IDBI
ICICIPRULI	428.20	444.20	428.20	440.80	ASIANPAINT
MUTHOOTFIN	566.00	588.50	557.00	585.30	IRB
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	INFY	838.00	847.40	835.15	840.15	CUMMINSINI
	CROMPTON	230.55	234.85	230.15	233.80	MMTC
	HDFCLIFE	533.00	535.90	528.25	529.95	AMBUJACEM
	VEDL	139.95	142.75	138.85	141.75	POWERGRID
	BANKBARODA	94.00	94.85	93.25	94.30	JINDALSAW
	HDFC	2061.00	2061.00	2024.05	2041.95	IDFCFIRSTB
	RECLTD	145.20	151.35	144.55	150.70	SRTRANSFIN
	INDUSINDBK	1316.00	1340.10	1313.45	1331.15	INDIGO
	RELINFRA	37.50	38.15	36.50	37.65	UBL
	BHARTIARTL	349.50	354.10	345.40	349.20	BALMLAWRII
	PFC	106.50	109.20	105.85	108.50	STAR
	RELCAPITAL	35.30	35.65	34.55	35.20	GODREJCP
	JAICORPLTD	76.60	80.50	76.05	78.15	CANFINHOM
	DBL	371.05	393.20	368.80	384.60	HAVELLS
	DISHTV	22.35	24.30	22.20	22.75	VIPIND
	DHFL	47.90	47.95	45.65	46.55	JPASSOCIAT
	HINDPETRO	264.50	266.10	258.20	261.85	ICICIGI
	PNB	61.50	61.65	60.85	61.25	ENGINERSIN
	MOTHERSUMI	100.00	100.85	97.40	98.80	MINDACORP
	NOCIL	86.00	93.20	85.25	92.25	CHOLAFIN
	NTPC	123.35	127.75	123.35	127.00	COFFEEDAY
	BEL	107.55	109.45	106.95	109.05	ITI
	FORCEMOT	1207.00	1265.00	1188.65	1212.50	NAUKRI
	IOC	125.00	127.55	123.55	126.85	LTI
	L&TFH	92.00	93.45	90.95	91.85	UFLEX
	TATAPOWER	55.40	59.35	55.25	58.00	SRF
	CANBK	193.60	195.85	190.85	191.65	ADANIGAS
	ZEEL	361.30	366.60	358.80	361.35	KEC
	HDFCAMC	2615.00	2640.00	2597.80	2610.85	MGL
	ITC	245.80	245.80	243.30	243.95	GODREJPROP
	EQUITAS	115.80	117.45	113.85	116.00	DIVISLAB
	UJJIVAN	307.80	312.75	303.90	310.10	SCI
	JSWSTEEL	217.40	219.35	212.25	217.95	FEDERALBNK
	AUROPHARMA	614.50	620.80	611.80	619.15	INDIACEM
	PEL	1957.90	1963.85	1861.05	1881.90	NESTLEIND
	ULTRACEMCO	3939.00	3971.95	3886.15	3908.50	PTC
	BBTC	973.40	997.00	966.00	979.40	HATHWAY
	NCC	55.95	57.45	55.60	56.85	PCJEWELLER
	DRREDDY	2651.00	2745.55	2651.00	2739.95	CIPLA
	HEG	1015.00	1036.00	1015.00	1025.55	DEEPAKFERT
	EDELWEISS	106.25	107.00	103.50	104.65	RNAM

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# UK Opp parties reject Johnson's election call

ritain's opposition par-Bties said Friday that they won't support Prime Minister Boris Johnson's call for an election when the issue gets voted on next week, piling more pressure on Britain's embattled leader as he seeks a way to make good on his promise to leave the European Union next month.

The parties have been mulling whether to agree to Johnson's plan for an Oct. 15 election, which can only be triggered if two-thirds of lawmakers agree.

Johnson already lost a vote on the same question this week, but plans to try again Monday, saying an election is the only way to break the country's deadlock over

Opponents don't want to agree to a vote unless they can ensure Johnson can't take Britain out of the EU as scheduled on Oct. 31 without a divorce agreement in place,

After discussions Friday, opposition lawmakers said they would not back an elec- unlikely.

asked the EU to delay Brexit. Johnson says he would 'rather be dead in a ditch" than do that.

The parties said they would either vote against Johnson's motion or abstain on Monday.

Parliament is in the midst

of passing an opposition-backed law that would compel the Conservative government to seek a three-month Brexit postponement if no divorce deal is agreed by late October. The bill is likely to become law by Monday, and many pro-EU lawmakers want to hold off on triggering an election until it is set in stone, fearing Johnson will try to wriggle out of the

commitment. "I do not trust the prime minister to do his duty," said Liz Saville Roberts, leader in Parliament of the Welsh party Plaid Cymru.

She said lawmakers needed to be sitting in Parliament in late October, rather than on the campaign trail, to as he has threatened to do so. ensure Britain does not crash out of the EU. That makes an election before November

that we get past the 31st of October," she said.

It's a risky strategy for the opposition, which could be accused of denying the pub-

Ian Blackford, leader in Parliament of the Scottish National Party, said he was "desperate for an election," but only after Britain had secured a delay to Brexit.

Johnson said he had "never known an opposition in the history of democracy that's refused to have an election."
"I think obviously they

don't trust the people, they don't think that the people will vote for them, so they're refusing to have an election,"

It's unclear what options Johnson has if he loses Monday's vote. He could call a no-confidence vote in his own government, which would only need a simply a majority to pass. He could try to change the law that governs how elections can be triggered. He could even

> In short, it's a mess. Johnson became prime



A bull bumps into a plain clothes police officer (left) while being walked by Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson during a visit to Darnford Farm in Banchory near Aberdeen (Scotland) on Friday to coincide with the publication of Lord Bew's review and an announcement of extra funding for Scottish farmers.

minister in July after promiswould complete Brexit and

break the impasse that has 2016 to leave the bloc and ing Conservatives that he paralyzed Britain's politics

which brought down his presince voters decided in June decessor, Theresa May. After

ever, his plans are in crisis. The EU refuses to renegotiate the deal it struck with May, which has been rejected three times by Britain's Parliament.

Johnson's push to leave the EU by Halloween come what may is facing stiff oppo-sition, both in Parliament and in the courts.

Most economists say a no-deal Brexit would cause severe economic disruption and plunge the UK into reces-

On Friday, Britain's High Court rejected a claim that Johnson is acting unlawfully in suspending Parliament for several weeks ahead of the country's scheduled departure from the EU.

Johnson enraged his opponents by announcing he would send lawmakers home at some point next week until Oct. 14, just over two weeks before Britain is due to leave the EU. Critics accused him of subverting democracy and carrying out a "coup".

Transparency campaigner Gina Miller took the government to court, arguing the suspension was an

A panel of three High Court judges ruled against her, but said the case can be appealed to the Supreme Court, which has set a hearing for Sept. 17.

Outside court, Miller said she was disappointed with the ruling but "pleased that the judges have given us permission to appeal to the Supreme

"To give up now would be a dereliction of our responsibility," she said. "We need to protect our institutions. It is not right that they should be shut down or bullied, especially at this momentous time in our history.'

With the date set for Brexit just 55 days away, EU officials say it seems increasingly likely Britain will depart without an agreement.

"The situation in Britain is quite a mess now and we don't know what is happening there," said Finnish Prime Minister Antti Rinne, whose country currently holds the EU's rotating presidency.

"It seems very obvious that we are not getting Brexit with an agreement," he said.

## Kashmir is Pakistan's jugular vein, says PM Imran

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

ashmir is Pakistan's "jugu-Klar vein" and India's decision to alter its special status poses challenges to the country's security and integrity, Prime Minister Imran Khan said on Friday.

his message on Pakistan's Defence and Martyrs Day said his government has launched a proactive diplomatic campaign in the world capitals and at the United Nations to apprise the world community about Kashmir after India revoked Jammu and Kashmir's special status on August 5.

Pakistan observes September 6 as the Defence and Martyrs Day to mark the and Pakistan have spiked after anniversary of the 1965 war

stands as its jugular vein. union territories on August 5. Altering its status poses chaland integrity," Khan said.

"I have also urged upon the international community to seriously consider the safety and security of India's nuclear arsenal... this is an issue that impacts not just the South Asian region but the whole world," he said.

The prime minister said Prime Minister Khan in the world community will be responsible for the "catastrophic aftermath" if it fails to pay attention to India's nuclear have informed the

world that Pakistan does not want war, but at the same time, Pakistan cannot remain oblivious to the challenges posed to its security and integrity," Khan said. Tensions between India

New Delhi withdrew Jammu and Kashmir's special status "For Pakistan, Kashmir and bifurcated it into two Asserting that abrogation was its interna

icised Pakistan for making "irresponsible statements" and provocative anti-India rhetoric over issues internal to it. Pakistan Army chief Gen. Qamar Javed Bajwa who addressed the main ceremony at the General Headquarters in Rawalpindi said Kashmir was the "unfulfilled agenda" of the completion of Pakistan.

"I want to make it clear that Kashmir is the unfulfilled agenda of the completion of Pakistan. It will remain so until it is a resolved according to the UN resolutions," he

Bajwa said Pakistan had won its battle against terrorism and was now fighting to end poverty and backwardness. "Today there is a better environment of peace in Pakistan and the country gives the message of peace and security to the world," he said.

"Pakistan has fulfilled its matter, India has strongly crit-terrorism and now responsiforms.

bility rests with the world community to full its responsibility and reject all forms of terrorism and extremism. Our fight now is against poverty, unemployment and economic backwardness after successfully confronting the menace of terrorism," he said.

The Army chief said Pakistan would continue supporting the peace process in Afghanistan, adding that the complete peace would be possible if all the Afghan groups were part of it.

Pakistan's support will continue until complete peace is achieved in Afghanistan," he said, amidst reports that the US and the Taliban militants are set to sign a peace deal soon to end the brutal war in the country. Pesident Arif Alvi in his

message said Pakistan will continue to support the people of Kashmir and will raise the issue at all levels and plat-

## Angela Merkel says Hong Kong's rights should be protected

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said Friday that the rights and freedoms of Hong Kong residents should be protected, adding that a solution to the Chinese city's political crisis can only be garnered through dialogue while violence should be avoided. Merkel met with Chinese

Premier Li Keqiang after arriving in Beijing in the morning. She will dine with President Xi Jinping in the evening.

The German leader faces

the challenge of balancing human rights concerns and economic discussions with one of Germany's largest trading partners. "I indicated during the talks that the rights and free-

doms agreed upon in Hong Kong's Basic Law should be safeguarded," Merkel said during a joint news briefing with

The Basic Law is Hong Kong's de facto constitution, President Donald Trump. said Thursday that China's thy of criticism."

which promises the semiautonomous Chinese city certain democratic rights not afforded to the mainland.

Merkel added that political dialogue — not violence — is the path toward a resolution.

China was Germany's biggest single trading partner last year, with trade totaling 199 billion euros (\$218 billion). The relationship is important to Europe's largest economy, particularly as Germany is considered likely to enter a technical recession in the current quarter.

Germany long had amicable relations with Beijing because its exporters ran a surplus supplying Chinese factories with equipment and components. But those ties increasingly are strained over German complaints about market access and Chinese

technology policy.
Beijing tried without success to recruit Germany as an ally in its tariff war with

While Merkel's government has echoed US complaints, it objects to Trump's tactics, which he has also used against Merkel is in Beijing with a

about being barred from

acquiring most Chinese assets

at a time when China's com-

high-ranking German business delegation that includes executives in the auto, financial services and transport industries. In recent years, German companies have been unhappy

> panies have been on a global buying spree. The economic ties make it harder for Merkel to satisfy a US diplomat and activists who have urged her to raise human rights issues such as China's treatment of ethnic minorities in Tibet and Xinjiang, as well as the three

roiled Hong Kong. Richard Grenell, the

months of pro-democracy demonstrations that have

"willful disregard of its commitments" to Hong Kong and human rights violations in Xinjiang show that its ruling Communist Party "stands against the values Germany

"We hope that Chancellor Merkel will take a firm stance for the values that unified Germany after the fall of Communism: human rights, democracy and the rule of law," he said.

Hong Kong activists also warned Merkel about dealing with "authoritarian and unjust regimes" in an open letter published this week in Germany's Bild newspaper.

On the question of what Merkel might say about Hong Kong, a senior German official said the talks with Xi and Li will be conducted "comprehensively in terms of thematic breadth, and open and friendlv in terms of tone — with a readiness to express criticism where we think things are wor-

## Pak may introduce two categories of visas for Sikh visiting Kartarpur

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan has decided to categorise Sikh pil grims, seeking to visit Darbar Sahib gurdwara in Kartarpur, into devotees from India and from the rest of the world, a media report said

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has decided to add a religious tourism category to the online visa system for the Sikh pilgrims, applying to visit Kartarpur, the Dawn newspaper reported.
"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has

decided that two separate categories of visa applications will be entertained by the ministry; one would be for Sikh pilgrims of Indian origin living elsewhere in the world, while the other would be for Sikh pilgrims based in India," the report said.

An amendment in the policy to make room for the proposed steps will be sought by the foreign ministry from the Cabinet, it said.

However, all religious tourism visa requests for the Kartarpur pilgrimage will be processed within seven to 10 working days, the report

India and Pakistan on Wednesday agreed on visa-free travel by Indian pilgrims to Gurdwara Darbar Sahib using the proposed Kartarpur Corridor but stopped short of finalising an agreement on the cross-border route. Earlier, the two sides had agreed that

Pakistan will allow 5,000 Indian pilgrims to visit the gurdwara every day using the planned corridor, and the numbers could be more on special occasions.

But the two neighbours on Wednesday could not finalise the draft agreement on the corridor, with Pakistan insisting on charging a service fee from Indian pilgrims and not allowing protocol officials to accompany them.

Pakistan has suggested a fee of USD 20 per pilgrim for visiting the gurdwara. India said the amount was not an issue, but on auspicious occasions, no fee is charged for visiting any gurdwara in the world.

## **IMF** to send **SOS** team to cash-strapped Pak

The IMF is sending its SOS mission ■ to Pakistan this month for suggesting ways to the cash-strapped government to curtail the yawning budget deficit being faced by the country, according to a media report on Friday.

In July, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) formally approved a USD 6 billion loan to Pakistan, which is facing "significant" economic challenges on the back of "large" fiscal and financial needs and "weak and unbalanced"

The IMF team will visit Pakistan from September 16-20 to discuss fiscal issues with special focus to restrict target of primary deficit within the desired limits. Teresa DabanSanchez, IMF Resident Chief in Pakistan, was quot-

ed as saying by the News International. The decision was taken in the wake of the worsening fiscal situation of Pakistan's economy.

"An IMF technical team is scheduled to visit Pakistan after Ashura Moharram probably from September 17 for staying here for 10 days," the report quoted official sources as saying.

The IMF's review was expected to take place in November but the decision of dispatching this technical mission suggests that the IMF is not happy with massive slippages on fiscal front, the report said.

Pakistan has initially tabled option of renegotiating targets envisaged under the IMF programme in the context of emerging new realities on fiscal front as the Federal Board of Revenue's (FBR) quarterly target has been requested to revise downward from Rs 1.071 trillion to over one trillion rupees for end September 2019.

A video conference was held between Pakistan and the IMF team on Wednesday in which the global lender's staff expressed its serious concerns over sharp rise in the budget deficit in the last fiscal year ended on June 30, 2019 that proved all projections wrong made by the IMF and the Finance Ministry at the time of negotiating the deal of in last year's budget.

USD 6 billion under the 39-month Extended Fund Facility (EFF).

The fiscal targets especially primary deficit has misaligned massively as the IMF has placed condition to bring down the primary deficit from 1.8 per cent of GDP to 0.6 per cent of GDP in

up to 3.6 per cent of GDP and no one knows how massive adjustments of Rs1,300 billion could be made to slash the primary deficit to 0.6 per cent of GDP.

They said that the upcoming technical mission will be providing assistance to the Ministry of Finance and other ministries/departments on tax and non-tax revenue collection, fixing cash bleeding state-owned entities and devising strategy on issues related to central bank front.

last fiscal year 2018-19 so this projection became the basis of the IMF programme with the primary deficit projected at 1.8 percent of GDP.

"When the basis of IMF programme has shaken what is the guarantee that the envisaged targets for the current fiscal year will be materialised," the IMF side raised question.

Pakistani team explained that the FBR faced shortfall owing to variety of policy issues and slowdown of the economy. On non-tax revenue front, they said that the renewal of licences of mobile operators could not be materialised in the last fiscal but now Rs70 billion has been received.

Cash-strapped Pakistan has also received billions of dollars in financial aid packages from friendly countries like China, Saudi Arabia and the UAE in recent months. According to the Economic Survey 2018-19, Pakistan's economy grew at an average rate of 3.29 per cent in fiscal year 2018-19 against an ambitious target of 6.2 per cent set

## Fitch downgrades HK citing protests, China fears

**AFP** ■ HONG KONG

Hong Kong's reputation as a dependable financial hub took a ĥit on Friday after Fitch downgraded the city's sovereign rating, citing ongoing protests and uncertainty caused by closer integration with the Ćhinese mainland.

Millions of pro-democracy supporters have taken to Hong Kong's streets for the past three months in the biggest challenge to China's rule since its handover from Britain in 1997.

The sometimes violent protests have heaped pressure on the city's economy, which had already been coming under pressure from the US-China trade war. In a statement on Friday, Fitch announced it was downgrading the city as an issuer of long-term foreign currency debt from an AA+ rating to AA with a negative

Bloomberg News reported

that it is the first time the credit rating agency has made such a move since 1995, a period when uncertainty spiked over the city's handover to China.

"Ongoing events have... inflicted long-lasting damage to international perceptions of the quality and effectiveness of Hong Kong's governance system and rule of law, and have called into question the stability and dynamism of its business environment," Fitch said. "The gradual rise in Hong

Kong's economic, financial, and socio-political linkages with the mainland implies its continued integration into China's national governance system, which will present greater institutional and regulatory challenges over time," it added. Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index brushed off the news, ending Friday 0.66 percent

Hong Kong's unprecedented protests were sparked by a

ditions to the authoritarian mainland. Opponents saw it has the latest move by Beijing to chip away at the city's unique freedoms, such as its indepen-

dent judicial system.

But as Beijing and city leader Carrie Lam refused to budge the movement morphed into a broader campaign calling for democratic reforms and police accountability.

Lam — who was appointed by a pro-Beijing committee and has the lowest approval rat-ings of any post-handover leader — said she disagreed with the downgrade and blamed protesters for damaging the city's economy.

"To every person who cares about Hong Kong, to every person who treats Hong Kong as their homes, we should stop the violence immediately," she told reporters during a visit to the Chinese mainland.

Opponents blame Lam's

administration for the economic troubles besetting the city. For months Lam has struck a defiant tone and

refused to yield to protesters.

But on Wednesday she sur-

prised many by announcing she was scrapping the hugely unpopular extradition law. But protesters across the spectrum dismissed the gesture

as too little, too late. Further demonstrations are expected in the coming days including fresh plans on Saturday to disrupt transport links to the city's airport, a

major aviation hub. Protesters are also planning to get out large crowds on 1 October, the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

Among the demands issued by protesters is an amnesty for those arrested, an inquiry into the police and universal suffrage, all of which Lam has rejected.

## 2 killed in another Taliban attack

AP KABUL

The Taliban attacked a third I provincial capital in Afghanistan in less than a week, killing at least two civilians, an official said Friday as a US envoy was back in Qatar for unexpected talks on a US-Taliban deal he had described as complete just days earlier.

Farah provincial governor Mohammad Shoaib Sabet told The Associated Press that another 15 people were wounded in the latest attack, citing local hospitals, and that airstrikes had been carried out against the militant group.
Small clashes continued in

the city, he said.

envoy Zalmay Khalilzad said he terror guarantees. Khalilzad abruptly returned

ital, Kabul, comes after US

to Qatar, where the Taliban

ment raised by the Afghan government and several former US ambassadors to Afghanistan, and the death of a US service member in the latest Kabul bombing on Thursday, have increased pressure on Khalilzad Affairs Committee Chairman Eliot Engel has demanded that the envoy testify before the House committee about the negotiations, saying, "I do not consider your testimony at this hearing optional."

The Taliban have explained their surge in deadly attacks including on the capitals of northern Kunduz and Baghlan provinces last weekend — as necessary to give them a stronger negotiating position in talks with the US, a stance that has appalled Afghans and others as scores of civilians are killed. One Farah resident, Shams Noorzai, said the Taliban on Friday had seized an army recruitment center close to the city's main police headquarters

All shops had closed, he

said, and some people were trying to flee. It was at least the third time the Taliban have attacked the city, the capital of Farah province, in the past four years. The governor later said security forces had re-taken the recruitment centre. Fighting resumed in at least

one part of Kunduz city and two outlying districts on Friday, with some residents trying to flee again, provincial council head Mohammad Yousuf Ayubi said. Few details have emerged from the nine rounds of US-Taliban talks over nearly a year. Khalilzad has said the first 5,000 US troops would withdraw from five bases in Afghanistan within 135 days of a final deal. Between 14,000 and 13,000 troops are currently in the coun-

The proposed corridor will connect Darbar Sahib in Kartarpur with Dera Baba Nanak shrine in Gurdaspur district of Punjab, to mark the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev in November.

the current fiscal year.

Now the primary deficit had gone

The IMF team inquired about the reasons for escalation in the budget deficit as both sides had estimated in April 2019 that the budget deficit might touch 7.2 per cent of GDP for the

> This week's spike in violence, including two shattering Taliban car bombings in the cap-

and the insurgents had reached a deal "in principle" that would begin a US troop pullout in exchange for Taliban counter-

have a political office, from Kabul for more talks Thursday evening, even though earlier in the week he said the deal only needed President Donald Trump's approval to be final. Objections to the agree-

in recent days. House Foreign

and set it on fire.

## Zimbabwe ex-president Mugabe dead

**AFP** ■ HARARE

obert Mugabe, who led Zimbabwe with an iron fist from 1980 to 2017, has died aged 95, the country's president announced Friday.

First heralded as a liberator who rid the former British colony of Rhodesia of white minority rule, Mugabe used repression and fear to hold on to power in Zimbabwe until he was finally ousted by his previously loyal military generals.

"It is with the utmost sadness that I announce the passing on of Zimbabwe's founding father and former President... Robert Mugabe," Emmerson Mnangagwa said in a tweet.

"Mugabe was an icon of liberation, a pan-Africanist who dedicated his life to the emancipation and empowerment of his people. His contribution to the history of our nation and continent will never

Mugabe had been battling ill health, and his humiliating fall from office in November 2017, his stamina seeped away rapidly. He was hospitalised in Singapore for months for an undisclosed ailment, Mnangagwa had confirmed earlier this year. No further details were immediately available about the circumstances of his death, or where he died.

The Mugabe years are widely remembered for his crushing of political dissent, and policies that ruined the economy.

The former political prisoner turned guerrilla leader swept to power in the 1980 elections after a growing insurgency and economic sanctions forced the Rhodesian government to the negotiating table.

In office, he initially won international plaudits for his declared policy of racial reconciliation and for extending improved education and health services to the black majority.

But that faded as rapidly as he cracked down on opponents, including a campaign known as Gukurahundi that killed an estimated 20,000 dissidents. The violent seizure of white-owned farms turned Mugabe into an international pariah — though his status as a liberation hero still resonates



People gather around a portrait of former Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe in Harare on Friday

## Allies hail Mugabe, UK brands him 'autocrat'

Several countries hailed Zimbabwe's late ex-president Robert Mugabe on Tuesday as a liberation hero though his fierce critic, former colonial power Britain, recalled the suffering and repression of

Here is a selection of top world reactions to his death on Tuesday aged 95.

Mugabe "fought for the independence of the country from colonial rule, and lived most of his life in public service," said President said Muhammadu Buhari of Nigeria, hailing him as the "founding father" of a nation.

"Mugabe's sacrifices, especially in struggling for the political and economic emancipation of his people, will always be remembered by pos-

"We will remember former President Mugabe as a man of courage who was never afraid to fight for what he believed in even when it was not popular," said Kenya's President Uhuru Kenvatta.

Mwai Kibaki, Kenyan president from 2002 to 2013, said Mugabe's death "marks the end of an era in Africa. It closes the chapter of Africa's founding presidents whose commitment to the emancipation of the people of Africa remains enduringly remarkable." "Mugabe was an outstanding national liberation move-

ment leader and politician of Zimbabwe," said Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Geng

"Throughout his life, he has firmly defended the sovereignty of his country, opposed

ly promoted China-Zimbabwe and China-Africa friendship and cooperation."

"Many important dates in Zimbabwe's modern history are tied to the name of Robert Mugabe. He made a great personal contribution to the battle for your country's indepen-dence, to the building of Zimbabwean state institutions," Russian President Vladimir Putin said. "We express our condolences to those who mourn Robert Mugabe's death. However, Zimbabweans suffered for too long as a result of Mugabe's autocratic role,' Britain's foreign ministry said

In Namibia, which cast off South African rule in 1990, a decade after Zimbabwe won independence from Britain, President Hage Geingob hailed

"Comrade Robert Mugabe (was) an outstanding revolutionary, a tenacious freedom fighter and dedicated Pan Africanist... President Mugabe made enormous sacrifices in the struggle against injustice and the liberation of Southern Africa from racist subjugation and colonial oppression."

Tanzania's President John

Magufuli tweeted in Swahili: "Africa loses a brave, determined leader, an Africanist who turned the rejection of colonisation into action. May God let his soul rest in peace.

"He will be remembered for his fight for Africa's liberation and fearlessly defending the continent. His place in the annals of Africa's history is said Zambia's President Edgard Lungu on

clear among the ruling elite as he reached his 90s and became visibly frail.

## ened to destabilise his rule, the land reform policy wrecked the crucial agricultural sector, regime was widely accused of was virtually taboo during Mugabe's decades-long rule, strongly in most of Africa.

Aimed largely at placating angry war veterans who threat-

caused foreign investors to flee and helped plunge the country

human rights violations and of rigging elections.

and a vicious struggle to take over after his death became

## US defense chief cautions Europe to be wary of (

US Defense Secretary Mark Esper cautioned European allies against cozying up to China, arguing on Friday that Beijing seeks greater global influence by leveraging economic power and stealing tech-

nology.

"The more dependent a Chinese country becomes on Chinese investment and trade, the more susceptible they are to coercion and retribution when they act outside of Beijing's wishes," Esper said in a speech at the Royal United Services Institute, a think tank.

is seeking to expand its influence at the expense of others has been a common U.S. government refrain for years, including during President Barack Obama's administration.

suggesting that Europeans do not fully share US concerns, which often center on China's efforts to militarize disputed territory in the South China Sea and its vast trade surplus with

"I would caution my friends in Europe — this is not a problem in some distant land that does not affect you," he said. In a similar vein, Esper

blasted Russia for arms control violations and for aggression in Europe, including its annexation of Crimea in 2014 and what he called Moscow's continued aggression in eastern Ukraine.

In a question-and-answer Esper's assertion that China session after his prepared remarks, Esper said Russian ground-based cruise missiles aimed at Europe are "probably nuclear-tipped."

Esper was making the case for the Trump administration's By taking this message to argument that the West must do London, Esper seemed to be more to counter what he called

efforts by China and Russia to "disrupt the international order" to gain advantage

"China's technology theft for military gain is staggering,"

It was the first major policy speech by Esper since becoming defense secretary in July. In tone and substance, the remarks showed Esper subscribes to what has become a common theme in Washington, namely that China is the greatest longterm threat to global security.

"For anyone who wonders what a world dominated by Beijing might look like," he said, "I would argue all you need to do is look at how they treat their own people, within their bor-

Esper cited as an example China's treatment of minority Uighurs since the ruling Communist Party in 2016 launched what it calls a campaign against ethnic separatism

and religious extremism in the western region of Xinjiang.

An estimated 1 million Uighurs have since been detained in internment camps and prisons across the region, and advocacy groups say that includes more than 400 prominent academics, writers, performers and artists.

Critics say the government is targeting intellectuals to dilute or even erase Uighur culture,

language and identity. 'It is increasingly clear that Russia and China want to disrupt the international order by gaining a veto over other nations' economic, diplomatic and security decisions," Esper said.

Esper's speech amounted to a statement of his top strategic priority: to make China and Russia the main focus of US defense planning, shifting from the insurgent wars of recent decades in the Middle East and Afghanistan.

### Sri Lanka: UNP meeting ends in deadlock

PTI ■ COLOMBO

A senior-level meeting of Sri Lanka's ruling United National Party to select its candidate for the presidential elections scheduled later this year ended in deadlock on Friday, party sources said. After the meeting, UNP leaders left without speaking to the media.

"The meeting ended with no conclusions but there was agreement to stop being critical of the party in public," a senior UNP leader, who did not wish to be named, said.

The meeting, which was convened by Prime Minister and UNP leader Ranil Wickremesinghe, gains significance in the view of Cabinet minister and party leader Sajith Premadasa launching his own

campaign.
On Thursday, Premadasa held his third public rally. The meet was more of a personal event than a party-backed show, attendees said.

## Iran's FM defends planned new steps away from nuclear deal

**AP** ■ JAKARTA

Tran's foreign minister defended his country's plan to take further steps away from the 2015 nuclear deal with world powers if Europe fails to provide a solution on reviving it by a deadline that expires Friday.

The remarks by Mohammad Javad Zarif came

as Iran is poised to begin work on advanced centrifuges that will enrich uranium faster as the nuclear deal unravely.

The European Union, meanwhile, expressed concern about Iran's plan to defy provisions of the agreement and urged the Islamic Republic to step back from the brink.

The crisis stems from President Donald Trump's pullout from the accord over a year ago and the imposition of escalated US sanctions on Tehran that have choked off Iran's ability to sell its crude oil abroad, a crucial source of government revenue, and sent its economy into freefall.

Meanwhile, a last-minute French proposal offering a \$15-billion line of credit to compensate Iran over the choked off crude sales looked increasingly unlikely.

Zarif did not say what

exact steps his country would take as he met with his Indonesian counterpart, Retno Marsudi, in Indonesia's capital,

Zarif described the US sanctions as "illegal restrictions on Iran, which we call economic terrorism ... because they target ordinary Iranian citizens, the civilians.

Marsudi said Indonesia would like to see the nuclear deal "implemented fully and effectively." As the nuclear deal steadily unraveled over the past months, the Iranian government scaled back its commitments under the accord.

It began breaking limits of the deal, such as just creeping beyond its 3.67%-enrichment limit and its stockpile rules. Using advanced centrifuges speeds up enrichment and Iranian officials already have raised the idea of enriching to 20% — a small technical step from weapons-grade levels of

But in Jakarta, Zarif insisted Iran's nuclear program remained peaceful and lashed

"Unfortunately, the US not only doesn't normalize economic relations with Iran, but punishes others for normalizing economic relations with Iran, which is totally unacceptable," Zarif said.

Iran's atomic energy agency was to make an announcement on Saturday detailing its next nuclear step, which President Hassan Rouhani has described as highly significant. Details

would be unveiled at a press conference in Tehran, Iranian media said.

European Commission spokeswoman Maja Kocijancic said Friday that the EU notes with great concern the announcement made by Iran."

"We urge Iran to reverse all activities that are inconsistent with its commitments" under the accord and to "refrain from any further measures that undermine the preservation and full implementation of the

nuclear deal," she said. Also Friday, German Foreign Ministry spokesman Rainer Breul said Iran was not sending the "right statement" with its announcement and urged Tehran "not to exacerbate the situation."

"The German government will carefully examine which individual steps Iran takes," he said. "It's not too late for Iran to leave the slope it has put itself

Earlier this week, an experienced German diplomat, Michael Bock, was chosen to head a body designed to facilitate European trade with Iran,

It was created by Germany, France and Britain to coordinate import and export payments so European companies can do business with Iran despite U.S. sanctions and thereby convince Tehran to

## North Carolina faces 'long night' as Dorian's Bahamas toll rises

AP ■ CHARLESTON/MARSH HARBOUR (US)

North Carolina braced for a "long night" of strong winds and driving rain as Hurricane Dorian closed in on the coast Thursday after devastating the northern Bahamas, where it left at least 30 people dead and thousands homeless.

Authorities in the state of Florida — which was largely spared by the storm — blamed six more deaths on the hurricane, US media reported, though they occurred as the victims were preparing for the storm's arrival or were evacuation-related. US weather forecasters warned that some areas of the Carolina coast could see seven feet (2.1 metres) and between six and 12 inches of

"We know we're in for a long night and we'll be eager to see the sunshine in the morning," North Carolina's Governor Roy Cooper told CNN.

The slow-moving monster storm also spawned several tornadoes but there were no immediate reports of casualties. Many residents of coastal

Carolina heeded evacuation orders while others battened down their homes with plywood and prepared to ride out the tempest.

At 8:00 pm (0000 GMT), the Miami-based National Hurricane Centre (NHC) said Dorian was a Category 2 storm packing winds of 100 miles per hour (160 km per hour). It was located about 30

miles (50 km) south of Cape Fear in North Carolina, and

moving up the coast in a northeast direction at 10 miles per hour (17 km per hour). US President Donald

Trump tweeted that he had spoken to the governors of North and South Carolina, telling them he is "ready to assist". Dorian was a Category 5 hurricane — the highest on the five-level wind scale when it slammed into the northern Bahamas on Sunday, leaving a trail of unimaginable destruction. An AFP team in the town

of Marsh Harbour on Great Abaco on Thursday saw scenes of catastrophic damage with homes reduced to matchsticks, overturned cars, fields of jumbled debris, widespread flood-Teams of men in masks

and white protective suits were seen loading corpses encased in green body bags onto a flatbed Storm-dazed residents

were out on the streets dragging suitcases containing their most precious possessions.

The full extent of the damage in the northern Bahamas was becoming known on Thursday as rescue teams fanned out searching for survivors and bringing relief to victims. Prime Minister Hubert

Minnis told CNN that at least 30 people were killed in the storm, which caused what he called "generational devastation." The death toll is expected to rise. The United Nations said

70,000 people in the Bahamas were in immediate need of aid. "It's hell everywhere," said

Brian Harvey, a Canadian from Montreal, told AFP in Great

"I was on my sailboat," Harvey said. "I lost every-thing." "We need to get out of here," he added. "It's been four or five days. It's time to move and get out of here." Steven Turnquest, who

arrived in Nassau from Marsh Harbour with his four- and seven-year-old sons after weathering the storm, told AFP he was grateful to be

Speaking of his sons, Turnquest said he prayed to God to "take me and let them live." "I survived the hurricane holding on to a door," he added. Amid fears of lawlessness

Minnis warned that any looters will be prosecuted "to the fullest extent of the law," and additional police and defense force officers deployed. US and British helicopters were conducting medical evac-

uations, aerial assessments to help coordinate relief efforts, and reconnaissance flights to assess the damage. The US Coast Guard said it had rescued 201 people in the Bahamas as of Thursday using

Guard cutters. The UN's World Food Program said it had eight tons of ready-to-eat meals poised to arrive in the Bahamas.

multiple helicopters and Coast

The WFP is organizing an airlift from the UN hub in Panama of storage units, generators, and prefab offices for two logistics hubs to be established on the main islands, it

### **Chandrayaan-2: Euphoria grips US scientists** has arranged a live screening tific journal Nature. The New York Times noted landing on the moon

**PTI** ■ WASHINGTON

US space scientists, including those from NASA, are all over the moon as they await with bated breath for India's ambitious lunar mission Chandrayaan-2's historic soft landing on the moon in the early hours of Saturday.

Chandrayaan-2's landing module 'Vikram' will begin its final descent to pull off a historic soft landing on the lunar surface on Saturday.

A successful landing will make India the fourth country after Russia, the US and China to achieve a soft landing on the moon. But it will be the first to launch a mission to the unexplored lunar South Pole.

The US space community believes that the landmark mission would help them enrich their understanding of the moon's geology.

and presentation on Chandrayaan-2's landing on Friday (local time). The community of space scientists from NASA would be watching every minute of the historic

Vikram, the lander, is expected to touch down the moon between 4 and 5 pm local New York time Friday.

Moon's South Pole, where India would be landing its sixwheeled rover named Pragyan, could become one of the most important places on the moon's surface, said Space.Com, adding that it will become the southernmost spot on the moon to be visited by a space-

The Chandrayaan-2 landing site will be in completely new terrain," Brett Denevi, a planetary scientist at Johns Hopkins University Applied The Indian embassy here Physics Laboratory told scien-

Chandrayaan-2 carries 13 instruments from India and one from NASA.

Denevi told Nature that she was most excited about the orbiter's imaging infrared spectrometer, which will map light reflected off the lunar surface over a wide range of wavelengths. This information can be used to identify and quantify surface water, which absorbs light strongly at certain

wavelengths, she said. For Dave Williams, a planetary scientist at NASA, the Chandrayaan-2 mission would help answer several crucial questions. "We've surveyed the moon

pretty extensively from orbit, but there's nothing like actually being there," he told American magazine Wired. The Chandrayaan-2 mis-

sion is a point of national

pride for India, it said.

Thursday that Chandrayaan-2 was "relatively inexpensive" compared with other space

"It cost less than USD 150 million, cheaper than the budget to make the 2014 Hollywood film "Interstellar", the daily reported. "The South Pole of the

moon is interesting to scientists because of the possibility that water ice could be there. That could be useful for moon habitation and making fuel for exploring Mars. Scientists also want to look for deposits of helium-3, potentially a future energy source for Earth," The New York Times said.

"India is one step closer to achieving its space superpower ambitions," CNN reported on Thursday, adding that the country will join the elite club of the United States, China and Russia that have made soft

"India's entrance into space exploration over the last decade has been marked by a series of missions at low operation costs," the news channel said.

Scientists hope to gain a better understanding of the origins of the deposits and determine whether it might be possible to mine them to obtain water for future space missions, Timothy Swindle, director of the Lunar and Planetary Laboratory at the University of Arizona in Tucson told NBC

news.
"We know that there's water there, but we don't know very much about it - how much there is, how it got there," Swindle was quoted as saying.

The more we can learn, the better, in part because if we want to explore the moon that would be a really great resource for human exploration," he



destruction of Hurricane Dorian and the other on the way to search for her relatives, on a shattered road near the town of High Rock Grand Bahama



**IMMERSIVE 45 MINUTES** =

# FOR THE 'SAKE' OF TASTE

After trying a number of crisp, sweet, elegant, rich, sour and bitter sakes at the Embassy of Japan, Chahak MITTAL discovers why Indian markets are a challenge for Japanese brewers

I old the cup close to your face. Let the aroma sink in. Take a small sip, and let it linger in your mouth, touch your senses and exhilarate your touch your senses and exhibitante your tastebuds before you swallow it. That's what one of the Japanese Sake connoisseurs explained to me when I held my first cup of the quintessential Japanese drink, also known as *Nihonshu* (literally, Japanese liquer) at the Embassy of Japan Going into liquor) at the Embassy of Japan. Going into the historical background, the visitors were told that sake production was a government monopoly until the 10th century when temples and shrines began to brew their own, which is how, by the 1300s, it became an important ceremonial drink in the country. Coming back to the present, the huge party hall had eight counters, four on each side, that served different flavours of sake and retold the history and the method of creating them.

I first sipped Fujuku Gold Label from the Nada region of Kobe in Japan, which featured an elegant taste with a refreshing bouquet aroma that would remind one of white peach and pear. The biggest factor that's common to all sakes is that their ingredients are only limited to three things — rice, fermented yeast and water with no added flavours. The next, Fujuku Blue Label, which featured a smooth, rice umami flavour, was reminiscent of ripe apricot. Featuring rich flavours and quite the strongest aroma till now, the Fujuku Green Label made its way to my cup. "It's made at the Rokko Mountain, which has extreme temperature swings in the north which are ideal for growing the sake rice. Cold winds moving towards the south are perfect for the slow fermentation process. It does make space for richer and smoother taste. And the local mountain streams supply the naturally pure water or Miyamizu, which has the right mineral content. The process of producing sake has been the same for as long as 266 years now with these basic, natural ingredients," said the Fujuku brewer.

The Gokujo Miyanoyuki from the Miyazaki Honten was the next. This sake was sweet as sugar and smooth as a vibe, blending a fruity aroma with bitterness that appeared to be pleasant and had a rich taste. Its Daiginjo Miyanoyuki, undiluted sake, had a mellowed taste and made one enjoy the refined aroma of ginjoshu. Mika Eoka, brewer and server at the counter, said, these sakes are good for the skin as they consist of local, clear and soft natural mineral water. "Its minerals pro-



duce sweetness as well as a mellow texture and a refreshing taste. Regardless of how you drink it, you will be satisfied with its taste due to the delicious fine-blended materials," added she. It could be an accompaniment with not just smoked salmon or sushi, but "perfectly with "paneer and chicken tikka as well (laughs)." The Miyanoyuki Junmaishu was yet another sake which was a perfect alcoholic drink that can accompany any meal due to its

soft texture and good vibe.

Next up was the *Ninki-Ichi*, the 'handmade' sake. My favourite in the lot. At this counter, the first thing I heard from the people around was that "It's known for its fragrances." The first, Ninki-Ichi Yuzu-shu (citron liqueur), commonly known as a 'winter delicacy', amazes you with its special lime-like citrus aroma. With its hazy, lemon-y colour, the yuzu juice takes over your tastebuds and everything else, making your jaws tingle and crave for more at the same time. Not once would you feel like it was indeed a variety of alcohol. When have we ever tasted that sour a wine?

Its Ninki-Ichi Umeshu (plum liqueur) is yet another surprise for your tastebuds. Rich, sweet and ele-



gant, this plum and red chilli-infused sake gives both a tangy and a sweet taste. Umeshu is known to be the star in the Japan's lexicon of well-made booze as plums are a staple of the Japanese culture," said the brewer and pointed towards the statistics by Japan's National Tax Agency (NTA), which highlight that liqueur exports, primarily umeshu, more than doubled from 1.84 billion yen (\$18 million) to 4.21 billion (\$38 million) between 2011 and 2016.

Umeshu in the Japanese market, a sake connoisseur enlightened us about this one. He said, "Its flavour balance is created by aging the whole fruit, with the stone still inside it and by soaking it in various types of alcohol. The citric acid in the fruit gives it a pleasant tanginess and a taste that is sweet and tart with notes of almonds. Some brands also mix in sugar, cane spirit or brandy to create a more refined taste. The premium brands are also aged for several years."

While there are 300 versions of

The Ninki-Ichi Bottle Feremed Sparkling Junmai Ginjo, the next one, is a

sparkling sake which is fermented only in rice and koji (or ice mold) in a bottle. It's this second bottle fermentation and not carbonation, which gives it its bubbles and sparkle. Crisp, dried and bright, the sake made me experience a blend of flavours of grape, cherry and pear with a pinch of

However, the award of 'tasty sake at a reasonable price' goes to the Ninki-Ichi Goldninki Junmai Daiginjo. Aromatic and crisp, pleasantly dry and slightly sweet, the sake was well-balanced and had a fresh finish. The taste was more distinct than any of the other that I had tried till now. It's usually preferred chilled and can accompany best with white fish sashimi, steamed chicken and salad.

The last ones - quirky and fresh from the OZEKI Corporation were the best. 'Shake it well before you drink it,' was the instruction I received from the servers. The IKEZO Peach was an amazing sparkling jelly sake with an exquisite refreshing acidity, which had a mellow texture and surprised me with its flavour of sweet peach.

The IKEZO Mix-Berry was certainly the best — absolutely berrylicious. Its transparent strawberry, blueberry and cranberry jelly made the sake fruity and gently sweet. "It can also be enjoyed like a dessert, you know?" said Noriko Nasukawa, president of Nihongo Centre in India for Japanese Language Professional Services.

After some mind-blowing tasting of some of Japan's best sakes, knowing about how the drink is so important for Japanese and their culture that they even have a Miss Sake every year, there were questions hovering in my mind — Has India caught up with the global sake trend? Why are these not widely available in India yet?

Noriko, who has been living in India for the past 20 years now, emphasised on their unavailability. "Sashimi quality fishes are no longer an exotic dish for Indians for which they need to travel abroad. However, sake does need some more space. The Indian market no doubt presents a huge challenge for sake brewers, but that's also the reason why venturing to break into the market is so exciting. Isn't it?" said she.

Ambassador Hiramitsu looks at sake as a medium of reaching the "ultimate objective" of strengthening of India-Japan relations and its people-to-people connect. He said, "Sake complements the spicy Indian food very well. And we are trying to make it widely available in the country."



# Spread your Wings

Actor ROHIT ROY tells SAKSHI SHARMA that he has done a variety of roles in the past few years of his career as he has become competent to pull off these characters

Picture this. You are sitting in a chair in a theatre which is absolutely silent. Suddenly a doll falls on the stage as the clock strikes midnight and the gong echoes across the place. You start breathing heavily as you stare at the empty stage and feel its void within you and the person sitting beside you lets out a frightened scream while you are still strug-

gling to maintain your calm.
This nerve-racking feeling while reading the script made actor Rohit Roy go for the play *Ovee* too. He tells us, "I was looking for comedy and romantic roles, completely opposite to what I am doing but the script blew my mind. I wondered how is it even possible to do a horror play on stage in front of a live audience. How will you scare people? Then when I saw it with all the effects, I realised how it will go ahead and that made me go

The horror play, Ovee, revolves around a teenage girl who having lost her parents during her childhood was sent to an orphanage. She lives as an occupant in a room where a girl was murdered some time ago. During her stay, she starts experiencing certain paranormal activities. Her friend and psychiatrist Nikhil (played by Roy) comes to her help.

Not only a psychiatrist, Roy also plays two other roles — that of a cop and Chacha ji. The latter is very different from what he perceives himself to be in real life but he enjoys it the most as he has a very "different style." So how challenging it was for him to play three roles in the same play? He says, "It was not easy. I tried to keep the three characters different from each other in terms of their voice and styling so that the audience feels



engaged throughout and not get confused between the characters. While rehearsing, I used to remind myself again and again that one role has ended, and now this is the new one." However, Nikhil is the character which is the closest to his heart. Even though his is the lengthiest part in the play but Roy is glad to play the "most meaty" character.

The actor says that through this play he wanted to challenge himself and come out of his comfort zone. He says, "Everything that I have attempted in the last few years is very different from the roles I have

done in my entire career. I have become more responsible after my daughter Kiara was born. I now feel I am competent enough to pull off various roles. I was never this good. I don't want my child to say, 'Papa what kind of a role you have done?' I want her to be proud of me.

The actor was recently seen playing the role of Amit Shellar, a villain and rapist in Kaabil. And it was another one which was difficult for him to come to terms with as he had to get out of his 'good boy' image, "but

then when I took it up, I realised, as an actor, it's very important to spread your wings and try something new." Roy is currently seen as Dr Vardhan in Sanjivani 2, which he says is probably the "best comeback for an actor" on TV. "Vardhan is a character I would not have done five years back because I always thought that the audience will not accept me as him. It would only accept me in a romantic comedy or the 'boy next door' type of roles. But I have realised that if the role is good and I enact it well, peo-

ple will like it," adds he. The actor

kinds.

has played a plethora of parts

and he feels that striking a

balance between them gets easier with experience. Roy feels that no actor is complete till s/he does theatre as it serves as a real test for them. Therefore, now after working for many years, he feels that he is capable enough to try the-atre of different

> Directed by Aniket Patil, the play explores the horror genre as its his favourite." He says, "The story of the play has come from my imagination." To stage this, he

YouTube. Through the play, Patil wants to send the message — 'There is a fear within us everytime but in order to achieve what we desire, we need to break those dreadful walls and come out of it.'

So how is a horror play different from a film or show in the same genre? Says Roy, "I don't want to compare films and TV with theatre because there we have cuts, retakes, background music and light effects to create horror and a thrilling vibe. But in theatre, it is different." It demands a more nuanced preparation altogether, he believes and adds, "If an actor gets a wrong cue, the entire lighting scene will go for a toss. Generally, you read your lines and then say it in your own language. But here it has to be the same because the words act as a cue for the crew to give the light effects or to make space for prompts to appear."

Talking about why horror comedy is not very prevalent when it comes to theatre, Roy says that it's because it's very challenging to unfold the horror, sound and special effects here. "So people don't want to do it. I was also looking for a romantic

comedy in the first place (laughs)." The actor doesn't take Rohit Roy to the show anymore. He's evolved manifold. "Once I am ready, I understand my character, which is something I didn't do earlier. I used to proudly say that every role had a bit of me in it but now things have changed," says he and adds that it would be evident in Ovee too as the Rohit would "look like an original person and not some Chacha ji.

Selection of a script for him varies with its medium. He says, "In web, there are finite number of episodes, which focus on every character individually. But I want my character to be strong in all the episodes. In films, I see what it is about. My role comes secondary. On TV, it changes again. As it is a never-ending process, I see my character first."

The actor believes that every role shapes you into a better person by teaching something. So, he loves to take a bit of every character home with him and learn from it. "In Unfaithfully Yours, I took the comedy home. From Vardhan, I have realised that one must attempt differ-

ent roles," says he.
(The play will be staged today and tomorrow at 4pm and 7pm at Kamani Auditorium.)

### **CONVERSATION 15 MINUTES** —

Inessing the strength of the tiger, the stealth of the leopard, the fragility of the cheetah, the brute power of the jaguar, the assured confidence of the puma, the magical ability of a snow leopard to disappear, the terrestrial lifestyle of the clouded leopards, and the machismo of the lions. It is likely to captivate and bound you to spend more time with them.

Directed by John Downer, the series Serengeti takes you to a similar journey into the unspoilt corner of Africa, discovering the most iconic Savannah animals in the world and examines and explores their daily lives.

An Indian wildlife enthusiasts Latika Nath shares her experiences of visiting the place and its wildlife while the series was being shot. She says that she got struck by seeing the vastness of the savannah grassland, all without human habitation and concrete structures, and the sheer numbers of the wildlife.

The reducing number of tigers is a matter of concern all across the world. Why is nothing concrete being done to save them? "As long as the political benefits from the uses and conversions of tiger habitat are larger than the costs of maintaining them it will not help. It will undermine all conservation efforts for the long-term survival of the tigers." She further says that we need a leadership where all echelons of the government and all ranks of the bureaucracy are committed to the conservation of

our national animal. The world is facing the issue of climate change, glaciers are melting, there is non-periodic shift in the weather patterns. Latika says, "There needs to be a widespread awareness that tiger is an umbrella species and by affording protection to the forests we are ensuring the conservation of water, gene pools of fauna and flora and also fighting climate change in the most effective manner known today.

Latika says that out of all species that she had encountered the great cats fascinated her the most. "All of them were incredible." She says that every encounter with a wild species is special. "One of the most extraordinary ones in recent times would be walking



Wildlife enthusiast LATIKA NATH says that people need to understand they are fighting for their own survival when they look at stories of other species. By TEAM VIVA





with a pack of wild dogs in Africa some years ago. The closest I got to them was three feet on foot, unarmed and alone," adds she.

Our ecological system is under constant threat. It is very important to understand that it is the need of the hour to save the system from collapsing else it will have long term implications on our sustainable development as well. Latika says, "Man needs to control his greed and learn to act as a guardian for the lands he lives in. He needs to understand that he is fighting for his own survival when he talks of the survival of the species on this planet."

While the word of wildlife crisis spreads across, the young generation is also taking interest and efforts in its revival. Latika shares that she has been approached time and again by youngsters. She likes spending time with them and having interesting conversations with students of all age groups. "There is an increasing awareness of the need for conservation of species and to fight climate change in children of all age groups today,"

she adds. She always want to be in the field exploring different species all across. She tries to make a difference by making people aware about the revival of the species and natural elements. "It is essential to contribute to the environment, even if it is small and at the

grassroots level," says she. (The series will premiere on Sony BBC Earth on September 9.)

### **ANUSHKA SHARMA** My dad always told me two things which I still remember - do the right thing always and have compassion in vour heart no matter what the circumstances are. It takes a special substance to be compassionate. This world is a circle of life. What goes around comes



### **SONAM KAPOOR**

Kaash is one of my favourite songs from *The* Zoya Factor. I had a lot of fun on the sets as too many comedy of errors kept happening throughout. The song encapsulates my bond with Dulquer (Salmaan) and the chemistry we share. He is good-looking and a great gentleman. Shooting with him has been a delight.



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### KANGANA RANAUT

Climate change is not a favourite topic for those people who are pro-industrialisation because it goes against them. Urbanisation and building roads creates job opportunities that offer a great life, huge money and happiness for many. But how long will we be able to sustain them?



CIRCUITS —

### **DARSHAN RAVAL**

The track, Dil Mera Blast is all about revelry, something that is synonymous with the festive season. It's for the masses, shot with 300 dancers. This is one of the few independent tracks aimed at masses. Mostly, such songs belong to the romantic or the hip-hop



make their own choices

### **ENCOUNTER 45 MINUTES**

In popular culture, BHARAT BHALA created the idea of a nation which we could feel proud of. He talks to SAIMI SATTAR about the different narratives and stories that he is bringing forth in his new series, Virtual Bharat

he canvas is expansive, not just in terms of the wide angles but the variety of landscape that it covers. But at its heart is a small story — always ready to trigger an emotional chord and at times even bring a lump to your throat. Whatever filmmaker and advertiser Bharat Bala fashions, it seems to be imbued with that magical touch where nationalism and India are the spine but never bubble to the surface in righteous rage as has been happening in the socio-political space in recent times.

Despite that, the original peddler of the idea of pop nationalism (think Vande Mataram, Jana Gana Mana, an ad for the Indian Army and another for Indian Oil) prefers to stay clear of making any political statement even though his films are replete with the message of unity in diversity, something which was hard to miss for anyone growing up in the pre-cable 80s and 90s. "Don't drag me in that direction," is the one liner that he gives out when one asks him about the strident singular narrative that the country is being steered into even though his latest project runs antithetical to that idea.

Virtual Bharat, an online series on YouTube, will be the platform to stream about 1,000 stories of India. "Imagine it to be a digital cloud where there are vir-find a rhythm within us as a society then destination where you will find unique ones on every aspect from every corner and in almost every language of India told in under 10 minutes and each will be a gem," says Bala.

But who then, if not him, can portray the pride in nation and nationhood. For who can forget AR Rahman's soul stirring Vande Mataram (1997) where the heartfelt vocals and intense voice were ably matched by the visuals where deep colours, a vivid and varied landscape that encompassed the country and a massive 60 feet by 40 feet tricolour made for a song that spoke of inclusivity and love of

Virtual Bharat flowed out of that. "Basically, post Vande Mataram I had many ideas in bits and pieces whether it was İncredible India, School Chalen Hum or Jana Gana Mana or the Commonwealth Games. Additionally, I had travelled across the length and breadth of the country for commercials and witnessed the landscape. I felt this was the opportune time now as content had become the in-thing, mobile consumption is widespread and the net space has been democratised which has given access to people everywhere. I felt now was the time when we can build the big idea of India," he says.

The first film, Thaalam, sees his longtime collaborator, music composer and singer AR Rahman light up the screen as he says, "Imagine India on a boat. It is only as strong as the people. The power to win is not in one person. The power is when all of us come together (pauses) as one. One effort one goal. To move forward as a nation, we need to dream together to aspire to build together. Let's find our thaalam as a nation together," and soon one is drawn into the famous snake boat race of Kerala.

However, rather than covering the race, Bala prefers to peek into the story behind it to convey his message. "I wanted that this short film should have a purpose and should be timeless. There has take home and retain long after he has seen it. I have seen the snake boats for a long time and to shoot it, was not exciting. When I found that the people from all walks of life — school teachers, shopkeepers, farmers, fishermen — come together and train for about 15 days to row the boats. There are 150 men in one boat and one man sets the rhythm by pounding with a log. If they find the rhythm within themselves, then the boat wins. The idea psyched me and I said there is a bigger story there. That is what I told Rahman, 'Imagine India on a boat. We have such diverse people but if we can second to recce where we take pho-

tual museums of stories of India. It is one the nation is winning." And the idea is you goosebumps. The four-minute, 18second film is the first in the series, which will cover everything related to culture, food, folklore, poetry, performing arts, landscapes and human interest stories from the remotest parts of the country.

For him, an important ingredient of Virtual Bharat is the timelessness of the story. "So if we watch these today or five years from now, they should create the same emotions," he says.

While *Thaalam* is the only one to be put out, Bharat Bala Productions has already finished making 70 films and researched for 300 stories. "The major effort is in the research. It is exciting," he says and adds matter-of-factly, "Kar rahen hain. Hazaar story aaram se nikal

He says that they have tried to tell the stories in a way that they have a wider appeal. "Most importantly, every film is being made in its original language. So if you are from Bengal, I want you to hear what Marathi, Gujarati, Tamil or Kashmiri sounds like. That is the beauty of India,"

But then isn't it an endorsement of the unity in diversity narrative? "I am not here to take a stand," he emphasises, averting the question but without any rancour. " am telling a story where I will not influence or interrupt the protagonist's voice. The next film, First Man, is about an adivasi boy from back of the beyond Sambhalpur in Odisha. The beauty of each of the films is that I wouldn't add my opinion. I only use my craft of filmmaking to tell that story in a more beautiful way. There will be good cinema, narrative, editing and sound. We need the audience to experience watching a great movie. For this, I have to make it entertaining and exciting emotionally. I have to fight this big (he emphasises on the 'I' to stress upon the bigness) bandwagon of Hindi cinema which is consumed in bilions and zillions. It is a humongous task."

But such a labour of love is always to be a bigger idea which the viewer can fraught with challenges. "We made around six films but I was not happy with them so we wouldn't use them. I go with real people and sometimes these things don't work out but you can't blame them as they are not actors. So you have to let go and continue. These are hard learnings but that is the way it is," he says and one can almost see him shrug over the phone

Moreover, Bala points out that he has limited resources to make these films which are to be shot in remote locations. 'We are in Mumbai so I have to make three trips. The first one to research, the

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HAS SEEN IT

tographs and study the location's characters and the third time to go and shoot. It is logistically expensive as there are mundane things like nowadays, the airlines don't not allow more than 15 kg of baggage and thanks to the equipment, we always have excess. These are all my hardships today," he says and guffaws.

The travel, boarding and lodging push up the costs. "I want all the tools, a proper drone operator, live sound to get that texture and rawness. So I also need sound engineers, camera operators and lighting. I don't want to compromise in films but I still have to make do with a smaller crew and this can have its own challenges," he

The bigger the challenge, the more exciting it is for Bala. During the Commonwealth Games Opening Ceremony, where there were 18,000 performers, Bala's response was "Chalo karenge." He believes in taking up the driest of subjects and making it the most exciting. "Even during Vande Mataram I went to the remotest villages and depicted it the way it was and people wearing their own clothes. You can't say yeh ganda-

gi hai. I want to make it look poetic. So am able to visualise it and make a sense of beauty in things as they are rather than

creating a set up," he says. He believes that the expansive nature of his films is essential for a country which is of the size of India. "It is inevitable, if you have to address such a wide audience. Everyone needs to feel a part of it. In School Chalen Hum, every visual is from a different part of India which is remote. It is only then that each child will say, 'main bhi school ja rahan hun'. It is not just the ones from Bihar or any particular State, rather it is the children of India going to school. It is not a homogeneous, small country but then it is India. Dikhana padega na," he says by way of explanation.

In more ways than one, his films are timeless. In the iconic School Chalen Hum, the thought of getting children to school was a universal idea which does not get dated and resonates as much today as it did it when it was aired several years ago. "I am happy that they are surviving and they have the emotion of timeless-

Whether it is ad films or videos, the idealist patriotic core runs through most of Bala's production and he attributes it to his upbringing. "My father was a Gandhian and he took part in the freedom struggle. The idea of India was ingrained in me. Our upbringing in Delhi was very nationalistic and so I attended every Republic Day and Beating

the Retreat," he says.

They later lived in Madras (presentday Chennai) which was a contrasting environment while he started his professional career in Mumbai. A combination of all these helped him to develop his perspective further. "I think it has given me a wider exposure of India which has helped me. I had this cross-cultural experience. I had very liberal frank parents but somewhere for them the idea of nation was very important. My father told me to celebrate, enjoy and discover this country and I am doing this in a creative way. He was a photo journalist and I imbibed his DNA. When I was making advertisements, he told me that 'you are creating ideas for a product but you should also create a big idea for India and that is what has inspired me," he says.

So how difficult is it switching media including films like Maryan (2013), Journey Across India (2007) and Hari Om (2004). "The fundamental of everything, whether it is ad films, videos or films, is creativity. That keeps on driving me. And each creative idea has to be said in a certain format. Jo cheez 10 second mei dikhana hai usey ek minute mat khinchon aur jo feature film mei batana hai usey feature film mei hi dikhao. I am not the kind of person who is sitting there and saying main sirf feature film banaonga ya sirf documentary or ad film he banaonga. No. I am a film maker I will use any of these forms whatever lends itself well,"

Not being confined to one format has helped him as has the fact that he is very observant and has a good memory. "If I have seen something in a place that I travelled to, I remember that and at the right time I go and access it. I am open to learning. When I go out for a film I am on Ground Zero. I can't say I know everything. For each one, you have to start from the beginning," he says.

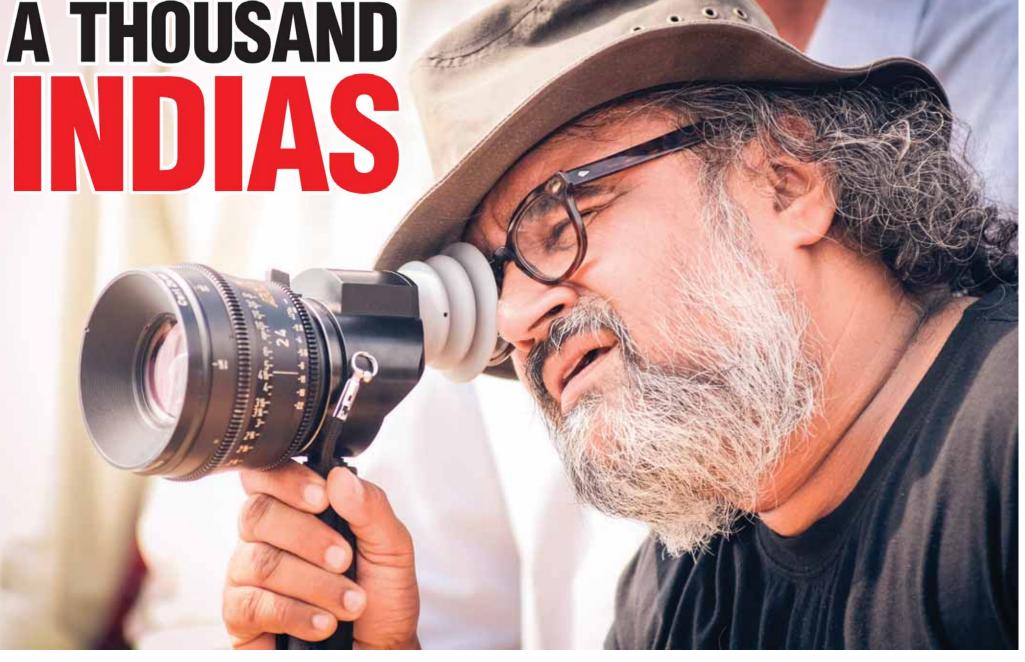
A long association that he has had is with his school mate Allah Rakha Rahman, the Mozart of East. Bala says, "We are just like... you have to put a word to it... soulmates. Whenever I take an idea, he understands as he does so many different things from commercial cinema to art. He gets excited and enthusiastic about it. He would be doing original scores for many of these short films."

The two of them also collaborated with the legendary Pakistani singer, Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan, for Vande Mataram, something which is unimaginable in this day and age. "It was spontaneous. We were in New York and we heard that there was a concert. Rahman had never seen Nusrat Saab and we went together and fell in love. Later, I told AR (Rahman) that this is the 50th year of India's Independence and that of Pakistan too. Let music be the binding source. Then we made Gurus of Peace. If we listen to it, politically, it is relevant even today, Chanda suraj laakhon taare hain jab tere hi yeh saare, Kis baat par hothi hai phir

thákraarein'." But when you ask him to elaborate, he says, "There are a lot of experts to talk about it. We can talk about positive things. I don't want to get involved in this

and I prefer to remain honest in my craft." So what keeps him going? "Every story is so inspiring and exciting for me to do. It is not as if I am tired because I am doing a 1,000 films," he says as he signs off.

Here's raising a toast to another thousand ideas of India that will live and survive long after us.







## **Burns, Root keep Aus at bay**

**AFP** ■ OLD TRAFFORD

ory Burns hit his third score of fifty or more this Ashes to lead England's fightback with the bat in the fourth Test against Australia at Old Trafford on Friday.

England were 125-2 at tea on the third day, still 372 runs behind Australia's imposing first-innings 497-8 declared.

Burns, however, was 62 not out, with England captain Joe Root 47 not out after the pair had put on exactly 100 runs for the third wicket.

Rain meant there was no play before lunch and, as a result, the second session was extended to two hours and 50

England resumed on 23-1, with left-handed opener Burns 15 not out and nightwatchman Craig Overton three not out.

Overton had added just two to his score when the ninth ball of the day saw him edge a full-length, rising delivery from Josh Hazlewood to second slip, where Steve Smith held a waist-high catch.

Burns, who scored a century in the first Test, cover-drove Mitchell Starc for a resounding four. And when left-arm fast bowler Starc, playing his first match of the series, sent down a friendly full toss, Burns steered it through point for another

There were more cheers from the crowd when Root clipped Pat Cummins for four.

Burns, taking advantage of several loose deliveries from Starc on a relatively placid pitch, led the way as Root found his form. A back-foot drive for four off Starc and a steered boundary to third off the paceman saw Burns complete a 100-ball fifty including seven

Meanwhile an increasingly assured Root pulled a harmless Hazlewood half-tracker for four to go to 47 as the skipper fought hard to deny Australia a win that would see them retain the Ashes at 2-1 up with one to play

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remaining "disconnected" with partner

Saurabh Chaudhary has been the key to

their golden run in four successive World

Cups.

The teenagers will be gunning for a

podium finish at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics

having already booked a quota place for the

very different things (individuals)," the 17-

year-old Manu told PTI when asked about

her recipe of success having won her fourth

mixed World Cup gold in Rio de Janeiro,

which is a common thread binding the

teenage duo as they simply like to concen-

our own. We just focus on our individual

performance. He doesn't give much thought

on my performance and neither do I think

about his. I think that makes us fearless and

we shoot for ourselves and perhaps because of that, we are doing well," Manu explained.

shooters, who will represent the country at

the year-ending World Cup Finals, sched-

uled to be held in Putian, China between

November 17 and 23. "I thought I will not be selected for

Manu will be among the 14 Indian

trate on their individual performances.

"We are not very connected. We are two

At 17, one is free from fear of failure

"We don't talk much. We are both on



## Flintoff reveals coaching dream

Former England star revealed he dreams of coaching the national team in the

Flintoff called time on his international career in 2009 and has been working as a television presenter recently after a brief foray into boxing.

The all-rounder hopes to return to cricket in a coaching capacity and already has lower-level qual-

England are currently looking for someone to replace Trevor Bayliss who is due to step down at the end

Tommunication is key aspect in a team team gold with Saurabh. So it was unexpect-year.

It helps that Saurabh and I

now that I have been selected. I am

so happy and excited to go for the World

Finals. I will work hard to do well," she said.

medals, which include the Guadalajara

World Cup, Commonwealth Games and the

during the 25m Rapid Fire pistol final at the

the Asian Games after participating in three

pistol. Interestingly, Manu had Games

record at the Asiad in Palembang, with a

record score of 593 in the qualification

and down and it is all part of life. The mal-

function at Munich World Cup that was one

moment where I felt very low. It was like

someone took (snatched) away the medal

in-front of my eyes. It was heartbreaking,

said Manu, who had secured a quota in the

10m pistol event after disappointment in

Asian Games, I was fifth in the final and it

was very upsetting. I had high expectations

from myself and everything fall apart.

"Another such low moment was the

25m rapid fire pistol at Munich.

'I think it is like a heart beat. It goes up

round of 25m Air pistol event.

events -- mixed, 25m air pistol and 10m air

unich World Cup, forcing her to forfeit.

She also returned empty handed from

Youth Olympics at Buenos Aires.

Last year, Manu had won a series of gold

There were also disappointments in store when she suffered a pistol malfunction

hardly connect: Bhaker

of the current Ashes series against Australia.

Flintoff, who helped England win the Ashes as a player in 2005 and 2009, concedes it is too soon to expect to get the job now. But the 41-year-old

refused to rule it out in the long-term. "Coaching is definitely an

ambition. There are probably two or three coaching jobs I'd like — England, Lancashire or Lancashire Academy," he told BBC radio's Test Match Special programme on

"Î'd love to be England coach one day, just not quite

World Cup final as I didn't win any individual medals this year. I won all the mixed

Interestingly, Manu couldn't win any individual medal at the four World Cups this

year," she said.

on the physical fitness part.

technique and physical fitness.

Flintoff, who played his county cricket with Lancashire, has already done some coaching work with the Under-13 side at his old

"I've got two of my coaching levels — me and (former England team-mate) Steve

Harmison might do our level threes soon," he said. Flintoff, who played 79 Tests and 141 one-day internationals for England, revealed he applied for the national team coaching job when it became available in

But he was not taken seriously and the role went to

mance this year, she said: "I think it has been

very progressive from Delhi to China, to

Munich and now Rio. I did quite good, so

I believe it was a successful year and I am

happy with my performance. Great to end

the way, we did in the last World up of the

Manu said that she now wants to work

"I will just continue what I have been

The Tokyo Olympics is just seven

"Olympics is a dream for all sportsper-

doing. It is basically all about improving the

months away and Manu believes she can

produce a much better performance at the

son. I hope it becomes my best moment of

my life. Anything can happen. I don't know

what is destined for me. If I have the bless-

ings and I can go on to win a medal, it will

be the best moment of my life," she said.

to the country and not the individual. The

youngster is well aware and knows that near-

ing Olympics, she will have to hit the peak.

quota that I won is for India and I might not

also go. My scores have been good and I'll

improve as the Olympics approaches. I just want to put in my work."

While she won a quota place, it belongs

"I think I can do better at Olympics. The

## Underlining greatness

Smith has been described

unorthodox shuffle across

the crease, was evident as

Smith took advantage of an

unusually placid Old Trafford

before I play where people are

I am likely to score and try to

picture fields that are set and

play things over in my mind,

where I am going to get runs and how they are looking to get

after stumps.

is thrown at you."

the best "problem

Steve Smith is on course to enjoy one of the most productive series by any batsman in Test history after he marked his return to Ashes action with a double hundred at Old Trafford on Thursday. The 30-year-old's 211 was the centrepiece of Australia's 497-8 declared on the second day of the fourth Test.

**AFP** MANCHESTER

It was his third century in four innings this series following scores of 144 and 142 in the opener at Edgbaston — Smith's first Test since completing a 12-month ball-tampering ban.

If those hundreds erased doubts about whether he would be the same stellar batsman after the traumatic events during a Test in Cape Town that led to his being stripped of the Australia captaincy and a lengthy suspension, Thursday's innings put to rest fears of any lingering ill-effects after he was concussed by a Jofra Archer bouncer.

That blow to his then unprotected neck — he is now batting with a 'stem guard' during the drawn second Test at Lord's saw Smith ruled out of England's dramatic onewicket win at Headingley that levelled this Ashes at 1-1.

Even after retiring hurt having been felled by Archer, Smith still came back out to make 92 — his lowest score of a series where he has now scored 589 runs at a colossal average of 147.25.

The most runs ever made by an individual in a Test series is the 974 compiled by Australia's Don Bradman, widely regarded as the format's greatest batsman, during the five matches of the 1930 Ashes in England.

solver" in cricket today by



himself a former Test batsman. - 'Played into our hands' -

That ability, as much as his trademark if

Vivian Richards holds the corresponding record for four Tests, posting 829 runs during West Indies 3-0 win in England in 1976 where the 'Master Blaster' missed one fixture out of five through illness. Both those marks may be

beyond Smith.

But if Australia do retain the urn -- and they were wellplaced at the close with England 23-1, a deficit of 474 this will undoubtedly be 'Smith's Ashes'.

England, inevitably, after Lord's, repeatedly tested Smith out with the bouncer.

But Smith, whose career Test batting average of 64.64 is second only to Bradman's 99.94, reckoned England's quicks, with the notable exception of Stuart Broad, had overdone the short stuff.

"I said before the game that if they bowl a lot at my head then they're not bowling at my stumps and trying to get me out lbw and caught behind the wicket," he explained.

"For them to go as short as they did and as early as they did with the new-ball, softened that ball up and played into our hands.

The third double century of Smith's 67-Test career, all of which have come against England, was not chanceless.

Archer dropped a caught and bowled chance when Smith was on 65 and he had made 118 when he nicked Jack Leach to slip only to be reprieved when a third umpire review revealed the left-arm spinner had bowled a no-ball.

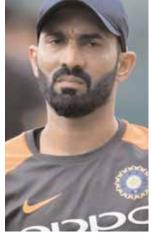
"When I saw the foot over the line and (umpire) Kumar (Dharmasena) called me back I thought, 'How good is this! I get to keep on batting'.

"I think and visualise "Obviously I had some likely to bowl to me and where luck and I made the most of it from there."

This innings also saw Smith extend his own record with an eighth successive Ashes fifty, but he was adamant in insisting: "It's never easy.
"You're playing intername out," Smith told reporters

Then out in the middle tional cricket against some quality bowlers. I'll never say you have to adapt to whatever it's easy."

### **BCCI** issues showcause notice to Dinesh Karthik for attending CPL match



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The BCCI has issued a show-cause notice to out-offavour India player Dinesh Karthik for attending a promotional event of the Caribbean Premier League (CPL) franchise Trinbago Knight Riders, which is owned by Bollywood

superstar Shah Rukh Khan. The 34-year-old Karthik, who was a controversial pick in India's World Cup squad, was seen in Trinbago Knight Riders dressing room and attending their opening CPL match against St Kitts & Nevis in Port

of Spain. "Yes, Dinesh Karthik has been issued a showcause notice by the BCCI. We have received photographs where Karthik is seen in the dressing room of Trinbago Knight Riders. BCCI CEO Rahul Johri has issued a showcause notice asking him to explain why his central contract shouldn't be annulled," a senior

BCCI official, privy to the development told PTI on condition of anonymity.

The BCCI got a screen grab of Karthik, who played 26 Tests, 94 ODIs and 32 T20Is for India, seen wearing Trinbago Knight Riders jersey and relaxing in the dressing room along side Brendon McCullum.

It is learnt that Karthik, who is the captain of Shah Rukh Khan co-owned franchise Kolkata Knight Riders in the IPL, didn't seek any permission from the BCCI to attend the event in the West Indies.

cricketer, Dinesh Karthik had no business being seen in a franchise league which is not IPL. His central contract prevents him from being associated with any private league as it has been the BCCI clause for all active first-class cricketers," the senior official said.

'As a centrally contracte

Karthik wasn't available for comment but it is expected that he would be tendering unconditional apology as the National One Day Championship for the Vijay Hazare Trophy starts on September 24, where he is expected to turn up for Tamil

The Tamil Nadu wicketkeeper-batsman's international career is believed to be all but over after his failure in the World Cup having scored 8 and 6 in two games that he batted. His susceptible technique in bowler-friendly conditions was badly exposed after his selection in the national team without any proper ODI performance created a furore.

### Malinga becomes first bowler to claim 100 T20 wickets



bowler in Twenty20 internaachieving the feat in the third match against New Zealand in

Malinga, who surpassed Pakistan spinner Shahid Afridi's tally of 97 scalps to

become the leading T20 wicket-taker on Sunday, Sri Lanka's Lasith Malinga on bowled Colin Munro to get a century of wickets in his 76th bowled Colin Munro to get a match.

went on to complete a hat-trick and took four wickets in four balls. Hamish Rutherford, Colin de Grandhomme and Ross Taylor followed Munro to the pavilion.

### LOCAL EVENTS

### APS ENTER SEMIS

Army Public School blanked LMC 'B' 4-0 to enter the semifinals of the 5th Martin Cup at La Martiniere groun d on Friday. Rohan and Pooran netted two goals each. In the second match, Maithdish Kanpur spanked Study Hall 5-0.

### DISTRICT HOCKEY

Sports College 'B' won both of its matches in Lucknow Hockey League at Mohd Shahid Stadium on Friday. Sports College 'B' defeated Islamiya College 3-1 while blanked NER 5-0. In another match, Sports College 'C' beat Gomti Nagar

### **PRADEEP SHINES**

Pradeep Verma scalped a five-for to script GP Eleven's 48-run win over ASCA Indians in aleague match of the 1st Independence Day Trophy at Sahara Estaes ground on Friday. BRIEF SCORES:

GP XI: 145 (Ajay Kumar 39, RAshid Shamim 24; Vikas 16/2, Salman 26/2)

ASCA: 97 (Sachin 25, Manish 20; Pradeep 12/5, Santosh 21/2).

## Snubbed in 2016, Sanjeev says he was determined to secure Olympic quota

Jaspal sir helped me during that phase.'

**PTI** ■ NEW DELHI

Sanjeev Rajput always had some "some unfinished business" after being snubbed for the 2016 Rio Olympics and ace marksman wants to accomplish his goals in next year's Tokyo Olympics.

The 38-year-old from Haryana secured India's eighth Olympic quota in shooting with a silver medal finish in the men's 50m rifle 3 positions at the World Cup in Rio de Janeiro last

"I feel my performance was really good. I have been waiting for this last one year," Rajput, who shot 462.0 in the finals to miss out of the gold to Petar Gorsa of Croatia (462.2), told PTI during a function here.

"I was determined to clinch

have done well in Asian Championship but winning an Olympic quota is different. So I wanted to get it here (in Rio) itself," Rajput said.

The Rio World Cup was the penultimate event to secure an Olympic quota before the Asian Championship in Doha in November.

He missed out of the Rio Olympics despite securing the quota after the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) replaced him with trap shooter Manavjit Sandhu in the Olympic contingent.

Rajput said that the incident spurred him and he went about his business during the World Cup as if he is competing at the

"In my mind, I was competan Olympic quota at the World ing at the Olympics, which I I protested and I felt the rifle and

Cup as it was my last chance. I couldn't at Rio in 2016," he said. The Haryana shooter said changing a barrel in his rifle helped him to score big at the World Cup.

"It has happened because of the barrel which I changed. The approval was given by SAI and I went to a weapon manufacturing factory in Switzerland a month before the World Cup and I managed to score big at the Rio event," he said.

Rajput survived some anxious moment during the qualification round when one of his shots showed a 'no-score' because of a scoreboard malfunction.

"I was good even in elimination round. In kneeling position, I shot 396 but there was a target malfunction and it was showing 39 shots out of 40. So

another shot after 24 minutes. "But by the time, I complet-

ed my kneeling position, the weather conditions changed, the wind was more and most of the top shooters had finished their kneeling and prone posi-

"So in this weather condition, chances of getting 9 is more. It was difficult, there was anxiety but I cooled down myself and I managed somehow

with my experience."
Asked what are his plans in the run up to the Olympics, Rajput said: "I have got very good scores and my world ranking is also good. I have my own strategy. I will compete at the Asian C'ship. There is also National C'ship and we have a WC in New Delhi, which will be an Olympic selection event."

## Rijiju hopes shooting talent gets reflected Tokyo Olympics

Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju on Friday Slauded the Indian shooters for their unprecedented medal haul at the recently-concluded World Cup and hoped they would carry the stupendous form into next year's Tokyo Olympics as well.

The Indian shooting team returned to the country on Thursďay after claiming nine medals, including five golds, at the recently-concluded ISSF World Cup in Rio de Janeiro.

"The number of medals that our shooting team has won is commendable and I congratulate the entire team for the outstanding performance," Rijiju told reporters after meeting the team here.

"We are going to set the record of highest number of athletes, in terms of participation, in shooting for Tokyo Olympics. We have already secured nine berths and I am told there is a possibility of 12 quota

'We are now best in the world and I am looking forward to it that the talent that we have in shooting should reflect in the Olympics. We must be able to secure a good number of medals at the Olympics.



which we will have high hopes is shoot-

The Sports Ministry had recently written to UK Secretary of Sport for shooting's re-inclusion in the Birmingham Commonwealth Games.

Asked about the issue, Rijiju said: "India is one of the most important nations in the Commonwealth Games Federation and excluding shooting from 2022 has upset all of us.

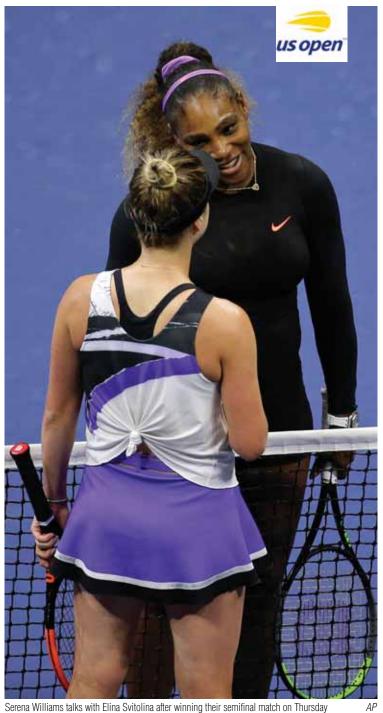
'...The decision was taken in the

CWG organising executive committee, there were no Indians to put up India's case. So it is not proper to take a decision which is not in the interest of India because everybody knows India has the greatest strength in shooting.

We will take it up through diplomatic channels also but since it is a sporting event, we would prefer that the CWG executive committee considers our case, or else we will be very upset and register our protest. I have already written a letter so let's see, the IOA will meet me again."

# Clash of Generation

### 38-year old Serena to meet teenager Andreescu in US Open final today for record equaling 24th Slam



**AFP** ■ NEW YORK

erena Williams will face Canadian teenager Bianca Andreescu for the US Open title as the American set herself up for another attempt to clinch a record-equaling 24th Grand Slam singles title.

Williams, who turns 38 this month, cruised into a 10th US Open final on Thursday by brushing aside fifth seed Elina Svitolina 6-3, 6-1, earning her 101st win at the tournament to draw level with Chris Evert for

the most in history.
Williams is seeking to match Margaret Court's all-time record of 24 major titles and will play 19-year-old Andreescu, who defeated Belinda Bencic 7-6 (7/3), 7-5, on Saturday in her bid for a record seventh US Open tri-

"To be in yet another final, it seems honestly crazy. But I don't really expect too much less, said Williams, who is through to her 33rd major final.

"I've had so many chances to pass it (Court's record) and to have a lot more, but it's cool because I'm playing in an era with so many five eras with so many amazing play-

She won her first Grand Slam title at the 1999 US Open — before Andreescu was even born — but has lost her last three major finals since capturing the 2017 Australian Open crown while pregnant. She hasn't won the US Open since 2014.

Williams fought off six break points across her opening three service games before finding her rhythm to dispatch Wimbledon semi-finalist Svitolina in 70 minutes, hitting 34 winners against just 20 unforced errors.

"I know how (Svitolina) can play, she's such a good player," Williams said. "Obviously two

"To be in yet another final, it seems honestly crazy. But I don't really expect too much less.'

-Serena Williams

"It's just surreal. I really don't know what to say. It's a dream come true plaving Serena in the finals of the US Open. It's crazy, it's crazy.'

—Bianca Andreescu

"For sure last two Slams been good for me. I'm very happy the way I could handle the tough moments. Unfortunately it's both times finished really one-sided, which I have to analyze.

semis in a row is really hard to do and I just wanted to not get off to a slow start and I wanted to hang on in there." Williams, who was beaten by

Simona Halep in the Wimbledon final in July, returns to

the championship

### **RECORD ALERT**

Serena could become only the fourth mother in the Open Era to win a Grand Slam title after Aussies Court and Evonne Goolagong Cawley and Belgium's Kim Clijsters.

Three weeks shy of her 38th birthday, she would become the oldest women's champion in Grand Slam history, surpassing the age mark she set in winning the 2017 Australian Open at 35 while

Williams seeks a record seventh US Open title to surpass the mark she now shares with Chris Evert. If she wins the finale it would give her 102 US Open match wins, one more than the record 101 she shares with Evert.

■Andreescu became just the second Canadian woman — after Eugenie Bouchard at Wimbledon in 2014 — to reach a Grand

■She is the second teenage Grand Slam finalist this year — after French Open runner-up Marketa Vondrousova — and will bid to become the first teen Grand Slam champion since Maria Sharapova won at Flushing Meadows in 2006.

York a year on from her infamous meltdown in a loss to Naomi Osaka overshadowed by controversy.

Svitolina, 24, was attempting to become just the second Ukrainian to play in a Grand Slam singles final after Andrei Medvedev, who lost in five sets to Andre Agassi at the 1999 French Open.

"On the important moments, she steps up, always steps up, always brings her best game," Svitolina said.

'She knows what she has to do. She has unbelievable strength. She gives lots of power. There's lots of power behind her shots all the time. That's what makes her unbelievable, legendary tennis player."

### 'SURREAL' MOMENT

Andreescu, who fell in US Open qualifying the past two years, continued her meteoric rise on her main draw debut in New York to overcome former Swiss prodigy Bencic.

The 15th-seeded Canadian played catch-up for much of the opening set and saved a set point at 4-5 with a forehand winner, but she rattled off the first five points of the tie-break and

sealed it when Bencic swatted a forehand long. Bencic, the 13th seed, raced

5-2 ahead with a double break in the second set but Andreescu refused to buckle and reeled off the final five games to set up a rematch of last month's Toronto final against Williams, who retired from that clash with a back injury.

"It's just surreal. I really don't know what to say. It's a dream come true playing Serena in the finals of the US Open. It's crazy, it's crazy," Andreescu said.

"I think it's just all the hard work I've put in through the years. If someone told me a year ago I would be in the US Open final this year, I'd tell them they were crazy.

Andreescu is trying to become the first Canadian singles Grand Slam champion, and could be the fourth first-time major champion in five years to win the women's US Open title.

"It was really just about some points that turned everything around. Also in the second set, I think I had so many break chances which I didn't use. But I think she played the best on them," Bencic said.

"She totally deserves to be in

### **SINGLES**

PAYAS STORMS INTO ASIAN JR FINAL New Delhi: India's Payas Jain stormed into the cadet boys final of the 25th Asian Junior Table Tennis Championships beating South Korean Lin Yunoh 4-3 on Friday to assure himself of at least a Silver medal. The seventh seeded Indian won 15-13, 11-9, 9-11, 3-11, 11-9, 11-6. Besides the medal. Payas also earned a place in the Asian squad that will compete in the World Cadet Challenge, to be held at Wladyslawowo, Poland, this October. This will be the second medal for the Indians at the championships after the junior boys had clinched a Silver medal. Jain will take on top-seed and world No 1 Yuanyu Chen in the

### EASWARAN PUTS INDIA RED ON FRONT

BENGALURU: Bengal right-hander Abhimanyu Easwaran staked his claim for a place in the senior side with a 153-run knock as India Red marched towards the title by building a 114-run lead over India Green at stumps on day three of the Duleep Trophy here on Friday. Easwaran (153 off 300 balls; 16x4s, 2x6s) added 51 runs to his overnight score as India Red finished the day at 345 for 6 in 116 overs in reply to India Green's first innings score of 231 in 72.1 overs. Aditya Sarvate (30 batting) and Jaydev Unadkat (10 batting) were at the crease at the draw of stumps. The lanky Rajpoot was the best bowler for India Green, capturing three wickets including that of Easwaran but the others could not make much of an impression on the rival batsmen

### **CHILE-ARGENTINA PLAY GOALLESS DRAW**

Los Angeles: Argentina and Chile ground out a 0-0 draw on Thursday in a niggly friendly international between the two South American rivals. Argentina, missing the suspended Lionel Messi and several other European-based stars including Sergio Aguero and Angel Di Maria, enjoyed the better chances but were unable to find a goal in front of a sparsely populated Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. Chile, with Alexis Sanchez leading their attack, were similarly uninspired in front of goal. Thursday's game was the latest instalment of an increasingly bitter rivalry between the two sides who met in both the 2015 and 2016 Copa America finals, won by Chile

### **UP YODDHA BEAT PATNA PIRATES**

BENGALURU: UP Yoddha stunned three-time champions Patna Pirates 41-29 in a VIVO Pro Kabaddi League match at the SreeKanteerava Stadium on Friday. Shrikanth Jadhav (Super 10 with 10 points), Surender Gill (7 points) and Nitesh Kumar (5 tackle points) were all in form for the UP side, which produced an all-round performance to secure an important victory that has them knocking at the doors of a playoff berth. Patna Pirates struggled to get a stranglehold of the match despite another Super 10 ( 14 raid points) from their raider Pardeep Narwal. The lack of alternatives to Pardeep Narwal in the raiding department has been a major problem for Patna Pirates in this season and it was all too evident against UP Yoddha.

AGENCIES

## Rashid's show puts Afghans on top



Afghanistan players return back to pavilion at the end of 2nd day ACB

**AFP** ■ CHITTAGONG

Spin sensation Rashid Khan starred with bat and ball on Friday as Afghanistan took command in the one-off Test against Bangladesh here.

Rashid hit 51 off 61 balls to take Afghanistan to 342 in their first innings and then claimed 4-47 to leave Bangladesh struggling at 194 for eight at stumps on the second day.

Mominul Haque scored the only half-century for Bangladesh, 52 off 71 balls, while Mosaddek Hossain remained unbeaten on 44 to spare some blushes for the home side against the Test minnows. Bangladesh lost a wicket in the very first over of

their innings when Yamin Ahmadzai dismissed opener Shadman Islam for nought but Soumya Sarkar and Liton Das steadied the innings with a 49-run Mohammad Nabi removed Soumya leg-before

for 17 before Rashid introduced himself in the attack with immediate impact as he bowled Liton for 33. He unleashed further destruction in his fifth over,

trapping Shakib Al Hasan leg before for 11 and removing Mushfiqur Rahim for a duck two balls later as Bangladesh were reduced to 88-5 at tea.

They did no better after play resumed in the final session as Rashid bowled Mahmudullah Riyad for seven and left others with little clue against his leg-

Mominul launched a counter-attack to bring his fifty off 69 balls but paid the price for his aggression as he gave a catch to Asghar Afghan at mid-off off Mohammad Nabi, who finished the day with 2-53.

Mosaddek survived the day with tail-ender Taijul Islam, 14 not out, but Bangladesh still face a moun-

tain to climb, trailing Afghanistan by 148 runs in the first innings with just two wickets in hand.

Rashid earlier led Afghanistan's batting charge with his maiden Test fifty after they lost early wickets, having resumed the second day's play.

Taijul finished with 4-116 for Bangladesh while Shakib and off-spinner Nayeem Hasan claimed two wickets each.

# Samson stars in series win

**PTI** ■ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

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Local hero Sanju G Africa A in the fifth and final unofficial ODI, helping the hosts claim the series 4-1 on Friday.

Kerala wicketkeeper batsman Samson, who has played one T20 International for India, showcased his skills in another rain-affected game at the Sports Hub.

In a rain-affected 20 overs-a-side game, India A made 204 for 4 before restricting South Africa A to 168 all out with Shardul Thakur taking 3 for 9 from three overs.

Samson exhibited his hitting abilities, smashing some huge sixes as he toyed with the rival Proteas attack during his 135-run second wicket partnership with India regular Shikhar Dhawan (51 off 36 balls), who posted his second straight halfcentury.

Samson overshadowed his illustrious partner and tonked the Proteas bowlers with disdain, hitting some massive sixes.

Dhawan fell while going for a big hit to give George Lind (2/43) his first

Samson was dismissed after



India A players pose with the winners trophy after the end of final match of 5-match series

adding 23 runs with skipper Shreyas Iyer (36), when in sight of a welldeserved ton. His knock of 91 is his highest List A score.

Iyer played some stylish shots to round off the India A innings.

In reply, South Africa got off to a quick start but regular fall of wickets set the team back. Opener Reeza Hendricks (59 off 43) was his usual aggressive self and in the company of Kyle Verreynne (44 off 24) brought the visitors back into the game with some superb strokeplay.

But continuos dismissal affected

the team's momentum.

Samson was named man of the match for his robust innings.

Meanwhile, it was learnt that Samson donated his entire match to the groundsmen and ground support staff after his match-winning knock today. All the five matches in unofficial ODI series saw rain disruptions and the work of the ground staff in getting the venue ready came in for

The two teams will now play two four-day matches, beginning here on September 9.

## Hanuma treats every Test as last

ricketers often talk about how a sense of security helps their performance but not Hanuma Vihari, who believes in treating every be on guard against complacency.

The 25-year-old Andhra batsman emerged as the top run-getter with 291 runs in India's 2-0 series win over the West Indies and vindicated the team management's decision to have him instead of the more stylish Rohit Sharma in the playing XI.

"Obviously I am very happy that I have done well but I went into this tour with a clean slate. I decided to take one Test match at a time. For me, every Test match is my last. It helps me get into a mindset that I have nothing to lose and play accordingly," Vihari said.

Recently, Virat Kohli complimented Vihari for his temperament, which the skipper feels infuses a sense of calm in the dressing room. He called Vihari the find of the West

'You can't ask for anything more if the change room has faith in your abilities. That is certainly the best compliment I could have got and coming from the skipper himself, it can't get better," said Vihari, who now has 456 runs in six Tests, including a hundred and three fifties.

But the calm demeanour and steely resolve hasn't come in a day or two but around seven years of toiling in the domestic arena. "It has happened because of the years of



hard work that I put in at the domestic level. Before playing for India, I had played nearly 60 first-class games.

"I have faced pressure situations at the first-class level. It prepared me for bigger challenges. Thanks to the Andhra Cricket Association and (chairman of selectors) MSK Prasad sir for giving me a chance to play for Andhra," said Vihari, whose first-class average of 60.30 after 75 games, is among the top-

## Rathour concerned about Test openers

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

rndia's newly-appointed Lbatting coach Vikram Rathour on Friday said the opening slot and the performance of the middle-order in ODIs are his primary concerns as he prepares to begin his tenure with the series against South Africa.

Rathour replaced Sanjay Bangar when fresh appointments were made for the coaching and support staff. His tenure started on Thursday and the first big challenge awaiting him is the home Twenty20

and Test series against South Africa from September 15.

The middle-order in one-day is not doing well and we must, of course, sort it out...The other area of concern is the opening partnership in Tests. We have options and there is healthy competition. well," he said.



We need to find a way for them to be more consistent," Rathour told the BCCI's official website. Rathour said the likes

of Shreyas Iyer and Manish Pandey seem to be good options for the 50-over format. 'Shreyas Iyer has

done well in the last couple of games and we also have Manish Pandey. These two guys have done very well in domestic cricket and with India A. These are the batters who are capable of doing the job and I have no

doubt about it in my mind. "It is a matter of getting it right at the top level. We need to back them and pro-

vide them with the right preparations so that they can be there for a longer time. They have enough talent in them to do

## Spain, Italy maintain perfect starts

**AFP** ■ BUCHAREST

Spain took a step closer to qualification for Euro 2020 on Thursday after surviving a scare in Romania to win 2-1 and continue their 100 percent record, while Italy also kept their perfect start with a 3-1 win in Armenia.

A Sergio Ramos first half penalty and a beautiful team goal finished off by Paco Alcacer were just about enough for Spain, and made their record five wins from five to maintain their five-point lead at the top of Group F in their first match since Luis Enrique stepped down as coach in

Spain are followed by Sweden, who are on 10 points after thumping the Faroe Islands 4-0, and Norway a further two points back after their comfortable 2-0 over Malta.

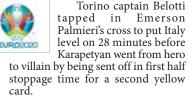
Earlier Italy strengthened their grip on Group J after coming from behind to see off Armenia thanks to a Andrea Belotti brace and Lorenzo Pellegrini's first international goal.

Roberto Mancini's side are three points ahead of second-placed Finland,



second goal against Romania

1-0 victors over Greece thanks to a Teemu Pukki penalty, and seven ahead of Bosnia and Herzegovina in third after the win in Yerevan, which came despite the Italians trailing after 11 minutes when Aleksandre Karapetyan.



Belotti doubled his tally 10 minutes from time after substitute Pellegrini had put the away side in the

David McGoldrick made sure that the Republic of Ireland stayed top of Group D with a late leveller in Dublin that gave the hosts a 1-1 draw with Switzerland.

The Irish are three points in front of second-placed Denmark — 6-0 winners over Gilbraltar — and six ahead of third placed Switzerland, who however have two games in hand.

Poland, another team yet to drop point, will have the chance to increase their four-point lead at the top of Group G at Slovenia after second-placed Israel were held 1-1 at home by North Macedonia.