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## PSA slapped on Farooq for detention

SC to hear Vaiko's plea against NC leader's house arrest on Sep 30; court allows Azad to visit Valley

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Jammu & Kashmir administration on Sunday invoked the stringent Public Safety Act against former State Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah to detain him, a day before the Supreme Court took up a petition against his "illegal detention".

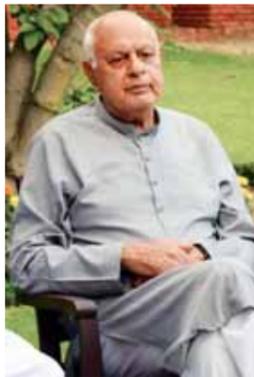
At 81, Abdullah has been charged with "disturbing public order" under the law, which means shorter detention of three months.

On Monday, the SC asked the Centre and the Jammu & Kashmir administration to respond to a plea seeking that Abdullah, allegedly under detention following the scrapping of the State's special status, be produced before the court.

Meanwhile, the SC allowed Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad to visit Kashmir but barred him from holding rallies or public meetings there.

A Bench of Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi and justices SA Bobde and SA Nazeer issued notice to the Centre and the J&K administration, and fixed Rajya Sabha MP and MDMK leader Vaiko's plea for hearing on September 30.

Vaiko, who said he has been a close friend of Abdullah for the past four decades, has contended that the National Conference leader has been deprived of constitutional rights on account of "illegal detention without any authority of law".



### Father's Act hounds son

Never would Sheikh Abdullah have imagined that his son Farooq would one day be arrested under the PSA which he, as the chief minister of J&K in 1978, enacted to fight timber smugglers in the State

The National Conference said the party would take legal course to challenge the detention of its president Farooq Abdullah under the Public Safety Act in J&K

"Is he (Abdullah) under detention?" the Bench asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who was appearing for J&K. Without going into the issue of whether Abdullah has been kept under detention, Mehta said, "I do not have a copy of the petition. I have to take instruction on this."

There was no word by the lawyers from any side during the hearing that the Jammu & Kashmir administration has slapped Farooq under the stringent law. After the Bench issued notice on Vaiko's petition, Mehta questioned his locus in filing a "habeas corpus" petition — a writ requiring a person under detention or arrest to be produced before a court. "He (Vaiko) has no locus.

How can he file a habeas corpus petition? He is not his relative. His (Abdullah) relatives have approached the High Court there," Mehta said. The Bench, however, asked the Centre and the Jammu & Kashmir administration to file their responses on Vaiko's plea.

In his plea, Vaiko had said authorities should allow Abdullah to attend a "peaceful and democratic" annual conference, being organised in Chennai on September 15, on the occasion of birthday of former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister CN Annadurai.

"The actions of the respondents (Centre and J&K) are completely illegal and arbitrary and violative of the right to protection of life and personal liberty, right to protection



CRPF personnel stand guard near the residence of National Conference president Farooq Abdullah in Srinagar on Monday. PTI

from arrest and detention and also against right to free speech and expression which is the cornerstone of a democratic nation," the plea said.

"The right to free speech and expression is considered to have paramount importance in a democracy as it allows its cit-

izens to effectively take part in the governance of the country," it said.

Vaiko said he had written a letter to the authorities on August 29 to allow Abdullah to travel to Chennai to attend the conference but they have not responded.

### SC seeks J&K CJ's report on claims of inaccessible court

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Termed as "very very serious" the claim that people are finding it difficult to approach the Jammu & Kashmir High Court, the Supreme Court on Monday decided to verify it by asking the Chief Justice there to "forthwith" submit a report in this regard.

"If you are saying so, we are bound to take serious note of it. We will verify this," the apex court said.

## Restore normalcy in J&K within ambit of national interest: SC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Jammu & Kashmir administration was directed by the Supreme Court on Monday to make "all endeavours" to ensure restoration of normalcy in the valley while keeping in mind "national interest and internal security".

The apex court, which also asked the Centre to ensure restoration of services and normalcy in Kashmir "as soon as possible," said efforts should be made to ensure that people have access to medical facilities, education, public transport and communication.

"The State of Jammu & Kashmir, keeping in mind the national interest and internal security, shall make all endeavours to ensure that normal life is restored in Kashmir; people have access to healthcare facilities and schools, colleges and other educational institutions and public transport functions and operates normally," a Bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi said in its order.

"All forms of communication, subject to overriding consideration of national security, shall be normalised, if required on a selective basis, particularly for healthcare facilities," said the Bench, which also comprised justices SA Bobde and SA Nazeer.

Attorney General KK Venugopal, representing the Centre, and Solicitor General



Tushar Mehta, appearing for Jammu & Kashmir, informed the Bench about steps taken by the authorities to restore normalcy in the State and also the Valley.

The top court, which posted the matter for hearing on September 30, asked the Centre and Jammu & Kashmir to file their affidavits indicating their responses on the plea and applications which raises the issue of shutdown of mobile and Internet services in the valley and lack of health care facilities there.

While Venugopal apprised the Bench about medical and other facilities being provided to the people, Mehta said that "not a single bullet has been fired" in the State since August 5, the day when Article 370 was abrogated.

Venugopal said that since 1990 till date, 41,866 persons have lost their lives in 71,038 incidents of terrorist violence in the state which includes 14,038 civilians, 5,292 personnel of security forces and 22,536 terrorists.

## Cong, NCP to fight 125 seats each in Maha polls

### Keep aside 38 seats for allies to take on BJP-Sena

PNS ■ NEW DELHI/MUMBAI

After going separately in 2014, the Congress and NCP have come together to contest the forthcoming Maharashtra Assembly election together. Both the parties will contest 125 seats each and keep aside 38 seats for prospective allies in an attempt to form a broad-based alliance to take on the BJP-Shiv Sena combine.

In 2014, the NCP had then ended the 15-year alliance after the two parties had been unable to reach a seat-sharing arrangement ahead of Assembly elections. The Congress had won 42 seats while the NCP had won 41 seats then. The BJP had emerged as the single-largest party in the State with 122 seats.



The finalisation of the seat-sharing pact between the Congress and the NCP comes after many high-profile leaders from both the parties deserted them to join the BJP and the Shiv Sena. Sharad Pawar had called on Sonia Gandhi in Delhi last week where the two gave final shape to the alliance.

Announcing the deal, Pawar said the seat-sharing pact between the grand old party and the NCP has been finalised and his party will give opportunity to new faces this time. Pawar also said both

the parties are yet to decide on the specific seats they will contest.

The smaller parties, which will contest the remaining 38 seats include Swabhimani Shetkari Sanghthana led by Raju Shetty and Bahujan Vikas Aghadi led by Prakash Ambedkar.

Both the parties had contested as allies in the Lok Sabha this year where the Congress won only one seat and the NCP bagged four. In 2014 general elections, the Congress had won two seats from the State while the NCP won four. The NCP had contested on 21 seats while its partner Congress fielded candidates on 26 seats in the last Lok Sabha polls.

The Congress and the NCP have been in an alliance since 1999 except for the last Assembly elections and they have formed Government thrice.

In the 2004 Assembly polls, the NCP had won more seats than the Congress, but the latter bagged the Chief Minister's post.

## Rape survivor deposes in Shahjahanpur court against Chinmayanand

PNS/PTI ■ LUCKNOW/SHAHJAHANPUR

The law student who levelled rape charges against BJP leader and former Union Minister Swami Chinmayanand recorded her statement before a magistrate in Shahjahanpur on Monday.

The 23-year old woman was brought to the court of Judicial Magistrate Geetika Singh under heavy security cover by the special investigation team (SIT).

She remained in the court for around four hours and told PTI that the magistrate recorded her statement in 10 to 12 pages. She said, "I have told the magistrate about the rape complaint I gave in New Delhi, my missing spectacles and a chip



from the hostel room. I also informed about the bedding and liquor bottles, which were removed from the Chinmayanand's room."

The victim's friends who were examined included the one who was with her when she was located in Rajasthan after having gone missing last month. The SIT had also examined principals of the two colleges where the girl studied.

## Delhi plans e-vehicles for last-mile connectivity

GAYATHRI MANI ■ NEW DELHI

In a bid to make the national Capital pollution free, the Delhi Dialogue and Development Commission (DDC), in association with the Rocky Mountain Institute, has decided to start a first-of-its-kind pilot project on the electrification of last-mile connectivity in Delhi, called Deliver Electric Delhi (DED).

Under the plan, all-out efforts will be made to promote electric vehicles as Delhi Metro feeder buses, to replace e-rickshaws, and to ply as e-commerce delivery vehicles. The Government plans to rope in online food delivery firms like Domino's Pizza, Big Basket, Zomato, Swiggy, and courier services in the project.

The Government is also expected to implement the 'EV Draft Policy' by end of the month. The DDC submitted a new study report to the Delhi



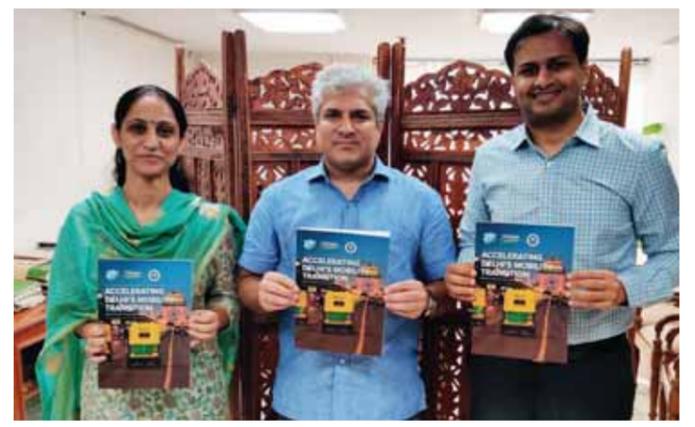
Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot on Monday. The study suggests that the EV policy of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Government can help make Delhi a pollution-free city.

"As Delhi looks to take ambitious steps towards inducing large number of electric buses and taking leadership in fighting air pollution, this report will become an important reference point for all our

agencies on the various reforms needed to ensure a successful transition to electric vehicles."

About 1,000 electric last-mile delivery vehicles are expected to be part of the pilot project over the next year.

The main aim behind the project is to promote the usage of electric vehicles in the city. The Transport Department has already started the process to procure electric buses in



order to provide last-mile connectivity and to curb pollution. Besides, we are working with about 25 electric vehicle producing companies and solution

providers to promote and create awareness about the project. Further, besides 1000 EV, the Government will include the Zomato Swiggy and other delivery services to use electric vehicles as these companies uses two wheelers largely for delivery services," said Jasmine Shah, vice-chairman of DDC.

## Link all beneficiaries to Ujjwala by Sept end: CM

PNS ■ RANCHI

Chief Minister Raghubar Das on Monday said that till date around 33 lakh women have been freed from the suffocation of smoke and linked with Ujjwala Yojana.

During a meeting of twenty point implementation committee on Monday Das directed the officials to link the remaining deserving families to the scheme in the month of September. "Under Ujjwala Scheme we have to provide a gas stove, and first and second cylinder refill for free to the beneficiaries," he said.

Addressing the officials Das said that they should work on war footing just like earlier to link the remaining beneficiaries. "Working in coordination with village, panchayat, block and district level will help achieving the target sooner," he said.

The CM directed the officials to take help from Ujjwala didis deployed at Panchayat level to complete the work. "The Ujjwala Didis have been told to link the missing bene-



Chief Minister Raghubar Das holds meeting with district vice presidents of Twenty Point programme at CM house in Ranchi on Monday. PNS

ficiaries earlier as well. They also have to inform the beneficiaries on safe use of LPG cylinders for which these Ujjwala Didis are being trained," he said.

Das asked the officials to review the work of village, panchayat and block level on a daily basis. He said, "Only then will the State be able to achieve the target of linking all beneficiaries of Ujjwala Scheme by

September 30." The CM said that Jharkhand is the only State in country which gives out not just free stove but also the first and second refill of cylinder free of cost to the beneficiaries.

"Ensuring that LPG connection reaches the poor women of every community, caste and religion is among the priorities of the Government," he said.

# KGBV girls turn crusaders for child, women's rights

Survivors are now change-makers in rural Jharkhand

SAURAV ROY ■ RANCHI

Eighteen-year-old Rupa Kumari (name changed), a survivor of human trafficking, fought the age-old tradition of child marriage in her family and also convinced her father against the practice of dowry.

A student of Class 12 in Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) in backward Burmu block of Ranchi, Rupa was trafficked to Patna when she was nine-year-old and forced to work as a domestic help. Today, not only has she changed the outlook of her family towards child marriage and dowry, but she also spreads awareness against child marriage among hundreds of girls in her village. Rupa has also won the Ashoka Youth Venture award for her efforts.

Similarly, Kavita Kumari Singh, 17, another Class 12 student of the same school in Burmu, fought for the rights of her elder sister to remarry after she was widowed at a young age. Kavita's efforts to press for her widowed sister's remarriage

made her realise the pitiable condition of widowed and divorced women in her village. She then started a crusade to propagate the idea of widow remarriage in her village.

Girls from KGBV in Burmu block are readily turning into crusaders to spread awareness about child rights and propagating progressive ideas of widow remarriage in the otherwise backward villages, plagued with superstitious beliefs and traditions. Not only have these girls brought a change in their villages, but they have also encouraged other girls of their age raise their voices and fight for their rights, say activists who have played active role in their journey from being oppressed to fighting against oppression.

Save The Children, an international organisation working in the field of child rights for several decades, started imparting Life Skill Education to students of KGBV, under which the girls were given counseling sessions that helped them change their outlook towards life. The sessions were started three years ago in three districts - West Singhbhum, Gumla and Ranchi—said Save The Children's State Programme Director, Mahadev Hansda. "The idea was not only to make them

(girls) aware of child and women rights, but also to give them a platform where they could open up and speak about the various practices in their society. In many cases, girls tend to accept that they are supposed to be treated the way they are in their community and do not find anything wrong in it. Our objective was to make them aware of their rights and help them raise their voice," said Hansda.

Many of these girls, including Rupa and Kavita, are now discussion leaders in the groups and are helping in the process of making their peers aware of their rights, Hansda added. The process, he said, is continuous and aimed at generating mass awareness.

Rupa, who won the Ashoka Youth Venture award said, "It feels great to be able to help my peers and spread awareness against child marriage. My parents now support me in all my initiatives. I want to join the police service and serve the society."

At 49 per cent, Jharkhand has the highest proportion of girls aged 15-19 years currently married, says a 2017 report, 'More than Brides Alliance: A Baseline' by non-profit organisations Population Council, Save The Children and Oxfam.

# Police bust gang of mobile thieves

They confessed to have committed several offences

PNS ■ BERMU

Bokaro Thermal Police on Monday busted a gang of mobile thieves and recovered 24 phones from their possession. Bokaro's Superintendent of Police P Murugan said that the arrested people include Birju Mahto, son of Lal jee Mahto and resident of Babupur muhalla, Chandan Yadav son of Rajendra Yadav, belonging to Tinpahar area and Amrit Mahto son of Inderdeo Mahto of Tinpahar niche tola, all from Sahibganj district.

Police Inspector cum Officer-in-Charge of Bokaro Thermal Police Station, Umesh Kumar Thakur along with Sub Inspector Suresh Ram, and Assistant Sub Inspectors Manoj Kumar Jha and Satari Bandra nabbed the accused near Manjhi tola. During interrogation, they confessed to have committed several offences,



including robbery and cell phone theft from weekly markets in the limits of different police stations of Bokaro, Godda, Dumka, Hazaribagh and other districts. Thakur said the gang, in groups of four

to six, used to move to weekly markets in different districts and commit crimes. After stealing phones, they switched off the phones and threw SIM cards at isolated places. They later sold the phones at a

throwaway price of ₹2,000 to ₹5,000 at Sahebganj market. Thakur said that the police have launched a manhunt to nab the leader of the gang, who had lured young men to become part of the gang.

# UClean aims to open 10 franchise stores by 2020

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

Leading tech enabled chain of laundry and home cleaning stores, UClean, has expanded to Jamshedpur and aims to open 10 franchisee led stores by 2020.

UClean also conducted a roadshow in order to educate and discuss the market opportunity of franchisee led stores by UClean in Jamshedpur.

The expansion is in partnership with USA's ChemDry brand to officially venture into the home services segment in the Jamshedpur market.

As a part of the strategic partnership, UClean will identify and operate franchisees under its master franchisee rights across Tier 1 and Tier 2 cities in India offering a range of home services such as carpet, upholstery cleaning and more across Indian households.

Jamshedpur is the first city that UClean is expanding to under this partnership. In a growing market like India, tech enabled cleaning solutions hold

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immense potential given the low penetration of technology in an unorganised segment overall. As market leaders, UClean's vision is to organise the over \$100 billion market opportunity.

Leading this initiative is UClean's founder and CEO, Arunabh Sinha, a native of Jamshedpur. Arunabh is a veteran of the startup ecosystem and has over 11 years of work experience across various startups in various capacities. He is an alumnus of IIT Bombay.

Talking about the expansion, Arunabh Sinha said, "We

are excited to expand into the Jamshedpur market as a part of our overall brand expansion strategy. As the Steel City and

one of the commercial hubs in Jharkhand, Jamshedpur is a strategic market for us. With this expansion we aim to open

10 stores by 2020 that will also generate employment and business opportunities for the business community here."

# Most wanted PLFI extremist arrested from Karimandih

PNS ■ GARHWA

Most wanted PLFI extremist of the People's Liberation Front of India (PLFI), was arrested from the Karimandih village under Haider Nagar Police station of Palamu district, on Monday.

"Mukesh Kumar Yadav alias Toofan Ji alias Saket Ji, the self-styled area commander of the left wing extremist (LWE) outfit, was hiding in Karimandih village, when on a tip off, a police team overpowered him on Monday morning," Superintendent of Police Ajay Linda informed the media persons in a press conference.

Toofan is facing seven LWE



violence cases, including arson, loot and other charges under Lesaliganj police station area, SP said. Besides Lesaliganj police station area, Toofan was also active in Simariya and Barwadih police station areas. A 315 rifle and a mobile phone was recovered from his possession, the SP said. On a tip off, Palamu SP constituted a special police

team led by police inspector Dipak Kumar who carried out the successful operation.

# Appointment letter distribution camp held

PNS ■ GARHWA

District administration, Garhwa organised an assets cum job letter distribution camp, at Utsav garden Nawada more on Monday. Addressing the camp, minister for family planning and welfare Ramchandra Chandravanshi elaborated on the various public welfare schemes being run by the Government including Ujjwala Yojana, Sukanya Samridhi Yojana, Register of property of ₹50 lakh valuation at a cost of ₹1 for women, 108 Ambulance Scheme,



Ayushman Bharat Scheme, Chief Minister Krishi Aashirwad Yojana and others. The achievements of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana and other implemented schemes were informed by the

minister. He also said that Jharkhand is the only State where gas stoves are also provided along with gas cylinders under the Ujjwala scheme.

Minister directed the officials present on behalf of the

Government to make ration cards for the needy persons in the remote areas of different blocks. Local MLA Satyendra Nath Tiwari praised the fair procedures carried out by the district administration in the appointment process.

Deputy Commissioner Garhwa Harsh Mangla said that all the selections for various posts have been done with complete transparency. The appropriate steps have been taken the same way in assets distribution and benefits were given to the deserving persons.

# Garba, dandiya classes a rage ahead of Navratri

WOMEN TAKE UP SHORT-TERM COURSES TO LEARN DANDIYA MOVES

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

As the festival of Navratri approaches, garba and dandiya classes are becoming a big draw in the city, attracting people from various communities and all age groups.

Choreographers say that it is the busiest time of the year for them. "We look forward to the festive season and roll out special packages as women here want short-term courses to learn dandiya moves," said 45-year-old Nimisha Sony, a choreographer.

Bistupur resident, Karishma Shah, who has been teaching dance for the past 10 years, said that the traditional garba and dandiya are popular but people want to incorporate something new in their movements. "With prizes to be won, one wants to be different," she said.

On Monday, trainer, Alpa Parikh hosted Garba and Dandiya evening at a city hotel in which several women irrespective of community actively participated. "People from all communities are eager to learn."

We conducted classes for girls and women to teach them nuances of the traditional Gujarati dance," informed Parikh. "While many people want to shed weight to look good during the festive season, some want to learn dance so as to gain confidence," says another personal choreographer. Surat Gujarati Samaj, an organisation of the community in the city has hired trainers from Kolkata to conduct training classes at its Bistupur premises.

From past one week children and women of the community are busy preparing for the ras garba competitions,



which are the highlights of the whole nine-day event. Officials of Samaj said that die-hard Navratri revellers, would take part in various competitions that are slated during the festival.

These range from best male and female dancers, best costumes, best steps, etc for which prizes are given. They informed that went on to add many also attend special Navratri dance classes to hone

up their dancing skills, practice yoga and some even appoint a beautician for make-up to ensure they have an edge over others at the competitions.

Sejal Shah, senior member of the community said that Garba of Gujarat is the most popular women's folk dance of Gujarat. Since large chunk of Gujarati speaking people reside in city its popularity has crossed all the barriers and even people from Marwari

and Bengali community actively participate in it. She said that dressed in typical Gujarati sarees or chaniya choli the members of the community would put their best foot forward to show their skills in raas, garba and dandiya.

It may be mentioned that the festival of Navratri is celebrated by Gujarati community which is a part of Hindu Community, and very famous for Dandiya ras and garba ras.

# 2-day 'Gau Karuna' exhibition starts in Capital

MRITUNJAY KUMAR ■ RANCHI

Two-day 'Gau Karuna' exhibition, propagating the message of love and affection towards cows, began on Monday at Digambar Jain Bhawan of Harmu Road area in the State Capital. The collections of Tejkaran Jain, whose name has been mentioned in several books, including the Limca Book of Records for his love for collecting valuable related to cows, was showcased at the exhibition on Monday. Jain, a resident of Rajnandgaon in Chhattisgarh, has a collection of coins, currency, stamps and other postal collection issued by 75 different countries on non-violence and 'Gau Sewa' (Cow Care).

Jain's work has also been recognized by the Golden Book of Records, Everest Book of Records, and at least a dozen such books. He is also the winner of Chhattisgarh State Gaurav Award for his work. Ranchi chapter of Adhyatm Foundation organized the exhibition in Ranchi. Jain runs a medical store in a small village



Vananchal in the Maoist-affected tribal southern region of Rajnandgaon District in Chhattisgarh. He has launched a unique Gau Karuna drive to awaken compassion for cows. He believes that in the absence of Gau-Karuna humanity is ineffective.

Jain was interested in collecting various types of coins from his childhood. He concentrated his compilation on the subject of cow family about 34 years ago, which included stamps, rare postage, ancient and international coins, letter currency notes. The specialty of his collection is that the entire story from the birth of the cow

to the death has been mentioned in it. It has so far been organized under the Go Karuna drive in six states across India. Exhibition in the State Capital is 32 nd in the row.

In this unique collection, the Hindu nation's currency notes and currencies of Muslim nations including currencies of other nations like Uganda, Mozambique, Nigeria, Burma, Georgia, Indonesia, Kenya, Madagascar, Cyprus, Ethiopia, Ireland, Sudan, Somalia, Mauritius, Mortina, Mozambique, Rwanda, New Jersey, Costa Rica, Australia, R There are also notes of countries like Mania, Cambodia,

Gambia, France, Italy, Selcher, Bangladesh, Honduras, Netherlands, Belarus, South Africa, Bostwana, Swaziland, Brazil, Vanuatu, Burundi, Laos, Zimbabwe, Vietnam and Mongolia in which adorable cows are inscribed. Along with gold, silver, putty, copper, brass, nickel, steel, aluminum are the metal currency of many countries.

Among most ancient coins are ones from Naga, Padmavati, Panchmarka, Maurykalin, Samantaveda, Kabulshahi, Kunari Reyam, Chholabul, Ahilyabai Holkar, Sayajirao Gaekwad, Jinji Maratha, Harikel Janpad, Kushasan Dynasty, Vijayanagaram, Madanpal, Delhi Sultan, Turimala, Indo Greek, Satavahana, Congochera, Prithviraj Chauhan and others are spectacular. Jain also has a collection of autographs of distinguished people like Bharat Ratna Lata Mangeshkar, legendary cricketer Sachin Tendulkar, Rajesh Chauhan, Dance Guru Birju Maharaj and Hockey player Mrinal Choubey.

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# Transparency in funds utilisation must: Min

PNS ■ RANCHI

State Urban Development Minister CP Singh on Monday asked his department officials to develop a system of transparency and efficiency for proper utilization of Government funds. The Minister said that as Jharkhand is a youth State, it is the duty of Government to upgrade infrastructure facilities which requires funds, the Government has taken loan from World Bank and it is important that there is proper utilization of funds. The Minister made the observation at the one-day workshop organised by Jharkhand Municipal Development Project (JMDP), State Urban Development Authority and World Bank.

The Minister said, "It is duty of concerned department that there is proper utilization of funds so that urban population gets better civic amenities with new infrastructure facilities. It is duty of company officials that they visit the site before making plans. The State



Urban Development Minister CP Singh addresses a workshop organised by the department and World Bank at Project building in Ranchi on Monday. Vinay Murmu | Pioneer

requires Smart roads, but is equally important that there should be regular monitoring of these Smart roads, so as they assess their quality."

Department secretary, Ajay Kumar Singh said that Jharkhand Urban Infrastructure Development Company (JUIDCO) is working on big projects, but still the

State lags behind in infrastructure development as compared to other developed States. Singh said, "For infrastructure development of roads, sewerage/drainage and drinking water around Rs 1300 crores is required. The department does not have such huge budget as the State dependence on centre is limited. To

meet these requirements the Government has no other alternative but to depend on World Bank and other agencies such as Asian Development Bank for loans."

The secretary claimed that as the World Bank has the experiences of working in more than 100 countries, State will gain from this. The secretary also

urged the municipal bodies to become self-reliant in funds so that they don't have to depend upon State Government for small projects.

Sources said that out of Rs 1470 crore project, the State Government share is 30 per cent while the World Bank will bear the rest. In the said project, drinking water project worth Rs 72 crore at Khuti is executed, similarly two smart roads at Dhanbad districts will be constructed. Similarly, the project will also cover drinking water supply at Jhumri Talaia, Singhbhum and Bishrampur town.

World Bank representative, Vasudha Thawkar who too was present on the occasion said that World Bank not only provides loan to government and agencies, but it also works in training and capacity building of officials. Infra and Public Finance MD, Anand Mahadevan said that civic bodies can develop only if they are financially self-reliant. The workshop was attended by representatives from different banks, JUIDCO and others.

# New office bearers of FJCCI to be declared soon

PNS ■ RANCHI

Team Kunal Azmani emerged victorious in the much-awaited Executive Committee elections of the Federation of Jharkhand Chamber of Commerce and Industries (FJCCI) which was conducted on Sunday.

The polling continued till six in the evening after which the counting was done and the results were declared by night.

Former FJCCI president and Supervisor of the polling, Bishnu Budhia informed that the new executive committee will be formed within five days. "Talks are going on with all winning members. A meeting to elect executive committee will be held within five days. Election Supervisory Body is informing all winning members about the meeting in which new executive committee will be elected. During the meeting it will be decided who will be the new president and other office bearers," he said.

The two teams contesting elections were led by incumbent Secretary General FJCCI Kunal Azmani and noted businessman Kishore Mantri, respectively. A total of 18 members were elected from Azmani group and three members elected from Mantri group. One woman member Puja Dhadha was also elected for the traders' body executive committee.

This was the 57th Executive Committee election of FJCCI since its inception in 1960. Budhia said that a total of 3414 members of the trader community elected the 21 member committee. Of the elected member people will be appointed on various posts including a president, two vice presidents, a secretary general,



honorary secretary, two joint secretaries and one treasurer after the meeting. "Other than this, 6 vice presidents will be elected from their respective regions from the State. Rest of the elected members will be executive committee members," he added.

The election was cancelled on its scheduled date on September 8 following technical glitches in the polling system and was re-conducted on September 15. This was for the first time that computerized voting system was introduced in the FJCCI elections.

# BJP levels fresh charges on Hemant

PNS ■ RANCHI

A day after former Chief Minister and Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) working president Hemant Soren served a legal notice to Chief Minister Raghubar Das for leveling corruption allegation against him relating to purchase of a land worth Rs 500 crore, BJP State spokesperson Pratul Shahdeo on Monday posed series of questions on the JMM leader.

Raising the issue of violation of Chottanagpur and Santal Pargana Tenancy (CNT/SPT) Act, Shahdeo said that Soren family is the biggest violator of CNT/SPT Act in State. He said, "The JMM leader should explain how a person who is resident of Gola (Ramgarh) had purchased land plots at different districts in State. What is actual price of these purchased land plots? By purchasing tribal land plots across State, Soren family has violated CNT/SPT Act."

The BJP leader also sought explanation from Hemant, on how a poor tribal Lalu Oraon's



State BJP Spokespersons Pratul Shaddeo, Rajesh Kumar Shukla and Dindyal Barwal during a press conference at BJP office in Ranchi. Photo | Vinay Murmu

land, where presently Sohrai Bhavan worth crores exist, was purchased by Soren's family for mere lakhs of rupees.

The BJP leader claimed that the Soren's family, by violating CNT/SPT Act, had purchased tribal lands at token prices across State and Hemant after becoming chief minister, to legalize all such 'illegal' land deals, made amendment in CNT/SPT Act. Hemant, when he was Chief Minister signed

the amendment bill on September 18, 2014.

The BJP leader also attacked Hemant on 'illegal' auctioning of sand ghats to Mumbai-based contractors which was repealed by Raghubar Das when he became Chief Minister of State. The BJP leader also asked Hemant to clear his stand on relationship with JMM treasurer Ravi Kejriwal. According to Shahdeo, Kejriwal is owner of

several shell companies having investment of several persons in his companies. Attacking Soren's family, the BJP leader claimed that JMM had tried to sell state's identity in Delhi for Rs 3 crore during Jharkhand movement. Shahdeo said, "The Soren family is deep rooted in corruption and on December 2014, former Chief Minister Babulal Marandi at a function in Pakur had stated that JMM leadership had tried to loot state mines and minerals. Why Soren family did not sent legal notice JMM Chief at that time?" The BJP leader also alleged that Hemant's brother Basant owns mining company in Pakur district which is allegedly involved in illegal mining for which the company was charged with Rs 12 crore fines. The said company work was to export stones from Pakur at foreign countries.

The BJP spokesperson demanded investigation from appellant authority in several land deals and properties amassed by Soren family across the State.

# Infighting resurfaces in JPCC

## MLA accuses leaders of vindictive politics

SAURAV ROY ■ RANCHI

The Jharkhand unit of Congress party has hit another stumbling block after the appointment of a new party chief and his five subordinates here, insiders from the Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee (JPCC) said on Monday. Infighting within the party, which was one of the reasons for the resignation of former State president Ajoy Kumar, has resurfaced with an uglier appearance in the past couple of weeks, they added.

A senior party leader, who is among the few tribal legislators from the Congress party in Jharkhand, on Monday said that the party's interest has

taken a back seat to internal rifts and personal propagandas here. "It is extremely disappointing to see that many senior leaders, including a few at the helm, are only concerned about their own political career. Some of these leaders are practicing vindictive politics and have waged war against their own party members," he said.

The party's high command in New Delhi, which appointed former MP Rameshwar Oraon as the State president last month, has instructed leaders here to stay mum about internal matters of the party, he said. "The situation has gone bad to worse. Ajoy ji may not have succeeded to win us elections, but at least his intentions were not malafide," he added.

Kumar's dramatic resignation from the top position in the party here had opened the floodgates of the boiling resentment and differences within the party here. In his three-page resignation letter, Kumar had accused some of

the party stalwarts of malpractices and nepotism. He had also accused leaders of putting their own interests above that of the party.

Oraon and his team of five Vice Presidents were given a warm welcome by party workers in Ranchi on August 28. The grandiose of the event also did not go down well with some of the leaders here, who felt that the extravagance was uncalled-for at a time when the election was knocking at the door. Soon after the welcome, Oraon said that the party's slogan in Jharkhand this time will be "Sonia Madam Ki Lalkar, Badlo Badlo Yeh Sarkar (Sonia Madam has challenged to uproot this Government). He refused to comment on the past events and said that the party will only think about the future and not delve in the past under his leadership.

Defending the party leadership, Oraon on Monday said that minor conflict of interest is a common phenomenon in all political parties and it

should not be blown out of proportion. "Minor conflicts happen in all parties. Every leader has an opinion and it is not necessary that all other leaders will agree to it," he said.

However, party insiders who have been in the thick of affairs lately said that the party is yet to start a dialogue with other parties regarding alliance for the upcoming elections. The Congress party played the role of a big brother in the recent Lok Sabha elections, but managed to win only one of the seven seats it fielded candidates for. As per its deal with Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) back then, it was supposed to go to assembly polls as a part of a grand alliance, in which JMM would play the leading role.

"We have been in touch with JMM since Lok Sabha elections. I have personally met Hemant ji even before being appointed as the President of the party here. The alliance will be announced at the right time," said Oraon.



Idols of Lord Vishwakarma on display for sale on the eve of Vishwakarma Puja in Ranchi on Monday. Vinay Murmu | Pioneer

# Sahibganj DC seeks State's support in MMT Ops

KELLY KISLAYA ■ RANCHI

With the Multi Modal Terminal in Sahibganj being functional, the Deputy Commissioner of the district, Rajiv Ranjan has written to the State government, requesting them to support the district administration in ensuring smooth operations at the terminal.

The inauguration of MMT in Sahibganj by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 12 has opened up industries of Jharkhand to the global market, providing Indo-Nepal cargo connectivity through sea route. Talking to The Pioneer he said, "Many opportunities and challenges will come along with the port in Sahibganj. To tackle these challenges and ensuring public safety, both the district administration and State government should start working seriously on these issues from now itself."

The DC has written three letters to the Chief Secretary of

Jharkhand, DK Tiwari, on three different issues.

The first letter requests survey of the district to develop Sahibganj as an industrial hub. The letter mentions that with the established of MMT in the district, the districts has unlimited scope of being developed as an industrial hub. The MMT is especially identified for coal and stone chips transportation. The letter says that in this situation there is an opportunity of developing a number of subsidiary industries in the area.

The DC requests the CS in letter to direct the concerned department to conduct a survey for identification and development of the industrial area in the district.

The second letter requests the CS for appointing a consultant for developing an airport in the district.

The letter says that the number of people visiting the district, not just from Jharkhand but other States,



Sahibganj DC Rajeev Ranjan at his office. PNS

will soar with the MMT being operational. This will lead to the requirement of an airport in the district.

The DC said that the work of identification of land for the construction of airport is ongoing and requested the government to appoint a consultant for a minimum of three months for the same.

and the MMT is aimed to provide movement for 1.07 MT of stone chips and 1 MT coal from the district. The MMT is likely to reduce logistics and transportation cost and help in extensive economic and social development of Jharkhand along with opening market opportunities and boosting trade.

The third major request is establishment of a checkpoint of commercial taxes department in the district. The letter mentions that as mining activities are very common in the district and coal is also transported to neighbouring State of Bihar and Bengal. With the operation of the MMT, the transport of coal can be done

acres and the MMT is aimed to provide movement for 1.07 MT of stone chips and 1 MT coal from the district. The MMT is likely to reduce logistics and transportation cost and help in extensive economic and social development of Jharkhand along with opening market opportunities and boosting trade.

The MMT at Sahibganj was constructed with a budget of Rs. 299.1 crore and has a capacity of 2.24 Metric tonne per annum. The construction has been done on the area of 59

## PUJA PANDAL SERIES

# Rajasthani dolls to attract devotees at OCC Club

## 3D PAINTING EFFECT TO ADORN GODDESS DURGA

PNS ■ RANCHI

With the festival season just around the corner, the OCC Club Durga Puja Committee is all set to celebrate Durga Puja with a lot of grandeur and traditional gaiety.

Known for its incredible art work among the city residents, the OCC Club puja pandal is yet again set to enchant the pandal hoppers this festive season. Being designed on the concept of Rajasthani dolls 'Gudiyon ka Desh', the pandal will be open to take the visitors into a fantasy land from October 2.

In its 49th year, at the Old Commissioner Compound

puja pandal the idol of Goddess Durga will be about 11 feet in height. For the first time in Jharkhand, the residents of Ranchi will witness a three dimensional painting effect in the traditional Rajasthani attire of the idol.

"In Ranchi, OCC Club was the first one to start making theme based Durga puja pandals. This year a fantasy world of dolls is being created ensuring that it is absolutely environment friendly. Pandals on the themes of Mowgli, Mahabharat, Lagaan have been made earlier. This time the 3D Rajasthani effect for the apparel of Goddess Durga will surely mesmerize the devotees," said Rajendra Singh, President OCC Club & Puja Committee.

The pandal will feature Rajasthani dolls about 30 to 35 feet in height and will also have



Sahibganj DC Rajeev Ranjan at his office. PNS

puppets made from natural products like bamboo, shells, conch and dry grass. The interiors will also have a grand display of lights to captivate the audience. About 25-30 artisans

from Bengal have been working on the pandal since August 4. The entire structure will be about 40 feet high and 110 feet broad where as it is being primed at a whopping cost of

# RU launches Yoga department website

PNS ■ RANCHI

The website of the Yoga Department of Ranchi University (RU) was inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor (VC) Ramesh Kumar Pandey on Monday. CCDC LGSM Shahdeo, Director University Department of Yoga Tulu Sarkar, BB Rai, Manoj Soni and others were present on the occasion.

On the occasion, the VC said that in a short span of time the yoga department has come a long way and students from here are making their mark in education, sports and social health promotion. "It is a matter of great honour for RU that four students from the Yoga department have qualified the NET examination and students from this department have won various awards at the district, state and national level," he said.

Giving an overview of the website, the VC added that it

will have all the relevant information regarding admissions and examinations from the next session. "The yoga department will have an independent campus known as the Institute of Yoga and will be an autonomous body. The department will be made paperless," he said. The VC also instructed the teachers of the department and the administration to start an international journal on the subject of yoga soon for which RU will also cooperate.

The suggested new campus will have state of the art facilities. It will also be research and therapy oriented and will be equipped to conduct international conferences.

The homepage of the website has messages from the RU VC, Pro VC and the registrar. It also states details about the various yoga asanas along with the mission and vision of the department. Details about the faculty members of the department

and the courses are also available. It also has a notice board section. Online library and tutorials will also be available on the website. Placement profile of all the students and PDF's of all books under common creatives will also be uploaded.

"All details about the present as well as the upcoming courses will be available on the website with the syllabus. Presently all notices regarding examinations are available. Qualification of the faculty members, detailed achievements of the students is also provided. Yoga asanas demonstrations by the students will be uploaded through YouTube links soon," said Coordinator University Department of Yoga Anand Kumar Thakur.

Presently the yoga department has about 200 students. It offers a two-year post graduation course in yoga and a one-year post graduate diploma in Yogic science.

# Lecture at XISS on information management

PNS ■ RANCHI

A guest lecture session was organised on "Emerging Trends on Information Management" for the students of Xavier Institute of Social Service (XISS) on Saturday by the Post Graduate Programme in Information Technology. The keynote speaker was Mrityunjoy Panday, an MS in Software Engineering from BITS Pilani and an Adaptive Foundation and Machine Learning Researcher at Cognizant with 13+ years of experience in Software Testing. The session focused on the use and importance of Data Analytics and provided insights on Machine Learning to develop Predictive and Probabilistic Models.

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Panday emphasized on the use of What-If Analysis in making Economic, Banking, Retail and IT decisions. Emphasizing the vigilant use of computers, Panday said that computer is a brain outside our body. The lecture concluded with an engaging question-answer session.



# Himachal Govt approves new tourism policy in State

PNS ■ SHIMLA

To give a new direction to tourism in the hill State, the Himachal Cabinet on Monday approved the draft of Himachal Pradesh Tourism Policy, 2019 aimed at holistic development of tourism. The Cabinet, which met under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur, decided that in this policy, special focus would be on ecotourism, agro organic tourism, snow tourism, lake tourism, adventure tourism, pilgrimage tourism, cultural and heritage tourism, health and wellness tourism, film tourism and MICE tourism (Meeting Travel, Incentive Travel, Conference Travel and Exhibition Travel). The main objectives of this policy is to promote tourism diversification through theme based development, to safeguard state's tourism destinations through sustainable interventions, to ensure that sustainable tourism primarily benefits host communities, to build capacity and develop quality human resource for the tourism industry, to provide safe, secure and unique 'tourism for all' and to create enabling environment for investments for sustainable tourism. Cabinet also approved 'Capital Investment Subsidy' for tourism projects in



## OTHER CABINET DECISIONS

- Approval to the draft policy for Buy-back of Non-recyclables Plastics Waste and various kinds of single use Plastic waste including bags having provision of Minimum Support Price of Rs. 75 kg. To be paid to the Rag pickers and individuals from households for its collection and deposit with the Urban Local Bodies for ensuring cleanliness in the State.
- It also decided to nominate the senior most lecturers as Vice Principal in Government Senior Secondary Schools.
- The Cabinet also decided to procure and distribute 9700 laptops to the meritorious students of Class-10th and 12th under the Srinivasa Ramanujan Student Ditiyal Yojana for the year 2017-18 and 2018-19.
- Nod to enhance the financial assistance being provided to the Second World War veterans from Rs. 3000 to Rs. 10000 per month and for their widows from Rs. 3000 to Rs. 5000 from 1st September, 2019.
- 17 posts of Drug Inspector to be filled through direct recruitment on contract basis in the Department of Health Safety and Regulations.
- Nod to declare Yamuna Sharad Mahotsav, Paonta Sahib in Sirmour district as State level Fair.

# Pakistan to open Kartarpur Sahib for Indians on Nov 9

PTI ■ LAHORE

From November 9, Pakistan will allow Indian Sikh pilgrims to visit the holy Kartarpur Sahib, a senior official heading the much-awaited Kartarpur corridor project announced on Monday. Project Director Atif Majid made the announcement during the maiden visit of Pakistani and foreign journalists to the proposed Kartarpur corridor in Narowal, some 125 km from Lahore, amidst fresh tension between India and Pakistan after New Delhi revoked Jammu and Kashmir's special status. Majid said so far 86 per cent of the work on the corridor has been completed and it will be opened to pilgrims on November 9. The corridor will connect Darbar Sahib in Kartarpur with Dera Baba Nanak shrine in Gurdaspur district of Punjab and facilitate visa-free movement of Indian pilgrims, who will have to just obtain a permit to visit Kartarpur Sahib, which was established in 1522 by Sikh faith founder Guru Nanak Dev. Pakistan is building the corridor from the Indian border to the Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Kartarpur while the other part from Dera Baba Nanak in Punjab's Gurdaspur district up to the border will be constructed by India. Both countries have agreed that Pakistan would

allow 5,000 Sikh visitors per day into the country through the corridor, which will also be the first visa-free corridor between the two neighbours since their independence in 1947. Majid said some 76 immigration counters have been set up to cater to 5,000 Sikh pilgrims from India every day. And for 10,000 pilgrims visiting here daily, 152 immigration counters will be set up. He said that initially 5,000 Sikhs from India will come daily and later the number will rise to 10,000. Tension between India and Pakistan has escalated after New Delhi revoked Jammu and Kashmir's special status. Reacting to India's move on Kashmir, Pakistan downgraded diplomatic ties with New Delhi and expelled the Indian High Commissioner. Pakistan, however, repeatedly said that the opening of the Kartarpur corridor will not be hit by the current tension with India. The visiting Indian Sikhs will have to bring their passports with them and they will be issued corridor pass. On return, they will receive their passports after returning the counter after returning the pass. Airport-like facilities will be provided to the pilgrims who will come here by bus, he said. "Finger prints will be taken of every Indian and Pakistani Sikhs entering the Kartarpur Sahib," he said.

# Plea in NGT challenging odd-even scheme

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A plea was filed in the National Green Tribunal on Monday challenging the AAP Government's decision to re-launch from November 4-15 the odd-even road rationing scheme, which has been implemented twice before in the national capital. The plea filed by advocate Gaurav Kumar Bansal said the CPCB had done an assessment of the impact of earlier odd-even scheme on air quality of Delhi and found that ambient air quality of the city during the implementation had deteriorated even more than the one when the said restriction was not in place. "At a time when country's top environmental pollution control boards like Central Pollution Control Board, Delhi Pollution Control Committee has unequivocally stated that odd even policy, when implemented in the year 2016 failed to curb the air pollution menace, stand of Government of Delhi to implement the odd-even policy merely on a study done by people of other countries is not only unpleasant but also downgrades the reputation of institutes like CPCB and DPCC," the plea said. Under the scheme, odd and even numbered vehicles ply on alternate days. It was implemented in Delhi during January and April of 2016. Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal said on September 13 that the odd-even scheme was part of the seven-point 'Parali Pradushan' (pollution caused by crop stubble burning) action plan that also includes mass distribution of anti-pollution masks, mechanised sweeping and water sprinkling on roads, tree plantation, and special plans for 12 pollution hotspots in Delhi. Seeking quashing of the 'Parali Pradushan' action plan, the plea said the Delhi government's decision to implement the road rationing policy was on the basis of an unscientific study conducted by persons of foreign country which will set a wrong precedent in the country.

## INBRIEF

### TRAINING PROGRAMME AT HEC

Ranchi: The 8th training course commenced under the aegis of CEFC HEC Skill development centre on Monday. The programme was inaugurated by Chairperson cum director of HEC, MK Saxena. On the occasion, Director, Marketing Rana S Chakravarty informed the participants about HEC. Acting CEO of CEFC, SK Saxena welcomed the participants and informed them about the training programme. The programme will be held for six days and the faculty for this has come from BARC Mumbai. A total of 25 participants from various institutions across country will participate in the training.



### CLEANLINESS AWARENESS DAY CELEBRATED

Ranchi: A Swachha Jagrukta (Cleanliness awareness) day was observed on the occasion of cleanliness fortnight at Little Heart School run by SARWWO on Monday. On the occasion vice chairperson of SARWWO Neeta Yadav said that trees play a very important role in conserving the environment. Also, there is a need to plant many trees to combat pollution. On the occasion SARWWO secretary Nalini, Vanlata Sethi, Purnima Hembrom, Soma Das and others were present.



### SAINIK SCHOOL CELEBRATES 57TH FOUNDATION DAY

Ranchi: Sainik School Tilaiya celebrated its 57th foundation day on September 16. Principal Group captain S Jacob, Vice Principal wing commander S Shanugam, administration officer Lt commander Kumar Himanshu Shekhar, former students and others were present on the occasion. Academic trophies and inter house basketball champions were given the Amitabh Raj Memorial Award. Ashok house was awarded the academic shield where as Vikram house secured the first in the science exhibition. The school magazine was also released. AN Nanda, M Pathak Navin Kumar and other teachers were given the Guru Samaan while other employees were acknowledged for their good work.

# JDU to contest elections on all Assembly seats

PNS ■ BOKARO

JDU will contest elections on all the 81 assembly seats of Jharkhand, said JDU National President Sanjay Kumar. "JDU is the only party, emerging fast as a new option in the State. Our aim is to bring a drastic change in Jharkhand by inclusive growth of the people residing here," said Kumar. Addressing to the JDU Youth's district conference Kumar said that JDU will contest for change in Jharkhand on the working line of Bihar's Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. "Nitish's development model is now being discussed among the mass across the Jharkhand while trend towards JDU has been increased among the youths too," he added. Kumar alleged that Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), Jharkhand Vikas Morcha (JVM) and Congress Party have been failed on all ends in the State and are responsible for slow pace of development. He said, State witnessed very slow progress

which was hindered since from its inception. Notably, Jharkhand was carved out in the year 2000 for the holistic development of the tribes but they were still left in lurch in tribal's own State. Jharkhand is looking back at a trail of broken promises, political instability and deep-rooted corruption as it completes more than a decade. The state has always made news for the wrong reasons, instability and corruption. However, the years after the creation of Jharkhand have witnessed the fading of the delusional hype over tribal welfare. Since from its inception, Jharkhand seems to be a fertile ground for scams. The nexus of politicians, bureaucrats and contractors are virtually plundering the State. "Time and need, demands a good government in Jharkhand for inclusive growth," said Kumar. JDU Youth activists are agitating for de-addiction and our 'Janbhavna Yatra' is getting immense mass support across the State, he said.

## कार्यालय जिला परिषद्, चतरा। (अतिअल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सं०- 28, वर्ष 2019-20)

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- निविदा प्राप्त करने की तिथि एवं समय : 27.09.2019 को कार्यालय अर्थात् में 3:00 बजे अपराह्न तक
- निविदा प्राप्ति का स्थान : जिला नियंत्रण कक्ष, चतरा।
- निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय : 27.09.2019 को कार्यालय अर्थात् में 3:30 बजे अपराह्न में
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- विभाग का नाम-भवन निर्माण विभाग।
- विज्ञापन दाता का नाम-कार्यपालक अभियंता, भवन निर्माण विभाग, भवन प्रमण्डल, गढ़वा।
- परिमाण विपत्र की विक्री की तिथि एवं समय-24.09.2019 को (पूर्वाह्न 10:00 बजे से अपराह्न 01:00 बजे तक)
- मुहरबंद निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय-26.09.2019 को अपराह्न 03:00 बजे तक।
- मुहरबंद निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय-26.09.2019 को 03:30 बजे अपराह्न।
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# Bharatiya Bauddh Sangh says converted dalits will be brought back to Hinduism

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The national president of Bharatiya Bauddh Sangh, Rahul, said that steps will be taken to reconvert the Dalits who had converted to Islam in the Kashmir region. He appreciated scrapping of article 370 and article 35A from Jammu and Kashmir by the Central Government. He also lauded the steps taken by the Modi Government in the interest of Muslim women giving them protection against the triple talaq by getting the Triple Talaq Bill passed. Speaking to the media persons in Press Club on Monday, he said Indian culture and traditions made us understand our duties towards a country. In the same direction, Bharatiya Bauddh Sangh was working to maintain the unity and integrity of the country. Appreciating the working style of PM Narendra Modi, he said that the two major steps taken by Modi of scrapping of special status of



Jammu and Kashmir and bringing triple Talaq Bill were historical moves, he said. When Bhim Rao Ambedkar had advocated bringing Hindu Code Bill, some people had opposed him, in the same manner when Modi Government is doing something historical, some people are getting upset but this step is very important for the progress of the country, he said. Many Dalit families were converted to Islam, he said. He restated that the steps undertaken by Modi Government were towards building new India. He said that Bharatiya Bauddh Sangh will soon reconvert those Muslim into Hindu religion on a mass scale in Kashmir. Targeting Bahujan Samaj Party chief Mayawati, he said, Dalits were at a loss under her stewardship. If the whole property acquired by the BSP leader is distributed among Dalits, then they can come up to high level. He went on to state that very soon, Dharm Sansad (religious congregation) will be organised in Haridwar. In this congregation, talks will be held with the Akhadas ascetics to bring up national integrity and unity in a more powerful way.

# Probe starts in teen suicide case at Chaibasa in Singhbhum district

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

Following the suicide of a 15 year old girl after being humiliated and scolded by a teacher of the school at Chaibasa in West Singhbhum district, a team of police led by sub-divisional police officer, Chaibasa Sadar, Prakash Soy started investigation of the case on Monday. The deceased, Jyoti Bari, who was a resident of Patahatu village in Chaibasa Muffasil police station was a student of class X at the St Xavier's High School. She killed herself on Sunday morning. Mother of the deceased Lilamati Bari lodged an FIR alleging a Father

(teacher) of the missionary school to have tortured and humiliated the girl on Friday which prompted her to take an extreme step. West Singhbhum superintendent of police, Indrajeet Mahatha who is monitoring the case said that it was too early to comment as to what led to the suicide but they are getting the case thoroughly probed before reaching a conclusion. "A three member team of police officials led by SDPO, Prakash Soy has started probe into the case. The team has started investigation and is expected to submit its report in a day or two," said Mahatha. He said the police cannot rush to a conclusion and take action anyone on the basis of the FIR only. The police on Sunday registered a case on the FIR lodged by the deceased's mother Lilamati Bari. In the FIR, Lilamati has mentioned that her daughter who was a student of class X had gone to school on Friday morning despite being sick. According to the FIR, as the deceased did not say anything except that a father tortured her, Jyoti's elder sister went over to the St Xavier High School taking her along in the evening and contacted one of the fathers to know what happened.

# 'Dushyant made false statements over Khap's attempt to unite Chautala family'

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Swabhimaan Andolan leader Ramesh Dalal on Monday said that Khap or caste council leaders had made an effort to unite the Chautala family and build an alliance between two parties JJP and INLD but JJP leader Dushyant Chautala had made false statements on several occasions before breaking the dialogue.

above meeting and said that he would accept the decision of Khap Panchayat. On August 27, Ajay Chautala apparently talked with Ramesh Dalal over phone and said, "I am standing at the entry gate of Tihar Jail and I have told Dushyant to attend Panchayat meeting and obey the Panchayat's decision". On August 31 Dushyant Chautala had a conversation with Dalal over the phone and he said that he has no information about the meeting with khap panchayat on September 1.

He would meet Ajay Chautala on September 3 and after the meeting he would be able to give any answer in this regard. According to Dalal, on September 1, the Panchayat wrote a letter to Dushyant asking him to clarify his position regarding the grand alliance effort. At the same time, he was asked clearly whether he wanted a panchayat agreement in grand alliance. On the same Dushyant admitted at a press conference in Chandigarh that he had spoken to Ramesh Dalal in this context. Dushyant admitted that if both parties meet then they will get strength. Dushyant said that he would take a decision after talking to senior JJP leaders and BSP and Ajay Chautala.

# Plea against Admiral pick rejected

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Armed Forces Tribunal on Monday dismissed Vice Admiral Bimal Verma's petition challenging the appointment of Karambir Singh as the Navy chief on the grounds that the former was the senior most officer for the top job. Verma had filed the petition days after the Government announced Singh as the new Chief after then chief Sunil Lanba was to retire on May 31. Singh took charge the next day.

In his petition in May, Verma, now heading the strategically important Andaman and Nicobar tri-service command, contended that the tribunal should call for his service records besides that of the then incoming chief and see if any "extraneous or irrelevant considerations" were placed before the competent authority to reject his case while the Navy Chief appointment was being made.

Verma also contended that he was the senior most officer after Lanba to be considered for the top job. He was overlooked by the Government and Singh was made the chief. Verma is set to retire in November.

The NDA Government in its 2014-2019 tenure set aside the convention of selecting the senior most officer as the chief and named Bipin Rawat as the Army Chief though he was junior to Lt General P Bakshi. Similarly, Karambir Singh was appointed the Navy chief.

Verma filed the petition in May after the Defence Ministry rejected his statutory complaint challenging Singh's



Vice Admiral Bimal Verma

appointment.

The first plea by Verma was filed in April after the Government announced its decision about Singh. While rejecting his plea, the Defence Ministry had then clarified that though seniority is an important criterion while appointing services chiefs but it is not the "sole" criterion and has been dispensed with the past two while appointing Navy chiefs.

"The Central Government after careful examination of the matter is of the opinion that this statutory petition dated April 10, 2019, from Vice Admiral Bimal Kumar Verma regarding his non-selection as the chief of naval staff is devoid of merit and is rejected," the Defence Ministry had said while rejecting the officer's plea.

The Defence Ministry also

made it clear that being the seniormost officer, Vice Admiral Verma was also considered for the appointment to the post of Navy Chief but was "found unsuitable" to the appointment of the Chief of Naval Staff.

"Upon examination, the Central Government is satisfied that the parameters for selection as evident from consistent practice were applied uniformly to all the officers in the zone of consideration and based on the assessment, Vice Admiral Bimal Kumar Verma being the senior most eligible officer was considered and found unsuitable to tenant the appointment of Chief of naval staff."

"The Central Government is also satisfied that no unsubstantiated frivolous, extraneous or irrelevant consideration has had a bearing on this said selection," the Defence Ministry had said.

In the order, the Defence Ministry also mentioned that the officer was not considered for being awarded the Param Vishisht Sewa Medal and was also not given the command of either the Eastern or the Western commands.



Wing Commander Anjali Singh

## Wing Commander Anjali Singh first woman officer attaché posted abroad

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Wing Commander Anjali Singh has become the first woman officer has been appointed as an attaché in an Indian embassy abroad. The IAF officer has already taken charge as the Deputy Air Attaché at the Indian Embassy in Moscow. So far, the three Services used to send male officers as Defence attachés in more than 95 countries around the world.

Breaking the glass ceiling, Singh, an officer in the aeronautical engineering wing of the IAF, will represent the country in military related matters to Russia. Moreover, the IAF has taken the lead in appointing the first ever woman officer as an envoy besides having at least eight woman pilots now in various stages of training as fighter pilots. The force has more than 1,800 woman officers and many of them are flying helicopters and transport planes besides perform the role of navigators.

With this path breaking appointment, Singh has opened the doors for her women colleagues in other forces also to become attaches thereby signifying growing role of women in the so far male dominated armed forces.

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# Crackdown on wildlife online traffickers

Enforcement agencies join hands with internet firms to help stop wildlife crime based on 'click, pay and ship' policy

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

With wildlife traffickers switching from physical market to virtual ones as India's internet user population reaches 500 million, enforcement agencies are joining hands, among others, with internet firms to help crack down on wildlife cybercrime based on 'click, pay and ship' policy.

Everything from turtles and tortoises to Red Sand Boa, monitor lizard, Red Sanders, body parts of elephants, tigers, leopards etc. are being traded on various websites and mobile applications, Tilotama Varma, Additional Director, Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) under the Union Environment Ministry rings the alarm bell.

She added, therefore, it becomes imperative to involve internet companies and find solutions with them to curb online illegal wildlife trade.

In this connection, a meeting was held recently here at the Ministry with companies providing online platform like Google India, Flipkart, IndiaMART besides representatives from business chambers such as FICCI and CII, Central Zoo Authority, National Tiger Conservation Authority, Global Tiger Forum, International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW), IUCN and Wildlife Trust of India among others.

The meeting organised by TRAFFIC and WCCB, in collaboration with the US Embassy here and WWF-India enabled creation of a common platform for wildlife law enforcement agencies, internet-based companies, policy makers and market leaders to highlight and discuss problems and solutions for curbing online wildlife crime.

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Stressing on intensifying global efforts to end wildlife trafficking, Isabella Detwiler, acting Minister counselor for economic, environment, science and technology affairs, US Embassy, New Delhi added: "The web is the biggest marketplace for the illegal trade of wildlife. Wildlife is being trafficked from the comfort of people's homes."

Dr Saket Badola, head of TRAFFIC's India said illegal wildlife trade is a significant threat to wildlife conservation today and in recent years has increasingly moved into cyberspace. With India's internet user population reaching nearly 500 million, cybercrime has become a mounting concern. Large numbers of wildlife species and their parts and derivatives have been found on sale online, among them skins and body parts of tiger, leopard and snow leopard; elephant ivory; rhino horn; pangolin scales; marine species; birds, reptiles. Their timely detection and subsequent enforcement action are fast becoming con-

servation priorities, he added. Ravi Singh, CEO of WWF India emphasised on exploring "the possibilities of data mining, big data analysis and artificial intelligence" while MS Negi, Addl Director General (Wildlife) called the meeting need of the hour to solve the crisis.

According to IFAW's 'research into wildlife crime' last year, "the vast quantity of live animals and their body parts available for sale online and the threat this poses to the future survival of many species." The IFAW, in just six weeks in four countries had, identified advertisements for 11,772 endangered and threatened specimens worth more than \$3m.

To tackle wildlife crime, the Global Coalition to End Wildlife Trafficking Online, convened by WWF, TRAFFIC and IFAW was launched last year, bringing together e-commerce, technology and social media companies from across the world to reduce wildlife trafficking online. The Coalition aims to collectively reduce wildlife trafficking online by 80 per cent by 2020.

## INSHORT

### THREE-DAY NOTICE TO EVACUATE GOVT HOUSE

**New Delhi:** The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has notified the 'Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Amendment Act, 2019 which has come into effect from Monday. As per the Amendment Act, the Estate officer will issue short show cause notice of three days before eviction of the unauthorised occupant from Government accommodation.

### CEC TO VISIT MUMBAI FOR ASSEMBLY POLLS

**New Delhi:** A three-member delegation of the EC, headed by Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Sunil Arora, will visit Mumbai for review meetings with stakeholders on Tuesday and Wednesday ahead of the Assembly elections scheduled to be held next month.

### LEFT TO HOLD PROTEST AGAINST ECO POLICIES

**New Delhi:** The five Left parties will organise a joint protest against the economic policies of the Government. In a joint statement on Monday, leaders — Sitaram Yechury, General Secretary, CPI(M), D Raja, General Secretary, CPI, Dipankar Bhattacharya, General Secretary, CPI(ML) Liberation, Debabrata Biswas, General Secretary, AIFB and Kshiti Goswami, General Secretary, RSP said a protest will be organised to highlight growing misery on the people.

### AI TO BE PART OF CLASS IX SYLLABUS

**New Delhi:** HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' instructed officials of his Ministry to develop syllabus on artificial intelligence introduced by the CBSE for Class IX students according to the needs of the industrial sector.

### SC ALLOWS TARIGAMI TO GO BACK TO J&K

**New Delhi:** The SC on Monday allowed CPI (M) leader Mohd Yusuf Tarigami to go back to his home State Jammu & Kashmir. A Bench of Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and justices SA Bobde and SA Nazeer said the former MLA does not need any permission to go home if doctors at AIIMS allow him.

### COLLEGIUM TAKES DECISION ON KURESHI

**New Delhi:** The Supreme Court Monday said the Collegium has taken a decision on the elevation of Justice Akil Kureshi as the Chief Justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court.

### NAVAL EXERCISE BEGINS AT PORT BLAIR

**New Delhi:** A trilateral maiden naval exercise involving India, Singapore and Thailand commenced at Port Blair on Monday, the Navy said in a statement.

## Is live streaming of Ayodhya case possible? SC asks its Registry

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court asked its Registry on Monday to inform it whether live streaming of the ongoing hearing in the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri masjid land dispute case was possible.

A Bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi also asked the Registry to apprise it as to how much time it would take to do so, if possible. "Registry to inform if live streaming can be done and how much time it will take to do so," said the Bench also comprising justices SA Bobde and SA Nazeer. Senior advocate Vikas Singh, appearing for former RSS ideologue KN



Govindacharya, said the petitioners have faith in the apex court but many petitioners in this case cannot come to the court to take part in the hearing on daily basis.

Since they cannot watch proceedings here, live proceedings will help them to know about details of hearing, Singh said. After the Bench passed the order, Singh sought to know from the bench about the deadline of the report from Registry. The Bench, however, said it depends on Registry.

## SC to hear Patel's plea against petition challenging his RS election

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday said it will hear on September 23 the plea of senior Congress leader Ahmed Patel seeking stay on further proceedings in the Gujarat High Court on his 2017 election to the Rajya Sabha that has been challenged by rival BJP candidate Balwantsinh Rajput.

A Bench of Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and justices SA Bobde and SA Nazeer agreed to

hear the plea after senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for Patel, submitted that the matter is scheduled for hearing in the high court on September 27.

Singhvi, along with senior advocate Dev Dutt Kamath, said there was a need for hearing the matter in the apex court before the high court goes in for further proceedings in which the arguments are at final stage.

Patel has challenged in the

apex court the maintainability of the election petition in the High Court, the advocates said.

Till the apex court decided the maintainability of the election petition, there was a need for stay of proceedings in the high court, they said.

Patel has challenged the order of the Gujarat High Court's by which it had dismissed his plea questioning the maintainability of Rajput's election petition.

## REMARK ON NORTH INDIANS

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Stepping up its attack on Union Minister Santosh Gangwar for saying that recruiters complain of lack of "quality people" in north India, the Congress on Monday demanded an apology from him, while its general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra asked him to provide figures for jobs given to people from that region in the last five years.

The Congress general secretary also posted a video of the interaction in Bareilly, held on Saturday, during which Gangwar said recruiters complain of paucity of "quality people" in north India for the posts they wish to fill. The Minister represents Bareilly constituency in the Lok Sabha. At the Congress briefing,

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Priyanka also a video of the interaction in Bareilly, held on Saturday, during which Gangwar said recruiters complain of paucity of "quality people" in north India for the posts they wish to fill. The Minister added

party leader Rajiv Shukla said the Minister's remarks that "youth of north India are not employable is a very big insult to them. The Government and the Minister concerned should clarify their position. The Minister should apologise or should say that this is the policy of the Government."

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of job losses are with the people," she added. "Mr Minister, it has been more than five years of your Government. There is no job creation. Whatever jobs were there, they have been snatched due to the economic slowdown brought by the Government. You want to escape by insulting north Indians," she added.

Shukla also urged the Government to take note of the serious problem of economy and unemployment and

address the issue seriously and not be in a denial mode, as it was currently.

Shukla said, "If the country's Labour Minister himself is saying that the youth of north India is not employable, is incompetent and are not worthy of jobs, then the Government's problem is over... This is a very serious issue."

He claimed that though the Government has initiated the Skill India campaign but only 30 per cent of those enrolled have got jobs. "The Government should admit that there is a serious economic slowdown. This Government is in a denial mode," he said.

Training his guns on the Government, Shukla said, "It is only about speeches, statements and advertisements, there is nothing else."

# Varsity in UP develops nano-silica particle to beat air pollution

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Taking a cue from the super-hydrophobic (water-repelling) nature of the lotus leaves, a team of scientists from UP-based Shiv Nadar University has developed a unique environment-friendly cost effective coating by extracting the nano-silica particle of rice husk to eliminate discoloration of the surface, physical damage or corrosion on a long-term basis.

It also has the potential to offer an alternative to crop residue burning by farmers, a major cause for air pollution in the northern part of the country. "The self-cleaning coating

is a cost-effective and eco-friendly substitute for the existing toxic paints and coatings available in the market," said Dr Harpreet Singh Grewal and Dr Harpreet Arora, Associate Professors who with their research team at the School of Engineering at Shiv Nadar University had developed the coating.

The research which has been published in the scientific journal, Progress in Organic Coatings has been sponsored by the Government's Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), and has been tested under extreme weather conditions including rain and storms. Results of the research

indicate that the exposure to the outdoor conditions has no impact on the coating. Another important feature of the coating is that it is non-toxic and can be applied on all household appliances, buildings, automobiles and industrial components to help elongate their life.

Highlighting the importance of this invention coming out of agricultural waste, Dr Rupamanjari Ghosh, Vice Chancellor of the University said, "Dust and corrosion have a detrimental impact on the industrial and mechanical operations especially in regions that deal with the problem of heightened air pollution. Excessive

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corrosion leads to unnecessary wear-and-tear of machines and devices, reducing their efficacy and functional life."

Corrosion has a huge economic and environmental impact on virtually all facets of



the infrastructure, from highways, bridges, and buildings to oil and gas rigs to factories and industrial plants.

In addition to causing severe damage and being a potent threat to public safety, corrosion

disrupts operations and requires extensive repair and replacement of failed assets. Studies have indicated that global cost of corrosion is around US\$ 2.5 trillion, which is equivalent to 3.4 per cent of global GDP.

## PMO defines work areas for PK Mishra, Doval and Sinha

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Days after PK Mishra and PK Sinha were appointed as Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Principal Secretary and Principal Adviser respectively, the Prime Minister's Office has defined the work areas for the two officers, and also for National Security Adviser Ajit Doval.

According to an order issued by the PMO, Principal Secretary Mishra will look into policy issues and matters relating to Ministries of Personnel, Law, Appointments Committee of Cabinet and other appointments.

He will also look into issues related to the Cabinet Secretariat, listing of items for the meeting of the Union Cabinet, anti-corruption unit, PMO's establishment and all important policy issues and matters, according to the order.

NSA Doval will look into all matters relating to national security and policy matters — except appointments. He will also oversee policy matters relating to ministries of External Affairs, Overseas Indians Affairs, Defence, Space, Atomic Energy and the country's external Intelligence agency Research and Analysis Wing.

He will also be in charge of all policies and matters relating to National Security Council Secretariat and the National Authority for Chemical Weapons.

Doval has also been allocated the issue of talks with the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN) separatists. On the other hand, PM's Principal Adviser PK Sinha will oversee policy issues and matters relating to all ministries/departments/agencies/bodies except those specifically allocated to the Principal Secretary and the NSA, the order issued on September 13 said.

Mishra was the prime minister's additional principal secretary and was last week elevated as his Principal Secretary after Nripendra Misra stepped down. Sinha is a former Cabinet Secretary and was last month appointed as Officer on Special Duty in the PMO before being made Modi's Principal Adviser. Mishra and Doval hold the rank of a Cabinet Minister.

# HC stays Yogi's move to shift 17 OBCs to SC list

**Lucknow:** In a major setback to the Yogi Adityanath Government, the Allahabad High Court on Monday stayed its decision to include 17 Other Backward Castes (OBC) in the Scheduled Castes (SC) list.

The court's decision came on a petition filed by social activist Gorakh Prasad.

On June 24, the state government had directed District Magistrates and Commissioners to issue Scheduled Caste certificates to 17 OBCs - Kashyap, Rajbhar, Dhivar, Bind, Kumhar, Kahar, Kewat, Nishad, Bhar, Mallah, Prajapati, Dhimar, Batham, Turha, Godia, Manjhi and Machua.

The Government's move was apparently aimed at wooing these communities ahead of by-elections to 12 Assembly seats.

The decision, incidentally, had been criticised even by the BJP-led Central Government, with Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Thawar Chand Gehlot telling the Rajya Sabha on July 2 that the move was not in accordance with the Constitution.

Gehlot had said that if the UP Government wanted to go ahead with its proposal, it should follow procedure and send a proposal to the Centre.

BSP chief Mayawati had



also slammed the move as "unconstitutional" and called it "politically motivated". "No Government can include or remove any caste from the Scheduled Caste list. Article 341 prevents a Government from doing so. Only the President and Parliament have the powers to do so," she had said.

Part 1 of Article 341 clearly states that the President can specify any group to the SC list through a public notification on the Governor's advice. Part 2 says that if a notification is released under part 1 of Article 341, it can only be changed by Parliament. Part 2 also states that Parliament can specify, include or exclude any group from the SC list.

She pointed out that the notification cannot be undone by any other notification. "These castes will no longer get the benefits of quota under

# UP honour killing: Dalit burnt alive

**Hardoi (UP):** A 20-year-old Dalit man was allegedly burnt alive over his relationship with a woman from another caste, a killing that his relatives said also led to his mother's death.



According to the police, the suspected case of honour killing occurred at Bhadasa area of Hardoi district on Saturday.

Abhishek alias Monu was beaten up, kept hostage in a house and set ablaze, Superintendent of Police Alok Priyadarshi said. Locals who rushed to the spot on hearing his cries and took him to a local hospital. He was referred to a Lucknow hospital but succumbed to injuries on the way on Sunday, the SP said.

A relative said Monu's mother died of shock after hearing the news. According to the SP, locals said Monu was in a relationship with a girl and had gone to meet her when the incident took place.

Monu was returning after arranging Rs 25,000 for the treatment of his ailing mother, Ram Beti (60), his uncle Raju said. Monu was stopped and taken to a house by some people with whom the family had an enmity. They also snatched the money and set him ablaze, according to Raju.

An FIR has been filed against five people, including two family members and two neighbours of the girl, the SP said, adding that an investigation is on. **PTI**

# Shah's Hindi remark: DMK to stage protests on Sept 20

PTI ■ CHENNAI

Upping the ante against "Hindi imposition," a high-level DMK meet on Monday announced protest demonstrations across Tamil Nadu on September 20 to condemn Home Minister Amit Shah's Hindi pitch.

The agitation was to nip in the bud the "adverse effects" of "Hindi imposition on 'mother Tamil' and the mother tongues of people of other (non-Hindi speaking) states," a resolution adopted at the meet said.

Briefing reporters, DMK chief MK Stalin said the agitation was the first phase of protest on Hindi issue and the further



course of action will be decided on the basis of Central Government's response and consultations with like-minded parties. **PTI**

# No 'Shah or Sultan' can alter India's diversity, says Haasan

**Chennai:** Taking a dig at Union Home Minister Amit Shah on the Hindi language issue, Tamil actor-politician Kamal Haasan on Monday said no "Shah, Sultan or Saamraat" should renege on the promise of unity in diversity that was made when India became a republic.

Two days after major political parties in Tamil Nadu reacted strongly to Shah's comments in connection with the celebration of Hindi Diwas, MNM party founder Kamal Haasan joined the tribe through a video message and a tweet.

"The unity in diversity is a promise we made when we made India into a Republic. Now no 'Shah, Sultan or Saamraat' should renege on that promise. We respect all languages. But our mother language will always be Tamizh," he said.

Continuing further he added: "Jalikkattu was just a protest. The battle for our language will be exponentially bigger than that. India or Tamil Nadu does not need or deserve such a battle."

"Most of the nation happily sings the national anthem in Bengali with pride and will continue to do so. The reason is the poet who wrote the national anthem gave due respect to all languages and cultures within the anthem," he said. **IANIS**

# No love for Hindi as rashtra bhasha is no love for India, says Tripura CM

**Agartala:** Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb on Monday claimed that those who are opposing Hindi as the 'rashtra bhasha' (national language) do not love the country.

He, however, made it clear that he was not against English or was not trying to impose Hindi.

"The people who are opposing Hindi as the national language are those who have no love for the country... I am supporting Hindi as the national language as most of the people of our country speak Hindi," the chief minister said.

Had the Britishers not ruled India for 200 years, there would have been no use of English in official works in the country, he said.

According to the Official Languages Act, 1963, Hindi and English are the official

languages for the Union government and Parliament.

A total of 22 languages of the country are recognised under the Eight Schedule of the Constitution.

Supporting Union Home Minister Amit Shah's assertion on Saturday that Hindi as a language can unite the whole country, Deb said, "Due to loyalty to the colonial rule, English became a status symbol for many people."

"It is not that only English speaking nations progress. Had it been the case, countries such as Germany, China, Japan, Russia and Israel would have not developed," the chief minister said.

He also urged government officers to help people in official works, who does not understand English and can speak only regional languages. **PTI**

# 2 injured in mob attack on family

AMU students protest, demand arrest

PTI ■ ALIGARH

At least two members of a family were injured in an alleged mob attack at a railway station here, triggering protests by Aligarh Muslim University students who said it was an attempt to lynch them.

The attack took place following an altercation Sunday as the family of Afsana Begum was getting off a train while some other passengers were trying to get into the same compartment, according to a complaint lodged with the railway police.

A little later, about 30 peo-

ple reached there and attacked Afsana Begum's family members, their complaint said. Police said two family members, Shafiq and Fahim, were admitted at AMU's Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College. Afsana Begum told reporters that four others suffered minor injuries.

Before the complaint could be lodged with the railway police, the assailants had fled. AMU students said they were outsiders. As the news spread, several Aligarh Muslim University students gathered at the station, demanding the arrest of the unidentified assailants.

Afsana Begum's family had come from Kannauj for the medical treatment of her son Shafiq. The situation was defused after GRP inspector Yashpal Singh assured them that the culprits would be booked.

# Ex-Andhra Speaker commits suicide

SEELAM AROZIE ■ VIJAYWADA/HYDERABAD



Former Speaker of Andhra Pradesh Assembly and six-time TDP MLA from Narasaraopet, Dr Kodela Siva Prasada Rao, allegedly committed suicide at his residence in Hyderabad on Monday.

Over the last few months, the former Speaker was in the midst of a major controversy as he was accused of diverting the Assembly furniture to his residence and his son's showroom, inviting sharp criticism from his own party as also the YSRC Government.

However, mystery shrouds his death as authorities of the Basavatarakam Hospital, where he was shifted by his family members, said he died due to a massive heart attack. The exact reason that forced the ex-Speaker, who was also a qualified MBBS doctor, to take the drastic step is being ascertained

by the police, sources said. He is survived by wife Sasikala, daughter Vijayalakshmi and son Sivaramakrishna — both doctors. His family members said he was under tremendous stress and strain due to the allegations against him.

A case had been filed against him last month after he admitted to shifting Assembly furniture and computers from the premises to his residence in Guntur. Charges were filed under sections relating to criminal breach of trust by a public servant and dishonestly receiving stolen property at the Thullur police station in Guntur district. Assembly section officer Easwara Rao filed a complaint against the TDP leader.

The former Assembly Speaker had admitted to shifting the property. As Speaker, he claimed, he was the custodian of Assembly property so he kept the furniture in his 'safe custody' after it was 'retrieved' from the old Assembly in Hyderabad while the Capital was being shifted to Amaravati.

After his admission, officials from the Assembly had searched a showroom owned by Rao's family, last month and reportedly identified 32 chairs, four sofas, three tables, one teapoy and other items that belonged to the Assembly. Kodela justified moving the property saying if the furniture was left at the Speaker's chambers in Hyderabad, its maintenance would have been a problem.

The ruling YSR Congress, including its chief Jagannathan Reddy, pounced on Kodela and the TDP, accusing the former Speaker of 'stealing' the legislature property. Sattenapalli MLA

Ambati Rambabu said that only because Rao was 'exposed', he was willing to return the property. But even his own party workers lodged several criminal cases against him and his family members. Last month, a section of TDP workers protested at the party's State office in Guntur, demanding Rao's removal as in-charge of the Sattenapalli constituency. Sivaprasad moved the HC seeking directions to the Assembly to take back the furniture.

After speaking to the agitating leaders and workers, party president and former Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu told reporters that the party won't hesitate to take action against top leaders. "We have already prepared a list of leaders who were involved in corrupt practices in the past five years when TDP was in power," he had said. On Monday, Naidu said he was "unable to digest" Sivaprasad's death.

# Eminent personalities in West Bengal oppose Hindi imposition

**Kolkata:** Over 50 eminent Bengali personalities from different walks of life have called upon the people of West Bengal to give "due respect to all languages" and "resist attempt to impose just one".

Taking to Facebook, they issued a statement on Monday, urging people to register a strong protest against any bid to edge out Bengali language from their lives.

Among the signatories are poet Subodh Sarkar, poet-columnist Binyak Bandyopadhyay, elocutionists Urmimala Basu and Jagannath Basu and independent filmmaker Pradipta Bhattacharya.

The social media statement was issued two days after Union Home Minister Amit Shah pitched for a common

language in the country and said it was Hindi which is spoken the most and can unite the country.

Apprehending that "a day may come in foreseeable future when our own language, our mother tongue, our dearest Bengali language will become threatened", it said that "intimidatory tactics" from certain quarters to impose one language should be resisted.

Sarkar, in a separate statement, said, "I respect Hindi language. But I equally respect Malayali, Marathi, Konkani and all other languages spoken in this country."

No language can be greater or smaller, no language can be superior or inferior to another, he insisted. **PTI**

# Unhappy with Maha CID's Pansare murder probe report: Bombay HC

**Mumbai:** The Bombay High Court on Monday said it was "unhappy" with the probe report submitted by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) of Maharashtra CID on the killing of CPI leader Govind Pansare.

A bench of justices SC Dharmadhikari and GS Patel noted that the SIT report did not contain any "independent steps" it had taken during the course of its probe and said "things are not moving".

It was hearing petitions filed by the kin of Pansare and rationalist Narendra Dabholkar seeking a court-monitored probe in their killings.

The court said the only reason it was refraining from passing a more critical order was that it realised the officer concerned had failed to make any significant progress in the past few weeks due to floods in Kolhapur.



"The investigating officer has failed to list any independent steps in this report. Whatever you (SIT) have stated here is all resting on the probe in other cases (the probe into killings of rationalist Narendra Dabholkar and journalist Gauri Lankesh)," the bench said.

"We must convey our unhappiness. Things are not moving. We are refraining from passing critical order against the officer only in light of prevailing

conditions of continuous rains in the area. But we hope the SIT will submit a better and comprehensive report next time," the bench said.

Earlier, during the hearing, the CBI, which is investigating the Dabholkar case, also submitted a progress report on its probe.

CBI counsel, Additional Solicitor General Anil Singh, told the court the agency was working on tracing the weapons used in the case and the exercise would take another four weeks.

The HC accepted the CBI's submissions and adjourned the hearing to next month. Dabholkar was shot dead on August 20, 2013 in Pune while on his morning walk. Pansare was shot at on February 16, 2015 in Kolhapur and succumbed to his injuries a few days later on February 20. **PTI**

# Dengue vaccination in India from next year, says ICMR

**Kolkata:** Dengue vaccination will be introduced in India early next year on a demonstration basis in areas where the prevalence is high, a senior official of the Indian Council of Medical Research said here on Monday.

A serosurvey (a test of blood serum from a group of individuals) in this connection has been done recently in more than 15 states including West Bengal, and the report was published in the medical journal, Lancet Global Health, the official said. "As soon as we get the approval (from the government), as soon as all permissions and documentations are done properly, we will launch the dengue vaccine in India, ICMR Director General Prof (Dr) Balram Bhargava said. "We are looking at the use of demonstration projects for the dengue vaccine for the future in areas of high prevalence," Bhargava said. **PTI**

# MUZAFFARPUR GANGRAPE

# Woman's medical report shows no injury: Police

NHRC seeks report, NCW team to visit Bihar

**Bettiah/Patna:** Efforts were on to nab the accused named by an 18-year-old former inmate of a Muzaffarpur shelter home who has alleged that she was gangraped inside a moving vehicle, the Bihar police said on Monday and noted it was "not ruling out anything" after a medical examination showed "no external or internal injury" to her.

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) issued a notice to the Director General of Police (DGP) of Bihar, seeking a detailed report

in four weeks in the matter while the National Commission for Women said it has formed a committee headed by chairperson Rekha Sharma which would travel to the state on September 19-20 to meet the victim.

The woman was admitted to a government medical college on Saturday evening and a medical examination was conducted by a team of doctors on Sunday.

Superintendent of Police, Bettiah, Jayantkant, said that injuries invariably found on the person of a victim of coerced sexual intercourse were absent in the medical tests reports of the complainant, who had alleged that she was sexually

assaulted by four men on Friday night.

"We are not ruling out anything at this point of time, though. The girl has named all the accused in her FIR who were, admittedly, known to her since before. We are on the look out for the accused persons as we need to examine as to whether any type of deception was involved," the SP told PTI over phone.

Asked about an audio clip that has surfaced in social media with the claim that it has voices of the four accused, besides the person driving the vehicle, while the girl was sexually assaulted close to her house, the SP said it sheds no fresh light on the case. **PTI**

# Maharashtra to deploy drones for emergency medical supplies

TR RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In first of its kind partnership, the Maharashtra Government has tied up with a private operator Zipline to use its logistics network of drones for delivery of blood products and emergency medicines to people in remote areas in collaboration with Serum Institute of India (SII).

Being touted as world's first and only national-scale drone delivery service, the Maharashtra's Medical Drone Delivery Service (MMDDS) will be launched in early 2020.

The MMDDS, which is being undertaken as part of the Maharashtra Government's vision to use drone delivery, seeks to establish a universal seven-days-a-week access to life-saving and critical medicines for each of its 120 million citizens over the coming years.

Zipline drones will make on-demand and emergency deliveries of blood products, vaccines and life-saving medications.

Under the tie-up, Zipline will establish a total of 10 distribution centres across Maharashtra in phases in the coming years.

"The State Government's goal is to put almost all of its 120 million citizens within minutes of a lifesaving medical delivery by drone. In the first phase of operations, two distribution centres located near Pune and Nandurbar will be established to service public health facilities in those regions beginning in early 2020," an official spokesperson said.

Each of the two Zipline distribution centers in Maharashtra will cover a delivery area of more than 20,000 square km. They will collectively be capable of serving up to 20 million people. **PTI**

# Using drones, AI and big data, India to draw up digital map with 10 cms resolution

**Bengaluru:** India has initiated a project to digitally map the country with a resolution of 10 centimetres, using drones and technologies such as Artificial Intelligence and big data, a senior Government official said on Monday.

The herculean task was taken up by the Survey of India, part of the Department of Science and Technology, a few months ago and is planned to be completed in two years, the Department's Secretary, Prof Ashutosh Sharma said.

"...Now we are equipping them (Survey of India) with the latest technologies like drones, Artificial Intelligence, big data analytics, image processing and continuously operated reference system", he told



reporters on the sidelines of an event here.

Once the project is completed, the data will be available to citizens and to Gram Panchayats and local

bodies, empowering them to use it in decision making and planning process.

MORTAR SHELLING BY PAK

7 jawans escape death

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

At least seven soldiers of the Indian Army had a close shave with death when at least two mortar shells, fired by the Pakistan Army from across the Line of Control, exploded in the close vicinity of an ambush party late Sunday night.

Considering nature of injuries, the injured soldiers were immediately airlifted to a nearby military hospital past midnight. At present, these soldiers were receiving specialised treatment to recoup at the earliest. Official sources claimed all the soldiers were stable in the military hospital.

According to ground reports, "four jawans received splinter injuries while three others had received minor 'bruise' injuries after two mortars exploded nearby".

Initially, 'unconfirmed' reports late Sunday night had claimed Border Action Team (BAT) of Pakistan army comprising Special Services Group (SSG) commandos may have targeted one of the forward posts using rocket launcher to cause maximum fatal injuries to the Indian jawans. These



reports also claimed the rocket attack was carried out from a close range to maximise the impact.

However, early Monday morning, Defence PRO in Jammu, Lt-Col Devender Anand in a statement said, "Pakistan army initiated unprovoked ceasefire violation by firing of small arms and intense shelling with mortars in Balakote, Mendhar sector around 10.30 p.m on Sunday evening. Indian army retaliated befittingly", he added.

Defence PRO also denied reports of BAT attack on one of the forward Indian post in Balakote area of Mendhar. Defence PRO clarified, only four soldiers suffered minor splinter injuries during intense mortar shelling. He said, all the

soldiers are safe and under treatment in military hospital.

Meanwhile, fresh intelligence reports have also alerted the local formation commanders about regular activity of SSG commandos across some of the forward posts of Pakistan army. In the last few days, Indian agencies are observing hectic activity in areas opposite Mendhar sector.

Ground reports also indicated, several forward villages have been vacated by the Pakistan army to accommodate large number of terrorists across 'activated' launching pads in these villages. Top Indian army commanders are also keeping a close watch on the hectic activity of Pakistani army regulars in these forward areas.

CBI prepares to tighten noose as Bengal ex-top cop remains traceless

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Former Kolkata Commissioner of Police Rajiv Kumar could not be communicated as his mobile phone remained switched off. The mobile phone of his personal security officer was also traceless. The three top offices — Chief Secretary, Home Secretary and Director General of Police — of the Bengal Government had reportedly informed the Central Bureau of Investigation in response to a letter seeking his whereabouts.

The top offices, however, confirmed that the senior officer was on leave till September 25 and that the CBI's letter had been sent to his residential address. Kumar had earlier sought month's time from the CBI for appearance citing his wife's illness for which he was on leave.

The noose around the senior IPS officer and presently the Additional Director General of CID tightened further with the CBI preparing to oppose any move by him seeking anticipatory bail from a CBI

court in Kolkata.

The CBI had directed Kumar to appear before its officials on Friday within hours of his losing the judicial shield against arrest in Calcutta High Court. Kumar is being probed for his role as the chief of the Special Investigating Team former by the Mamata Banerjee Government in 2013 when the multi-crore Saradha chit fund scam became public.

According to sources certain crucial evidences including a red diary, a pen drive, lap top and several CDs and other documents referred to be other accused and witnesses had gone missing after they were reportedly seized by the SIT in 2013.

The Supreme Court handed over the case to the CBI in 2014 following mass protest against the State police for insincere investigation and tampering of evidence.

The CBI had constantly been complaining of lack of cooperation by the State Police including Kumar who had repeatedly ignored its notice to appear before the Agency.

Didi to meet Modi on Wednesday

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee will fly to Delhi on Tuesday where she will meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday to discuss a whole lot of administrative issues, including the unfulfilled financial and other demands of the State Government, sources at State secretariat Nabanna said.

Mamata Banerjee's sudden visit to Delhi comes against the backdrop of ongoing battle between BJP and TMC over National Register for Citizens and mounting CBI pressure on former Kolkata Police Commissioner Rajiv Kumar who reportedly remained "incommunicado" for the third day on Monday after losing the shield against arrest in Calcutta HC. Kumar is being investigated for his role in the preliminary round of investigations in the Saradha chit fund case.

The Prime Minister is likely to meet Banerjee at 4 pm on Wednesday, sources said whereafter she will return to Kolkata on Thursday. Nabanna sources said adding "an appointment was sought by the chief minister's office last week for a meeting with the Prime Minister... it will take place in New Delhi on Wednesday", sources said adding among a "whole lot of

issues State's long pending demands" could be discussed.

With the Chief Minister being Modi's staunchest of critics the two leaders are likely to meet each other after a yawning gap of about 18 months. The last time they met for a few moments was at Vishva Bharati (Shantiniketan) in 2018 where the Prime Minister had come to attend an official programme.

The Wednesday's meeting assumes significance not only against the backdrop of steadily deteriorating chemistry

between the two leaders but also against the CBI's tightening noose around senior IPS officer Rajiv Kumar who is currently functioning as the Additional Director General of CID.

On whether Banerjee would also raise the issue of NRC with the Prime Minister TMC sources said "there is nothing new in a Chief Minister of an opposition party meeting the Prime Minister. No politics should be seen in it. Didi will raise a range of issues including State's pending demands."

Mamata saving herself from CBI, mocks BJP

Kolkata: The BJP leadership Monday mocked West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for seeking an appointment to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Delhi calling it a "classic example of opportunistic politics" and "a desperate attempt to save herself from the clutches of CBI".

The appointment for the meeting was sought by the chief minister's office last week and Banerjee is likely to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the national capital on

Wednesday, state secretariat sources said on Monday.

She will be leaving for New Delhi on Tuesday, the sources said. BJP national secretary Rahul Sinha said, "We all know the kind of language she (Banerjee) had used against Prime Minister Narendra Modi during Lok Sabha elections and afterwards. She never had any regard for the federal structure and had even said she does not feel the need to respect Modiji as Prime Minister. PTI

Pawar terms deserters 'cowards' Guv sent Registers Bill to Prez, says Mizoram speaker

Mumbai: NCP chief Sharad Pawar has termed those who left his party to join the ruling BJP as "cowards", and said people will show the deserters their place in the upcoming Maharashtra Assembly elections.

In a setback for the NCP, several senior party leaders recently joined the BJP and the Shiv Sena.

"They are cowards... People of Maharashtra will take care of such people in the elections," Pawar said on Sunday, a day after senior leader Udayanraje Bhosale quit the NCP and his



Lok Sabha membership from Satara and joined the BJP.

"There are some people who have lost their self-respect and switched over to the BJP. I think people will show them their place in the Assembly polls," he said.

Pawar, who founded the

NCP in 1999 after walking out of the Congress, said he worked in opposition for 27 years.

"I managed to work in the opposition at times more effectively. But I don't feel like sitting with this kind of opposition (leaders)," he said.

Besides Bhosale, some of the other prominent leaders who quit the NCP recently include former ministers Jaidutta Kshirsagar, Ganesh Naik and Sachin Ahir, and former state unit president Bhaskar Jadhav. The NCP chief also attacked the NDA government over the

condition of the economy. "This government has left many people jobless. This time people will give them a strong message," he said.

Pawar also took a dig at state Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis ahead of his scheduled visit to Sangli and Kolhapur districts, which were the worst hit by unprecedented floods last month.

"He (Fadnavis) went there (in flood-hit areas) only once just for few hours and never visited again," he said. PTI

President. However, he was yet to officially inform it to the chief minister or the assembly speaker," Sailo said.

According to the Article 200 of the Constitution, he said, if the governor has to return a Bill, it has to be done as soon as possible after the bill was presented to him. Meanwhile, the speaker on Monday again urged President Ram Nath Kovind to appoint a regular governor for Mizoram expeditiously. PTI

and Myanmar and the measures proposed in the Bill are intended to provide a credible individual identification system and to prevent "usurpation" of benefits of developmental schemes by people who are not bona fide.

Sailo told PTI today that he met Governor Prof Jagdish Mukhi on Friday at the Raj Bhavan here to inquire about the fate of the bill.

"The Governor told me that he has referred the Bill to the

Kin allege lack of ventilator in Sion Hospital killed man

Mumbai: A senior citizen died on Monday in civic-run Sion Hospital with family members alleging that he was not provided a ventilator and efforts to sustain him with an ambu pump proved futile.

Nabi Ahmed Ansari (65), a resident of Ambernath in neighbouring Thane district, had suffered brain haemorrhage last week and was shifted from a private hospital there to Sion Hospital soon after, the deceased's brother-in-law Noor Ansari said. "For two days, we could not arrange a ventilator and were using an ambu pump every two hours as instructed by authorities. We had inquired about ventilators in other civic hospitals as well but in vain," Ansari said. Sion Hospital Dean Dr Mohan Joshi said he was unaware of the number of ventilators available at the medical facility, among the biggest in Mumbai, but added that the use of ambu pumps, to mimic the work of ventilators, in such cases was common practice. PTI

**FORM A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**  
(Under Regulation 6 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016)

**FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CREDITORS OF M/S MAGIC INFO SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED**

RELEVANT PARTICULARS

1. Name of Corporate Debtor	M/s Magic Info Solutions Private Limited
2. Date of incorporation of Corporate Debtor	21.05.2006
3. Authority under which Corporate Debtor is incorporated / registered	Registrar of Companies, (Delhi) under Companies Act, 1956/ 2013
4. Corporate Identity No. / Limited Liability Identification No. of corporate debtor	U70100DL2006PTC149035
5. Address of the registered office and principal office (if any) of corporate debtor	D-13, Defence Colony, New Delhi-110024
6. Insolvency commencement date in respect of corporate debtor	05.09.2019, being date of order passed by Hon'ble NCLT (Order received by IRP on 14.09.2019).
7. Estimated date of closure of insolvency resolution process	03.03.2020
8. Name and Registration number of the insolvency professional acting as interim resolution professional	Gaurav Katiyar IBBI/PA-001/IP-PO0209/2017-18/10409
9. Address and email of the interim resolution professional, as registered with the board	Add: D-32, East of Kailash, New Delhi - 110065 Email: gauravkatiyar@gmail.com
10. Address and e-mail to be used for correspondence with the interim resolution professional	Add: D-32, East of Kailash, New Delhi - 110065 Email: magicinfo.corp@gmail.com
11. Last date for submission of claims	28.09.2019
12. Classes of creditors, if any, under clause (b) of subsection (8A) of section 21, ascertained by the interim resolution professional	Allottee under real estate project
13. Names of insolvency professionals identified to act as authorised Representative of creditors in a class (three names for each class)	1. Mr. Manoj Kumar Singh IP Registration no.: IBBI/PA-003/IP-N00050/2017-18/10443 Address: 203, 2nd Floor, 10 Sikka Complex Community Centre, Preet Vihar, New Delhi 110092 E-mail: cma.msingh@gmail.com 2. Mr. Mukul Kumar IP Registration no.: IBBI/PA-001/IP-P01670/2019-2020/12642 Address: D-3/1304, The Legend, Sushant Lok Phase 3, Sector 57, Gurgaon, Haryana-122011 E-mail: adv.mksingh@gmail.com 3. Mr. Shyam Arora IP Registration no.: IBBI/PA-002/IP-N00546/2017-2018/11763 Address: 96, Aravali Apartment, Alaknanda, New Delhi, National Capital Territory of Delhi-110019 E-mail: arora.shyam@yahoo.com
14. (a) Relevant forms and (b) Details of authorized representatives are available at:	Website: https://ibbi.gov.in/home/downloads https://ibbi.gov.in/register/registered-ips The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) 7th Floor, Mayur Bhawan, Shankar Market, Connaught Circus, New Delhi-110001

Notice is hereby given that the National Company Law Tribunal has ordered the commencement of a corporate insolvency resolution process of the M/s Magic Info Solutions Private Limited on 05.09.2019. The creditors of M/s Magic Info Solutions Private Limited, are hereby called upon to submit their claims with proof on or before 28.09.2019 to the interim resolution professional at the address mentioned against entry No. 10.

The financial creditors shall submit their claims with proof by electronic means only. All other creditors may submit the claims with proof in person, by post or by electronic means.

A financial creditor belonging to a class, as listed against the entry No. 12, shall indicate its choice of authorised representative from among the three insolvency professionals listed against entry No. 13 to act as authorised representative of the class [Allottee under real estate project of the Corporate Debtor] in Form CA.

Submission of false or misleading proofs of claim shall attract penalties.

Date: 16 September 2019 Name and Signature of Interim Resolution Professional: Gaurav Katiyar Place: New Delhi

Aarey metro car shed will meet Nanar refinery's fate: Uddhav

Mumbai: A day after Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis batted for a metro rail car shed in the metropolis' Aarey area, principal ally Shiv Sena's chief Uddhav Thackeray has warned the plan could end up like the aborted Nanar refinery in the Konkan region.

Uddhav's assertion has the potential to further widen the chasm between the two saffron parties which are hassling over the number of seats to contest the assembly elections, due next month.

The car shed plan for Metro 3 (Colaba-Bandra-Seez) line is in the midst of an acrimonious debate as the work will see the felling of over 2600 trees in the Aarey area, considered among the city's prime green lungs.

Responding to a question

on the car shed, Thackeray said, "It will meet the fate of the Nanar oil refinery".

Incidentally, Thackeray's son and Yuva Sena head Aaditya Thackeray has been vocal in his opposition to the metro plan.

A proposed ₹3 lakh crore refinery in Nanar in the state's Ratnagiri district had to be scrapped after the Sena put up a stiff resistance.

In March this year, the State Government scrapped a notification issued in May 2017 to acquire 5,932 hectares of land across 14 villages in Ratnagiri district and two villages in Sindhudurg district for the refinery.

On Sunday, Fadnavis said the Supreme Court had clarified that the (Aarey) land did not come under forest or bio-diversity. PTI



Workers at the construction site of phase one of Pune Metro Rangel Hill Depot, Shivajinagar in Pune city on Monday PTI

JD(S) will contest elections alone, says Deve Gowda

Bengaluru: Days after indicating that his party was still open for continuing its alliance with the Congress, JD(S) patriarch HD Deve Gowda on Monday spoke about going it alone, as he predicted mid-term polls in Karnataka.

"There are chances of mid-term polls in the State. If they come, let's contest independently without going for an alliance with anyone," Gowda was quoted as saying in a statement by his office.

"Will not still commit that mistake. Lets face all the elections independently," he said.

After engaging in a blame game over the collapse of their coalition government, Gowda on Thursday indicated his party was still open for continuing its alliance with the Congress.

He had hinted that he was open for an alliance with the Congress in 17 assembly constituencies, where bypolls have been necessitated following the disqualification of rebel MLAs, but said it all depended on the decision of the national party's interim president Sonia Gandhi.

Gowda and Congress strongman in the state

Siddaramaiah had recently blamed each other for the collapse of the H D Kumaraswamy led coalition Government in July after it was rocked by dissidence.

Both Congress and JD(S) leaders have also been non-committal over the continuation of the alliance after the fall of the coalition government.

Congress leaders, including state party chief Dinesh Gundu Rao and Siddaramaiah, the Congress legislature party leader, have maintained that continuation of the alliance will be decided by the high command.

However, several top party leaders, speaking on condition of anonymity, had recently said that the entire rank and file of the party were happy to end the partnership with JD(S).

Amid speculations that several JD(S) legislators may quit the party, the former Prime Minister said he was not worried about it and knows how to organise the party. Gowda has also asked party workers to take the message of the 'good work' done by H D Kumaraswamy as Chief Minister in the previous coalition government, to every household. "Those who have grown

from the party have spoken against it. I have organized the party, believing in party workers. Let anyone quit.. Will not feel disheartened," he added.

Recently former Minister G T Devegowda and S R Srinivas had openly commented against the party leadership, especially Kumaraswamy. Predicting the assembly elections in January or February, Gowda said he and Kumaraswamy would undertake a state-wide tour to strengthen the party.

"The good work done by HDK during the coalition Government will help us," he said, as he called on the party workers to strengthen the organisation, setting aside minor differences. Also repeatedly predicting mid-term polls, Siddaramaiah has said that the BJP Govt cannot survive for long as it has come to power with the help of 17 Congress-JD(S) disqualified MLAs.

The absence and resignation of 17 Congress-JD(S) MLAs during the trust vote had led to the collapse of the HD Kumaraswamy headed coalition government in July and helped the BJP come to power. PTI

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## Not Hindi hain hum

Amit Shah's proposal to make Hindi the unifying language is unworkable and threatens our federal plurality



Perhaps nobody could have articulated the difference between a transactional language and the tongue you are born with than the great Nelson Mandela himself, who was as rooted as global. "If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his mother language that goes to his heart," he said. Our Constitutional fathers understood this and despite their attempt at breaking the colonial shadow with a pan-India language — something which could be argued better during a

pure nationalist surge after Independence — couldn't make either Hindi or Sanskrit the preferred alternative. More than the political opposition that came from regional leaders, our predecessors, in their infinite wisdom, understood that language was more about culture, identity and one of the many concrete embodiments of "unity in diversity" than it was about a tool of communication. As a result, Hindi and all other languages were accorded official language status, a peerage of sorts. And may we say that this policy has neither affected inclusive development, nor changed the national narrative so far. So while English continued to be a link language of economic mobility and global engagement, each State, as is the nature of federal polity, conducted business in it as well as their own familiar words. Besides, language wars or the North versus South debates are well past their expiry date as even the UN has certified that mother languages are intrinsic to human development. These help establish our personalities and relationships with our families, society and the larger world outside, defining the way we express ourselves and establish our confidence. So Home Minister Amit Shah's bold claim that Hindi should be made the national unifier language and a voice to the world is not only ludicrously revisionist but defeats the civilisational idea of India, which functions as a beehive of plurality rather than as a smartcard monolith of "one India, one language." Of course, in the current swell of jingoism, nobody would want to listen to reason. Imagine if a Tamil-speaking farmer had to avail a Government scheme in the back of the beyond and is expected to not only read Hindi but understand the fine print and sign off, then it is all about unfair imposition, cultural dwarfism and centrist exclusivity over an empathetic embrace. The poor farmer will have no option but to rely on interlocutors and unnecessary bureaucratic inefficiencies. Similarly, howsoever much we may want to disown English, it has become our common connector, an asset for global empowerment, a social aspiration and the reason that the offshore business processing industry was one of the first to take off in India. How would one talk the language of science without peppering it with English? How would one change academic discipline in higher institutions where English is the accepted and entrenched medium of instruction? How would one score in the professional space of multinational companies where English is common currency? And rarely have Hindi-speaking people not chosen to pursue English.

By the same logic, the government machinery would be bound to use a single language as a working medium and that privilege would automatically be discriminatory to those officers whose mother tongue isn't Hindi. According to Article 343 of the Constitution of India, "the official language of the Union shall be Hindi in Devanagari script and (2) Notwithstanding anything in clause (1), for a period of 15 years from the commencement of this Constitution, the English language shall continue to be used for all official purposes of the Union for which it was being used immediately before such commencement." Schedule 8 allows reviewing the progressive use of Hindi but doesn't run down English or takes away the State legislature's right to opt for the language of use. Besides, it clarifies that all authoritative texts must be done in English as well. If anybody thinks that enforcing a language code would foster national integration, then one just needs to look back at how language riots in southern India have at one time threatened it instead. In the words of CN Annadurai, "if we had to accept the principle of numerical superiority while selecting our national bird, the choice would have fallen not on the peacock but on the common crow." Bollywood, often cited as a mass catalyst of the Hindi-speaking market, has only 43 per cent of our total box office revenue. The rest of the pie belongs to regional films. Let's not tinker with the avoidable. Homogeneity isn't always an asset.

## War clouds

A drone and missile attack on the Abqaiq oil processing facility should send alarm bells ringing across the world



The shock of the drone and missile attack on the Abqaiq oil processing facility should worry everyone. Not only did it take offline half of Saudi Arabian oil production, the development highlights how critical infrastructure facilities can be targeted by drones from an "unknown" entity. Of course, now the spectre of another conflagration in the Persian Gulf looms large, especially after US President Donald Trump said his nation is "locked and loaded" and attributed the explosions to Iran's nefarious designs on American

interests. If this escalates, oil prices might rise dramatically even though the cooling global economy will possibly temper that. Although Saudi firms have affirmed that there would not be any shortage of supply, repairing reservoirs might take time and India would have to look for an alternative then. Early estimates show that around six per cent of global supplies could be hit. We have imported 19 per cent crude and disruptions could impact our volatile economy.

There are major lessons that India should take from all this. The first relates to protecting critical defence and infrastructural sites from drone attacks. As we learnt when the Gatwick Airport in London was shut down for almost a week, thanks to drones overflying the runways, precision strikes do not need to be fiery and violent to damage the economy. Nations will need to figure out how they will be able to combat drones which can do disproportionate economic damage. Analysing the images from Saudi Arabia, repairs will cost millions of dollars while the attack may have taken just a few thousand dollars to execute. It is also extremely puzzling why Saudi Arabia allowed one of its most critical infrastructure sites to be so poorly guarded and vulnerable. However, just as the Saudis will learn from this lapse, so should India. We must also be prepared for the worst possible outcome in the Middle-East, a war. The clinical nature of the attack makes it impossible to have been conducted by a "non-state" actor (to use Pakistan's favourite term). Any conflict in the region will send oil prices soaring, something the Indian economy, mismanaged to the point of disaster, does not need right now. However, citizens should be made aware of the consequences of such a possibility. This attack should also speed up development of alternative fuels and energy sources, which may not be a bad thing indeed. This is by far the worst shock to global supplies than when Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait in 1990 and the Islamic Revolution in Iran in 1979.

# Perils of GM farming

Global agricultural firms have been spreading the myth that GMOs are needed to feed India when actually, the country needs agro-ecological systems to preserve its biodiversity



SANDHYA JAIN

Seventeen scientists, who consistently advocated Genetically Modified (GM) crops in India, are anxious to revive GMs despite the Centre's growing emphasis on organic farming and native cattle breeds to boost nutritional standards nationwide. The Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana and the Rashtriya Gokul Mission are gaining popularity among farmers. Alarmed at the scale of soil degradation in the country, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his Independence day address, urged the farmers to reduce consumption of chemical fertilisers by at least 25 per cent.

Almost parallel to this plea, in *Current Science* (Vol 117, No 3, August 10, 2019), the scientists suggest that GM food crops, ie, Bt-Brinjal that was placed under a moratorium by the then Union Environment Minister Jairam Ramesh and GM-Mustard that was almost cleared for field trials when activists scuttled the attempt, be cleared for commercial cultivation. This activism seeks to reverse Dr MS Swaminathan's admission that green revolution technologies had harmed the environment and that Bt (*Bacillus thuringiensis*) and Ht (herbicide tolerant) crops are highly unsustainable (*Current Science*, Vol 115, No 10, November 25, 2018). The article created outrage in pro-GM circles.

Claiming that Bt-cotton made India a cotton exporting country, the proponents say the virtual ban on Bt-brinjal and GM-mustard is hurting India's food and nutrition security that is challenged by population growth, availability of land, water and human resources. They point out that major Western science academies insist there are no genotoxic effects in Bt and Ht crops. In 2016, the US National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine published a 420-page report on GM crops and observed, "Bt in maize and cotton from 1996 to 2015 contributed to a reduction in the gap between actual yield and potential yield under circumstances in which targeted pests caused substantial damage to non-GE varieties and synthetic chemicals could not provide practical control."

This report, the GM champions assert, states that Bt crop actually increased insect biodiversity on farms compared to non-Bt crop farms on which insecticide was sprayed. The report said the emergence of secondary pests and resistant pink bollworm in India is due to the non-implementation of the refuge strategy. A 2010 report of the European Commission noted, "biotechnology, in particular Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs), are not *per se* more risky than conventional plant breeding technologies."

GM backers claim that 147 original studies based on primary data from farm surveys anywhere in the world, reporting impact of GM soybean, maize or cotton on crop yields, pesticide use and farm profits



showed that on an average, GM technology reduced pesticide use by 37 per cent, increased crop yields by 22 per cent and increased farmer profits by 68 per cent. Regarding livestock, data from publicly available sources from 1997 to 2011, covering over 100 billion animals, did not reflect negative trends in livestock health and productivity from GM crop-feeds.

Pro-GM scientists doubt the finding of the World Health Organisation's International Agency for Research on Cancer that glyphosate is linked to cancer. The fact, however, is that Austria has already banned glyphosate and Germany has decided to ban it by the end of 2023 as part of an insect (bees, butterflies) conservation programme. Nearly 20 French mayors banned it from their municipalities in August 2019 in defiance of the national Government. Pro-GM scientists recommend GM technology in grains (golden rice) and vegetables, along with the risky gene editing technology. Ironically, they have been blocking the release of Bt-cotton hybrids/varieties developed by scientists of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (which have safer toxic limits than Monsanto) in

the past three years and are trying to influence Government policy for Monsanto/Bayer profits. The scientists deliberately ignore the fact that the department-related parliamentary standing committee on Science & Technology, Environment & Forests (August 25, 2017) had categorically asserted that no GM crop should be introduced in India until the bio-safety and long-term effects are evaluated by an independent and transparent process. The standing committee discovered that not a single Government agency had ever conducted studies to assess the impact of Bt-cotton on the environment, bio-diversity, bio-safety, ecosystem (soil), human and animal health.

A former Secretary of the Department of Biotechnology admitted that his department had no independent research on the impact of GM crops and most research was from the seed and insecticide companies, which cannot be relied upon. The department of health research also admitted that it had not examined the impact of GM crops on human health.

Environmentalist Vandana Shiva points out that the green revolution, based on chemicals and hybrid crops, devastated

India in myriad ways — from loss of agro-biodiversity to degraded soils to water emergency. In 2002, the Government legalised the illegal planting of Bt-cotton. Despite energetic marketing, hard official data proves that Bt-cotton has failed, trapped farmers in debt and is implicated in farmer suicides. Worse, Monsanto's HT Roundup Cotton, which has been planted illegally for over a decade, might be legalised.

Illegal planting of Bt-brinjal in many States is extremely dangerous as India has the world's greatest genetic diversity in brinjal (over 2,500 varieties, including wild varieties), which could suffer irreversible contamination. The motive is to gain access to our incredible germplasm. Global agricultural corporations are keen to control our agriculture with their seeds, chemicals and monoculture farming and are spreading the myth that GMOs are needed to feed India.

At a seminar, Beyond Corporate Driven Industrial Agriculture to Climate Resilient Agroecology (September 6, 2019), experts said India does not need genetic engineering as traditional plant breeding and

newer methods "outperform GE hands down." The world needs agro-ecology to overcome climate change and the vicious cycles of hunger, farming stress and poverty. Recent global scientific review (February 2019) warns that the steep decline in insect populations (40 per cent of insects could become extinct in the next few decades) could trigger the collapse of ecosystems worldwide. The main culprit is industrial scale, intensive agriculture with pesticides and fertilisers. Only agro-ecological systems preserve forests and sequester carbon by naturally removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, locking it in plants and, thus, mitigate climate change.

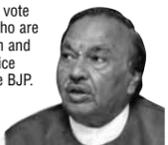
Way back in 1940, Albert Howard (*An Agricultural Testament*) noted that Indian peasants led the world in agro-ecology. India must recover this native wisdom by preserving its biodiversity and seed sovereignty so that future generations are free of hunger and in harmony with humanity and nature.

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## SOUNDBITE

Nationalist Muslims vote for BJP but those who are in favour of Pakistan and are traitors think twice before voting for the BJP.

Karnataka Minister —KS Eshwarappa



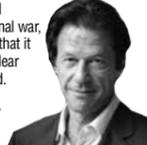
Everybody's always gonna comment about whatever seems intriguing and he's (Bradley Cooper) one of my best friends in the world.

Actor —Laura Dern



When two nuclear-armed nations fight a conventional war, there is every possibility that it could escalate into a nuclear war and impact the world.

Pakistan Prime Minister —Imran Khan



Why does a former J&K CM (GN Azad) need to seek permission from SC to travel to J&K? It shows that there is no normalcy in Kashmir.

AIMM leader —Asaduddin Owaisi



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Statements that divide

Sir — I love Hindi but imposing it as a national language and creating an unequal advantage for naturalised Hindi speakers is gross discrimination and cannot be a unifier. The Government, having no reform or development measures to boast of, is targeting people's sentiments. But this time, it has scored a self-goal that may cost it electorally in the future. The Congress' history in this regard should be instructive.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee  
Faridabad

### Raking controversy

Sir — The idea of "one nation, one language" mooted by Union Home Minister Amit Shah has expectedly been met with resistance, especially from the southern States. Parties from Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh have been more vocal against the proposal and have accused Shah of running a "divisive agenda" and foisting the "RSS agenda on the country."

While a large number of people in the south do not under-

### Accommodation is the key, not imposition

What can be achieved through persuasion should not be imposed through force. Hindi and south India have a peculiar relationship. It is a fact that people in this part of the country are increasingly becoming conversant with this language through Bollywood films and interactions with Hindi-speaking people. Nevertheless, most of us still suffer from the "typical southern slang." Early in June, the Modi Government was caught in the middle of a language storm. The draft National Education Policy had created a perception that Hindi was being made compulsory in all non-Hindi-speaking States. Such was the intensity of the backlash that it was forced to tweak the draft to allay fears. This time, Union Home Minister Amit Shah has test-fired a "one-language" mission, projecting Hindi as the singular choice that can unite the country. Shah should remember that the Constitution does not declare any single language as "national." Hindi is one of the 22 scheduled languages in the country and one of its two official languages at the national level, the other being English.

Many States are more comfortable with English as a link language. The Government should endeavour to ensure that people get quality education and access to speaking skills instead of raising non-issues

stand Hindi, it is gradually penetrating this region due to a number of factors like migration. Yet another reason for the spread of Hindi culture is Bollywood, which is becoming far more popular over there.

Even without any imposition, by far, Hindi as a language has made its presence far and wide. In 1971, 36.9 per cent of Indians spoke Hindi as a first language. In 2011, this increased to 43.6 per cent. In the long run, Hindi may



like linking language to pride and culture. Using one's native language is no greater marker of tradition or culture, it is a choice. In this globalising world, English opens many doors to students and workers. In countries in the region, there is a thriving industry imparting spoken English to those trying to secure jobs abroad. In India, people prefer a sub-standard English medium school to a vernacular one.

JS Acharya  
Hyderabad

Hindi States has remained unchallenged until now. The idea of imposing Hindi on non-Hindi speaking people must be buried until people come forward to accept Hindi as the language of communication in lieu of English.

KV Seetharamiah  
Hassan

### Diverting attention

Sir — At a time when the country is faced with an economic crisis, it is unfortunate that Union Home Minister Amit Shah has raked up the issue of nationalising the Hindi language. Maybe this is a tactic to divert people's attention from some of the most pressing concerns pertaining to the economy.

Undoubtedly, the call for unity is noble but to think that it can come only out of uniformity is flawed. The BJP's landslide victory must not make it lose its head and cause it to become arrogant, autocratic and non-amenable to reasoning.

Ravi  
Via email

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## The magic of 370 SUVs

I wonder whether the tax department is taking note of the huge amounts being spent by the candidates for the Assembly polls



SHOBHIT MAHAJAN

The cavalcade seemed unending and 10 am on a Sunday morning is an unusual time to be stuck in a traffic jam. The reason, it turns out, is the huge number of Sports Utility Vehicles (SUVs) blocking the road. Each vehicle is adorned with big posters informing us that this is a rally for one of the prospective candidates for the upcoming Legislative Assembly elections due by the end of the year. The rally is to go to Rohtak to impress the party leader who has his own roadshow there. Young lumps wearing saffron T-shirts with the prospective candidate's photograph on it are energetically hanging out of the SUVs, a la Bollywood heroes. Going by the chaos and noise that is already being generated, I shudder to imagine what we are in for over the next few weeks.

I shouldn't have been surprised though. For the last couple of months, the whole of Delhi has been humming with election-related activity. The number of ticket seekers for the ruling party's nomination, since that seems a no-brainer, has been growing every day. And each of these prospects is outdoing the other by showering the electorate with incentives as well as plastering the whole city with their hoardings. T-shirts, clocks, badges, caps and saffron scarves are all the rage it seems. Each of these items helpfully has the benevolent donor's photograph along with of course our leader's picture — as if it was not enough to have his face ubiquitously staring at us from billboards publicising the Ujala Scheme, Ayushman Bharat and other sundry welfare programmes. It is the same story with hoardings — there is hardly an electricity pole, or a tree or even a fence left which does not carry multiple posters.

A novelty in this election is the use of the social media. Almost all of them have bought advertising space from Google and Facebook. Open a search page and there you have the smiling mug shot of one or more of these candidates promising to turn the dusty and dirty city into a paradise. Fortunately no one is promising to make the potholed roads as smooth as the cheeks of a baby as yet!

Incentives, hoardings and social media are not the only outlets being used to publicise and woo voters. Some candidates have found innovative methods of luring the electorate. Organising religious sermons and body-building contests seem passé—the latest one is religious tourism. One candidate organised an all-expenses paid trip to Vaishno Devi. Every day, for about a month, several air-conditioned Volvo busses would take people to the shrine. Their food, lodging and, of course, travel all taken care of. The buses carried huge banners with the suitably saffron-attired candidate's photograph. It remains to be seen whether those who earned some religious merit due to his benevolence would reciprocate on election day.

Then there is another candidate who is going about all this with a precision which would make a management guru proud. This gentleman started his campaign early—hoardings with his mustachioed face, suitably air-brushed to soften the obviously macho image have been all over the city for more than two months. The gentleman in question is the scion of an immensely wealthy family—his father, who incidentally has also unsuccessfully contested many elections, owns large swathes of property in and around the city.

The candidate has obviously hired an image consultant as well as a political strategist to appeal to different segments. Thus, for instance, a political evening is organised with a popular singer to attract teenagers, while a programme honouring ex-servicemen with several mustachioed generals is held to buttress his patriotic credentials. Since one of the largest communities now in the city is from Poorvanchal, a gala extravaganza was organised recently with performances by all the leading lights of Bhojpur cinema. This event was meticulously planned with camera cranes and mega sized projection screens to showcase the candidate while the audience of migrant Poorvanchalis waited patiently for their favourite stars to make an appearance. These and other events are then also advertised through ads in leading English dailies.

Needless to say, all this costs a large amount of money. Of course, the elections have not been announced and so the model code of conduct is not in force. But I wonder whether the sleuths of the tax department are taking note of tens of crores which are being so obviously spent by the candidates? The next time I get an Income Tax notice to explain an income of a few thousand, I shall be recalling the ubiquitous mustachioed face! I am pondering all this while sitting in the traffic jam while the SUV cavalcade inches along. I notice that the cars are all numbered sequentially and there is another number too on each of them—370. It turns out that the candidate was so enamoured by the recent heroic acts of the present dispensation that he decided to take a caravan of 370 SUVs to welcome the leader. I thanked our founding fathers for restricting the number of Articles in the Constitution to 448 only.

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**POINT COUNTERPOINT**

I WANT TO APPEAL TO PEOPLE TO PROMOTE THEIR NATIVE LANGUAGES BUT ALSO USE HINDI TO MAKE THE DREAM OF BAPU AND PATEL COME TRUE.

—UNION HOME MINISTER

AMIT SHAH



IT'S PART OF THE SANGH PARIVAR'S PLAN TO LAUNCH A NEW BATTLEFIELD IN THE NAME OF LANGUAGE.

—KERALA CHIEF MINISTER

PINARAYI VIJAYAN

# Recovery will take time

The pace of economic reforms indicates that the FM has grasped the problem and we should see a fiscal revival but it may have an impact only from the third quarter



KARAN BHASIN

PRACHI JHAMB

There has been a lot of talk on the economic slowdown ever since we saw the first quarter growth results. The fact remains that the Finance Ministry has been working round-the-clock to address some of the critical concerns on the economic front both in the short and the long-term.

However, as is the case, most such measures are likely to have an impact only from the third quarter onwards. But the pace of reforms indicates that the Government has understood the different contours of the problem — and this should be a positive sign for economic revival.

As far as the second quarter is concerned, now is the time to look at the high frequency indicators and sit down to forecast economic growth. As with any forecasting exercise, it's important to keep in mind that most such exercises are subject to statistical errors and conditional on whatever information is made available at the time of the forecast. In all likelihood, we will update our forecast in the first week of October.

One of the authors had a forecast of 5.0-5.4 per cent of growth for the first quarter while another predicted 5.2-5.6 for the second quarter. Since then we've seen further weakening of consumption data, combined with less than encouraging automobile sales.

The automobiles industry makes up around seven per cent of the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) but it has been in the news for slowing down tremendously, leading to loss of jobs and further impacting the slowdown in consumption. The data released by the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) on sale of all vehicles in India shows that the growth in sales fell the most post-2018. The data on private vehicles shows the same trend.

However, the data on commercial vehicles shows that growth was the slowest in 2016 and even though it recovered in 2017, growing at about 29 per cent, since then it has slowed down. The growth in sales of two-wheelers and three-wheelers has been falling since the first quarter of 2018. The fact that the automobiles sector is facing a slowdown shouldn't come as a surprise, given that it had a significantly higher growth in the preceding year. So, part of the slowdown is because of the high growth last year while the rest is explained by the Non-Banking Financial Companies' (NBFC) crisis, the shift to BS-VI emission norms and, of course, to the use of Ola/Ubers.

Consequently, there is a need to re-imagine the automobile business and many leaders of the industry have expressed this sentiment over the last couple of weeks. Further, the low consumption growth is well reflected in the monthly Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection numbers which have only witnessed a modest growth on a year-over-year basis. Therefore, in all probability, growth in the second quarter is likely to be muted— but, from the third quarter onwards, we may see a swift recovery aided by several measures by the Finance Ministry.

Our forecast for the second quarter has modified since then as recent data show that growth in the second quarter may well continue to be low. Consequently, given that the first quarter



“ WHILE GROWTH MAY BE LOW FOR THE SECOND QUARTER, ECONOMIC RECOVERY MAY START FROM THE THIRD QUARTER AND WE MAY BE BACK ON THE SEVEN PER CENT PLUS GROWTH TRACK BY THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR. IN FACT, IF WE CONTINUE WITH THE SAME TRAJECTORY, THEN VERY SOON WE MAY JUST MANAGE TO PUSH OUR POTENTIAL GROWTH TO 8.5 AND SUSTAIN AN EIGHT PLUS GROWTH RATE FOR A PROLONGED PERIOD ”

figures were more towards the lower bounds of the forecast, based on recent data, our forecast stands at 4.9-5.3 per cent of growth for the second quarter.

The silver lining is that the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) has shown a very healthy growth and while it covers only a very narrow scope of economic activity, it is a definite signal of revival. Consequently, it is very likely that the forecast is reversed upwards and growth may well be towards the upper limit of the forecast in contrast with the first quarter. What this essentially means is that there are early signs of economic recovery, which are indeed encouraging, given that we had bottomed out at five per cent.

For the third quarter, growth may well be between 5.8 to 6.2, but this is just a preliminary forecast as we wait to see the impact of the current announcements that have been made by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

Some of these announcements have already been implemented and will have a definite positive impact on the economy. One of them relates to GST refunds for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) which have been a concern since their introduction. The Government has recognised that there is a need to have a system for time-bound refunds and it has ordered that all existing ones be cleared within 30 days. Going forward, all refunds should be cleared within 60

days. This will have an immediate impact on addressing the working capital constraints in the MSME space which, in turn, will ensure that the system is infused with fresh liquidity. It is likely that this will have an impact as far as growth in this and the next quarter is concerned.

Similarly, the Government has tried to address concerns of the automobile industry by removing the ban on replacing current vehicles, which will try to absorb some of the accumulated inventories over the last couple of months. What is important is to also consider that the Government has committed to the expenditure as stated in the Union Budget and to the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act. This suggests that expenditure will continue as per plan and any revenue shortfall may be met through increased disinvestments. Both are again a positive sign for the economy — although one needs to further evaluate whether there's any difference between a 3.3-3.5 per cent deficit, especially during a time when growth has been slow.

Similarly, consolidation of banks, combined with several governance reforms and aggressive moves on the relaxation of external commercial borrowings for NBFCs and now even for affordable housing projects, are both progressive decisions that reflect India's demand for foreign capital.

For the first time, there's a pragmatic realisation that India is a capital-deficit country and the only way to

meet our need for investment would be to seek foreign capital. Luckily, low and negative yields elsewhere make India a no-brainer as far as movement of capital is concerned. Harsh Gupta — a hedge fund manager and a financial columnist — has worked extensively on this area as he's documented the need to be progressive in our outlook towards foreign finance.

It is important to have a progressive and pragmatic outlook towards addressing the current crisis. We need to simultaneously focus on reevaluating some of our previous policy choices and think hard on whether they've helped us meet our growth aspirations. The Finance Minister is doing the same with a strong commitment towards reviving economic growth and towards deep structural reforms. The three press conferences have given us a signal that Sitharaman means business and this fact itself makes us extremely optimistic about India's economic prospects over the near term.

While growth may be low for the second quarter, economic recovery may start from the third quarter and we may be back on the seven per cent plus growth track by the next financial year. In fact, if we continue with the same trajectory, then very soon we may just manage to push our potential growth to 8.5 and sustain an eight plus growth rate for a prolonged period.

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# Right to live happy in the sunset years

With a gradual slowdown in India's population growth, it's imperative to cultivate 'social prescribing' for the elderly to better address their medical and emotional needs. Promoting healthy ageing can help reduce burden on healthcare services



KEWAL KAPOOR

For all the political discourse about a "population explosion," the truth is that India is witnessing a slowdown in its population growth and is expected to start reversing its numbers over the next two to three decades. With the Total Fertility Rate (TFR) down to 2.3 per woman, we are inching closer to achieving replacement levels of population growth. A slowing population automatically implies a higher number of the elderly as against the young. According to the Economic Survey 2019, the country as a whole will continue to enjoy the "demographic dividend" for a few more decades but some States will start transitioning to an ageing society as early as the 2030s. With declining fertility, reduction

in mortality and increasing survival at older ages, the shift in age structure from young to the old is expected to give rise to a major public healthcare burden. Unfortunately, we do not seem prepared to meet the requirements of this shift with little emphasis on improving our elderly care structure, health structure or building a social support system to address this.

The need is not limited to improving healthcare infrastructure and availability of caregivers for the aged but also to create innovative social solutions to enable the elderly population live better, happier and more productive lives. "Social prescribing" is a strategy that ageing countries are now incorporating in their policy to address the physical and mental health needs of senior citizens and finding a way to address the problem of loneliness.

In 2018, the British Government initiated a new strategy to address the growing problem of loneliness among the country's elderly. As part of this strategy that is expected to be fully in



place by 2023, physicians will be allowed and encouraged to refer people to partake in social activities and social groups to combat loneliness. The strategy is aimed at reducing the burden on the British health service and improving patients' quality of life. This approach will be supplemented by investing in community projects such as creating cafes, art spaces or gardens that can become the focal point of the

social prescriptions for the elderly.

This approach originates from the realisation that additional and the medical needs of the elderly mean we give them a good quality of life, happiness and greater social involvement. Currently, society treats the elderly with a peculiar redundancy. However, changing this approach could help convert a large experienced and wise population into valuable social capital, rather than just a healthcare burden.

Promoting healthy ageing can help delay the onset of disease and allow us to have a more productive population in its sunset years. Healthy ageing is essentially a process through which the elderly are enabled to optimise their physical and mental health and are able to take an active part in society. Community referrals are a mechanism to create and utilise social support structures for the elderly. For example, an elderly couple living alone in a city away from their children can enjoy a much better quality of life if they are a regular part

of a community exercise that allows them to pursue their passions and hobbies. This community referral system must also become an intrinsic part of the healthcare structure so doctors are able to refer their elderly patients to the communities held suitable for them.

There is scientific evidence to believe that staying socially active and relevant not only helps fight depression but also improves cognitive function and helps slow down decline in health. Joining communities and interest groups helps the elderly indulge in fruitful discussions, volunteer for social work and gives them hope and passion to live. Community groups can also be effectively leveraged to educate people to adopt healthy lifestyles that can enable them stay healthier longer.

This strategy cannot be achieved singularly by the Government. Rather, it needs active participation of innovative start-ups, social groups and volunteers to create a medical-social network requisite for social prescribing. Efforts are needed on multiple fronts to make this happen by creating community groups and social support networks to work in cohesion with doc-

tors and hospitals. Next come integrated awareness and training programmes, to prepare a workforce that can act as a vital link between doctors and community groups and can play the role of counselors for the elderly. Guidelines would have to be framed to help doctors recommend and refer patients to social networks apart from laying grounds for coordinated and community-referral system at the levels of villages, towns and cities. Last but not the least, we would need to engage the local population, students and volunteers to spread the activities of community groups. According to a 2017 report by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), around 12.5 per cent of India's population will be 60 years and older by 2030; by 2050 this will increase to one-fifth of the population. Integrating social prescription with the healthcare structure will not only result in a healthier ageing population but also have the potential to reduce the financial burden on healthcare services.

(The writer is director and creative strategist of an advertising and consulting agency)



FOREIGN EYE



CAMERON COST THE NATION DEAR

By the standards of everyday life, ex-British Prime Minister David Cameron seems an unremarkably decent man; by the standards of some of his colleagues, a kind and thoughtful one. But politicians should not be judged by the standards of everyday life. They should be held to higher ones, because it is in their power to make much more damaging mistakes than most people can.

(The Guardian editorial)

# Rate cut alone can't arrest slump, boost rural demand: SBI report

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Loose-monetary policy alone cannot arrest the deepening slump, instead government must take demand-boosting measures, especially in rural areas, by front-loading expenditure primarily through the national rural employment scheme, says a report.

Economists at State Bank Research Monday also warned that any attempt to trim government spending to maintain the fiscal numbers will be severely detrimental to growth.

"The current slowdown cannot be tackled by monetary policy in isolation. The government must address demand weakness by continuing to meaningfully front-load expenditure say through Mgnrega and PM-Kisan, the report said.

The PM-Kisan portal shows the number of beneficiaries under the scheme is only 6.89 crore against the target of 14.6 crore due to slow liquidation in farmer data. This has to be speeded up to boost rural demand, the report said.

Data from the Mgnrega website show that against total release from the Centre of ₹45,903 crore (till September 13), total spend is around 73 percent only or ₹33,420 crore.

The budget has estimated capital expenditure of ₹3,38,085 crore but till July, it has spent only 31.8 percent of the allotted amount as against 37.1 percent a year ago. Private investment share has declined significantly from 50 percent in value terms during 2007-14 to 30 percent during 2015-19.

"In such a case, the Government should clearly state upfront that the additional fiscal spending is specifically for infra spending to boost demand and not for any unproductive purposes," the report said.

The headline fiscal deficit should stay at 3.3 percent, while the additional fiscal impulse for infra spending could over and above this.

It said the RBI could also frontload large rate cuts in the October policy and also start doing open market operations that will keep the Government bond yields in check.

"The Government should go ahead with the overseas sale of sovereign bonds. It could partly hedge the borrowings and thereby decide to not bring back the dollar proceeds into the country," it said adding this will take care of the problem of RBI sterilisation and could also solve the problem of hedging.

The report also called for allowing FPIs to acquire stressed assets through the bankruptcy process instead of going through asset reconstruction companies.

## Govt to cut insurance premium rates for small exporters: Goyal

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The commerce ministry will soon approach the Cabinet for reduction in insurance premium rates to 0.6 per cent for small exporters having an outstanding limit of less than Rs 80 crore, Union Minister Piyush Goyal said on Monday. The commerce and industry minister said the premium rate is 0.72 per cent.

Further, premium rates for exporters having outstanding limit of over ₹80 crore will be streamlined with a view to help them.

Such exporters will be divided into categories such as non-gold, jewellery and diamond, among others. This is being done as insurance claim ratio for gold, jewellery and diamond players are high and that impacts banks' lending ability.

"For accounts with limits below ₹80 crore, the premium rates will be moderated to 0.60 per annum and for those exceeding ₹80 crore, it will be 0.72 per annum for the same enhanced cover," Goyal told reporters here.

He said that ECGC (Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India) has launched a new scheme NIRVIK (Niryat Rin Vikas Yojna).

This will provide more comfort to banks to lend to exporters.

The minister said the scope of cover has been enlarged to include not only the principal outstanding but also for the unpaid interest for a maximum of two quarters or the

NPA date, whichever is earlier.

The cover percentage has been enhanced to 90 per cent from the present average of 60 per cent for both principal and interest.

Goyal also said that the Export Credit Insurance Scheme (ECIS) envisages simplified procedure for settlement of claim and also for provisional payment up to 50 per cent within 30 days on production of proof of end-use of the advances in default by the insured bank.

The ECIS support will be in force for a period of five-years and on conclusion, the standard ECGC covers will be available for banks with its regular features.

Goyal said that under the scheme, inspection of bank documents and records by ECGC officials will be mandatory for losses exceeding ₹10 crore as against the present ₹1 crore.

"The proposed cover will bring down the cost of credit due to capital relief, less provision requirement and liquidity due to quick settlement of claims and will ensure timely and adequate working capital to the export sector," he added.

Further, the minister said that after getting an insurance coverage of 90 per cent, small exporters will get loans at competitive rate at about 7.6 per cent.

"If borrowers' track record will be good, they will get easy loans at affordable rates. And on this, there would not be any interest subvention," he said.

## 5% Q1 growth surprise; economy will look up with measures taken: Das

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das on Monday termed the low GDP growth of 5 per cent as a "surprise" but expressed confidence that the economy will look up with a host of measures taken by the government.

He further said that the RBI has been cutting rates to give a boost to the economy as slowdown was visible for past few months.

The RBI slashed benchmark interest rate four times consecutively since January 2019. The central bank reduced the repo (short term lending) rate by 1.10 percentage points during the year.

"I think with right measures taken, things should improve. It's a positive trend that the Government is responding very fast and I don't think we have heard the last from the Government with regard to dealing with the current economic situation... My expectation is that it will be a continuous process and they would definitely be dealing with other challenges," he told news channels.

The Government announced a slew of measures in three dosages which include a special window for real estate, export incentives, bank consolidation and sops

for MSMEs and the automobile sector.

With regard to structural reforms, he said the RBI has already pointed out in its annual report.

"I think one major thing would be agriculture marketing. Definitely, I would expect some action from the government with regard to reforms in agricultural marketing," he said.

Expressing concern over the first quarter GDP numbers, the RBI Governor said the numbers definitely looked much worse because the RBI had projected 5.8 per cent.

"I think almost everybody had projected not below 5.5 per cent or so, but the number 5 per cent is a surprise," he said.

He also said the second quarter growth of all advanced economies was lower than the first quarter so there is a deceleration.

"But again I am not trying to justify our slowdown through the prism of the global slowdown although global slowdown does impact growth and results in slowdown we have domestic issues also," he said.

Asked when will the economy see revival, Das said it is difficult to make an estimate as there are many things which are still playing out.

## Business Corner



NMDC received "Rajbhasha Kirti Awards" Second Prize amongst Undertakings in "C" region. The award was given by Honorable Minister of Home Affairs Amit Shah on the occasion of "Hindi Day" in presence of Ministers of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai and G Kishan Reddy and other distinguished guests. Sumit Deb, Director (Per) received the award on behalf of NMDC



M Ravi Kanth, CMD HUDCO inaugurated the Hindi Pakhwada being observed by HUDCO from 13th - 27th September, 2019. He emphasised the need to use Hindi in official work with full dedication and commitment. Several competitions including recitation, public speaking, kavissammelan and essay writing, will be organised during the fortnight to promote Hindi language



As per the direction received from Railway Board, Swachhata Pakhwara is being organised at various locations in CLW premises from 16th to 30th Sept., 2019. Praveen Kumar Mishra, General Manager read out the 'Swachhata Pledge' to the Sr. Officers, Supervisors, Staff and Safai Karmacharis in the Administrative Office premises on 16-9-2019. The 'Swachhata Pledge' were also organised on Monday in Steel Foundry, Works office, ELAAU/Dankuni and Kolkata office premises by reading the Swachhata pledge by Sr. Officers, Supervisors, Staff and Safai Karmacharis



In a major women empowerment initiative, Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE) in association with the International Labour Organisation (ILO) launched 'Network of Champions'. Atul Sobti, Director General SCOPE along with Dagmar Walter, Director-India, ILO awarded Certificates to twelve Champions from various sectors of Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) thereby entrusting them with the responsibility of being 'change agents' to encourage gender diversity and address gender issues in their respective organisations

## Jet Airways lenders make presentation to Synergy Group

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The lenders to the bankrupt Jet Airways Monday made a presentation to the South American conglomerate Synergy Group, which has reportedly emerged as sole potential buyer of the airline, according to a source.

After the August 10 deadline, Synergy Group Corp, which owns majority stake in Colombian carrier Avianca Holdings, had reportedly evinced interest in the airline, which had already received expressions of interest (EoIs) (which were subsequently withdrawn) from energy baron Anil Agarwal's family trust-backed Volcan Investments, Russian Fund Treasury RA Partners and the Panama-based Avantulo Group.

## No Deal: Auto workers strike against GM in contract dispute

AP ■ DETROIT

More than 49,000 members of the United Auto Workers walked off General Motors factory floors or set up picket lines early Monday as contract talks with the company deteriorated into a strike.

Workers shut down 33 manufacturing plants in nine states across the U.S., as well as 22 parts distribution warehouses. It wasn't clear how long the walkout would last, with the union saying GM has budgeted little in months of talks while GM said it made substantial offers including higher wages and factory investments.

It's the first national strike by the union since a two-day walkout in 2007 that had little impact on the company.

## China's economy strains under disappointing data

AFP ■ BEIJING

China's economy showed more signs of strain Monday as the country published weak data for industrial output, investment and retail sales, amid a lingering trade war with the United States.

Industrial output grew by 4.4 per cent year-on-year throughout August, falling to its lowest level in 17 years and down from 4.8 per cent in July. The figure was well below analyst expectations, with a Bloomberg survey of analysts predicting heartier growth of 5.2 per cent.

"We must be aware that international instabilities and uncertainties are increasing significantly, and that at home economic structural issues are still prominent and the down-

ward pressures on (the) economy are mounting," said Fu Linghui, a spokesman for the National Bureau of Statistics, which released the data.

Retail sales also slipped to post growth of 7.5 per cent — 0.1 per cent down on the previous month and a knock to Beijing's aims to boost domestic consumption.

Investment in fixed assets saw year-on-year growth of 5.5 percent in the first eight months of the year, 0.2 per cent less than the first seven months, including a slight dip in crucial real estate investment.

All three sets of data fell short of analyst expectations, with Bloomberg predicting 7.9 per cent growth in retail sales and 5.7 per cent growth in investments.

## ₹ tumbles 68 paise against US dollar on crude oil woes

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Logging its first fall in eight sessions, the Indian rupee on Monday plunged by 68 paise to 71.60 against the US dollar amid concerns over soaring crude prices following drone attacks on Saudi Arabia's oil facilities.

Surging crude oil prices have emerged as major fears for India — the world's third largest oil importer — in form of fiscal slippage and inflationary pressure.

The drone attacks on Saturday targeted Abqaiq, the site of the largest oil processing plant run by the Saudi state oil company, Aramco, and the Khurais oilfield.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened lower at 71.54, then fell to a low of 71.63 during the day. The rupee finally closed at 71.60, down 68 paise over its previous close.

The Indian currency had settled at 70.92 against the US dollar on Friday.

Crude oil benchmark, Brent Futures, surged by almost 20 per cent to \$71.95 per barrel (intra-day) on Monday after twin drone attacks on Saturday wiped out more than half of Saudi Arabia's crude supply. It was also the biggest gain in Brent in dollar terms since futures started trading in 1988.

However, Brent Futures saw some moderation and was trading at \$66.63 per barrel, still up 10.59 per cent over the previous close.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose 0.13 per cent to 98.38.

"The INR and other emerging currencies that rely on huge Crude imports have been spooked by this turn of events as the ripple effects on currency are two-fold: 1) an increase in imported inflation



crude prices," HDFC Securities Head PCG and Capital Markets Strategy V K Sharma said.

Besides, heavy selling in domestic equity market and sustained foreign fund outflows also weighed on the domestic currency, forex traders said.

The 30-share BSE Sensex ended 261.68 points, or 0.70 per cent, lower at 37,123.31. The broader NSE Nifty too settled 79.80 points, or 0.72 per cent, down at 10,996.10.

Foreign institutional investors (FIIs), who were net buyers for the past few sessions, offloaded shares worth ₹751.26 crore on Monday, according to provisional exchange data.

The 10-year Government bond yield was at 6.72 per cent on Monday.

The Financial Benchmark India Private Ltd (FBIL) set the reference rate for the rupee/dollar at 70.9387 and for rupee/euro at 78.5646. The reference rate for rupee/British pound was fixed at 87.6547 and for rupee/100 Japanese yen at 65.64.

## APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that a male namely **Chavani Lal**, S/o: **Bhangheru**, R/o: **footpath, Harijan Basti, Masoodpur Village, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi**, died during treatment on **04.09.2019 at 11:33 AM in Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi**. In this regard proceeding **DD No. 12A dated 04.09.2019** has been lodged at Police Station Vasant Kunj North, Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

**Name: Chavani Lal, Age: 57 Years, Height: 57" Face: Long, Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: Blue Colour Lower and White Shirt.**

If anyone have any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

SHO

Police Station Vasant Kunj North, Delhi.

DP/7072/SW/19

Ph.: 011-26892530, 7065036224

## Govt proposes to significantly reduce fees for IPRs for MSMEs, startups

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government has proposed to reduce fees for various intellectual property rights like patents and designs for micro, small and medium enterprises and startups to promote innovation, Commerce and Industry Ministry said on Monday. An individual, group or industry has to pay fees at different levels of intellectual property rights (IPR) application filings.

As per the proposal, fees for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and startups for filing of patent appli-

cations will be reduced to ₹1,600 or ₹1,750 from ₹4,000 or ₹4,400.

For expedited examination, it will be reduced to ₹8,000 from ₹25,000 currently. Similarly, for renewal of patents, the fees will be reduced. For design applications filing, fees for MSMEs and startups will be reduced to ₹1,000 from ₹2,000, the ministry said.

For Geographical Indications (GI), fees was proposed to cut to nil for filing of application, issuance of certificate and renewal of GI from the current ₹500, ₹100 and ₹1,000, respectively.

## IL&FS puts 494 acre land parcels on block

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Debt-ridden IL&FS Group has put on block nearly 494 acres of land parcels across three states including Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, held by its subsidiary Hill County Properties (HCPL).

IL&FS, through its group firms IL&FS Township and Urban Assets and IL&FS Engineering and Construction Company holds a total of 80 per cent equity stake in HCPL.

While IL&FS holds nine per cent, the other two firms hold 40 per cent and 31 per cent stake, respectively in HCPL.

The company has appointed Jones Lang LaSalle Property Consultants to assist the potential transaction.

Hill County Properties houses various land parcels and development rights for properties aggregating to 494 acres spread across six sites including three in Hyderabad (437 acres) and one each in Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam and Meerut.

The company has invited expressions of interest from interested parties for a potential equity stake divestment.

The Group's fund-based outstanding debt was ₹94,216 crore as of October 8, 2018.

## PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr.PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that **Ms. Bobby Biswas @ Isha Singh W/o Sh. Dev Mann R/o H. No. 97, Street No. 5, Krishna Nagar, S J Enclave, New Delhi & H. No. 352, IITC Munirka Village, New Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 41/18 u/s 376 IPC & 4 & 6 Pocco Act, P.S. S J Enclave, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Ms. Bobby Biswas @ Isha Singh** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Ms. Bobby Biswas @ Isha Singh** has absconded (or is concealing herself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Ms. Bobby Biswas @ Isha Singh of FIR No. 41/18 u/s 376 IPC & 4 & 6 Pocco Act, P.S. S J Enclave, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **18.10.2019**.

By Order,  
**Dr. Saurabh Kulshreshtha**  
Additional Sessions Judge-01 (South), Court No. 302,  
DP/7074/SW/19 - (Court Matter) Saket Courts, New Delhi

## WANTED/SUSPECTED



General public is hereby informed that these suspected persons **Age** : About 25-30 years, **Complexion** : Wheatish, **Face** : Oval, wearing one person white colour shirt and 2nd person checkdar shirt and wearing helmet. Both are sitting on two wheeler. They are suspected to have stolen two cars batteries and one mobile phone nearby H.No. 689, Gali No. 20, Joshi Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi on 21.08.2019. They are suspected/wanted in case e-FIR No. CD-DBG-000478/19 dated 21.08.2019 u/s 379 IPC, P.S. Desh Bandhu Gupta Road, Delhi has been registered.

SUSPECTED

Any person having any information or clue about these suspected persons kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

SHO : **P.S. Desh Bandhu Gupta Road, Delhi**  
Ph.: 011-23537374, 23613252

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## SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one boy namely **Shyam Chola S/o Kamal Chola R/o RZA-7, Nihal Vihar, Delhi**, has been missing from the area of P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi since 20.07.2019. In this regard, a case **DD No. 36A dated 21.07.2019** has been registered at **P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi**. The description of the missing boy is as under.



**Age** : 23 Years, **Complexion** : Shallow, **Height** : 5'4", **Face** : Round, **Wearing** : Black & white dotted shirt blue Jeans and red shoes in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out him but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing boy then please inform P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi at following Tel No. / e-mail: **cic@cbi.gov.in** and Website: **http://cbi.nic.in**

Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641  
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### NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender Enquiry No.	MQP-152/2019-20(PQM)
Short Description	Procurement of 70,000 No. "ISI" marked, DLMS compliant LT AC 3 -Phase, 4-wire, Whole Current Static Intelligent Energy Meters (Category -C2) with Optical Port & RS-232 port of rating 10 -60 Amps, 50 Hz, 415 volts (3x240 volts) of accuracy class -1
Last date and time for downloading of tender documents	04-11-2019 up to 11:00 Hrs.
Last date and time for Bid submission	05-11-2019 up to 11:00 Hrs.
Date and time of opening of tender	05-11-2019 up to 11:30 Hrs.

Tender specification can only be downloaded from PSPCL e-tendering website <https://pspcil.abcpurchase.com>  
Note: Contingendum, if any after the publication of this tender enquiry shall only be uploaded on website <https://pspcil.abcpurchase.com> and will not be published in newspapers.

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TinyButEffective

Researchers have found that tiny bubbles in our body might potentially be used to treat cancer and could fight the disease better than chemotherapy. These bubbly extracellular vesicles could become mini treatment transporters, carrying a combination of therapeutic drugs and genes that target cancer cells and kill them



DOCYARD DR ROHIT BATRA

Dermatologist

SIR GANGARAM HOSPITAL, NEWDELHI



Cheers to healthy skin

While everyone enjoys the rain, it is a great time to plan an outing or a trip and flaunt your skin in beautiful dresses. But at the same time, one needs to pay special attention to the skin as heat, the warmth of the sun, hot winds cause severe skin damage. The season can be quite tricky as it causes digestive and skin problems and infections.

During the monsoon, there is an increase in the temperature and humidity level in our country. The infections occur more in the skin and scalp areas, especially in the skin fold areas like armpit, groin and others. Moisture remains trapped in these areas and cause fungal infections.

Fungal infections are of two types like dermatophyte and yeast infections. Dermatophytes cause superficial infections of the skin, hair and nails. A yeast infection occurs when there is an overgrowth of yeast (a type of fungus) anywhere in the body. The primary symptoms of fungal infection are red itchy skin.

People are more prone to infections during monsoon due to excessive sweating, dehydration, photo-toxic effects of the sun and, of course, humidity.

Common skin infections are caused in areas where the skin folds like armpits, groin, between the fingers, toes, nails, elbow fold and so on. You might experience rashes and fungal infection and bacterial growth in such areas as they don't get sufficient air to dry off. Nail infections are also quite common during monsoon as bacteria find a home inside the nails and causes infection. So trim/cut your nails regularly.

Hygiene is an important factor for skin care in monsoon.

Take precautions that go a long way in keeping the skin healthy & infection-free. Keep yourself hydrated. Look out for anything odd on your body and immediately consult a dermatologist

Regular shower with antibacterial soap can keep away bacteria and will keep you fungus free. It is suggested to dry off your body completely after washing and avoid getting wet in the rain.

Make sure you are cleaning your hair/scalp regularly as fungi and bacteria develop in these areas.

Avoid use of greasy creams, ointments, and lotions as they might block sweat and oil gland ducts. Instead use non-comedogenic products on your skin.

Since the sun rays are more penetrating during this time use of good, effective sunscreens in the right amount is essential to protect from harmful effects of UV rays.

Take precautions that go a long way in having healthy and infection-free skin. Drink enough water as it will keep your skin hydrated. Also look out for anything odd on your body and immediately see a dermatologist. There are multiple treatment options which an expert can provide you in order to treat the fungal infection.

While the air is cooler, the humidity increases, and this provides the perfect breeding ground for many kinds of skin bacteria. Acne can bother you on your face or even on your body. Follow these simple tips daily for flawless, glowing skin.

Keep your hands off: As tempted as you may feel to break that ugly pimple on your face, try not to. Breaking a pimple or trying to squeeze out blackheads will leave you with scars and even more pimples. Keep your skin clean and let that zit dry out naturally.

Minimise your facials: A facial may be a great way to relax however if you have an acne-prone skin, you need to avoid frequent massages. Moreover, many beauticians don't know the right way to remove blackheads and this can damage your delicate pores. Don't do a facial more than once a month.

Wash your bed linen well: Research shows that pillow covers, and bedsheets are often the least washed items in our laundry. Germs can stick to your pillows, incubate, and cause acne breakouts. Make sure you wash your linen at least once a week and dry it in sunlight.

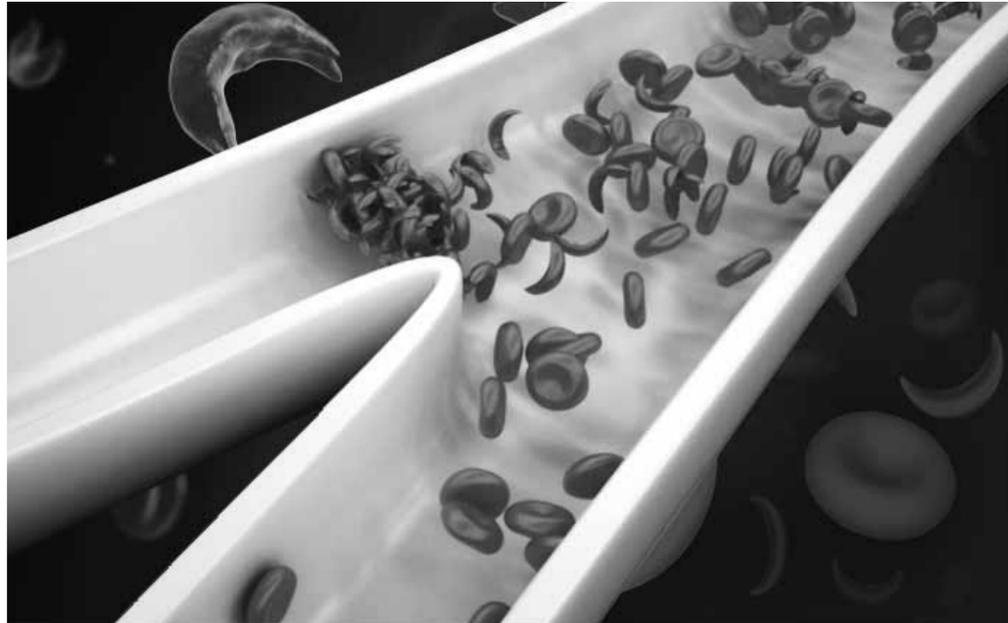
SUMMER COOLERS

GUAVA: A guava is a common tropical fruit cultivated in many tropical and subtropical regions. The fruit is oval in shape with light green or yellow skin and contain edible seeds. The high level of antioxidants, potassium and soluble fiber in guavas are said to help in improved heart health. The fibre content in guava also helps in healthy bowel movement thereby improving the digestive system.

Guava can also help in weight loss as it is low in calories and high in fibre content that may help you feeling full.

Guavas are an excellent source of Vitamin C which may help boost immunity. The wide range of vitamins and antioxidants packed into a guava may work wonders for your skin. Its antioxidants may protect your skin from damage, which can slow down its ageing process, helping prevent wrinkles.

The fruit also contains high water levels that help you feel energetic throughout the day.



ALL ABOUT SICKLE CELL DISEASE

According to the Indian Council of Medical Research survey, about 20% children with Sickle Cell Disease died before attaining the age of two. DR SHEETAL SHARDA tells you what one can do to prevent the complications of this disorder

Sickle cell anaemia (SCA) or sickle cell disease (SCD) is an inherited blood disorder in which the red blood cells take an abnormal sickle shape instead of the normal spherical form. The hemoglobin in our body consists of four proteins sub-units, typically, two subunits called alpha globin and two subunits called beta-globin encoded by the HBA and the HBB gene respectively. A mutation or change in the HBB gene leads to blood disorders like beta-thalassemia and sickle cell. A specific mutation in the HBB gene encodes for an abnormal hemoglobin which causes the RBCs to take an abnormal shape.

In a normal person, the red blood cells (RBCs) have a lifespan of about 90-120 days. However, in a SCA patient, the RBCs do not last long and break down, due to the abnormal sickle shape. This lack of RBCs in the blood leads to anaemia, which may manifest as swelling of the hands and feet and fatigue. In a SCA patient, the sickle shaped RBCs may block the small blood vessels, which over time leads to complications like delayed growth, frequent pain crisis and can cause multiple organ damage. Patients may require blood transfusions to overcome the acute crisis and to keep the hemoglobin in normal range.

Sickle cell anemia is very common among people of African, Arabian and Indian origin. The first evidence of SCA in India was seen in the tribal population in the

Nilgiri Hills in South India. Based on certain surveys, prevalence of sickle gene is found to be 0-18 per cent in north eastern India, 0-33.5 per cent in western India, 22.5-44.4 per cent in central India and 1-40 per cent in southern India. Wide variability in the prevalence of Hb-S trait is observed in population groups within small geographical areas

Sickle cell disease is inherited in an autosomal recessive pattern, which means that both copies of the HBB gene have to be mutated in order for the disease to manifest. Carriers or persons with a single mutated copy may be asymptomatic and are called sickle cell traits. If both parents carry a copy of the mutated gene, then their child will have a 25 per cent chance of being affected with SCD.

To prevent the complications of sickle cell anaemia, early diagnosis of the disease is very necessary. Patients who test positive for abnormal haemoglobin by biochemical testing, need to undergo genetic testing to confirm their diagnosis. Screening for SCA can also be done in newborn period with a simple blood test that detects the presence of the abnormal haemoglobin. Being picked up during an asymptomatic period, such children can have timely and early intervention in case of a crisis and thus prevent secondary complications

Carrier screening is a good way to assess if an individual is a carrier of the disease. Usually it is undertaken on individuals who

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have a family history of SCD or thalassemia and in certain ethnic groups with an increased risk of SCA. But in some cases there may be no family history and carrier status is confirmed only after the birth of an affected child, which is then too late to prevent the disease and its complications. Hence, carrier screening for SCA and thalassemia should be offered to every couple who are planning pregnancy, in order to prevent the birth of an affected child or even to take decision of giving birth to an affected child but being prepared for the future management required. Screening of such couples at the right time (pre-conceptional carrier screening) can help them take informed decision regarding their future children. Some couples also opt for pre-marital genetic counselling and genetic testing when they are aware of such genetic conditions in their family.

Let's make it a point to create awareness on the need for effective and early diagnosis of SCD, so that appropriate management can be offered to patients and families suffering from SCD.

Prevention of genetic diseases causing high morbidity and mortality is possible based on genetic testing and availability of prenatal diagnosis. This can help decrease the incidence of genetic disorders in India and help us to reduce the psychological and financial burden on the families.

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DadiKaKehna

Most people rely on medicines to treat headaches.

ROSHANI DEVI shares home remedies that can be just as beneficial to get rid of that pounding in the head



A bad day at work, Monday blues, lack of proper sleep and or getting stuck in traffic jams for hours on end are some of the reasons why one may end up with a pounding in the head. While people reach out for medicine, there are several home remedies that can do the trick.

Ginger is a great stress buster. Prepare tea with ginger and drink that. One can even mix two tablespoons of ginger juice and two table spoons of lemon juice and drink this. You can consume this once or twice a day. Make a paste with two tablespoons of water and ginger powder and apply it on the forehead. Leave it on for a few minutes to pro-

vide quicker relief. Have some tea, coffee, or something with a bit of caffeine. But don't over do it. It could ease your headache pain.

Drink water. Sometimes, one gets a headache because one has not had enough water. Drink ample amount of fluids like fresh juices, water and coconut water.

Another way to treat and prevent headache is to sleep for seven-eight hours every night. Lack of sleep can disrupt healthy lifestyle and lead to various diseases. Not getting proper sleep can lead to stress which may become the reason for a throbbing headache.



TIPTOP

On September 6, 2019 Dr Harsh Vardhan, Minister of Health and Prahad Singh Patel, Minister of State (I/C), Ministry of Culture jointly inaugurated the exhibition Superbugs: The End of Antibiotics? at National Science Centre, Delhi. The exhibition has been organised by National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) in collaboration with Science Museum, London, Wellcome(UK) and supported by ICMR.

The exhibition explores how society is responding to the enormous challenge of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and antibacterial resistance (ABR) in particular featuring scientific research from across the globe and personal stories of those waging war on Superbugs.

SLIMLINE

More than 138 million patients are harmed every year by doctors' errors, the WHO warned, just a few days before celebrating the first World Patient Safety Day, with which it seeks to raise awareness of this ongoing tragedy. Errors in diagnosis, errors in medicine prescriptions and treatments, and the inappropriate use of drugs are the three main reasons why so many patients harmed, WHO patient-safety coordinator Dr Neelam

Bacteria, tiny organisms capable of causing disease are becoming resistant to our most powerful weapon against them, antibiotics and turning into superbugs.

Today antibiotic-resistant superbugs kill up to 7,00,000 people a year. By 2050 that could rise to 10 million.

The exhibition has three major sections: Microscopic, Human and Global. Microscopic Section explores the hidden world of bacteria. Be it their size or characteristics, evolution of superbugs or history of antibiotics; the exhibits of this section will take you on a journey in which you can zoom into the world of microbes, explore the touchscreen multimedia to understand how bacteria evolve into superbugs or flip a digital e-book to know the history of antibiotics.

Dhingra-Kumar said at a Press conference.

"These mistakes occur because healthcare systems are not suitably designed to deal with these errors and learn from them," Dr Kumar said. Examples of errors are the application of medications in ways they were not designed for, errors in blood transfusions, taking X-rays and in dramatic cases, indicating that the wrong limb needs to be amputated or that the wrong side of the brain requires surgery. — IANS

UNDER THE LASER

Going for a laser treatment comes with a lot of questions. DR AJAY RANA bursts myths related to it & dos and don'ts that follow



As we move into the new millennium, it is becoming increasingly clear that the usage of laser and modern technologies are entering the most exciting phase of their development. Laser treatment is commonly used for removing facial wrinkles and skin irregularities. The pulsating beams of light are concentrated on the irregular skin which removes the unwanted skin layer by layer. In short, it helps in improving the skin texture and the appearance as a whole. Laser treatment should always be performed by trained and certified practitioners under the supervision of the dermatologist maintaining strict hygiene standards.

Laser treatments are different from laser surgery. Laser treatment for beautification does not involve any kind of surgery. Laser surgery is generally related to stone removal and for eye diagnoses.

Below some popular myths related to laser treatment and the truths behind it:

Myth 1: Laser treatments expose your skin to infections

Fact: Laser treatments don't cause infections as the skin is not cut open to expose the internal layers or veins. There is very little risk of infection as the treatment's nature is very different.

Myth 2: Lasers expose you to radiation

Fact: Laser treatments are safe as only light is used in the process and no harmful ionising radiation. In fact, normal sunlight contains more radiation than most modern lasers used for medical practices.

Myth 3: Lasers can cause burns

Fact: All modern lasers use the theory of selective photo-thrombolysis formulated at the famous Harvard medical school. This actually means that laser light specifically searches and destroys only the intended target and acts like magic bullets.

Myth 4: Lasers cause thinning of the skin

Fact: In contrary, skin thickens after Lasertreatments. Skin is a living tissue and due to laser treatment controlled gentle heating in the dermis induces new collagen and elastin formation, replacing the older damaged tissue. That is why laser treatments have a rejuvenating effect on the skin, reducing wrinkles to become plumper. Of course, your laser therapist should have in-depth knowledge of laser physics to achieve the desired results.

Myth 5: Lasers are unnecessary

Fact: There are many physical problems and diseases for which lasers are indispensable. There are no medications or creams which can permanently remove scars, birthmarks, tattoos, remove unwanted hair, varicose veins, port-wine stains and others. Laser technology is similarly indispensable for many other internal medical conditions too.

Myth 6: Lasers cause cancers

Fact: Lasers are used to remove all kinds of skin and other cancers. Laser light does not contain wavelengths which can trigger cancers.

Myth 7: Laser hair treatment is harmful to health

Fact: The depth of laser penetration is 1-4 mm; it reaches only the hair follicles, and then is completely dissipated and does not penetrate deeper! Laser destroys only the hair bulb.

Myth 8: Laser hair reduction hurts

Fact: A little pin-prick, that's all the pain involved in this treatment. But this depends on individual pain barrier. For particularly sensitive parts of the body like bikini and underarms, an anaesthetic cream can be used. It can be applied everywhere. If your pain threshold is less.

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STUDYCENTRE

Researchers have found that a drug, donepezil commonly used to manage symptoms of Alzheimer disease and other forms of dementia, is associated with a two-fold higher risk of hospitalisation.

According to the study published in the journal Canadian Medical Association Journal, using donepezil increases the risk of hospital admission for rhabdomyolysis, a painful condition of muscle breakdown, compared with several other cholinesterase inhibitors.

Dementia is a growing problem, with almost 10 million newly diagnosed cases every year around the world. The findings of this population-based cohort study support regulatory agency warnings about the risk of donepezil-induced rhabdomyolysis," said study researcher Jamie Fleet from McMaster University in Canada.

The study, led by researchers at Western University, looked at ICES data from 2002 to 2017 on 2,20,353 patients aged 66 years or older in Ontario, Canada, with a new prescription for donepezil, rivastigmine or galantamine, three cholinesterase inhibitors used to manage dementia and Alzheimer disease.

The researchers found that donepezil was associated with a two-fold higher risk of hospitalisation for rhabdomyolysis, a serious condition that can result in kidney disease. According to the findings, the relative risk was small but statistically significant. — IANS

Weapons used Saudi attacks 'came from Iran': Coalition

AFP ■ RIYADH

The weapons used to strike Saudi oil facilities were Iranian-made, the Riyadh-led coalition said on Monday, heightening fears of regional conflict after the US hinted at a military response to the assault.

This strike was of a different order, abruptly halting 5.7 million barrels per day (bpd) or about six percent of the world's oil supply. The Saudi-led coalition, which is bogged down in a five-year war in neighbouring Yemen, reiterated the assessment that the Huthis were not behind it, pointing the finger at Iran for providing the weapons.

Reporters in Riyadh, adding they were now probing "from where they were fired". "This strike didn't come from Yemen territory as the Huthi militia are pretending," Maliki said, adding an investigation had been opened. He labelled the Huthis "a tool in the hands of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards and the terrorist regime of Iran."

Industry, which engulfed the facilities in flames, has been condemned by Washington as an "unprecedented attack on the world's energy supply". Oil prices saw their biggest daily gain since the 1991 Gulf War on Monday after the attacks halved output in the world's top crude exporter, fuelling fresh geopolitical and growth fears.

Saudi Energy Minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman on Sunday said the kingdom would use its vast inventories to partially compensate for the lost production, and the US also authorised the release of its reserves. "Growing tensions in the Middle East are another headwind for the global economy in already uncertain times, and a full-blown conflict could trigger another leg in the global downturn," said Jennifer McKeown, head of Global Economics at Capital Economics.

million bpd that it can draw on at times of crisis. But a prolonged production delay could potentially see prices climb to "triple digits", warned Saudi economic consultant Sulaiman al-Assaf. The attack is a major test for Saudi Arabia as it could dampen investor confidence in Aramco's upcoming two-stage initial public offering (IPO), a mammoth listing that the Government hopes will generate up to USD 100 billion.

led for 2018, has already been mired in delays as it reportedly struggled to reach a USD 2 trillion valuation desired by Saudi rulers. Saudi authorities have sought to calm jittery markets, with the Energy Intelligence specialist newsletter citing industry sources as saying Aramco was "close to restoring as much as 40 per cent" of the lost production, or about 2.3 million barrels per day (bpd).

BIDEN: WHITE 'CAN NEVER FULLY UNDERSTAND'

Birmingham: Visiting a black church bombed by the Ku Klux Klan during the civil rights era, Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden framed current racial tensions as part of an enduring struggle that is older than the nation.

INDONESIA ARRESTS 200 OVER FOREST FIRES

Jakarta: Indonesia has arrested nearly 200 people over vast forest fires ripping across the archipelago, police said Monday, as toxic haze sends air quality levels plummeting and sparks flight cancellations.

ATTACKS AHEAD OF ELECTIONS KILL 7 IN AF

Kabul: Militant attacks and more violence killed at least seven people across Afghanistan as the country prepares for presidential elections later this month, Afghan officials said Monday.

SEVERE MASS-EXTINCTION EXISTED 260 MN YRS AGO

New York: The Earth experienced a previously underestimated severe mass-extinction event, which occurred about 260 million years ago, raising the total of such major events in the history of our planet to six, according to a study.

BLASPHEMY BY HINDU SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

218 booked for rioting in Pak

Karachi: Police in Pakistan's Sindh province on Monday registered three cases against 218 rioters for vandalising properties, including a temple, after a school principal from the minority Hindu community was booked on charges of alleged blasphemy, according to media reports.

Widespread protests erupted in Ghotki district on Sunday after an FIR was filed against the principal of Sindh Public School on the complaint of Abul Aziz Rajput, a student's father who claimed that the teacher had committed blasphemy by his anti-Islam remarks.

Following the riots, protesters demanded the police to arrest the principal, who was identified as Notan Mal. Ghotki police registered three cases against the rioters who had taken to the streets to protest against the alleged incident of blasphemy, Sukkur Additional Inspector General (AIG) Jamil Ahmed was quoted as saying by the Dawn newspaper. PTI

Israeli PM vows to annex 'all settlements' in West Bank

AP ■ JERUSALEM

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed on Monday to annex "all the settlements" in the West Bank, including an enclave deep in the heart of the largest Palestinian city, in a last-ditch move that appeared aimed at shoring up nationalist support the day before a do-over election.

ers to his Likud party and re-elect him in Tuesday's unprecedented repeat vote. "I intend to extend sovereignty on all the settlements and the (settlement) blocs," including "sites that have security importance or are important to Israel's heritage," Netanyahu said in an interview with Israeli Army Radio, part of an eleventh-hour media blitz.

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No breakthrough in Brexit talks as Johnson dodges reporters

AFP ■ LUXEMBOURG

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson failed to convince EU leaders on Monday he has a serious plan for a Brexit deal, then ducked out of a planned news conference under a chorus of abuse from protesters.

leaders will not postpone Brexit beyond October 31 if Britain does not come up with written suggestions soon. "An extension is only an option if it serves a purpose," he warned. For his part, once he was safely clear of the small crowd of British residents of Luxembourg who had gathered outside Bettel's office for the noisy protest, Johnson made brief remarks to British broadcasters.

6L Rohingya still in Myanmar at 'serious risk of genocide': UN

Yangon: Rohingya Muslims remaining in Myanmar still face a "serious risk of genocide", UN investigators said on Monday, warning the repatriation of a million already driven from the country by the army remains "impossible".

Min Aung Hlaing. Some 7,400,000 Rohingya fled burning villages, bringing accounts of murder, rape and torture over the border to sprawling refugee camps in Bangladesh, where survivors of previous waves of persecution already languish.

Pak may seek US intervention against tough conditions of FATF, IMF

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Cash-strapped Pakistan may seek the intervention of the US for relief from the tough conditions of the FATF and the IMF in lieu of its services for the peaceful exit of American troops from Afghanistan, according to a media report.

the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly session in New York this month. The anti-money laundering watchdog Financial Action Task Force (FATF) last year placed Pakistan on the grey list of countries whose domestic laws are considered weak to tackle the challenges of money laundering and terrorism financing.

sibly lead to the country getting blacklisted. According to reports, Pakistan fared poorly at the final review of the FATF held in Bangkok ahead of the plenary meeting in October. "The FATF is going to meet in Paris somewhere in next month of October where it will decide Pakistan's fate. The same month, the IMF will also initiate review of first quarter of Pakistan's output under USD 6 billion programme loan," a Cabinet member told The News.

Hong Kong Police edge street brawl 'double standards'

Hong Kong: Hong Kong police on Monday denied accusations their officers showed comparative lenience towards gangs of pro-Beijing men who attacked pro-democracy supporters during a weekend marked by multiple bloody street brawls.

democracy protesters who were hurling rocks and petrol bombs, capping a 15th consecutive weekend of huge peaceful rallies followed by clashes. But there was also an uptick in bloody street fights, with people on both sides of the political divide finding themselves beaten. At a Press conference on Monday, Hong Kong's police displayed videos of multiple instances where individuals were attacked by pro-democracy supporters, including one where a man was kicked unconscious by a mob. Pro-democracy activists were seen beating people in at least four separate locations throughout Sunday, with the unconscious man taken to hospital in a critical condition. AFP

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Notice Inviting e-Tender

For and on behalf of the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir State, Superintending Engineer EM & RE Circle Kishtwar invites e-Tenders, (In Two Cover System) on turnkey basis for reputed A-class electrical contractors / registered firms enlisted with CPWD/MES/Railways/DCS&D and Inspection Agency, for Design, Engineering, Manufacture, Supply, Survey, Transportation, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 3.15 MVA, 33/11KV Receiving Station in village Sounder (Dachhan) Kishtwar J & K.

Talks with US could take place in 'few weeks': N Korea

Seoul: North Korea says diplomatic talks with the United States could resume in a "few weeks", but it will not consider abandoning its nuclear weapons unless external threats are fully removed.

A statement on Monday attributed to a North Korean foreign ministry official says the upcoming working-level talks will be decisive in determining the fate of the country's diplomacy with Washington.

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SRI LANKA'S TAMIL-MAJORITY NORTH SHUTS DOWN TO SUPPORT RALLY

Jaffna: Shops were shut in Sri Lanka's ethnic Tamil-majority north on Monday in support of a rally demanding an international probe into alleged atrocities during the nation's civil war and an end to reported state-sponsored efforts to change the ethnic balance of the Tamils' traditional homeland. Hundreds took part in the rally in Jaffna town. AP

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY

General public is hereby informed that a male body was found dead at Moti Bagh Over Bridge, New Delhi on Dated 04.09.2019 Time 19:51 hrs. In this regard DD No. 37A Dated 04.09.2019 in has been lodged at P.S. South Campus, New Delhi. The description of the dead body is given as under Name: Sunil S/o: Krishna R/o Bega Bond Gurdwar Moti Bagh, New Delhi Age: 15 years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Sallow, Face: Long Hair- Black and White Wearing: Checkdar Capri White Colour and Pink Colour Shirt. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the dead person but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this dead person please inform undersigned.

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED BOY

General Public is hereby informed that one boy (depicted in the photo) namely Khurshid S/o Rafiq R/o Bal Grah Partham, Alipur, Delhi Aged - 16 Years has been reported missing/kidnapped since 07.08.2019 vide FIR No. 335/19 u/s 363 IPC, Dated 07.08.2019 lodged at Police Station Alipur, Delhi. His physical description is as under- Khurshid

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused M/s. Kosha Electrical Pvt. Ltd., Add: Open Land, Semi Urban Industrial Area, Dhar-454001 (M), has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in CC No. 45347/16 u/s 138 NI Act has been registered at P.S. Inder Pur, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said M/s. Kosha Electrical Pvt. Ltd. cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said M/s. Kosha Electrical Pvt. Ltd. has absconded (or is concealing itself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said M/s. Kosha Electrical Pvt. Ltd. accused of CC No. 45347/16 u/s 138 NI Act, P.S. Inder Pur, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer said complaint on or before 25.10.2019. By Order Ms. Bhavna Kalita, Metropolitan Magistrate, Room No. 24, DP/8405/WD/19-(Court Matter) Patiala House Courts, New Delhi

Trend Slazer

Ranveer reveals his fitness secrets

Actor **RANVEER SINGH** has been wooing the audience not only with his feisty screen presence and acting skills, but also with his look — particularly his toned, fit physique. For his forthcoming release *83*, the 34-year-old has undergone a massive workout and physical training to get into the character of former cricketer Kapil Dev.

But apart from intense workout, nutritional diet is one of his major "secrets" behind his chiseled physique. Ranveer's meticulous diet has been taken care of by Anmol Singhal and Mohit Savargaonkar, co-founders of Personal Optimised Diet (POD Supply) over the past five years.



'I tried to explore more with *Dream Girl* and tried my hand at doing a mass

entertainer. I am happy that the audience across the country have accepted me as an entertaining hero. As an artiste, I have always tried to back projects that I felt had the potential to break out in their own genres and this response is a strong validation of that.' —Ayushmann Khurrana

Actor **MAHESH SHETTY**, a known name in the telly world, will be playing **AJAY DEVGN's** younger brother in the forthcoming film *Bhuj: The Pride of India*.



Mahesh calls it a very special film. "I am grateful to be a part of such an incredible story. This film celebrates the bravery and dedication of the women of India. It was a pleasure working with Ajay Sir and the entire team of *Bhuj: The Pride of India*," he added.

According to sources, Mahesh will be playing the role of an Air Force pilot. The Abhishek Dudhaiya directorial is slated to release next year.

Downey Jr will be back as Iron Man

Actor **ROBERT DOWNEY JR** will be back as a superhero Iron Man in the Marvel Cinematic Universe with *Black Widow* which will release in 2020.

Downey Jr, who won hearts all across the world as enigmatic superhero Iron Man, bid adieu to his superhero avatar with *Avengers: Endgame* this year. In fact, Scarlett Johansson's *Black Widow* aka *Natasha Romanoff* also died in the film.

The characters will be back as *Black Widow* is a prequel taking place ahead of the events of *Endgame*. It is yet to be seen how big Downey Jr's role in the film will be.

The film will trace the story of Romanoff, who will confront her past.



At the *Lecture Series With Deepika* for the first edition of the Live, Love, Laugh foundation, Dr **SIDDHARTHA MUKHERJEE** speaks about how we need to address the stigma around mental health the same way we dealt with the taboo around cancer in the 1950s

You matter

There has been a long standing debate on mental health in our country and actor **Deepika Padukone**, who has been active in talking about her battle with depression at the peak of her career, believes that there is still a long road ahead in terms of creating more awareness on the issue. Though she is happy to see that a conversation on the topic has opened up. The 33-year-old actor, who was in the capital for the first edition of The Live, Love, Laugh foundation — *A Lecture Series With Deepika*, opened up about her struggles.

The maiden lecture was delivered by Pulitzer Prize-winning author and Padma Shri Dr Siddhartha Mukherjee. In his talk, Dr Mukherjee spoke about how cancer in the 50s, was a stigmatised illness as patients faced potent forces of discrimination, fear and neglect. "When anyone was diagnosed with cancer, the blame for the disease was carried by the person themselves. Patients with cancer were pushed to the back of the hospital. Mental health issues carry a similar stigma," he said.

His talk was centered around

three forces, which he felt were needed to be addressed. The first force is political — for mental health to be recognised as a public health crisis, a national issue, there is a need to create national institutes for mental health. Stakeholders in the political domain must come together and work towards this common goal. The second force is social — this will entail advocacy and awareness around destigmatising mental health. The idea of 'you bring the disease to yourself' must be erased. The idea is to remould another disease with the learnings around destigmatising cancer. The third and final set of forces is biological, genetic or pharmaceutical, to an extent. This entails making efforts and carrying out research to understand the molecular mechanism so that people would not be victimised.

He shared an anecdote, "In 1950, Fanny Rosenau, a journalist, who was suffering from breast cancer, called up the



New York Times to place an advertisement to create a social support group for women with breast cancer. One of the editors said that we can't publish the word 'breast cancer'. How about we say social support group of women with chest diseases? So this is death by euphemism because it creates a culture where you become the victim of the disease. In the 50s, if you spoke to oncologists, they would remember the times when patients with cancer were pushed to the back of the hospital. Once a woman with ovarian cancer asked the medical establishments that 'will you throw me out if I don't get better?' because all you care about is the success of your therapy and not the empathy that you deliver to patients."

He added, "Today, biological insights are being extended to mental health. For instance, there are 100 gene variances that contribute to schizophrenia yet there is a clear environmental aspect to this. The same is true for other mental illnesses as well. The challenge for the next generation thus lies in understanding these two components. I call this the Yin/Yang puzzle. While the Yin — the genetic — part is solved, the Yang — or the environmental milieu — still needs to be addressed."

Dr Mukherjee noted that progress was being made and that there is more conversation, advocacy and philanthropy around mental health. "There's not much stigma as there used to be four years ago. But we certainly have a long way to go in terms of creating more

awareness. I think that's where we need to keep the conversation alive," Deepika, who looked stunning in a pristine white ensemble paired with shimmering danglers and minimal make-up, said.

The *Piku* star described her journey and said, "It's been an incredible journey since we developed our foundation. I think media has had a huge role in opening up the conversation in various ways, whether through interviews, write-ups or articles but we certainly have a long way to go and that's why we have the lecture series today," she said and added, "Four years ago, we wouldn't even talk to our families about

Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, who said, "According to WHO, health is defined as a state of physical, mental, social and psychological well-being of an individual. It is not merely the absence of disease and infirmity. The definition itself makes it amply clear that mental health is an important component of the overall health spectrum. I wish to congratulate the foundation and Deepika Padukone, of course, for flagging this issue before the Indian society."

Dr Indu Bhushan, CEO of Ayushman Bharat pointed that the country's national health protection scheme covers all secondary and tertiary health states, including a large number of mental health condition. Anyone with those conditions is provided free treatment. It also covers the poverty-stricken population of the country, which is 40 per cent. This is the segment where mental health issues go unnoticed and the scheme is going to help those who may have not received treatment for mental health so far.

The lecture was attended by decision makers including Dr Indu Bhushan, CEO, Ayushman Bharat; Amitabh Kant, CEO, Niti Aayog; Dr Renu Swarup, Secretary, Department of Biotechnology; Dr Balaram Bhargava, Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research; Professor Gagandeep Kang, Executive Director of the Translational Health Science and Technology Institute; Sanjeev Sanyal, Principal Economic Adviser in the Ministry of Finance, Government of India and Shakti Sinha, Director, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library.

The event was also graced by Deepika's parents Prakash Padukone and Ujjala, sister Anisha Padukone, actor Sharmila Tagore, key stakeholders and decision makers from different sectors.

Photo: Pankaj Kumar

Dreamy and confident

The London Fashion Week set the tone for an elegant collection that ran the gamut from poised sophistication to joyful exuberance and sensual femininity



Fashion devotees basked in sunny weather and strong, whimsical collections as London Fashion Week neared its climax with runway shows by Roland Mouret, Victoria Beckham, Simone Rocha and others throughout the city.

A fleet of black chauffeured Mercedes whisked VIPs from venue to venue, but those who preferred to walk saw the British capital at its best, with glimpses of the street style that helps give London its credibility in the fashion competition with Paris, New York and Milan.

ROLAND MOURET'S COLLECTION FULL OF OPTIMISM, DESPITE WOES

Roland Mouret's spring 2020 collection was inspired by his observation of a worrying symmetry between New York in the 80s, enamoured of its own affluent progressiveness while on the verge of bankruptcy and today's social, environmental and political turbulence.

"It was a time when people were dressing up amazingly while on the other hand people were dying on the street. Now we have the same kind of interaction through our media. You go from the new launch at Selfridges and the next day there's someone dying," he said after the

show in a rarely seen courtyard at the Royal Academy of Arts.

Despite that bleak starting point, his show was full of optimistic, even dreamy colours cut in relaxed silhouettes, with lots of shimmering sequins.

The designer, who made his debut in 2005, and made his name with the figure-hugging galaxy dress which is still in production today, sent out a collection that nodded to the 80s via soft tailoring (a revolutionary concept led by Giorgio Armani and made famous by Richard Gere in *American Gigolo*), wide shoulders and relaxed American sportswear staples. Those were reframed by Mouret as a low-slung blue sequin skirt worn with a white blouse and a rope belt that looked like it was filched from the nearest yacht.

The waves of Wall Street were alluded to through the corporate appeal of checked suits, the double-pleated fronts on gorgeously fluid wide-legged trousers and stock broker-approved wide lapels that were deployed across jackets and coats. The motif especially stood out on an oyster sequin blazer with a contrasting blue lapel, which was teamed with a blush pink sequin skirt and a white bohemian blouse.

SIMONE ROCHA SHOWS SERENE, OFFBEAT COLLECTION

Simone Rocha continues to impress and draw new admirers as her collections grow in sophistication without sacrificing the look that has made her unique. Her colour palette is simple. It blends white colour with blue, red, and black. But the embroidery and layering are remarkable.

The models hair seemed sculptural, adding texture and depth to the outfits, as did the elaborate braided straps to some of the handbags, which were similar to detailing on various outfits. Rocha also is improving her staging. With her designer father, John Rocha, watching from the front row, the show unspooled with a certain dignity and serenity, the models walking slowly in a circle on the stage of the Alexandria Palace, a 19th century landmark in north London.

Rocha continued what has become her tradition, employing some older models and some who were not rail-thin. Some of the models also broke with tradition by smiling at the audience, and one blew a kiss to a friend near the end of the show. It added to the celebratory feel.

STILL BUZZING ABOUT NAOMI CAMPBELL'S GALA

Much of the buzz focussed on the suc-

cess of Naomi Campbell's Fashion for Relief gala the night before, which continued for hours after the late-night show with a dinner in the heart of the British Museum.

Campbell has become a master at organising big, complex events for her charity efforts, and this was no exception. She managed to procure one of the most prestigious sites in London and filled it with a glamorous crowd.

She even returned to the runway, proving without a doubt she can still model any time she chooses.

EMILIA WICKSTEAD PAYS TRIBUTE TO LOUISA MAY ALCOTT

Emilia Wickstead paid homage to Louisa May Alcott's classic novel *Little Women* for spring 2020, a timely reference given a forthcoming film directed by Greta Gerwig which stars Emma Watson as Meg and Saoirse Ronan as the headstrong Jo March.

Debussy's soothing *Arabesque No 1 Andantino con moto* played as Wickstead's guests climbed the stairs of the Royal Albert Hall, setting the tone for an elegant collection that ran the gamut from poised sophistication to joyful exuberance and sensual femininity. There was a focus on volume, with bunches of fabric at the back of dresses echoing the bustles prevalent in Alcott's time.

One jumpsuit had a crisp collar and midriff cutout placed to accentuate a high waistband. Another dress had wide cuffed sleeves and panels reminiscent of 19th century shirt bibs. The palette of saccharine pinks, yellows, lavender, and tangerine was sharpened by red and black, while a print offering was comprised of delicate hand-painted blue roses imposed on a mint colour. Hats, a big motif in the novel, were used to give dramatic effect, especially one wide black visor-like piece that was perched and worn with a slim cap-sleeved black dress with a sternum-exposing cut-out.

Other moments of high drama appeared via a billowing cloud of black organza, fashioned into a balloon-sleeved gown. The closing look elicited raised eyebrows and naked admiration in equal measure — a full-length pink gown with copious bunches that could best be described as a boat-necked marshmallow.



Sara to bring Saif, Amrita's hits at IIFA

Sara Ali Khan is excited but nervous about performing at the 20th edition of International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Awards. She said that she will dance on hit songs of father Saif Ali Khan and mother Amrita Singh at the show.

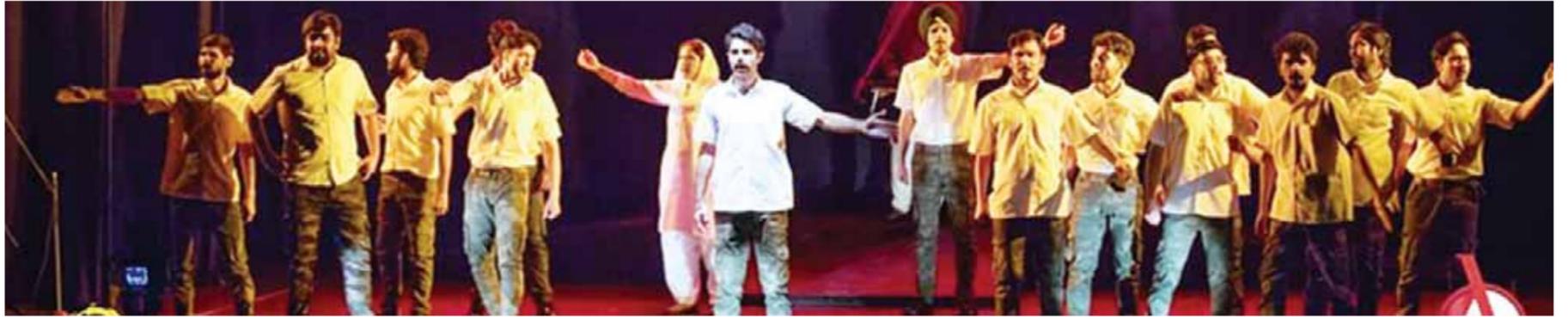
"I have been watching IIFA Awards since childhood and have travelled with my father to watch it. She recalls an incident of two years ago when IIFA was held in New Jersey and she was in New York with Saif. She said, "I couldn't attend the function because my father said, 'why do you want to attend, you haven't been invited?' So, this year's IIFA is really special to me because I have been invited. And I will be performing too. So I feel I have become a part of this industry."

She will perform with Ranveer Singh and Madhuri Dixit Nene at the show. "I am rehearsing for my performance and simultaneously shooting for David (Dhawan) sir too. So, I don't get enough time to rehearse but whatever time I get I try to make the most of it. It is pretty obvious that I am nervous about performing at the awards because it is the first time and that too with such big stars," said she.

When questioned about the songs that were on her playlist for the performance, Sara said, "I will perform on my songs. Since it's my first performance, I will also perform on the songs of my father and mother."

Sara will be seen in *Coolie No 1* opposite to Varun Dhawan, and in Imtiaz Ali's next, in which she co-stars with Kartik Aaryan. When asked about the filmmakers she wants to work with, she said, "I am working with David sir and Imtiaz (Ali) sir as of now. But I would also like to work with other filmmakers. I wish them to consider me in their films."

Sara's last release, *Simmba* opposite to Ranveer Singh in December 2018, was a box-office success. —JANS



What can you say about a 23-year-old boy who died? Rather sacrificed his life for his nation's good? Even though school textbooks and various films and plays have created multiple images of legendary Shaheed Bhagat Singh as someone who put the nation first when it was under the control of the British, I see him as the model of a well-educated and responsible youth whose wisdom and understanding of the plight of India at the time was far beyond his age. He profusely apologised for killing superintendent John Saunders and killed him despite knowing its consequences. He did it because for him, 'it had to be done'. He fought for the cause, and later, gave himself to it, quite consciously. However, he made sure he kept the flame burning in people's conscience to fight for their rights.

Playwright and director Piyush Mishra's *Gagan Damama Bajjo*, which returns to the stage after 16 years, presents an idea of the legendary fighter as somebody who, as opposed to what Mahatma Gandhi and other Congressmen followed, fought through violence against the British Raj. He looked at armed struggle as the only way out and a means for direct action that could spur the quickest results. The title of the play, a phrase derived from the Guru Granth Sahib, translates to 'Tu aaj se hi bhid jaa, baaki dekh lenge' (Rush headlong into the battle, the rest will be looked at later). While I have imagined the martyr as a simple man adorning a white kurta-pyjama and a turban on his head, Mishra's Bhagat Singh and his troupe are dressed in crisp plain-white shirts and Cargo men's pants, more like modern-day crusaders. The play begins with a mother scrutinising the British government's regulations as she had lost

# Long live the revolution

Playwright PIYUSH MISHRA's *Gagan Damama Bajjo* returns to the stage after 16 years. CHAHAK MITTAL reviews the play, which has become even more relevant with time as it attempts to awaken a sense of responsibility among today's young people and inspire them with Shaheed Bhagat Singh's ideologies

her sons, who had fought relentlessly for the rights of the nation and given themselves to it when the need came. She is petrified of people who sleep soundly despite the dark days and questions, "Do you want to lose more?" Yes, the nation has stopped commemorating their martyrdom — March 23 — but the character's cry was more about lament that today's young people have forgotten the ideals of these revolutionaries and lost the power to protest.

The play's plot proceeds with two parallel events where Shiv Verma, one of the compatriots of the Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA), is in a time zone of 1994 and recalls the series of events that had happened during 1928-1931. These include the Kakori robbery, bombings hurled at the Assembly, hunger strike in

Lahore prison, and Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev's hanging. It was an impressive non-linear shuffle between time and space, which seamlessly transitioned the audience from the past to the future and the present to the past. And the best part was that one couldn't really point out to one thing as it was very subtle and blended with the plot well.

Going as per what Mishra had said, "Our history textbooks have not done justice to the idea of Sardar Bhagat Singh Sandhu. From his ideology to his complete name, there are many things which our students still do not know about." While they might believe that he hurled bombs at an assembly, killed people and stood against Mahatma Gandhi, the play showcases how he only opposed the idea of Indian leaders collaborating with the

Whites. Such an approach, the young revolutionary had argued, could have ended the British rule in India but wouldn't have brought the "British rule" out of India. The ideologies would have remained the same — repressive — just the rulers would have changed. It was just a shoutout to make people stand up as well as a revolt against the Gandhi-Irwin pact. But it could very well apply to us, a call to think deeply about our systemic wrongs.

He talks about hunger prevailing in the society when he says, "Bhooke so rahe hain log aur party movement band kara rahi hai", (talking of the non-cooperation movement which was called off by Gandhi ji). Shiv Verma recalls how Bhagat Singh as a leader was not worried about independence but the India after the independence. "Azaadi zaroori nahi, azaadi ke

baad ka Bharat zaroori hai" says Singh as he was very well aware that independence was inevitable. After the Lahore conspiracy verdict, he says, "Humara inqilab aayega. Yeh alag baat hai hum usey zinda aankhon se dekh paate hain ya nahi."

Through modern-day humour, the play uses satirical comedy stitched amid serious scenes in the plot to make it more relatable. There is a scene where Singh's friends confront his father when he asks about his whereabouts. When they try to stall the question by answering that they had no information, he says in a loud tone, "Baap hain hum tumhaare" and grabs some laughs.

Even Singh's fiancée makes up for some giggles in her short-lived yet essential presence on the stage. It makes one wonder how even the smallest of characters play such an

important role in the plots.

At various moments throughout the 120-minute run, the dialogue delivery of the actors made one get goosebumps. One of the dialogues that stands out for me is when Singh says, "Kal jab maine jamadaar ke aath (8) saal ke bete ko naara lagate dekha, toh mera maqsad poora hogaya (Yesterday, when I saw an eight-year-old son of a ragpicker calling out slogans, I felt my objective had been accomplished).

The play is quite swift in representing a number of things within the span of just two hours. For instance, Lala Lajpat Rai's death is depicted in a very flowing manner, rather than stretching it out. And the musical elements embedded in between the plot vividly explain every emotion.

The play, produced by Question

Associates (Q&A), eloquently looks at the differences that have come about after their hanging. And commenting on the present, it comes to a final note when everyone is mourning Singh's hanging. Three heads are hung in the backdrop with blood red light, and Shiv Verma, in 1994, questions, "Kya yehi tha woh azaad Bharat ka sapna jisko paane ka tasawoor tumne liya tha, Bhagat?" Even though the play's timeline ends in 1994, it questions the audience even today about their idea of nationalism and how today's youth is growing to be ignorant about multiple events of corruption and injustice prevailing in society. After all, what does this generation's 23-year-old want? Certainly, he wouldn't choose to die for the nation as fearlessly as Singh did, nor would he sacrifice his love interest for the greater good.



Presenting a rare confluence of art and architecture, Chitracharya Upendra Maharathi presents a historic perspective through his paintings, drawings, murals, weaving, sculptures, and a stunning set of 24 chairs that talk about how the dynamism of design has evolved through the time.

National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) celebrates the newly renovated Jaipur House by unveiling more than a thousand works by Maharathi. The fact that 95 per cent of his works were bequeathed to the NGMA is a lesson in the annals of history. The artist was also a rare example of an individual who had deep interest in Buddhism. His designs spanned pagodas and other important ventures in Japan too.

## BLENDING COLONIAL AND CLASSIC

As one enters the Jaipur House, tucked in the corner is a chaise-lounge characterised by a Baroque aesthetic that features elaborate turnings, simple curves as well as case pieces with simple flat surfaces and architectural trim. Maharathi commonly used materials such as indigenous teak to balance ebullient, elaborate carving, and elegant detailing. The chaise-lounge chair epitomises an eclectic combination of motifs and the simplicity of materials which has been loaned from the Buddhist monastery at Rajghirand. It was used by the monks to sleep upon.

Curator Adwaita Gadanayak, DG NGMA, has designed special installations all through the historic show for this retrospective entitled — *Shashwat*. He says, "Looking at the number of chairs, we realised that Maharathi had a conviction in the aesthetic experiences as a fully autonomous and independent aspect of a human life. His deeper

# Classic confluence

CHITRACHARYA UPENDRA MAHARATHI's artworks represent a historic perspective and how it can be re-interpreted by an artist. By UMA NAIR



philosophies followed the meshing of Indian and European ideals. For him, aesthetics stressed simple lines and naturalistic decoration, and he placed ornaments symmetrically."

It wouldn't be wrong to say that Maharathi moved beyond Gothic architectural details to give us architectural elements from the Mauryan as well as Magadha peri-

ods. His evolution, both in style and form, combines both Brahminical and Buddhist balance. His use of the legs, shaped in two curves, and various inlays, favoured over carved ornaments, reveals his love for small details. The Japanese-looking joineries that he saw on his visit to Kyoto talk of the creation of chairs without any nails. For Gadanayak,

unveiling Maharathi is about visiting Indian history. And his works gifted to the NGMA form a resident resonance of a genius who needs to be studied.

## ENRICHED BY AN EPOCH

Inspired by the epoch of the art and design period of Bihar during the Mauryan Empire and enriched by the folk and tribal culture, the quaint collection of chairs evokes an understanding of tradition and modernity through a classic vein.

Each chair unravels like its custom made by the artist, architect and designer himself. The weight distribution on the woven rope seats, comfort of the backrest, and the low slung silhouette look add to its charm. The smallest details have been worked upon for aesthetic as well as graceful syncopated reasons. The traditional *jaali* is as intricate as the plant inspired foliate designs. The Magadha symbol stands regal and royal.

## SYMPHONY OF CURVES

The chairs that belong to the Maharathi Museum and the Buddhist Monastery are characterised by a sophisticated fluidity. When we group them they have a very strong and stylistic identity. In the symphony of elegant curves, these 24 chairs are a walk between private and public space.

## PAINTINGS AND WEAVES

Other than the chairs, there are

drawings, paintings portraits, woven shawl like sculptures and baskets woven with elan.

Among the portraits there is a frame designed by Maharathi himself which speaks of classic confluences. In his paintings he worked on canvas, paper, cloth and silk. Through his stunning Buddhist narratives, his deep understanding of spirituality comes to the fore. The softened contours show his passion.

## FAMOUS ARCHITECTURAL ASSIGNMENTS

Maharathi designed pagodas not only in India but Japan as well. The Gotemba Peace Pagoda of Japan that enshrines holy relics of Buddha was gifted by India in 1963. The Sanchi Style Gate at Gotemba Peace Park is another masterpiece there. According to his daughter Mahashweta Maharathi, both the monuments are situated in the foothills of Mount Fuji and are the third most visited peace parks after Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

In India, Rajgir World Peace Pagoda, built atop Ratnagiri hill, facing Gridhakuta hill, where Buddha preached the *Saddharma Pundarika Sutra* (Lotus Sutra) for eight years is of great fame.

He also designed the New Venu Van Vihara Monastery, which is located opposite to the ancient site of first Buddhist monastery presented to Buddha by Bimbisara. It was inaugurated in 1981. Of great importance is the Nav Nalanda Mahavihar (now under Union Culture Ministry at Nalanda) inaugurated by Vice President Dr Radhakrishnan in 1956. It was built to commemorate the ancient Nalanda University. The show affirms the truth that vintage and antiquities are finite, but an artist's creativity is infinite.

# THE PERFECT SHOT

Photographer RAGHU RAI becomes the first recipient of the inaugural edition of the Académie des beaux-arts Photography Award, William Klein, in India



Renowned Indian photographer Raghu Rai has been chosen as the first recipient of the inaugural edition of the Académie des beaux-arts Photography Award — William Klein. Established this year, the award is in honour of the celebrated American-born French photographer and filmmaker William Klein, best known for his unusual photography techniques.

"The jury of the 2019 edition named the photographer Raghu Rai, laureate of the first edition of the Académie des beaux-arts Photography Award — William Klein," Académie des Beaux-Arts said.

As a consecration award, the prize is intended to reward a photographer for their entire career and commitment towards photography. It rewards one photographer of all nationalities and ages. To be awarded every two years, alternating with the Photography Prize Marc Ladreit de Lacharrière, it carries with it a monetary prize of 1,20,000 euros.

Rai, who started photography by chance in 1965, began to work for The Statesman as their chief photographer a year later. In 1969, he completed a Thomson fellowship in England and

worked for The Times for four weeks. After three half pages of his picture essays were published week after week, he was offered a job at The Times by Norman Hall. He returned to India to continue his unfinished creative explorations in the lanes, and won several accolades in the years that followed.

In 1972, impressed with Rai's exhibition at Gallery Delpire in Paris, Henri-Cartier Bresson nominated him to Magnum photos. In the same year, he was also awarded the Padma Shree, a first for any photographer, for his work on the Bangladesh War.

He was awarded the *Photographer of the Year* in 1992 in America for his story — *Human Management of Wildlife in India* for the National Geographic. In 2009, he was conferred Officer des Arts et des Lettres by the French government. He also received a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Indian Government in 2016.

The William Klein Photography Award will be presented to Rai in the Palais de l'Institut de France on October 30. It will be closely followed by an exhibition retracing the career of the photographer in the institute in November.

## WATCH OUT



IC presents *Wayside Flowers*, an exhibition of paintings in water colour by Chandrakanta Das from Lucknow. **WHEN:** September 18 to 26 **TIME:** 11 am to 7 pm **WHERE:** Art Gallery, India International Centre Annexe, Lodhi Estate.

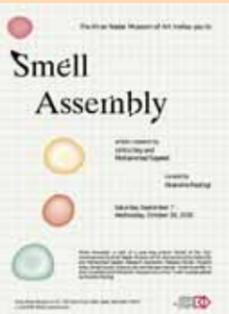


Nav Shri Art & Culture Organisation presents *Art N Art*, a group exhibition of paintings, sculpture, photography, art and craft works by 52 artists from 16 states. **WHEN:** September 20 to 26 **TIME:** 11 am to 6.30 pm **WHERE:** Artizen Art Gallery, Peary Lal Bhawan.



Curated by Ashrafi S Bhagat, Art Alive Gallery presents *Moments and Transformations: Finding Life in Materiality*, a group show that features artworks by seven artists from Chennai and Puducherry. **WHEN:** September 23 to October 5 **TIME:** 11 am to 7 pm **WHERE:** Art Alive Gallery, Panchsheel Park.

Curated by Akansha Rastogi, KNMA presents *Smell Assembly*, an artistic research project and exhibition, which is about the smells that surround us. **WHEN:** Till September 30 **TIME:** 10.30 am to 6.30 pm **WHERE:** Kiran Nadar Museum of Art, Saket.



*Lucid* is an amalgamation of two series of works by photographer Abhishek Basu — *Labyrinth* and *The Rum Diary* — which explore his journey of self, intricacies of his mind, feeling of entrapment and mental struggle. **TIME:** 11 am to 6 pm **WHEN:** Till September 30 **WHERE:** Art Explore Gallery.

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3	Publication of E-Tender in Website	16.09.2019
4	Pre-BID Conference	21.09.2019 at 3:00PM (at C.S. Office, Bokaro).
5	Date & time for receipt of bid on website	22.09.2019 to 03.10.2019 by 5.00 PM
6	Date & time of opening of Technical BID	04.10.2019 at 03.00 PM
7	Contact no.	9430184142, 9835161792
8	E-Tender document fee (Non-refundable)	1,000/- (One Thousand only) in the form of crossed demand draft in favour of "DIST RURAL HEALTH SOCIETY BOKARO" Payable a BOKARO should be deposited before uploading the bid in the e-procurement portal of the tender inviting Authority.
9	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	50,000/- (Fifty thousand only) each vehicle in the form of crossed demand draft in favour of "DIST RURAL HEALTH SOCIETY, BOKARO". Payable a BOKARO should be deposited before uploading the bid in the e-procurement portal of the tender inviting Authority.

Note: The above dates may change due to abrupt declaration of holidays. E-Tender document can download from the website [www.jrharkhandtenders.gov.in](http://www.jrharkhandtenders.gov.in) The Tenders should be submitted through e-procurement system only except Tender document fee and EMD.

बूढ़ - बूढ़ नहीं बरतेंगे तो बूढ़ को तरसेंगे।  
Civil Surgeon-Cum-Chief Medical Officer, Bokaro (Jharkhand)

PR.217083 Health Med Edu and Family Welfare(19-20)-D

**झारखण्ड सरकार**

**पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग**

**ई-प्रोक्यूरमेंट सूचना (द्वितीय आमंत्रण)**

अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या - (तेनुघाट) 06/2019-20 दिनांक - 14.09.2019

क्र.सं.	Name of Work :-	Replacement of Rotten Riser Pipe of 32 mm dia., Connecting rods, C.I Cylinders (wherever required) etc. under D.W.& S. Division, Tenughat. " on Turn Key Basis for the Year 2019-20 (under DMFT).
1	गुण संख्या	नलकूपों की संख्या
TEN/PET/RRP-1	145 अदद	17.69867
TEN/GOM/RRP-4	165 अदद	20.15011
2	प्राकृतिक राशि (लाख में)	अग्रघन की राशि (लाख में)
3	परीमाण विपत्र का मूल्य (रुपये में)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
4	पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, तेनुघाट में परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य एवं अग्रघन की राशि की मूल प्रति जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	30.09.2019 समय 05.00 बजे अपराह्न तक
5	तकनीकी बिड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	03.10.2019 समय 03.00 बजे अपराह्न तक
6	तकनीकी बिड खोलने का स्थान	04.10.2019 समय 12.00 बजे अपराह्न
7	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम/पदनाम :-	अधीक्षक अभियंता का कार्यालय पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता अंचल, धनबाद।
8	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले कार्यालय का टेलिफोन नं०	ईडू राम प्रवेश राम, कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, तेनुघाट।
9	ई-प्रोक्यूरमेंट सेल का हेल्प लाइन सं०	9430153040, 9430475767
		0651-2480345

नोट - केवल ई निविदा ही स्वीकार किये जायेंगे। अधिक जानकारी के लिए वेबसाइट <http://jrharkhandtender.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है।

बूढ़ - बूढ़ नहीं बरतेंगे तो बूढ़ को तरसेंगे।  
कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, तेनुघाट।

P.R 217081 Drinking Water and Sanitation(19-20)-D

**Government of Jharkhand Urban Development And Housing Department Dhanbad Municipal Corporation, Dhanbad e-Procurement Re-Tender Notice No. DMC/48/2019-20**

NIT No. : DMC/48/2019-20 Date : 14.09.2019

क्र.सं.	Tender Reference Number	वार्ड सं०	योजना का नाम	प्राकृतिक राशि	अग्रघन राशि	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य	कार्य समाप्तिक्रम की अवधि
1.	DMC/48/01/2019-20	21	Construction of Road at different location in ward no. 21 under DMC, Dhanbad (Package - 02) (6th Call)	20519937.00	2% of BOQ	10000.00	छः माह
2.	DMC/48/02/2019-20	10	मौजा बलिहारी में विवाह मंडप का निर्माण। (4th Call)	29993599.00	2% of BOQ	10000.00	बारह माह
3.	DMC/48/03/2019-20	52	घासनाला में सामुदायिक स्वास्थ्य केंद्र के सामने विवाह मंडप का निर्माण। (4th Call)	29993599.00	2% of BOQ	10000.00	बारह माह
4.	DMC/48/04/2019-20	41	वार्ड सं० 41 में विवाह मंडप का निर्माण। (2nd Call)	30000000.00	2% of BOQ	10000.00	बारह माह
5.	DMC/48/05/2019-20		बाजार सामने जामाडीवा झरिया में बेंडिंग जॉन का निर्माण। (7th Call)	19858181.00	2% of BOQ	10000.00	छः माह

Date of Publication of Tender on website :- 16.09.2019 At 03.00 PM  
Online Last Date /Time for receiving of bids :- 26.09.2019 (Online) till 05:00 PM  
Date of Receiving Hard Copy of Earnest Money & Cost of Tender Upto 27.09.2019, 03:00 PM Dhanbad Municipal Corporation, LUBV Circular Road, MADA Building, Dhanbad  
Date of Bid Opening :- 28.09.2019 at 09:00 AM (Online)  
NOTE:- (i) Only e-Tenders will be accepted. Further details can be seen on website <http://www.jrharkhandtenders.gov.in>.  
(ii) Contractor should be registered in appropriate class as per NIT  
(iii) Estimated Cost / Quantity May Vary

S/- Executive Engineer, Dhanbad Municipal Corporation, Dhanbad

बूढ़ - बूढ़ नहीं बरतेंगे तो बूढ़ को तरसेंगे।  
PR 217075 (Urban Development)19-20#D

**कार्यालय: जिला ग्रामीण विकास अभिकरण, लातेहार**

**प्रधानमंत्री आवास योजना-ग्रामीण जिला/प्रखण्ड स्तर पर गठित PMU में रिक्त पद एवं प्रतीक्षा सूची वास्ते नियुक्ति संबंधी सूचना।**

प्रधानमंत्री आवास योजना-ग्रामीण अन्तर्गत जिला एवं प्रखण्ड स्तर पर PMU गठन पूर्णतया अस्थायी रूप से कर्मियों के चयन हेतु हेतु ग्रामीण विकास विभाग से प्राप्त निदेश के आलोक में रिक्तियों की सूचना एवं प्रतीक्षा सूची, कोटि तथा अहर्ता निम्नवत है:-

जिला स्तर पर:-

क्र.सं.	पद का नाम	रिक्त की संख्या	कोटि	शैक्षणिक योग्यता
01	जिला समन्वयक	00	अनारक्षित-01	मान्यता प्राप्त विश्वविद्यालय/संस्थानों से रूरल मैनेजमेंट/को-ऑपरेटिव मैनेजमेंट/सोशल वर्क में स्नातक उत्तीर्ण एवं तीन वर्ष का कार्यनुभव।
02	लेखापाल-सह-कम्प्यूटर ऑपरेटर	00	अनारक्षित-01	मान्यता प्राप्त बोर्ड/ विश्वविद्यालय/ संस्थानों से वाणिज्य (Commerce) विषय में इंटरमीडिएट उत्तीर्ण एवं Diploma in Computer Application (DCA) के साथ एक वर्ष का कार्यनुभव तथा हिन्दी एवं अंग्रेजी टंकण दस्ता अनिवार्य।

प्रखण्ड स्तर पर:-

क्र.सं.	पद का नाम	रिक्त की संख्या	कोटि	शैक्षणिक योग्यता
01	प्रखण्ड समन्वयक	02	अनारक्षित-01 अ0ज0जा0-01	मान्यता प्राप्त विश्वविद्यालय/ संस्थानों से रूरल मैनेजमेंट/ को-ऑपरेटिव मैनेजमेंट/ सोशल वर्क में स्नातक उत्तीर्ण एवं एक वर्ष का कार्यनुभव। मान्यता प्राप्त विश्वविद्यालय से स्नातक उत्तीर्ण एवं एक वर्ष का कार्यनुभव।
02	लेखापाल-सह-कम्प्यूटर ऑपरेटर	02	अ0ज0जा0-02	मान्यता प्राप्त बोर्ड/ विश्वविद्यालय/ संस्थानों से वाणिज्य (Commerce) विषय में इंटरमीडिएट उत्तीर्ण एवं Diploma in Computer Application (DCA) के साथ छः माह का कार्यनुभव तथा हिन्दी एवं अंग्रेजी टंकण दस्ता अनिवार्य।

उक्त पदों के लिए आवेदकों को ऑनलाइन विभागीय पोर्टल <http://applyrdd.jrharkhand.gov.in> पर जाकर आवेदन करना है, जहाँ नियुक्ति संबंधी सम्पूर्ण सूचना उपलब्ध है। रिक्ति एवं प्रतीक्षा सूची वास्ते आवेदन दिनांक 18.09.2019 से प्रारम्भ होकर दिनांक 28.09.2019 तक भरा जायेगा।

नोट : जिला समन्वयक (अनारक्षित - 02), लेखापाल-सह-कम्प्यूटर ऑपरेटर (जिला स्तर - अनारक्षित - 02) प्रखण्ड समन्वयक (अनारक्षित - 10, अ0ज0जा0-06, अ0जा0-02 कुल - 18) एवं लेखापाल-सह-कम्प्यूटर ऑपरेटर (प्रखण्ड स्तर - अनारक्षित - 10, अ0ज0जा0-06, अ0जा0-02 कुल - 18) पदों पर प्रतीक्षा सूची तैयार की जानी है। जिन पदों पर रिक्ति शून्य दर्शायी गयी है उन पदों पर भी आवेदन आमंत्रित की जाती है।

P.R. 217166 Rural Development(19-20)-D बूढ़ - बूढ़ नहीं बरतेंगे तो बूढ़ को तरसेंगे। उपायुक्त, लातेहार।

**समाह्वरणालय, गढ़वा (समाज कल्याण शाखा)**

**सेविका/सहायिका चयन हेतु आम-सूचना**

गढ़वा जिला अन्तर्गत अखंडित आंगनवाड़ी केंद्रों में सेविका/सहायिका के रिक्त पदों पर चयन हेतु आमसभा की तिथि आंगनवाड़ी केंद्रवार निर्धारित की गई है। इस सूचना के माध्यम से सभी योग्य अभ्यर्थियों को सूचित किया जाता है कि निम्न विवरण के अनुसार निर्धारित तिथियों को ससमय आमसभा में उपस्थित होकर चयन कार्यक्रम में भाग लें:-

क्र.सं.	प्रखण्ड का नाम	आंगनवाड़ी केंद्र का नाम	जाति बाहुल्य	रिक्त पद का नाम	आमसभा की तिथि/समय
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	रमना	खरटिया	OBC	सेविका	30.09.2019 पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे
2	रमना	बड़हिया	ST	सहायिका	30.09.2019 अपराह्न 02:00 बजे
3	विशुनपुरा	पिपरीखुर्द	SC	सहायिका	01.10.2019 पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे
4	मण्डरिया	सिकरिया	ST	सहायिका	30.09.2019 पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे
5	भनवाधपुर	मंगदह कैंला	SC	सेविका	30.09.2019 पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे
6	भनवाधपुर	बेराडीह	ST	सहायिका	30.09.2019 अपराह्न 02:00 बजे
7	खरौधी	गिधवा टोला, धन्वनी	OBC	सहायिका	01.10.2019 पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे
8	खरौधी	सामी सरहिया	OBC	सेविका	01.10.2019 अपराह्न 02:00 बजे
9	खरौधी	सिसर	OBC	सेविका	02.10.2019 पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे
10	खरौधी	हेसलदाग	ST	सहायिका	02.10.2019 अपराह्न 02:00 बजे
11	खरौधी	माहोगड़ई	OBC 1	सेविका	03.10.2019 पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे
12	खरौधी	माहोगड़ई	OBC 1	सहायिका	03.10.2019 अपराह्न 02:00 बजे
13	गढ़वा	चमरही-1	MIN	सहायिका	30.09.2019 पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे
14	गढ़वा	चमरही-2	MIN	सहायिका	30.09.2019 अपराह्न 02:00 बजे
15	गढ़वा	तिवारी मरहटिया-2	SC	सहायिका	01.10.2019 पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे
16	काण्डी	पतिला-1	MIN	सहायिका	30.09.2019 पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे
17	धुर्की	गनिवारी कला, कुड़ेसवा टोला	ST	सेविका	30.09.2019 पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे
18	धुर्की	खाला कचरवा	ST	सहायिका	30.09.2019 अपराह्न 02:00 बजे
19	रंका	बलिया	SC	सेविका	30.09.2019 पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे
20	रमकण्डा	रमकण्डा-6	SC	सेविका	30.09.2019 अपराह्न 02:00 बजे
21	विनियौ	पाखे पण्यपुरा	ST	सेविका	01.10.2019 पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे
22	रंका	मानपुर-2	MIN	सेविका	01.10.2019 अपराह्न 02:00 बजे
23	रंका	रवदा	OBC	सेविका	02.10.2019 पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे
24	मेराल	पदुआ परिधम	OBC	सहायिका	30.09.2019 पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे

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उपायुक्त, गढ़वा

PR217159 (Welfare)19-20#D बूढ़ - बूढ़ नहीं बरतेंगे तो बूढ़ को तरसेंगे।

**कार्यालय जिला परिषद्, चतरा**

**(अतिअल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सं०:- 24, वर्ष 2019-20)**

1. विज्ञान दाता का नाम एवं पता : जिला अभियंता, जिला परिषद्, चतरा।  
2. परिमाण विपत्र की बिड की तिथि : 25.09.2019 से 28.09.2019 तक कार्यालय कार्य अथवा (राजपत्रित अवकाश को छोड़ कर)  
3. परिमाण विपत्र की बिड का स्थान : जिला अभियंता का कार्यालय, जिला परिषद्, चतरा।  
4. निविदा प्राप्त करने की तिथि एवं समय : 27.09.2019 को कार्यालय अथवा 3.00 बजे अपराह्न तक  
5. निविदा प्राप्त का स्थान : जिला नियंत्रण कक्ष, चतरा।  
6. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय : 27.09.2019 को कार्यालय अथवा 3.30 बजे अपराह्न में  
7. निविदा खोलने का स्थान : जिला नियंत्रण कक्ष, चतरा/जिला परिषद्, चतरा।  
8. कार्य की विस्तृत विवरण/मद :-

क्र.सं.	प्रखण्ड	पंचायत	ग्राम	योजना का नाम	प्राकृतिक राशि	अग्रघन की राशि	परिमाण विपत्र की राशि	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	लावालेग	हेडुम	पोटम	पोटम टोला एडगाड़ी नूवा टोली से छत घाट ठेकही नदी तक चौरीती पथ निर्माण।	2478500	50000	5000	04 माह

निविदा की शर्त :-  
1. जिला परिषद्/जिला ग्रामीण विकास अभिकरण, चतरा अन्तर्गत निबंधित तथा UCAN Portal में update Registered संबद्ध ही निविदा में भाग ले सकेंगे।  
2. जिला द्वारा निर्गत आवेदन से जिला अन्तर्गत किसी भी कार्यालय एजेन्सी में संवेदक के नाम से कार्य लंबित है, तो उनके पक्ष में निविदा निरस्तार नहीं की जायेगी।  
3. परिमाण विपत्र मूल्य का डिमाण्ड ड्राफ्ट "जिला अभियंता, जिला परिषद्, चतरा" के पदनाम से बैंक ऑफ इण्डिया/भारतीय स्टेट बैंक, चतरा में भुगतान होगा।  
अन्य निविदा की शर्त कार्यालय सूचना पत्र पर देखी जा सकती है।

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**उपायुक्त-सह-जिला दण्डाधिकारी का कार्यालय, बोकारो (अनुसूचित जनजाति, अनुसूचित जाति, अल्पसंख्यक एवं पिछड़ा वर्ग कल्याण शाखा)**

**विज्ञापन संख्या-01 / 2019**

राज्य सरकार, कल्याण विभाग, झारखण्ड रीबी के संकल्प संख्या-2151 दिनांक 15.07.2015 के आलोक में, राजकीय अनुसूचित जाति आवासीय उच्च विद्यालय चास (मिर्जा), में शिक्षण कार्य हेतु तत्कालिक व्यवस्था के तहत Service procurement के आधार पर, PG/Graduate (B.Ed) या शिक्षक प्रशिक्षण प्राप्त युवक/युवतियों से सेवा प्राप्त करने के उद्देश्य से, कार्मिक प्रशासनिक सुधार तथा राजभाषा विभाग के संकल्प संख्या-1072 दिनांक 17.02.2009 में निहित आरक्षण प्रावधान एवं संकल्प संख्या-3138 दिनांक 12.04.2016 द्वारा, स्कूली शिक्षा एवं साक्षरता विभाग के इन्टर प्रशिक्षित शिक्षक/स्नातक प्रशिक्षित शिक्षक एवं उच्च विद्यालय के शिक्षकों का पद, जिला स्तरीय पद घोषित किये जाने के फलस्वरूप, कल्याण विभागीय कार्यालय आदेश ज्ञापक-1498 दिनांक 12.05.2016 के आलोक में, इस विज्ञापित के माध्यम से नीचे अंकित विषयों के लिये शिक्षकों के चयन हेतु, संलग्न विहित-प्रश्न में आवेदन, सभी प्रमाण-पत्र यथा-जाति, आवासीय, शैक्षणिक, तकनीकी योग्यता एवं कार्यनुभव प्रमाण-पत्र (यदि, हो तो) की स्व-अभिप्रेक्षागत छायाप्रति सहित पासपोर्ट साईज स्व-अभिप्रेक्षागत फोटो के साथ दिनांक 10.10.2019 तक, जिला कल्याण पदाधिकारी, बोकारो के पते पर केवल निबंधित डाक/स्पीड पोस्ट के माध्यम से आमंत्रित किया जाता है। सरकारी नियमानुसार उच्च संबंधी बंधे लागू होंगे।

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नोट :- विषयवार अहर्ताधारी आवेदकों को नियमानुसार चयन में प्राथमिकता दी जाएगी।

शर्त :-  
1. Service procurement के आधार पर की जाने वाली नियुक्ति पूर्णतः वैकल्पिक एवं अस्थायी है इस पर भविष्य में स्थायीकरण अथवा अन्य किसी प्रकार का दावा स्वीकार्य नहीं होगा।  
2. यह नियुक्ति छः माह के लिये की जायेगी। अगर उक्त अवधि में नियमित शिक्षकों की नियुक्ति नहीं हो पाती है, तो चयनित शिक्षकों को संतोषप्रद सेवा के आधार पर पुनः अगले छः माह के लिये इनकी सेवा ली जाएगी। किसी भी परिस्थिति में यह व्यवस्था एक वर्ष से अधिक अवधि के लिये नहीं की जायेगी।  
3. इस व्यवस्था के तहत चयनित युवक/युवतियों से सप्ताह में पाँच कार्य दिवस, तथा एक कार्य दिवस में अधिकतम 4 घंटे अग्रघन कार्य लिया जायेगा, जिसके लिये उनकी दैनिक उपस्थिति के आधार पर किये गये अग्रघन कार्य हेतु प्रति घंटे 200/- (दो सौ) रुपये, वृत्तिका का भुगतान किया जायेगा।  
4. चयनित शिक्षकों से एकरारनामा आधारित कार्य लिया जायेगा, अतः उपाकृत आरक्षण स्थिति के तहत संबंधित प्रखण्ड (विद्यालय अवस्थित) के युवक/युवतियों, जिन्हें स्थानीय भाषा की जानकारी हो, को प्राथमिकता दी जायेगी। प्रखण्ड स्तर पर स्नातक प्रशिक्षित (B.Ed.) अभ्यर्थियों की अनुपलब्धता की स्थिति में, जिला स्तर पर उपलब्ध स्नातक प्रशिक्षित (B.Ed.) अभ्यर्थियों का चयन किया जायेगा। जिले से बाहर के आवेदकों पर विचार नहीं किया जाएगा।  
5. एकरारनामा के शर्तों के विफलन या असंतोषप्रद कार्य की स्थिति में बिना पूर्व सूचना के तत्काल प्रभाव से चयन रद्द कर दी जायेगी।  
6. अंशकालीन सेवा हेतु निर्धारित वृत्तिका के अतिरिक्त, किसी भी प्रकार का मत्ता अनुमान नहीं होगा, साथ ही किसी प्रकार के अवकाश के हकदार नहीं होंगे।  
7. चयनित शिक्षकों का पद स्थानान्तरणीय नहीं होगा तथा विद्यालय में आवास की सुविधा देय नहीं होगी।

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# Aussie's mission accomplished



Australia's cricket team poses for photographers with the Ashes Urn

AFP ■ LONDON

Australia captain Tim Paine said it was mission accomplished even though his team lost the fifth and final Ashes Test against England to draw the series 2-2.

The tourists came into the match at the Oval seeking their first series victory in England since 2001 but came up short, losing by 135 runs on Sunday.

But Paine said Australia, who won at Edgbaston and Old Trafford but lost agonisingly to a Ben Stokes-inspired England at Headingley, had achieved their main objective in retaining the urn.

"We're taking the urn home so that's certainly what we came to

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do," he said.

"We're thrilled by that, a little disappointed by this game obviously, puts a bit of a dampener on it."

"We can be really proud of the way we've come over here, which is a challenging place for Australians to come and play and win," he added.

"To win two Test matches pretty convincingly, should have won a third (at Headingley) — let that slip no doubt."

Paine said winning the first Test at Edgbaston, where Australia triumphed by 251 runs, had been crucial for his side's confi-

dence.

"There was so much talk about that being a fortress and how difficult a place it was going to be for us to start the series, probably by design, so for us to come over and win that first Test, and win it, in the end, quite convincingly gave us the belief that we could do it," he said.

And the skipper said he still felt he had a role to play in taking the side forward.

"We've still got a way to go," he said. "Obviously Steve (Smith) had an unbelievably good series and won us a couple of Tests by himself so we've got some parts that we need to improve."

"But if we click them into gear while we've got Steve at the height of his powers and with the pace attack we've got, in the next few years we're going to be a very hard team to beat."

"There's plenty of improvement in this side," Paine added.

"I still feel I've got a little bit to give in that space and we're always trying to develop more leaders within our group as well."

Smith, who scored 774 runs in just seven innings, said he was exhausted after a long tour, which also included the World Cup.

The former captain, who returned to international cricket in June after a ban for ball-tampering, received a standing ovation from the crowd in south London when he was out.

"It was a nice reception as I walked off," he said.

"It would have been nice if I'd had a few more runs under my belt in this game."

"I've given it my all since I've been here for the last four-and-a-half-months in every Test match that we've played and I didn't have much left to give today."

"I'm pretty cooked to be honest, mentally and physically. I'm looking forward to a nice couple of weeks' rest now before getting into the Australian summer."



Steve Smith poses with Ashes trophy

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## Smith proud after summer of Ashes redemption

LONDON ■ (AFP)

Steve Smith returned to international cricket to a chorus of boos but he walked off the pitch at the Oval to a standing ovation after a summer of Ashes redemption.

The former Australia captain enjoyed a remarkable series in England, scoring a total of 774 runs in just seven innings and played a pivotal role in his side's two victories in the drawn series.

The catch by Ben Stokes that sent Smith on his way on Sunday ended an astonishing run of scores — 144 and 142 at Edgbaston, 92 at Lords, 211 and 82 at Old Trafford, and 80 and 23 at the Oval.

The 30-year-old made his official return to international cricket in June at the World Cup after serving a year-long ban for ball-tampering and was booed by the crowd in Bristol.

Smith had a decent campaign in the 50-over showpiece but did not set the world alight as Australia reached the semi-finals, where they were beaten by eventual champions England.

But he changed gear when the Ashes started, seemingly hungry to make up for lost time as he dominated the England attack, making two centuries in Australia's comfortable win in the first Test at Edgbaston.

Asked when he felt he was back to his best, an exhausted but "proud" Smith said it was after his first innings at Edgbaston, when he rescued his side, who had stumbled to 122-8.

"That gave me a lot of confi-

dence," he said. "That was probably my favourite innings of the whole series that I played."

"The first Test match, as we know, is always incredibly important in an Ashes series and to sort of pull the team out of a bit of trouble at the time and give me that confidence straight up that I could slot back in and perform, that gave me a lot of confidence."

"It was a long 18 months out of the game and I've got a lot of people to thank, in particular my wife." Smith's series was interrupted after he was felled by a Jofra Archer bouncer in the second Test at Lord's, forcing him to miss three innings.

### WINNING RETURN

But he returned at Old Trafford to make a monumental double century in another victory for Australia.

His 80 in the first innings in the final Test at the Oval was his 10th consecutive fifty in Ashes Tests.

Australia were chasing 399 to win the series in London but it was always a tall order and Smith was unable to produce a miracle, falling for 23.

His run haul is fifth on the list of highest tallies in an Ashes series.

The man at the top of that list, inevitably, is his late compatriot Donald Bradman, who scored 974 in seven innings in 1930. But the fact that Smith is even in the same conversation as the man widely regarded as the greatest batsman in history is testament to his genius.

## Smith, Cummins retain top position

PTI ■ DUBAI

India captain Virat Kohli has managed to hold on to his second position behind Australia's Steve Smith in the ICC Test Rankings for batsmen released on Monday.

Kohli, with 903 rating points, is 34 points behind Smith (937).

Besides former Australia captain Smith, compatriot Pat Cummins has also retained his one position in the ICC Test bowlers' rankings.

Both Smith and Cummins player key roles in helping Australia retain The Ashes.

The Ashes culminated with a 135-run victory for England in the fifth and final Test on Sunday. The series ended in a 2-2 draw with Australia retaining the Urn.

Smith's scores of 80 and 23 in the two innings in the final Test helped him remain at 937 rating points, an incredible effort since he



Pat Cummins and Steve Smith

started the series in fourth position with 857 points before his surge that came courtesy 774 runs in four Tests.

Cummins too is well clear of other bowlers as he enjoys a lead of 57 points over second-placed Kagiso Rabada after finishing as the top wicket-taker with 29 scalps. India's Jasprit Bumrah is in third place.

Other players from Australia to make notable gains are Matthew Wade and Mitchell Marsh.

## Broad got into Warner's head, says Justin Langer

AFP ■ LONDON

Australia's cricket coach Justin Langer said David Warner allowed England paceman Stuart Broad to "get into his head" during a miserable Ashes series for the opener.

Warner ended with the unwanted record of the fewest runs scored by a Test opener across 10 innings of a series.

The 32-year-old, who registered a cumulative total of just 95, was dismissed seven times by Broad during the drawn contest and encountered jeers from home crowds following his role in the 2018 ball-tampering scandal.

Langer plans to persist with the experienced batsman heading into the Australian summer but expressed some doubt that he would fully recover from a dismal Ashes display.

"I've learned over a long period you never write off champion players, it doesn't matter what sport, you never write off champion players," said Langer, whose side retained the urn following the 2-2 draw.

"He had this series, it didn't go to plan, but he's seen how successful he's

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been and the impact he can have on Australian cricket teams winning, so I'm confident he'll come good.

"Actually, I'm hopeful he comes good. Talking frankly, I thought he let Stuart Broad get into his head and I think he thought way too much about it."

Langer feels Warner, who was the second-highest run scorer at the World Cup, will be pleased to be returning home.

"In this instance I don't think David solved the puzzle, and he'll be the first to admit that," said.

"He'll probably be very relieved (when) he gets on the Qantas flight knowing he doesn't have to face Stuart Broad for a while, I reckon."



## Aus better team in Ashes: Ponting

LONDON ■ (IANS)

Former Australia captain Ricky Ponting believes Tim Paine's men were the better side in the recently-concluded Ashes series against England which ended in a 2-2 stalemate.

Australia retained the Ashes with a comprehensive 185-run victory in the fourth Test but let slip a golden chance to win their first Ashes series in England since 2001 as they conceded a 135-run loss in the tour finale at The Oval on Sunday.

"Australia will look at it as a series of missed opportunities," Ponting told [cricket.com.au](http://cricket.com.au).

"I think they've clearly been the better team. They've clearly played better cricket throughout the series. They should have won at Headingley."

He also said that the 2-2 result was not a clear reflection of how the series was

played and how the visitors performed in the five-match rubber.

Australia were knocked out of the World Cup in the semi-finals by eventual champions England and retained the urn in England for the first time in 18 years.

Ponting said the efforts of Paine's side should be congratulated even though they didn't manage to win the coveted series.

"We shouldn't undersell how well Australia have played, and on the back of a pretty successful World Cup campaign," he said.

"The boys have been on the road for five months. Making a World Cup semi-final and retaining the Ashes 2-2, it's been a good few months for Australian cricket."

Australia will next face Sri Lanka in the three-match T20I series at home beginning October 27.

## Sarfraz confident of good showing in World Test Championship



Pakistani batsmen walk into the ground

PTI ■ KARACHI

Pakistan's captain Sarfraz Ahmed is confident that his team is ready to make an impact in the ICC World Test Championship after struggling for form in this format in the last two years.

"After in-and-out performances in the last two years since the retirements

of Misbah-ul-Haq and Younis Khan, I think we are now ready to challenge other teams in the World Test Championship," he said.

Pakistan's first challenge will be a tour to Australia in November where they play two Tests followed by home Test series against Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. Pakistan is presently placed 7th among 12 Test teams in the ICC World Rankings and Sarfraz admitted his team had neither been consistent nor convincing in the longer format for a while now.

"We have struggled after losing Misbah and Younis and we are in a rebuilding process. But now I think our batsmen are ready to fill the gaps and take responsibility," he said.

"We have Shaan Masood, Imam-ul-Haq, Azhar Ali, Asad Shafiq, Harris Sohail and Babar Azam who have now gone through the grind and can do well at the Test level. There is also lot of experience now behind Azhar and Asad."

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Kuldeep Yadav and Yuzvendra Chahal — the famed 'KulCha' of Indian cricket — may not be the flavour of the season anymore but experts believe it is too early to write them off in the shortest format ahead of the T20 World Cup next year.

Both Kuldeep and Chahal, who had cemented their place in the two shorter formats with impressive performances over the past 24 months, have not been picked for two straight T20 series, including the ongoing home assignment against South Africa.

Ahead of the opening T20 in Dharamsala, captain Virat Kohli said the team is trying out the likes of Rahul Chahal and Washington Sundar as it is looking to bat deep and post 200 plus totals consistently.

Former India opener Aakash Chopra feels the decision to exclude Kuldeep and Chahal could be a double-edged sword.

"The idea is if you have that much depth in batting you bat a certain way. You can't bat conser-

## 'Too early to look beyond Kuldeep, Chahal'



Kuldeep Yadav and Yuzvendra Chahal chats during practice session

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vatively if you have that kind of depth. That is what England did. They changed the template completely. They focused on batting deep as they wanted to score 400 (in ODIs) and they achieved it many times," Chopra told PTI.

"It looks India is wanting to take the same aggressive approach

in T20s and there is nothing wrong in that. Now, they need to start showing the intent of scoring 220 consistently."

"Batting till 8, 9 and 10 is still ambitious (as you don't need them at all in a 20 over game) but if you are trying to score 220 it is fine," he explained.

Chopra felt if the team decides to compromise on its wicket-taking ability, then it to score more.

However, he foresees Chahal making a T20 comeback very soon. Chahal, at the moment, is only part of the ODI team while Kuldeep is part of both the 50-over and Test squads though not a sure starter in the eleven.

"Chahal will be back. Rahul Chahal is more of a bowler and Washington Sundar's batting at number 8 may not be needed anyway," Chopra added.

Kuldeep and Chahal's inclusion has become a talking point just like finger spinners Ravichandran Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja, who where shown the door in the shorter formats following the 2017 Champions Trophy, Jadeja made a comeback but Ashwin couldn't.

Former India spinner Sunil Joshi, who is now a well-known spin coach, welcomed the move to try out youngsters before caution-

ing against the confusion the situation might create in the mind of the spinners.

"I would suggest that Kuldeep and Chahal should go back to domestic cricket when they are not on national duty. Finger spinner or wrist spinner is not the question here. It is about having the tactics to outclass the batsman besides technique and temperament," Joshi told PTI.

"Let's see how the young spinners do and ample opportunities should be given to them but at the same time if Chahal and Kuldeep are playing only one format it could disturb their rhythm. White ball cricket is all about rhythm."

"The conditions will be different in Australia for the T20 World Cup with the bigger grounds. Overspin will come in handy. All the spinners who are in the hunt should be told about their roles clearly else it might cause confusion in their minds," Joshi added.