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Disorientation of anti-CAA lobby is understandable

There is little doubt that in her zeal to be wilfully outrageous, the 19-year-old Amulya Leona Noronha seriously embarrassed most of the anti-Citizenship (Amendment) Act fraternity when she chanted 'Pakistan zindabad' from podium at a protest rally in Bengaluru. Certainly, the alacrity with which the stalwarts of the protest, including AIMIM leader Asaduddin Owaisi, snatched the mike from her indicated the panic.

The disorientation of the anti-CAA lobby is understandable. Since December 13 last year when the protests began, the Muslim community – which has been in the forefront of the anti-Narendra Modi stir – has been at pains to demonstrate that their opposition to the changes in the Citizenship Act is grounded in their status as patriotic Indians. The national flag, the Constitution and photographs of both Mahatma Gandhi and Babasaheb Ambedkar have been generously used in the rallies and extended dharnas. The national anthem too has been lustily sung on innumerable occasions. Under the circumstances, the teenager's invocation of Pakistan – whatever may have been its convoluted underlying logic – was clearly outside a set narrative.

Amulya's zindabad to Pakistan also came within a day of AIMIM national spokesperson Waris Pathan's boast that 15 crore of Muslims have the ability to make 100 crore others tremble – a threat that most people will undeniably view as both menacing and sinister. Add to this earlier utterances by different protesters espousing either a form of sectarian separatism or praising Mohammed Ali Jinnah and it is possible to understand why many people detect a hidden agenda behind the anti-CAA protests.

Arguably, such a conclusion may be unfair. The stalwarts of the anti-CAA have been at pains to link their protests to an exalted 'idea of India'. Someone like Owaisi has sought to reinvent himself and detach his organisation from the inheritance of the Razakars who fought against Hyderabad's integration into India in 1947-48.

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Kejriwal not 'Happiness' tour guide for Melania

AAP blames Centre as US Embassy says CM, Sisodia not in invitee list

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Names of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and his deputy Manish Sisodia are missing from the guest list for the February 25 event when US First Lady Melania Trump is scheduled to visit a Delhi Government school in the national Capital to watch "happiness classes" and interact with the students, sources said.

The Delhi Government sources said the US Embassy communicated to the city administration on Saturday morning that the names of Kejriwal and Sisodia do not figure in the list of invitees for the school event. When contacted, a US Embassy spokesperson referred the query to the Delhi Government on the matter.

AAP spokesperson Saurabh Bharadwaj alleged that the names of Kejriwal and Sisodia have been dropped from the list at the behest of the BJP-led Central Government. "The BJP is claiming that it (Centre) did not ask the US Embassy to drop the names of



Kejriwal and Sisodia from the list. The comments actually indicated that there is something fishy," Bharadwaj claimed. According to the original schedule, Kejriwal and Sisodia were to welcome Melania at the

school and brief her about rationale behind introduction of "happiness classes" as well as the Delhi Government's overall reform initiatives in the education sector, officials said.

"Names of Kejriwal and Sisodia have been dropped from the list of invitees. We do not know who will receive and brief the First Lady about happiness classes when she visits our school," said a Delhi Government official.

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Uncertainty about Modi joining Trump's Taj trip

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Just a couple of days before US President Donald Trump's visit to India, confusion prevails over whether Prime Minister Narendra Modi will accompany the Trumps during their visit to the Taj Mahal in Agra on Monday. Contrary versions emerged from the Indian and American sides on Saturday with sources in New Delhi saying Modi accompanying the Trump family to Agra is unlikely and reports attributing US officials stating otherwise.



Security personnel patrol at Mehtab Bagh in Agra on Saturday

The Government sources said Modi will not accompany the US President and First Lady Melania Trump to see the Taj Mahal in Agra.

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Shaheen Bagh blows hot & cold, one road opened

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A stretch of Shaheen Bagh Road Number 9, from Abul Fazal Enclave to Kalindi Kunj Junction, was opened by a section of the anti-CAA protesters on Saturday. It was one of the roads closed since December 15 when the anti-CAA protest began.

"A section of the protesters opened the stretch that joins Abul Fazal Enclave to Kalindi Kunj Junction but after a few minutes, it was closed again by another group. Subsequently,



A stretch of the road opens after two months in Shaheen Bagh on Saturday

of Police (South East) RP Meena said.

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Modi is versatile genius, says Justice Arun Mishra

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Supreme Court Judge Justice Arun Mishra on Saturday was all praise for Prime Minister Narendra Modi and termed him as an "internationally acclaimed visionary" and a "versatile genius, who thinks globally and acts locally".

Complimenting the PM and Union Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad for doing away with 1,500 obsolete laws, Justice Mishra said India is a respon-

sible and most friendly member of the international community under the "stewardship" of Modi.

Delivering the vote of thanks at the inaugural function of the International Judicial Conference 2020 – "Judiciary and the Changing World" at the SC, he said "We thank the versatile genius, who thinks globally and acts locally, Shri Narendra Modi, for his inspiring speech which would act as a catalyst in initiating the deliberations and setting the agenda for the conference."

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CAPSULE

'MENTAL' RELIEF PLEA OF NIRBHAYA RAPIST JUNKED

New Delhi: A Delhi court dismissed a plea by one of the four death-row convicts in the Nirbhaya gangrape and murder case claiming he has mental illness and needs treatment.

BHARAT MATA KI JAI BEING MISUSED: MANMOHAN

New Delhi: Nationalism and the slogan of "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" are being misused to construct a "militant and purely emotional" idea of India, Manmohan Singh said.

NO DISCOVERY OF GOLD IN SONBHADRA: GSI

Sonbhadra: The GSI said there has been no discovery of gold deposits estimated to be around 3,000 tonnes in Sonbhadra.

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SHOW TIME

Delightfully cute love story



SHUBH MANGAL ZYADA SAAVDHAN
*ing: Ayushmann Khurrana, Jitendra Kumar, Gajraj Rao, Neena Gupta
Rated: 7.5/10

A movie on gay relationships? Most people would balk at even thinking about going to a film that talks about LGBTQI community let alone watch two men kiss each other not once but twice. Even though the Government has decriminalised homosexuality by declaring Section 377 IPC as unconstitutional, the society has yet to come to terms with the love same sex. In their mind, it is not normal love.

But like Ayushmann Khurana, who plays Kartik, in the movie rightly said: What is normal? We have grown up on a diet to love stories that talk about love between a man and a woman. We have grown up rote learning Jack and Jill poem. Why did the poem not talk about Jack and Johnny? This is the question that we should all be asking ourselves. Fifty years back, nobody would have thought that there would be a device

that allowed wireless communication. But here we are, totally dependent on our smartphones. This is our normal today. People love their cat/dog. They leave properties to them. We call them crazy but do we shun them? Why can't love between same sex people be normal and why can't families accept it?

Like Khurrana's character rightly says: *Roz hume ladaayi ladni padti hai zindagi mein par jo ladaayi parivaar ke saath hoti hai woh saari ladaayi sabse badi aur khatarnaak hoti hai.*

Shubh Mangal... touches a cord that plus a cord like no other because it is one of the best love stories that Bollywood has made in the recent past, the last being *Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani* back in 2013. If only the director, Hitesh Kewalya, had released this film on Valentine's Day because the movie is less about homosexuality and homophobia and more about how two people who are in love should stay together rather be caught in a loveless marriage.

The banter and funny dialogues between Gajraj Rao (Shankar Tripathi) and

Neena Gupta, his onscreen wife – Sunaina, among the family members, between Rao and Kartik is what makes Shubh Mangal... such a delight. What is even cuter and sweeter are the detailing that has gone into Khurrana's character. It is absolutely impossible to miss the nose ring, the pink dupatta and the cape he wears while proclaiming from the roof top that Shankar Tripathi is a homophobic.

Then there are the brilliant performances by the actors. Khurrana has once again proved that is a great actor. His demeanor and expressions are bang on and such a delight to watch. He is the life and soul of this movie. Then there is Jitendra Kumar who plays Aman Tripathi, Kartik's partner who compliments Khurrana. A special mention here for Rao, Gupta, Manurishi Chaddha and even Maanvi Gargro. While Khurrana helms the movie, the rest of the starcast do their best and make this such a delightfully cute love story.

However, if you are a homophobic, stay away!

— Shalini Sakseena

This is a sinking ship

BHOOT PART ONE: THE HAUNTED SHIP
*ing: Vicky Kaushal, Bhumi Pednekar, Ashutosh Rana
Rated: 3/10

There are a few genres on which Bollywood should never attempt to make movies. First, of course is comedy. Vir Das has rightly said: Indians have not learnt the art of laughing at themselves. Second, and *Bhoot: The Haunted Ship*, falls under this category is horror. There was a time when Bollywood had some incredible horror movies to its name like *Mahal* and *Bees Saal Baad*. Then came the era of Ramsay Brothers. While these movies had the bhoot, it lacked the scare factor. Not the spine-chilling expression of teenage Damien in *Omen*.

One has to understand that everything that goes bump at night and strange clanking noise doesn't constitute horror. That is what ails this latest ghost movie. Bhanu Pratap Singh

may have used a ghost ship to tell his story that already has a history of haunting and the entire crew mysteriously committing suicide, the creepy looking ghost or the victim it has possessed and kept with it for more than 10 years is more on the lines that the bhoot needs psychiatric treatment rather than be exorcised.

While Vicky Kaushal may be the only saving grace of this sinking ship, the fact remains why he chose to do this film in the first place given that the storyline and the script of this film is not a patch on the kind of movies Kaushal has picked up in the recent past like *Uri* and *Manmarziyaan*. Sad that Ashutosh Rana who has been in the industry for more than two decades would say yes to this project.

There are several lose ends at the climax. If the director was looking at a *Bahubali: The Beginning* kind of end, he failed miserably.

Only see this one if you are a horror film fan.

— Shalini Sakseena



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Colour Me Colour You

Venue: India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
When: February 23, 2020
Time: 10 am to 8 pm

We all look for meaning, we all search for our goals. Is there really a purpose? Are we all one and together or just wandering soul. In this journey of life, I found a little of myself, in water, in brushes, in paints, and in color, I see, a little of you and a little of me.

Expression of feelings and deep emotions through art is a medium for me to find balance in life. Life, which is uncertain and prone to change leaving us to struggle and process complex human behavior and circumstances.

Through a string of emotions that tie us together, I truly see a part of me in you and a part of you in me.

In this exhibit, the artist have used acrylic colors to emote the innumerable and uncountable emotions, soulful expressions and the beauty, divinity, and rawness of a woman.

Hope that you see in her a little bit of you and a little bit of me.

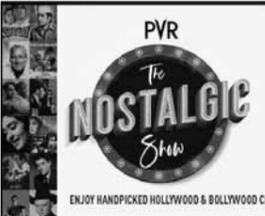


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'Need to have more real stories'

From playing Vishnu to Krishna to Akbar and now a chef, SOURABH RAJ JAIN has donned several hats. He speaks with MUSBA HASHMI about what made him take up the latest role and his favourite pastime, among other things

❖ **What made you say yes to the role?**
The character, the storyline of course, the concept of the show, and the backstory that my character had intrigued me the most. It was also after my meeting with the producers of the show Rajita Sharma and Vivek Budakoti who are also writers of the show, that I was thoroughly convinced to take it up.

❖ **Any similarities that you share with your character?**
The one similarity that I share with Neil Oberoi is being passionate about whatever I take up in my field. While Neil is a very passionate cook, I am in real life passionate about my acting and whatever I showcase on screen. So that way, my character and I are very similar when it comes to our careers.

❖ **What should the audience look forward to in the show?**
I am showcasing myself in a different genre after very



long, so that is something the audiences should definitely look forward to. Other than that the backstory that my character has been unveiling through the course of the show has been very interesting, and something that the audiences too would like to know more about.

❖ **From Remix to Patiala Babes, how has your journey been?**
The journey has been overwhelming, amazing and one that I am extremely proud about. Through the years I have got to experiment with so many different genres, roles and concepts, and as an actor there is nothing better that I could have asked for!

❖ **You have explored different genres and have done variety of roles. How did the transition happen?**
Experimentation of course! Because as an actor if you don't experiment with and try out new genres and mediums, you are never going to grow or learn. And for me being diverse with my skills in such a field is extremely important.

❖ **What was the most challenging role?**
I have done so many roles in the years gone by and to be honest all of them have been challenging. Every role demands a different side of me, so each of them has actually had me experience a different challenge altogether.

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Will complete Char Dham project by 2021: VK Singh

Decision taken to ensure hassle free Yatra to pilgrims visiting U'khand for Haridwar Kumbh



PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The Union Minister of State for road, transport and national highways, General (Retd), VK Singh has said that the ambitious 'All weather road project' linking the char dhams of Uttarakhand would get completed before the Kumbh at Haridwar.

Addressing media persons at the Chief Minister's residence

here on Saturday, Gen Singh said that all the works associated with the Char Dhams of the 'All weather road' would be completed before the Haridwar Kumbh of year 2021. He said that the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has been directed to complete all the road cutting works before the commencement of the Yatra this year. Gen Singh said that

the target to complete road works related to Char Dhams before the year 2021 is taken to ensure hassle free Yatra to the pilgrims visiting the state for Haridwar Kumbh. He said that the union government has kept the project on its priority and he himself is monitoring the works both on ground and aerially from last three days. The minister said that the union government has received

the interim report of the Supreme Court (SC) constituted committee for studying damage done to the environment by the project. He informed that under the project broadening of 646 km road network is to be done and out of which cutting of 452 km is completed. The minister claimed that the cutting work of remaining 194 km would be completed before the commencement of the Yatra season this year. On question of the ban imposed by the SC on the stretch of 100 km road linking Uttarkashi to Gangotri which falls in the eco sensitive zone, Singh said that work there would start when the approval is received.

To prevent falling of the debris of road cutting into rivers, retaining walls are being constructed, he said.

SRINAGAR BUS STATION

Complete land transfer work within week: Min



PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The State Minister for Higher education and cooperatives, Dhan Singh Rawat has directed the officials to dispose of the pending work of land transfer for construction of bus station at

Srinagar town of Garhwal within one week.

He gave the order while undertaking a meeting with the officials of transport, urban development and housing at state secretariat on Saturday.

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He said that a new DPR of the project should be prepared. Dhan Singh Rawat said that the Srinagar Garhwal is very important in view of the Char Dham Yatra and no lassitude would be tolerated in the construction work of bus station there.

Budget of ₹53K cr expected for U'khand this year

Cabinet sets up a committee on merger of Jal Sansthan & Jal Nigam

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The budget of Uttarakhand for the year 2020-21 is expected to be around ₹53,000 crore which is about 10 per cent more than that of last year. The State Cabinet on the day gave its approval for the budget proposals and final draft of the address of the Governor.

The Budget session of the Uttarakhand Assembly is commencing on March 3 and the governor Baby Rani Maurya would address the house on the opening day. As the budget session has been notified there was no official briefing of the decisions of the cabinet on Saturday. However it is learnt that a total of 13 issues came up for discussion in the cabinet on the day. It approved 12 issues and constituted a committee on one. On the subject of merger of the

Jal Sansthan and Jal Nigam, the cabinet decided to set up a committee headed by cabinet minister Subodh Uniyal. This committee would recommend the process to be adopted for unification of these two departments. The cabinet on the day also gave its approval for the new excise policy. The approval of service regulation of the nursing cadre in the health department was also given on the day. The department has 160 posts of sister nurse and 1091 posts of staff nurse. According to the regulation 80 percent of posts would be reserved for females. Similarly the cabinet also gave its consent on the service regulation for the physiotherapy and occupational therapy on the day. It was also decided to increase the number of posts in the state planning commission from 101 to 126. The proposed Youth



commission would also be a part of the planning commission. In an important decision, the cabinet dissolved the Uttarakhand river bank development corporation as it had become redundant. The transport department would now have 625 posts. The department has a sanctioned strength of 521 posts, the cabinet on the day decided to constitute 116 new posts and dissolve 12 posts. The cabinet gave approval to the proposal for conversion of 3522 square meter of land from

Kumbh area land to residential. The Leuva Patel community of Gujarat would construct an ashram on this land. The cabinet also decided to table a bill in state assembly for reconstitution of the Gairsain Development Council. In the changed setup, the housing minister would be the chairman of the council in place of speaker of assembly. The Principal Secretary Tourism and revenue would be the members of the council. The cabinet also gave its approval for merger of two officers, Project Manager and Senior Residential engineer in the Bridge ropeway, tunnel and other infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (BRIDCUL). These officers are presently working on deputation. The cabinet also approved the 'Uttarakhand Aerospace and Defence technology policy' on the day.

Liquor prices to go down in State

A revenue target of about ₹3600 cr set for coming financial year

NEW EXCISE POLICY

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Government has decided to reduce the price of liquor in the state. The decision was taken by the Uttarakhand cabinet on Saturday. The new excise policy was on the agenda of the cabinet meeting on the day and the cabinet gave its nod to it.

Though there was no official declaration of the cabinet decision, it is learnt that in the new excise policy, a revenue target of about ₹3,600 Crore is kept by the state government for the coming financial year. Giving relief to the liquor lovers of the state, the government decided to reduce the price of liquor and make them at par or less than the price of liquor in neighbouring Uttar Pradesh (UP). The prices of popular brands are likely to witness a reduction of 10 to 15 per cent in Uttarakhand now.

This decision is taken in view of large scale smuggling of liquor in

Uttarakhand from the neighbouring states. In the new policy, the state government has decided to adopt a dual policy of allocation of liquor shops in the state.

There are 612 liquor shops in the state. It is learnt that the excise department would offer the license holders of 380 profit earning shops to

retain the license for the year 2020-21 by paying additional revenue of 15 per cent on the last year's fees. The remaining 332 shops would be sold by adopting the method of lottery system. Making amendment in the process of giving licences to the Bars, the new excise policy has given the district magistrates (DM) the rights of offering licenses. As of now the bar licenses are given at the level of the state administration.

Govt hinges hope on reduction in liquor smuggling

Dehradun: The revenue target for the year 2019-20 from sale of liquor in Uttarakhand was Rs 3180 crore but the department is likely to fall short by at least ₹300 crore. This year the target is further increased to ₹3600 crore and the government has decided to reduce the price of liquor as well. For the loss incurred due to reduction in prices of liquor, the state government is hoping that marked reduction in smuggling would not only offset the loss but also result in increase in its revenue collections. The experts

however opine that the decision would not have much impact on smuggling as most of the liquor is smuggled from Himachal Pradesh and Haryana where the prices are much cheaper. However in the new policy the state government has adopted many recommendations given by the N S Napalchayal committee. The committee setup by the state government to inquire into the liquor tragedy of Roorkee, had recommended decentralisation of the excise department and in the new policy this aspect has been taken care off. **PTI**

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Provide bank linkage & KCC to farmers: DM

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The District Magistrate (DM) of Pithoragarh, Vijay Kumar Jogdande has directed the officials that bank linkages and Kisan Credit Card (KCC) should be provided to all members of the cooperative societies and groups engaged under integrated livelihood support project (ILSP) in the district.

He was undertaking a review meeting of the development projects under the AJIVIKA and GRAMYA schemes at his office on Saturday.

He said that innovations should be done in the projects related to different aspects of agriculture in the rural areas so

that the income of the farmers is doubled. Appreciating the works undertaken in Vin, Munakot and Kanalichenna blocks the DM suggested that production of potato seeds should be done at Bhatedi and Badabe.

The project manager ILSP, Kukdeep Bisht said that in all three blocks a total business of ₹8.40 crore was generated by 18 federations in the year 2019-20.

He claimed that the federations earned revenue of ₹70.29 Lakhs in this period and 11112 members of these federations got benefitted. Bisht said that the state administration has given approval for three growth centres in the district. In the

meeting, the DM also reviewed the works of the district watershed coordination committee.

The deputy director of GRAMYA, N S Rawat gave a detailed account of the watershed management, agriculture, horticulture development and land conservation schemes under the project. In the meeting, the DM said that the objective of the project is to augment efficiency in the use of natural resources and increase in productivity of rain fed agriculture by participation of village groups in micro watershed areas. The Chief Development Officer (CDO) Vandana and other officers were present in the meeting.

Shadab Shams elected Deputy Chairman of Minority welfare panel

BJP Govt committed to minority welfare: Shams

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat has appointed senior BJP leader, Shadab Shams as deputy chairman of the 15 point programme implementation committee under the minorities' welfare department. The CM is the chairman of the committee while the chief secretary (CS) is the secretary of the committee. Talking to The Pioneer, Shams said that the BJP government is dedicated for the welfare of the



minorities. He said that he would try to ensure that maximum number of people are benefited from the various schemes available for welfare of minorities. Shams also thanked the CM Rawat for the appointment.

Nadda meets Nitish before concluding Patna tour, discusses Assembly polls

Patna: BJP national president JP Nadda on Saturday called on Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, his counterpart in the JD(U), and is understood to have discussed among other things the State polls due later this year.

Accompanied by national general secretary Bhubendra Yadav, Deputy CM Sushil Kumar Modi and state BJP president Sanjay Jaiswal, Nadda met the Chief Minister at his official residence here. JD(U) is an NDA ally running a coalition government in Bihar.

The assembly polls, to be held by November, are of vital importance for the coalition led by the BJP, which has been sore after drubbings in Delhi and Jharkhand besides an unexpected setback in Maharashtra. Nadda shared

pictures of his meeting with Kumar — which lasted for over 30 minutes — on his Twitter handle and hailed the chief minister's leadership of the NDA in Bihar for having "ensured all-round development of the state".

The NDA, which in Bihar also includes Ram Vilas Paswan's Lok Janshakti Party, had put up its best-ever performance in the Lok Sabha election last year wherein it grabbed 39 out of the 40 seats and established leads in over 220 out of the 243 assembly segments.

Nadda earlier in the day addressed a meeting of the party's 14-member core committee, which included Union ministers like Giriraj Singh, Nityanand Rai and Ashwini Kumar Choubey.

A disparaging remark by veteran RJD leader Jagadanand Singh about the meeting between national presidents of the BJP and the JD(U), however, left the saffron party fuming.

Singh, who heads the RJD's state unit, likened the two parties to lame persons trying to overcome the deficiency by tying up. In a strongly-worded statement, state BJP spokesman Nikhil Anand said, "Singh has been a veteran socialist, who appears to have lost his moorings with the humiliation of working under those younger to him by 50 years."

"His frivolous remarks are a desperate attempt to appease Tejashwi Yadav and Tej Pratap Yadav, sons of jailed Lalu Prasad, who calls the shots despite being in jail". **PTI**

Himachal to host paragliding pre-world cup at Bir-Billing from March 31 to April 5

PNS ■ SHIMLA

The Paragliding Pre-World Cup would be held from march 31 to April 5 at Bir-Billing in Kangra district, R.D. Dhiman, Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Tourism and Civil Aviation, Himachal Pradesh, said on Saturday.

A meeting under the chairmanship of Dhiman was held regarding organisation of the Paragliding Pre-World Cup where the official informed that the Paragliding World Cup Association (PWCA) has given their permission to organise the paragliding pre world cup.

Dhiman informed that there would be 100 participants from 28 different countries. He said Bir-Billing is quite popular for this adventurous sports and earlier world level event was organised in the year 2015. "Bir-Billing is one of the best paragliding site in the world", he added.

For the safety and rescue of participants, the arrangement for helicopter has also been made, Dhiman said. The event is being organised by the Department of Tourism and Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports, Manali.

Himachal CM inaugurates International Mandi Shivaratri Fair

KISHORI LAL ■ MANDI

Himachal Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur on Saturday inaugurated the week long International Mandi Shivaratri Fair by participating in the Pagri Ceremony and Pooja at Shri Raj Madhav Temple in Mandi town, also known as Chhoti (little) Kashi. He also presided over the Sobha Yatra from the temple to Paddal Mela Ground. The festivities will culminate on February 28.

Presiding over the opening ceremony of International Shivaratri Fair at Paddal Ground, he said that it was vital that we respect our tradition and culture as only those societies thrive that respect and love their culture. He said

that the Mandi Shivaratri not only reflects the deep faith of the people of their Gods and Goddesses, but it provides an opportunity to the people for socialisation. He said that this fair has also emerged as the major fair for commercial activities.

Thakur said that in the present era of cut throat competition, people usually have little time to participate in the fairs, which was a matter of concern. He said that the state was known as Dev Bhoomi, as lives of the people of the state are deeply influenced by the local Gods and Goddesses.

He said that almost all the villages of the state have their own temple and own deity. He said that Mandi town was also known as Choti Kashi as there



are over hundred temples in the town.

He said the state government has spent over Rs 72 crore on providing twenty four hour drinking water

supply to the Mandi Town, adding that Shiv Dham would also be developed in Mandi town, besides construction of Helipoint to attract the tourists to visiting

the town. Thakur said the government was striving hard to construct International Airport at Balh area of Mandi and added that a multi storey parking would be constructed in Mandi town.

He also announced that trekker hut would also be constructed in the town to facilitate tourists visiting the town.

He announced increase of ten percent in the honorarium of 'Bajantaris' on the occasion. The Chief Minister also inaugurated exhibition and SARAS Mela at Paddal Ground on the occasion and also visited the exhibition put up by Information and Public Relations Department, which depicted the journey of all Chief Ministers of the state. Thakur was also handed over the Baton (Torch) by the district administration regarding the campaign the administration has launched regarding 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao'.

He released the 'Shivaratri Margdarshika' a booklet on rituals and customs regarding International Mandi Shivaratri. He also released the souvenir brought out by the organising committee.

Modi is versatile genius, says Justice Arun Mishra

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Justice Mishra, who is third in seniority in the apex court, expressed gratitude to the PM for inaugurating the conference.

He said India is the biggest democracy in the world and "people wonder how this democracy is functioning so successfully".

"India is a responsible and most friendly member of the international community under the stewardship of internationally acclaimed visionary Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi," he said.

"India is committed to constitutional obligations and dedicated to a peaceful and secure world, free from terrorism. In the process of development, preservation of environment is considered supreme," he said.

Justice Mishra emphasised on the need to strengthen the judicial system saying, "Now we are in the 21st century. We are looking for modern

infrastructure not only for the present but also for future.

"To strengthen judicial system is the call of the day as it is the backbone of democracy whereas legislature is the heart and executive is the brain. All these three organs of the state have to work independently but in tandem to make democracy successful..."

Referring to globalisation, he said, "but there is growing concern among masses of being left out and deprived of the gains of globalisation".

"The sense of injustice and inequality being created by the same looms large on us," he said, adding, "It has to be taken care of by all of us alike before it becomes lethal like coronavirus".

He also referred to the contribution of an independent and robust bar and said there is no denying the fact that "bar is the mother of judiciary".

Judges from over 20 countries are attending the conference here.

Shaheen...

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The opening of Kalindi Kunj road number 9 will make it easy for commuters to ply to and from from Noida, said residents. However, the Delhi Police and the Noida Police were continuing to barricade it from one side.

The development came after three days of talks between the Supreme Court-appointed interlocutors — senior advocates Sanjay Hegde and Sadhana Ramachandran — and the protesters over the issue of difficulty to commuters due to blocking of roads.

According to the police, the protesters briefly opened a small portion of a road leading to Kalindi Kunj so that locals can pass through it with their two wheelers. The Noida Traffic Police, however, also continued the restrictions on the Uttar Pradesh side of the road, an official told PTI.

"It was being alleged repeatedly that the protesters have blocked the Kalindi Kunj

road, which leads to Noida Sector 37. So, today it was decided that this allegation has to be done away with and the route was opened," Sonu Warsi, a protester, said.

"The decision was also taken to give a gift to the Supreme Court-appointed interlocutors, whose interaction and mediation has helped reopen the case. We have opened the road and it is now up to the Delhi Police and UP police to decide which vehicles they will allow," he added.

After the talks on Friday, Hegde had said the protesters, in principle, were not fundamentally against opening of the non-protest side of the road if their security could be guaranteed in writing by the Delhi Police under suitable orders of the apex court.

"We will not be holding a public interaction tomorrow to enable the protesters to come to an independent conclusion as to the way forward. We will return on Sunday only if we deem it necessary and feasible to do so," he had said.

Uncertainty about Modi joining Trump's Taj trip

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The US President, his wife, daughter Ivanka Trump and son-in-law Jared Kushner along with a large US delegation, are coming to India on a two-day visit on Monday.

The Indian side's reaction came after a senior US administration official, during a conference call with journalists, said, "The President will arrive in India, in Ahmedabad... The President and the First Lady will then go with Prime Minister Modi to visit the Taj, in Agra. They will then fly to New Delhi and rest overnight in New Delhi, and have a full program on Tuesday."

Denying this, sources said here, "We have seen media reports regarding PM Modi's presence in Agra in connection with the visit of President Trump. The visit to the Taj Mahal in Agra by the US President and the First Lady will afford them the

opportunity to view the historical monument suitably. Therefore, no official engagements or presence of senior dignitaries from the Indian side is envisaged there."

Modi will be with Trump in Ahmedabad, where a public reception will be accorded to Trump and the US First Lady on February 24, and in the Delhi leg of the visit where official engagements are envisaged on February 25," they said. Modi and Trump will go on a roadshow to the world's largest cricket stadium in Ahmedabad's Motera.

Among the many welcome gestures for the guests, a "Trump platter", comprising signature dishes from ITC Maurya's restaurant Bukhara here with a little customisation, is likely to be laid out for the visiting dignitary, sources said. The Bukhara restaurant, which has hosted several heads of States, including former US presidents, has not altered its

menu for the last 41 years.

Like his predecessors, Trump is likely to dine at the iconic restaurant. It will be customised according to his taste, they said. The hotel, however, has not revealed anything about the arrangements made for Trump, including the food.

Barack Obama had visited India twice in 2010 and 2015 as the President and he was served the 'Obama platter'. Since then, the dish has become a part of the menu and is also very popular among the guests.

The Obama platter consists of tandoori jhinga, machhli tikka, murg boti Bukhara and kebabs.

When Bill Clinton had visited Bukhara as the president, the hotel had introduced "Clinton platter" and "Chelsea platter". Bukhara dishes are mainly tandoor-based and has an assortment of kebabs, the signature 'Dal

Bukhara' and breads like 'Khasta Roti', 'Bharwan Kulcha'.

Trump is also likely to be gifted an apron with a painting of MF Husain. Legend has it that Husain was so impressed with Bukhara that he painted his trademark horse on his canvas while having food at the restaurant.

This trademark horse has been replicated on the aprons that are given as mementos to the guests. These aprons will also be presented to the Trumps, the sources said.

When Obama had stayed at the ITC Maurya in 2015, he was served food from the hotel's roof top European restaurant WestView where he dined with top CEOs from India and US on January 26. The dinner was hosted at the Grand Presidential Floor. First Lady Michelle Obama chose to experience the famed Bukhara cuisine and had a private dinner with select members.

Less than 250 terrorists active in J&K: DGP

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Director General of Jammu & Kashmir Police, Dilbagh Singh, Saturday claimed the total number of active terrorists in the State has come down to less than 250 due to sustained counter terrorism operations by the joint team of security forces.

Since January 1, 2020 a total number of 25 terrorists have been eliminated by the security forces in around one dozen operations and about 40 over ground workers have been arrested preventing major

terror strikes on vital security installations.

Briefing media persons after another successful operation in Sangam area of Anantnag district in the wee hours of Saturday, DGP said security forces gunned down two local Lashkar-e-Toiba terrorists in Anantnag early Saturday morning.

DGP said, "a cordon & search operation was launched jointly by police and security forces in Gund Baba Khali area of Sangam in District Anantnag after receiving credible inputs.

Disorientation...

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The more political of the Muslim clerics who were earlier associated with the Ayodhya stir and the opposition to changes in Muslim personal laws have been carefully kept away from the front benches of the anti-CAA protests. Indeed, there has been a conscious attempt to project the stir as something that goes well beyond the Muslim community.

The Christian clergy in particular and liberal Indians, not to mention radical students, have quite deliberately been visible in the protests. Some of the attempts to make the movement appear broad-based and non-sectarian have worked and the foreign media has been impressed. However, some doubts persist.

These have less to do with what Muslim politicians may or may not have said and more to do with the universal negativism of India's self-professed liberals.

Beginning with expressing imaginary and often contrived doubts over the motives behind questions that have been framed for the National Population Register and extending to criticism over the economic policy that assumes India is doomed to mediocrity, the liberals have lost all sense of national pride.

Their attacks on the Modi Government have become so utterly visceral that they no longer believe that there is space for bipartisanship. The net consequence is that India appears far more polarised than it actually is.

The criticism of the CAA presents one example. As the Shaheen Bagh-type movements

including Muslim women have gathered momentum, mainstream political parties have calibrated their criticism. Today, parties such as the Congress are no longer in favour of a blanket denunciation of fast-tracking citizenship to minorities from three neighbouring Muslim countries.

They implicitly acknowledge the need to tie up the loose ends of Partition. What the mainstream critics are now seeking is an extension of the amnesty to cover Ahmediyas from Pakistan and including Rohingya Muslims from Myanmar in the list of persecuted minorities. While the case of the Ahmediyas — declared to be non-Muslims in Pakistan — is interesting, it is also notional. The fact is that no Ahmediya has actually applied for sanctuary in India. If Ahmediyas are to be included, the Government may as well extend the fast track scheme

to Yezdis from Syria and Iraq. No Yezdis has, to my knowledge, applied for asylum in India.

The case of the Rohingyas is more complicated. Some Rohingyas — estimated at anything near a lakh — have already sneaked into India.

Their presence has aroused fierce antipathy in both Assam and the North-east but also in West Bengal.

Unlike the Hindu and Buddhist refugees from Bangladesh who have merged in effortlessly into India's civic society, the Rohingyas stand out and create local tensions.

This is recognised by the Congress and the Communist parties. Yet these parties are quite brazen in demanding their inclusion because it fits a narrative of Muslim exclusion.

The Kashmir issue is another case in point. That the fallout of the

abrogation of Article 370 would present a challenge to the Government was never in doubt. Some tough action — which would be unwarranted in normal circumstances — was also inevitable.

This was also the case in the mid-1990s when the Congress was in power. Yet, an attempt has been made to link the attempts to restore normalcy in the Kashmir Valley with some imaginary targeting of Muslims. The Opposition has tried and may have made Kashmir a Muslim issue.

Particularly irksome is the attempt by the Opposition to invite foreign criticism of India. This is not only deplorable but suggests an attempt to increase communal polarisation in India — in the hope that this will eventually backfire on Modi. It may but it could also harden nationalist resolve.

Kejriwal not 'Happiness'

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Though there was no official reaction from the Delhi Government on the issue, a series of tweets by Sisodia, credited with educational reform in Delhi schools, indicated the AAP dispensation's unhappiness over it.

He said "happiness class" is "the solution to all hate and narrow mindedness".

"Education is meaningless without happiness. I am happy that Delhi Govt schools are showing a path to the world. And the world is curious to know what we are doing in happiness class," he said.

Earlier in the day, the Deputy Chief Minister told reporters that the Delhi Government had received a request about

"convention" that the state leaders are present when any foreign dignitary attends events in their States.

He also alleged that the names of Kejriwal and Sisodia had been dropped from the guest list at the behest of the BJP-led Central Government. He referred to a Press conference by a BJP spokesperson to clarify the saffron party's stand on the issue.

"If it (the Centre) has not asked it (the US Embassy) to drop names of the CM and deputy CM, then it could have simply requested the Embassy to include their names," he said.

"Instead of asking the US embassy for the same, holding Press conference by a BJP leader is a clear indication that it (BJP) is involved in the entire matter," Bharadwaj said when asked about the issue.

On Kejriwal not being part of the guest list for Melania's visit to the Delhi school, BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra said there shouldn't be any "low-level politics or petty politics" on issues which are of national interest.

"India comes under disrepute if we start pulling each other's legs. The Modi Government doesn't influence the US, as to whom they invite or not," he said.

The Delhi Government introduced the happiness curriculum in July, 2018. According to the curriculum, students studying in classes 1-8 at Delhi Government schools spend 45 minutes every day to attend "happiness classes" where they participate in activities like storytelling, meditation and question and answer sessions. Similarly, for nursery and kindergarten students, the classes are held twice a week.

The Arvind Kejriwal-led Government has been spending a large chunk of its budget on education in the city in the last several years. In its last budget, the Delhi government had set aside 25 per cent of its total budget for the education sector, perhaps highest among other States. Kejriwal led AAP to a spectacular victory in the assembly elections earlier this month primarily riding on his development agenda including reforms in the health and education sectors.

The reforms initiated by the AAP Government have been lauded by several prominent personalities.

On Friday, Kejriwal said his Government will provide all possible help to the Maharashtra government to implement education reforms which he said reflected "cooperative federalism at its best".

Ram Sena man announces ₹10L bounty for killing Amulya

Bengaluru: An activist of the right wing group Sri Ram Sena has announced a bounty of ₹10 lakh for killing Amulya Leona who shouted pro-Pakistan slogans at an anti-CAA event here recently.

In a video footage, the activist Sanjeev Maradi is heard asking the government not to release the woman or else he will kill her. **PTI**

Avoid non-essential travel to Singapore: Govt

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As India and China indulged in blame game on an IAF plane not getting permission to evacuate Indians from the coronavirus-hit regions there, New Delhi on Saturday issued a fresh advisory asking flyers to avoid non-essential travel to Singapore. It also said screening at airports is now being planned for flight passengers coming to India from Kathmandu, Indonesia, Vietnam and Malaysia from Monday.

India's assertion that China was "deliberately delaying" permission to the IAF plane was refuted by the Chinese embassy. Official sources said Japan, Ukraine and France have been allowed to operate flights between February 16 and 20 but India's request has

not been approved.

An IAF transport plane C-17 is yet to fly to China to bring back Indians and carry relief material for people affected by coronavirus there. However, a Chinese embassy spokesperson said the current epidemic situation in Hubei province is complicated, and the prevention and control of Covid-19 has entered into a critical stage. "There is no such thing as China deliberately delaying granting flight permission," spokesperson Ji Rong said.

India was to send its military transport aircraft to Wuhan, the epicentre of the coronavirus outbreak, on February 20 but the plane could not take off as permission was not granted.

Sources said, Indian nationals stuck in Wuhan are

waiting to be brought back home and the uncertainty over evacuation is causing them mental stress and anxiety. The aircraft was to carry a large consignment of medical supplies to China and bring back more Indians from Wuhan.

Sources said, while the Chinese side continues to maintain that there was no delay in granting permission for the flight to go, the clearance has 'inexplicably' not been given.

In a letter to President Xi Jinping earlier this month, Prime Minister Narendra Modi conveyed India's solidarity to the people and Government of China in meeting the challenge of the coronavirus outbreak and offered to provide assistance to the country.

India then put together relief supplies in pursuance of

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK



Modi's commitment as a token of India's solidarity, particularly in the 70th year of the anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

"These supplies have been offered even as India faces

tremendous shortage itself, given our ethos of helping others in their hour of need," said a source aware of the issue. The relief items include gloves, surgical masks, feeding pumps and defibrillators based on the requirements as indicated by

the Chinese side.

"The Chinese side always attaches great importance to the health and safety of Indian nationals in China, and provided assistance and convenience for the return of Indian citizens," Ji further said in reply to the query.

"We are carefully assessing the ground situation, as prevention work requires. Competent departments of the two countries are keeping communication and coordination in this regard," she said.

India's national carrier Air India has already evacuated around 640 Indians from Wuhan in two separate flights. According to estimates, over

100 Indians are still living in Wuhan.

Indian nationals in Wuhan continue their long wait for the flight. The delay is causing them and their family members in India tremendous mental anguish, said the sources.

They said relief and evacuation flights from other countries including by France are allowed to operate by China but the permission has not come through in India's case.

"Are they not interested in Indian aid provided as our token of support? Why are they creating roadblock in evacuating our nationals from Wuhan and putting them under hardship and mental agony?" said a person aware of the issue.

On February 17, India had announced that it will send C-17 Globemaster, with medical supplies to Wuhan, and bring

back its nationals as well as citizens from all neighbouring countries.

As regards the travel advisory, currently, passengers from China, Hong Kong, Thailand, South Korea, Singapore and Japan are screened at 21 designated airports in the country for a possible exposure to the novel coronavirus. Universal screening at airports is now being planned for flights from Kathmandu, Indonesia, Vietnam and Malaysia from Monday, the health ministry said. The decision was taken during a review meeting chaired by the Cabinet Secretary to take a stock of the status, actions taken and preparedness of states and Union Territories regarding management of novel coronavirus here on Saturday, the Ministry said.

Keep aside identities, think as one nation: BJP to Cong

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The BJP on Saturday hit out at the Congress over its scepticism about US President Donald Trump's visit to India asking the Opposition party, why it is unhappy when the country's stature is being raised globally. The BJP said there are times when political parties should keep aside their identities and "think as one nation".

The BJP's counter came a day after the Congress said Trump's visit should not become an extension of the US presidential election campaign but yield concrete results for India. The visit should not be reduced to a photo opportunity or a PR exercise that would devalue the importance of Indo-US partnership, the Congress had said.

Addressing a Press conference at the BJP headquarters

here, party spokesperson Sambit Patra said Trump's visit will be a landmark moment in the Indo-US relationship and advised the Congress to "start taking pride in the nation's achievements". "This is a meeting of the world's largest and oldest democracies and it should be celebrated," he said adding, "There are times when political parties should keep aside their identities and think as one nation."

Underlining that Trump himself has said multiple times that India is a hard bargainer, Patra said the Congress should not be worried about India's interests.

With Prime Minister Narendra Modi's hardwork, India's relations with other countries have further strengthened from Sochi to Mallapuram, he said. Taking a dig at the Congress, Patra asked if 10

Janpath (residence of party president Sonia Gandhi) had allowed former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to develop Prime Minister Narendra Modi-like rapport with international leaders.

Trump's visit will be a landmark moment in Indo-US relations and the Congress should "start taking pride in the nation's achievements", he added.

Responding to the Congress' questions about what the country will gain from this visit, Patra said the latest defense equipment and the deals that the US was offering to India were never offered during the UPA regime.

Patra said close cooperation with the White House has ensured that India remains at the front and centre of Trump's strategic blueprint.

Priyanka raises question on funding of panel formed to oversee US Prez visit

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Saturday raised questions over the funding of the committee formed to oversee various programmes during US President Donald Trump's Ahmedabad visit on February 24. She wondered what the Government is "hiding under the guise" of the committee.

"₹100 crore is being spent on the visit of President Trump. But this money is being spent through a committee. The members of the committee do not know that they are its members. Does the country not have the right to know which Ministry gave how much money to the committee? What is the Government hiding under the guise of the committee?" the Congress general secretary tweeted.

The Congress also took a swipe at the 'Donald Trump Nagrik Abhinandan Samiti' with a parody advertisement on its official Twitter handle. The poster read 'hiring now' for job of "waving at US President Donald

Trump". It also said that the vacancies were 69 lakh and remuneration would be "achhe din".

The committee headed by Ahmedabad mayor Bijal Patel held its first meeting at the Circuit House in Ahmedabad on Saturday.

The formation of the committee, first announced as Donald Trump Nagrik Abhinandan Samiti by Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Raveesh Kumar, had drawn flak from the Congress.

Congress spokesperson Randeep Surjewala had asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi to explain who all are in this Samiti.

"Why is Gujarat Government spending ₹120 Crore for a 3 hour event organised by an unknown Pvt entity? India values its visiting dignitaries but pl note- Diplomacy is serious Government business & not a series of photo-ops & event management tactics," Surjewala asked.

The Congress had said the Trump visit should not become an extension of the US presidential election campaign but yield concrete results for India.

Bharat Ratna demanded for freedom fighter Savarkar

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The 'Savarkar Darshan Pratishtan' has demanded 'Bharat Ratna' for freedom fighter Veer Savarkar. The organisation announced a two-day All India Conference starting February 26 on Savarkar's life, thoughts, ideas and philosophy titled— 'Akhil Bharatiya Swatantrayir Savarkar Sahitya Sammelan' where the demand for Bharat Ratna will be made in the presence of several Union Ministers including Home Minister Amit Shah.

The objective of the conference is to highlight the relevance of Savarkar's thoughts in present context. "His persona and deeds are incomparable in the history of modern India. His commitment to the cause of freedom struggle and ideological perspective has made him a great person. He was source of inspiration for millions of freedom fighters of India," said Ravindra Sathe, Secretary,

Savarkar Darshan Pratishtan in the presence of former governor of Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh and president organising committee, OP Kohli.

BJP President JP Nadra will be the Chief Guest at the Inaugural session on February 26 and the session will be presided over by Union Minister Nitin Gadhkari. Tourism Minister Prahlad Patel will be Guest of Honour in the programme and valedictory address will be given by Home Minister Amit Shah on the concluding day on February 27.

"Now, it is the time to understand and propagate ideas, thoughts and contribution of Veer Savarkar. This national convention will certainly help not only to understand him better but his philosophy as well," said Dr Sanjeev Tiwari, Joint Secretary, Organising Committee. He said the organization will demand for a Bharat Ratna for Savarkar.

Manmohan: 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' misused to construct militant India

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In an apparent attack on the ruling BJP at the Centre, former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Saturday said that nationalism and the slogan of 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' are being misused to construct a "militant and purely emotional" idea of India that excludes millions of residents and citizens.

Addressing a gathering at the launch of a book on Jawaharlal Nehru's works and speeches, Singh said that if India is recognised in the comity of nations as a vibrant democracy and, if it is considered as one of the important world powers, it was the first Prime Minister, who should be recognised as its main architect.

Nehru had led this country in its volatile and formative days when it adopted a democratic way of life, accommodating divergent social and political views, Singh said. India's first Prime Minister, who was very proud of Indian heritage, assimilated it, and harmonised them into the needs of a new modern India, he said.

"With an inimitable style, and a

multi-linguist, Nehru laid the foundation of the universities, academies and cultural institutions of Modern India. But for Nehru's leadership, independent India would not have become what it is today," Singh said.

"But unfortunately, a section of people who either do not have the patience to read history or would like to be deliberately guided by their prejudices, try their best to picture Nehru in a false light. But I am sure, history has a capacity to reject fake and false insinuations and put everything in proper perspective," he said.

The book 'Who is Bharat Mata' contains selections from Nehru's classic books Autobiography, Glimpses of World History and the Discovery of India; his speeches, essays and letters from pre and post independence years; and some of his most revealing interviews. It was first brought out in English and now its Kannada translation has been released.

"It is a book of particular relevance at a time when Nationalism and the slogan of 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' are being misused to construct a militant and purely emotional idea of India that

excludes millions of residents and citizens," he said.

Singh also extensively quoted Nehru, saying he had asked, "Who is this Bharat Mata?, whose victory you wish?"

"The mountains and rivers, forests and fields are of course dear to everyone, but what counted ultimately is the people of India... Spread out all over vast land," Singh quoted Nehru as saying.

Nehru makes a very significant and time relevant remark on the dangers of leadership falling into a trap and getting removed far away from the common people whom they are supposed to serve, Singh said. "Conceit, like fat on the human body, grows imperceptibly, layer upon layer and the person whom it affects is unconscious of the daily accretion.

Fortunately, the hard knocks of a mad world tone it down or even squash it completely, and there has been no lack of these hard knocks for us in India. The school of life has been difficult one, and suffering is a hard task master," he quoted Nehru as saying.

Manipur varsity V-C dismissed over irregularities

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre has dismissed Manipur University Vice Chancellor Adya Prasad Pandey following complaints of financial and administrative irregularities.

The Human Resource Development (HRD) Ministry on Friday dismissed Pandey after in an inquiry report he was found indulging in "financial and administrative irregularities, including misconduct, dereliction of duties, abuse of power and lack of commitment, causing great harm to the academic environment and bringing the varsity into disrepute". Pandey was placed under suspension in 2018 after violent protests erupted on the varsity's campus which led to prolonged shutdown of the institute.

"The President of India, on consideration of facts and materials available on record and reply submitted by Adya Prasad Pandey... In exercise of the power conferred upon him in terms of sections 13 of Manipur University Act, 2005, has been pleased to dismiss him from his post with immediate effect," the HRD Ministry order stated.

Thackeray requires briefing on citizenship rules: Tewari

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A day after Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and gave a thumbs up to the amended citizenship legislation, Congress leader and former Union Minister Manish Tewari on Saturday said Thackeray requires a briefing on Citizenship Amendment Rules — 2003. Thackeray had also called on Congress chief Sonia Gandhi where the controversial CAA was discussed.

"CM Maharashtra Uddhav Thackeray requires a briefing on CAA — 2003 to understand how NPR is basis of NRC. Once you do NPR, you cannot stop NRC. On Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), he needs to be reacquainted with design of Indian Constitution that religion cannot be basis of Citizenship," he said.

Thackeray's stand on the Citizenship Amendment Act



(CAA) and National Population Register (NPR) has become a bone of contention among the allies in Maharashtra, as the Congress and the NCP are opposed to the measures.

Tewari's remarks came a day after Thackeray met Modi and said that nobody should feel threatened by the CAA or NPR as these measures are not meant to drive away anyone from the country.

Thackeray made the remarks at a Press conference held after his meeting with Prime Minister on Friday, the first after he took over as the Chief Minister. "We discussed CAA and NPR," Thackeray said, adding he has come to

understand the role of the Centre in the NRC.

Accompanied by his son and a Minister in his Cabinet, Uddhav met Sonia and held discussions on the current political situation and CAA-NPR-NRC. This was the first meeting of Thackeray with Sonia Gandhi after the formation of the coalition government in Maharashtra. AICC general secretary in-charge of Maharashtra Mallikarjun Kharge and Shiv Sena leaders Aadiya Thackeray and Sanjay Raut were also present during the meeting.

The meeting came soon after Thackeray asserted that one does not have to fear the CAA and no one will throw out of the country due to NPR, soon after meeting Modi. He said an atmosphere is also being created in the country that the National Register of Citizens (NRC) is dangerous people have to queue up to prove their citizenship.

Indians hailed critical verdicts despite apprehensions: PM

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said 1.3 billion Indians have disregarded apprehensions and "wholeheartedly" accepted recent critical judicial verdicts which were subjects of global discussion.

Speaking at the inaugural function of the International Judicial Conference 2020 - 'Judiciary and the Changing World' at the Supreme Court, Modi spoke about recent crucial judgements, in an apparent reference to path-breaking verdicts including in the politically-sensitive Ayodhya case.

The Prime Minister said no country or society in the world can claim to achieve holistic development without gender justice and referred to laws on transgenders, 'triple talaq' and on the rights of 'Divyang' (persons with disabilities). He said the government has also taken steps to give rights to women in military service and in providing paid maternity leave for 26 weeks. He also hailed the Indian judiciary for redefining environmental jurisprudence to strike a balance between development and ecological protection.

Modi, while emphasising on the use of technology and the internet, said it would help in procedural management of courts and



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Union Minister for Law & Justice Ravi Shankar Prasad, Chief Justice of India Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde and other dignitaries at the International Judicial Conference 2020, in New Delhi on Saturday

would benefit the justice delivery system to a large extent.

He also referred to synchronisation of artificial intelligence with human wisdom and said it would bring "speed to delivery of justice".

In addition, in the changing times, issues like data protection, cyber crimes pose new challenges for the judiciary," he said in his inaugural address.

"In recent times, there have been some critical judicial judgements and decisions which have been the subject of global discus-

sion. Before these judgements were delivered, several apprehensions were being expressed about the consequences. But look what happened! 1.3 billion Indians wholeheartedly accepted the judicial verdicts," Modi said.

He said it is going to be a decade of remarkable changes across the world which will impact all frontiers, be it society, economy, or technology, and these changes need to be rational as well as just and fair. Talking about the contribution of Mahatma Gandhi, the

Prime Minister said, "Gandhi's life was dedicated to the cause of truth and service, which are the foundational tenets for any system of justice and as you all know, he was himself a barrister and belonged to the fraternity of lawyers".

Hailing a vibrant judiciary, legislature and executive, the PM said, "Respecting each other's jurisdiction and dignity, these three pillars of the Constitution have resolved various challenges faced by the country on several occasions.

"We are proud of having developed such a rich tradition in India. In the last five years, various institutions of India have further strengthened this tradition".

He also referred to the Centre's endeavour in repealing 1,500 archaic laws and said, "Speed has been demonstrated not only in doing away with irrelevant laws but also in enacting new legislations aimed at strengthening the social fabric".

The Indian Constitution guarantees gender justice under the provisions of the right to equality, Modi said, adding that India is "among few nations which has ensured the right to vote for women since independence". PTI

ASCI upheld complaints against 248 ads out of 408

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Several advertisements featuring celebrities like cricketer Mahendra Singh Dhoni, Bollywood star Ajay Devgn, actress Shilpa Shetty have been found to making misleading and false claims.

Bollywood star Ajay Devgn's ad for Dabur Babool Ayurvedic Paste and Hindustan Unilever's (HUL) campaign for Rexona Whitening were among the marketing efforts found as "misleading". Similarly, cricketer Mahendra Singh Dhoni's ad for Orient Electric found misleading by Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI).

According to ASCI, the Dabur campaign on television and Youtube had a message in Hindi which alleges that ordinary white toothpastes are cheating consumers and the cheating will stop by using its toothpaste. "The advertisement featuring celebrity Ajay Devgn was considered misleading. The advertisement also denigrated the entire category of 'calcium containing white' toothpastes while implying superiority of their ayurvedic toothpaste," it said.

In the case of HUL, an ad for Rexona Whitening Roll-On in

Bengali claimed the product can help get rid of dark underarms in five days was "inadequately substantiated and misleading", the ASCI statement said. Reckitt Benckiser Healthcare campaign for 'Moov Advance Diclofenac Gel' with claims of being '#1 Doctor recommended active for acute pain relief' was also considered misleading, it said.

Orient Electric's advertisement featuring legendary cricketer Mahendra Singh Dhoni was found to be "misleading by implication". "It was observed that while the advertisement claims to have 'flicker control technology', it visually depicts 'no flicker' or absence of any flicker," ASCI said on Orient ad. The advertisement's claim "Livfast Inverter and batteries have 25% faster charging and provides 25% extra backup" featuring cricketer Dhoni was also inadequately substantiated.

Taking a strong note of misleading advertisements on Television, Print, Youtube and other social media platforms, the ASCI has probed complaints against 408 and upheld 248 while 137 were promptly withdrawn by the advertisers.

A television ad shows a police-

137 ads promptly withdrawn by the advertisers

man riding the Platina with a barber riding pillion and shaving the policeman. The entire act was put up to showcase the ride comfort of the vehicle with the narrative of a 'Makhkhan Jaisi Ride' concept. "It was observed that the protagonist - a policeman in uniform who himself should be abiding by traffic rules, shown performing such stunts was inappropriate. The TVC shows dangerous practices, stunts in normal traffic conditions which manifests a disregard for safety," it said.

A complaint against a drama serial promo indicating the protagonist doing self-harm by stifling her neck with a cloth (dupatta) was also upheld. "The drama serial's promo contains a specific visual of the female protagonist stifling her neck with a cloth (dupatta) and then turning her body in upside down position. Such visuals shows a dangerous act (indicative of self-harm) with a disregard for safety and it is likely to encourage minors to emulate such an act which could cause harm or injury," ASCI added. VLCC Health Care's print and television ad claim 'Add figure to your shape in just one session' was not substantiated with treatment efficacy data, it said.

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 24th January, 2020

S.O. 371(E).—Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, S.O. 2861(E) dated 07/August/2019, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) issued under sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highway Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for construction of 2 lane/ 2 lane with paved shoulder including Maintenance, management and operation of NH58 on the stretch of land from Km. 328.450 to Km. 350.180 (Kirtinagar to Haidi Section) in the district of PAURI GARHWAL in the State of UTTARAKHAND;

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in "Amar Ujala" and "Hindustan" both dated 21 August 2019; under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act;

And whereas objections have been received and the same have been considered and disallowed by the competent Authority;

And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the competent authority has submitted its report to the Central Government;

Now, therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the competent authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the said Schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And further, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances.

SCHEDULE

Brief description of the land to be acquired, with or without structure, falling within the NH58 in the stretch of land from km. 328.45 to Km. 350.18 of NH58 (Kirtinagar to Haidi Section) in the district of PAURI GARHWAL in the State of UTTARAKHAND

State: UTTARAKHAND District: PAURI GARHWAL

Sr. No.	Survey Number	Type of land	Nature of Land	Area in Hectare	Name of the Land Owner/Interested Person Part Survey No.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)

Taluk: Srinagar					
Village: Ainthanda dang					
1	108	Private	Non-Irrigated	0.02	Jagdish Chandra, Harish Chandra S/o Purnanand, Girish Chandra, Ramesh Chandra S/o Jeevanand, Prakash Chandra, Dinesh Chandra S/o Devanand, Laksmi Dutt S/o Aadh dutt, Santosh kumar, Pramod Kumar, Vinod Kumar, S/o Shiv Dutt, UP Jalagam Pariyojana Srinagar, Durga Prasad S/o Rameshwar Prasad, Pramod Kumar, Pradeep Kumar, Vinod Kumar Son's Paatiram, Subodh Kumar, Mahendra Kumar Son's of Ganesh Mani, Vishambhar Dutt S/o Ghananand, Dinesh Prasad, Vashisht Son's Ghanashyam, Arjun Singh S/o Jeet Singh, Triyamvank Dutt, Vishnu Dutt Son's of Inder Dutt, Ranjeet Singh S/o Narayan Singh, Shailesh Krishna S/o Manhori Lal, Kalam Singh S/o Walam Singh, Deveshwari Devi W/o Vikram Singh, Natthi Singh S/o Ram Singh, Rampal Singh S/o Khushal Singh, Girishchandra S/o Kedar Dutt, Jayanti Prasad S/o Mahimanand, Vinod Prasad, Dinesh Prasad S/o Magnanand, Madan Singh S/o Ganga Singh, Urmila W/o Mohanchand, Hirdei W/o Devendra Singh, Sarojni Devi W/o Bhagwati Prasad, Govind Lal, Suresh Chandra Son's Kirpalal, Anandi Devi W/o Madan Singh, Jagdish Prasad S/o Ramdayal, Makan Parkash S/o Kirpalal, Bhajan Singh S/o Bachhan Singh, Arjun Singh S/o Purn Singh, Chatar Singh S/o Sunder Singh, Chandra Singh Rana S/o Bhawan Singh, Digambar Singh Rawat S/o Balwant Singh Rawat, Rajendra Singh Bisht, Ummed Singh Bisht, Bharat Singh Bisht S/o Baadar Singh, Arvind Kala S/o Ramesh Prasad Kala, Sarla Uniyal D/o Dharendra Prasad, Dhanni Devi D/o Surendra Dutt, Rekha Negi D/o Brijpal Singh, Suniti D/o Bhagwati Prasad, Guddi Negi D/o Yashwant Singh, Sulochna Devi D/o Nanda Singh, Bhagwan Singh S/o Survir Singh, Lakshmi Devi D/o Surat Singh, Vikram Singh S/o Krit Singh, Surendra Dutt S/o Harinaraya, Suraj Mohan Chamoli S/o Magnanand, Urmila Devi D/o Gulab Singh, Dharaballah S/o Bhagwati Prasad, Vinod Kumar S/o Rameshwar Prasad, Harish Chandra Chamoli S/o Gunanand Chamoli. 108
2	75	Private	Irrigated	0.003	Brijmohan S/o Durga Prasad, Rajni Mohan D/o Durga Prasad, Smt. Madhulata widow Nandkishore, Wipin Kumar S/o Nandkishore, Sarojni Devi widow Harichand putra wadhu Durga Prasad, Lalit Mohan S/o Ayodhya Prasad, Bhagwati Prasad, Harishchand, Prakash Chand Son's of Ayodhya Prasad, Ram Singh S/o Chandra Singh, Ghananand S/o Vidya Dutt, Aarti Devi W/o Ramesh Chandra, Suresh Chandra S/o Maheshanand, Usha Devi W/o Pitambar Dutt, Ummed Singh S/o Wachan Singh, Padam Singh S/o Kundan Singh, Sushil Chamoli S/o Shambhu Prasad, Rajendra Singh Panwar S/o Fatey Singh, Sheela Joshi D/o Ganesh Joshi, Manju Lata D/o Shaktanand 75
3	85	Common	Aabadi	0.002	Aabadi 85
Village: Bhagwan Lagachopda					
4	76	Government	Jhadi	0.015	Uttarakhand Government 76
Village: Bhalgaon					
5	514	Government	Non-Irrigated	0.0002	Uttarakhand Government 514
Village: Chopda laga sweat					
6	107	Government	Banjar	0.005	Uttarakhand Government 107
7	206	Government	Jal Vidhyut Pariyojana	0.015	Jal Vidhyut Pariyojana 206
Village: Dhamak					
8	175	Private	Non-Irrigated	0.002	Guru Prasad S/o Ramprasad, Saklanand Chamoli S/o Sureshanand, Gajender Prasad S/o Pati Ram, Sanjay Kumar S/o Shiv Prasad, Kalawati S/o Satyanarayan Prasad, Jeevan Prakash, Jyoti Prakash, Jay Prakash Son's of Satya Prasad, Kishori Devi D/o Nityanand, Yogesh, Nagendra Son's of Nityanand, Shalanand S/o Sureshanand, Rajni Devi D/o Sadanand, Shailendra Prakash, Suman Prakash, Kishan Mohan Son's of Sadanand, Achlanand, Saklanand Son's of Sureshanand, Rajaram, Vijay Ram Son's of Dataram, Asha Devi D/o Farsuram urf Prushottam, Aditya, Vijay Kumar, Vijay Ram, Anant Ram, Mukesh, Bharatram D/o Farsuram urf Prushottam, Ganesh Prasad, Ramcharan Son's of Shiv Charan, Jagdish Prasad, Totaram Son's of Tulsiram, Baijanti, Chandra Kala S/o Bachhu, Om Prakash, Harish Ballabh, Sunil Kumar, Anil Kumar Son's of Dayaram, Mahadev Prasad S/o Shambhu Prasad, Vijendra Prasad S/o Hari Prasad, Panchayati Akhara Maha. Ni. Sachiv, Gangapuri, Kankhal, Haridwar, Manoj Kumar Pradeep Kumar, Ravi Kumar Son's of Sita Ram, Lakshmi Devi D/o Geetaram, Sushila Devi D/o Sakhusal Prasad, Aasha Chamoli D/o Virendra Kumar, Arvind Chamoli S/o Virendra Kumar, Narendra Kumar, Dinesh Kumar, Shanti Prakash Son's of Bhagwati Prasad, Uttam Singh Bhandari Son's of Guman Singh, Vishambari Devi D/o Anand Singh, Parthama Devi D/o Anand Singh, Parthama Devi D/o Madanmohan, Executive Engineer Civil 66 Road Construction Unit Graf Gaucher Chamoli 175
9	176	Private	Non-Irrigated	0.008	Guru Prasad S/o Ramprasad, Saklanand Chamoli S/o Sureshanand, Gajender Prasad S/o Pati Ram, Sanjay Kumar S/o Shiv Prasad, Kalawati S/o Satyanarayan Prasad, Jeevan Prakash, Jyoti Prakash, Jay Prakash Son's of Satya Prasad, Kishori Devi D/o Nityanand, Yogesh, Nagendra Son's of Nityanand, Shalanand S/o Sureshanand, Rajni Devi D/o Sadanand, Achlanand, Saklanand Son's of Sureshanand, Rajaram, Vijay Ram Son's of Dataram, Asha Devi D/o Farsuram urf Prushottam, Aditya, Vijay Kumar, Vijay Ram, Anant Ram, Mukesh, Bharatram D/o Farsuram urf Prushottam, Ganesh Prasad, Ramcharan Son's of Shiv Charan, Jagdish Prasad, Totaram Son's of Tulsiram, Baijanti, Chandra Kala S/o Bachhu, Om Prakash, Harish Ballabh, Sunil Kumar, Anil Kumar Son's of Dayaram, Mahadev Prasad S/o Shambhu Prasad, Vijendra Prasad S/o Hari Prasad, Panchayati Akhara Maha. Ni. Sachiv, Gangapuri, Kankhal, Haridwar, Manoj Kumar Pradeep Kumar, Ravi Kumar Son's of Sita Ram, Lakshmi Devi D/o Geetaram, Sushila Devi D/o Sakhusal Prasad, Aasha Chamoli D/o Virendra Kumar, Arvind Chamoli S/o Virendra Kumar, Narendra Kumar, Dinesh Kumar, Shanti Prakash Son's of Bhagwati Prasad, Uttam Singh Bhandari Son's of Guman Singh, Vishambari Devi D/o Anand Singh, Parthama Devi D/o Anand Singh, Parthama Devi D/o Madanmohan 176
10	83	Private	Non-Irrigated	0.0008	Dinesh Prasad, Prakash Son's of Harshpati, Rakeshchandra S/o Shiv Dutt, Asha Devi D/o Brijmohan, Ramcharan, Ganesh Prasad Son's of Shiv Charan, Asha Devi D/o Farshuram urf Prushottam, Aditya, Vinay Kumar, Vijay Ram, Anant Ram, Mukesh, Bharat Ram Son's of Farshuram urf Prushottam, Panchayati Akhara Maha Nirmani Sachiv Mahant Gangapuri Kankhal, Haridwar, Sadanand Pandey S/o Lakshmi Dutt Son's of Bhajanand, Rameshwari Devi D/o Kushalanand putra wadhu Bhajanand, Aashish Pandey S/o Kushalanand Grand Son Bhajanand, Sata Devi D/o Devi Prasad, Surendra Prasad S/o Devi Prasad, Kusumlata D/o Gajendra Prasad putra wadhu Devi Prasad, Suraj S/o Gajendra Prasad Grand Son Devi Prasad, Kailashi Pandey, Rakesh Pandey, Ganesh Pandey Son's of Bachhi Pandey, Dinesh Prasad, Prakash Chandra Son's of Harshpati, Uttam Singh Bhandari S/o Guman Singh, Executive Engineer Civil 66 Road Construction Unit Graf Gaucher Chamoli Dha. Ni. Gram 83

Village: Fatehpur Reti					
11	120	Private	Non-Irrigated	0.001	Shailendra Singh Rawat S/o Prem Singh, Anil Kumar S/o Gajendra Dutt, Jimthi Singh S/o Kewal Singh, Sanjay Singh Mother Rekha Devi Widow of Shiv Singh, Banti Singh Varsh Nabalig Mother Rekha Devi Widow of Shiv Singh, Bharat Singh S/o Devu, Rashmi Naithani D/o Atul Naithani, Gopal Singh S/o Mohan Singh, Rahul S/o Trilok Singh Grand Son Mohan Singh, Gopal Singh S/o Dyal Singh, Kunwar Singh S/o Bhadu, Shiv Prasad S/o Miteshwara Nand, Himanshu Bhatt, Sudhanshu Bhatt Son's of Dayanand, Gajay Singh S/o Maan Singh, Vidya Dutt S/o Ramkirshna, Ram Shah, Rajiv Kumar Son's of Sunder Lal, Rajeev Vishnoi S/o Sunder Ji Vishnoi, Jammotri Devi W/o Jagdamba Prasad, Hoshiar Singh S/o Uday Singh, Buddhi Devi W/o Ranjeet Singh, Ramshah S/o Sunderlal 120
12	66	Private	Non-Irrigated	0.0016	Vijay Ram, Jogeshwar Prasad S/o Genda, Ashok Kumar S/o Teluraam 66
Village: Hardi					
13	123	Government	Bhita	0.053	Uttarakhand Government 123
14	15	Government	Banjar	0.02	Uttarakhand Government 15
15	16	Private	Asinchit	0.008	Ramprasad, Krishnanand S/o Vidya Dutt, Chintamani S/o Purnachand, Kalawati D/o Ghunghri, Navin Bhatt S/o Vishambar Dutt 16
Village: Kalyasod					
16	175	Private	Non-Irrigated	0.001	Commanding Officer 66 Road Construction Unit GREF, Gaucher. 175
17	278	Private	Non-Irrigated	0.004	Vishveshwar Prasad S/o Paatiram 278
Village: Kandai					
18	133	Government	Jhadi	0.027	Uttarakhand Government 133
19	149	Private	Non-Irrigated	0.002	Shanti Devi D/o Anand Prakash, Ravi Shankar, Aditya Prakash S/o Raghunandan Prasad, Ram Prasad S/o Govind Prasad, Matwar Singh, Bhagat Singh S/o Ummed Singh, Deepak Jyoti S/o Vishwanath Grand Son Anusuya Prasad, Amit, Namit, Salil, Mudit, Udit S/o Brijanand, Smt. Darshani Devi D/o Brijanand, Rajendra Prasad S/o Anusuya Prasad, Vinod Kumar, Rakesh Kumar, Dinesh Kumar S/o Janardhan, Rajbahadur, Bansial Motilal Nursing Bhawan, Haridwar, Lalita Prasad S/o Kalim Ram, Machhdi W/o Kishre Singh, Ummed Singh S/o Preme Singh, Karamveer Rajput S/o Kewal Singh, Budhhiram S/o Bhawani Dutt, Sarojni W/o Om Prakash, Shakuntla Chauhan D/o Jagvir Singh, Anand Singh S/o Hayat Singh, Gopal Singh S/o Hayat Singh, Pradyuman Singh S/o Hayat Singh, Rajeshwari Singh S/o Gajendra Singh, Meena W/o Lalita Prasad, Jagvir Singh S/o Likhwar Singh, Shobha Devi D/o Vishan Deo, Puja Chopra W/o Sunil Chopra, Khushal Singh S/o Bhim Singh, Karamveer Singh Rajput S/o Kewal Singh, Jiyalal Maithani S/o Bharatram, Nitin Maithani S/o Jiyalal. 149
20	201	Government	Bhita	0.009	Uttarakhand Government 201
21	26	Private	Non-Irrigated	0.0005	Shanti Devi D/o Anand Prakash, Ravi Shankar, Aditya Prakash S/o Raghunandan Prasad, Ram Prasad S/o Govind Prasad, Matwar Singh, Bhagat Singh S/o Ummed Singh, Deepak Jyoti S/o Vishwanath Grand Son Anusuya Prasad, Amit, Namit, Salil, Mudit, Udit S/o Brijanand, Smt. Darshani Devi D/o Brijanand, Rajendra Prasad S/o Anusuya Prasad, Vinod Kumar, Rakesh Kumar, Dinesh Kumar S/o Janardhan, Rajbahadur, Bansial Motilal Nursing Bhawan, Haridwar, Lalita Prasad S/o Kalim Ram, Machhdi W/o Kishre Singh, Ummed Singh S/o Preme Singh, Karamveer Rajput S/o Kewal Singh, Budhhiram S/o Bhawani Dutt, Sarojni W/o Om Prakash, Shakuntla Chauhan D/o Jagvir Singh, Anand Singh S/o Hayat Singh, Gopal Singh S/o Hayat Singh, Pradyuman Singh S/o Hayat Singh, Rajeshwari Singh S/o Gajendra Singh, Meena W/o Lalita Prasad, Jagvir Singh S/o Likhwar Singh, Shobha Devi D/o Vishan Deo, Puja Chopra W/o Sunil Chopra, Khushal Singh S/o Bhim Singh, Karamveer Singh Rajput S/o Kewal Singh, Jiyalal Maithani S/o Bharatram, Nitin Maithani S/o Jiyalal. 26
22	3	Government	Roli	0.002	Uttarakhand Government 3
23	40	Government	Bhita	0.0054	Uttarakhand Government 40
24	91	Government	Roli	0.0016	Uttarakhand Government 91
Village: Kothad					
25	158	Government	Non-Irrigated	0.0005	Uttarakhand Government 158
26	159	Government	Non-Irrigated	0.0005	Uttarakhand Government 159
27	160	Government	Non-Irrigated	0.0005	Uttarakhand Government 160
28	167	Private	Non-Irrigated	0.004	Kendra Singh S/o Jauma Singh, Bimla Devi widow Jagat Singh, Anil Singh, Anand Singh Pu. Ga. Jagat Singh, Jot Singh S/o Gauri Singh, Dyal Singh S/o Nandu, Phula Devi D/o Satey Singh, Raghubir Singh S/o Satey Singh, Rukam Singh S/o Surat Singh, Baraf Singh S/o Jagannath Singh, Abbal Singh Panwar S/o Jagannath Singh, Deepak Dangwal, Satey Singh Bhandari S/o Jitar Singh and Mahipal Bhandari S/o Satey Singh, Aabadi, Sarveshwari widow of Ghananand, Bharat Joshi S/o Ghananand, Shakuntla Devi W/o Parkash Chandra, Suman Joshi D/o Parkash Chandra, Kishore Joshi S/o Parkash Chandra, Phula Devi widow of Satey Singh, Raghubir Singh S/o Satey Singh, Mangal Singh S/o Satey Singh etc. 167
29	633	Private	Non-Irrigated	0.0034	Bachhi Ram S/o Jhagad Singh, Gyan Singh S/o Bachhan Singh, Madho Singh S/o Narendra Singh, Ranbeer Singh S/o Kabul Singh, Belam Singh S/o Darhsan Singh 633
Village: Purana Srinagar					
30	1082	Government	Non-Irrigated	0.0153	Uttarakhand Government 1082
31	1083	Government	Non-Irrigated	0.0684	Uttarakhand Government 1083
32	1092	Common	House + Sadak	0.0016	Kamal Singh S/o Inder Singh, Hari Singh S/o Gyan Singh, Shankar Dutt S/o Vasudev, Matwari Devi W/o Shiv Singh, Raghunandan S/o Lokanand, Smt. Sudha W/o Pradyunandan, Sa. Ni. Wi. Jagat Singh S/o Sharam Singh, Mahitav Singh S/o Jeet Singh, Sarla Devi W/o Jayanand, Anita W/o Kuldeep Singh 1092
33	1102	Private	Irrigated	0.012	Sushila Devi widow Govind Singh, Prem Singh S/o Govind Singh, Pradip Singh S/o Govind Singh, Prakash Singh S/o Govind Singh, Virendra Singh S/o Karn Singh, Surendra Singh S/o Karn Singh 1102
34	1103	Private	Irrigated	0.021	Ravindra Singh S/o Bachhan Singh, Rajendra Singh S/o Bachhan Singh Mata Bachhi Devi, Vijay Singh S/o Govind Singh, Hemwati Devi W/o Narendra Singh, Ram Singh S/o Girdhari Singh, Om Prakash S/o Chintamani, Parwati Devi D/o Guru Prasad, Mahavir Prasad S/o Mansa Ram, Dwarika Prasad S/o Mansaram, Pasupati Nagh S/o Deendayal, Rajesh Prasad S/o Vishal Mani, Bachhi Ram S/o Bhawani Dutt, Geta Joshi W/o Janardan, Kewal Kishore S/o Satya Prasad, Vijendra S/o Inder Dutt, Jagdish Prasad S/o Inder Dutt, Surendra Singh S/o Kashi Singh, Virendra Singh S/o Kashi Singh, Rameshwari W/o Bhagwati Prasad, Chandrakala Sunyu Hi. W/o Kunwar Singh, Dalvir Singh S/o Dayal Singh, Mehban Singh S/o Dayal Singh, Sathis Kumar S/o Vijay Kumar, Purushottam S/o Tejram, Madan Singh S/o Musi Devi, Dharendra Singh S/o Madan Singh, Nanda Devi D/o Kunwar Pal Singh, Sumanlata D/o Raghunath Singh, Deepak Prakash D/o Bhagwati Prasad, Anand Prakash D/o Bhagwati Prasad, Chandra Prakash D/o Bhagwati Prasad, Devendra Singh S/o Kalam Singh, Godambari Devi D/o Mohan Singh, Godambari W/o Mangal Singh, Raghunandan Prasad S/o Lokanand, Dinesh Negi D/o Bharat Singh, Anand Singh D/o Ummed Singh, Kamal Singh S/o Uday Singh, Rajendra Prasad S/o Girdhari Prasad, Sudma Devi W/o Bharat Singh, Raghunandan Prasad S/o Lokanand, Dalip Singh S/o Khushal Singh, Kirpal Singh S/o Gulab Singh, Madan Singh S/o Gulab Singh, Bhupal Singh S/o Umrao Singh, Khushal Singh S/o Mahidhar Singh, Veera Devi W/o Umrao Singh, Devendra Singh S/o Kewal Singh, Rajendra Singh S/o Bachhan Singh, Usha Devi W/o Bhagwati Prasad, Sunita W/o Shailendra, Sunil S/o Vijay Singh, Surendra Singh S/o Karn Singh, Purna Devi D/o Maya Ram, Darwan Singh S/o Ramchandra, Kunwar Singh S/o Chandra Singh, Anand Singh S/o Gyan Singh, Dinesh Prasad S/o Ghanashyam, Nimki Devi D/o Ummed Singh, Chandra Singh S/o Dyal Singh, Sarojni Devi D/o Dalvir Singh, Balwant Singh S/o Kalyan Singh, Gabbar Singh S/o Kalyan Singh, Pramod Chamoli S/o Harshpati, Baldev Singh S/o Ramprasad, Lakshmi Devi D/o Dharendra Singh, Jot Singh Negi S/o Vishram Singh Negi, Ravindra Singh D/o Bachhan Singh, Manju Rawat D/o Roshan Singh, Ganesh Negi S/o Sangram Singh, Kamal Singh Panwar S/o Munshi Singh, Vijay Negi S/o Rajendra Singh, Sunita Bisht D/o Vijendra Singh Bisht 1103
35	1257	Private	Non-Irrigated	0.0005	Surendra Singh S/o Govind Singh, Gabbar Singh S/o Govind Singh, Narendra Singh S/o Govind Singh, Jitendra Singh S/o Govind Singh, Trilok Singh S/o Pratap Singh, Smt. Vijay Negi W/o Anand Singh, Bimla Bisht W/o Kunwar Singh, Pushpa Devi D/o Vijay Kumar, Satish Kumar S/o Vijay Kumar, Sanju Kumar S/o Vijay Kumar, Raj Kumar S/o Vijay Kumar, Raj Kumar S/o Vijay Kumar, Bimla Bisht D/o Kunwar Singh, Aashutosh Bisht S/o Kunwar Singh, Mayank Bisht S/o Kunwar Bisht, Kamaladutt S/o Mukandram 1257
36	1331	Private	Non-Irrigated	0.0005	Hemanti Devi D/o Khushal Singh, Geeta Devi D/o Ram Singh, Jagmohan Singh S/o Ratan Singh Surjit Singh S/o Ratan Singh, Shiv Singh S/o Shankar Singh, Raghubir Singh S/o Shankar Singh, Mathura Prasad S/o Harinandan, Bhupendra Singh S/o Wakhtawar Singh, Bharat Singh S/o Wakhtawar Singh, Bankeyial S/o Bholadutt, Parmeshwari Devi W/o Raghunath Singh, Shashikala W/o Parbhu Dayal, Surendra Dutt S/o Purnanand, Sunithi Singh S/o Kamal Singh, Shankar Singh S/o Kamal Singh, Mohan Singh D/o Kalam Singh, Beena Ghadiyal D/o Shiv Prasad, Prashant Ghadiyal S/o Shiv Prasad, Binda Devi D/o Shankar Singh, Ajay Negi S/o Shankar Singh, Bijendra Singh S/o Bacchan Singh grand son of Satey Singh, Kanti Devi D/o Bachhan Singh, Purna Singh S/o Satey Singh, Balvir Singh S/o Dayal Singh, Ramesh Singh S/o Narayan Singh, Ganesh Lal S/o Kheemal Das, Manohar Lal S/o Kheemal Das, Daulat Singh S/o Ratan Singh, Rajkiya Bida Mahavidyalaya, Narendra Singh S/o Ram Dayal Singh, Rajesh Rudola S/o Kamla Prasad, Saurabh Padiyar S/o Ramesh Singh, Gaurav Padiyar S/o Ramesh Singh, Kanti Padiyar S/o Bachhan Singh 1331

37	1334	Private	Non-Irrigated	0.012	Bijendra Singh S/o Bachhan Singh Grand Son Satey Singh, Kanti Devi D/o Bachan Singh, Purna Singh S/o Satey Singh, Balbir Singh S/o Dyal Singh, Ramesh Singh S/o Narayan Singh, Ganesh Lal S/o Khimal Das, Manohar Lal S/o Khimal Das, Daulat Singh S/o Ratan Singh, Rajkiya Bidla Mahavidhyala, Narendra Singh S/o Ramdial Singh, Rajesh Rudola S/o Kamla Prasad, Sourabh Padiyar S/o Ramesh Singh, Gaurav Padiyar S/o Ramesh Singh, Kanti Padiyar S/o Bachan Singh 1334					Singh S/o Duleep Singh, Neema Panwar D/o Ravindra Panwar, Rajeshwari Devi D/o Veer Singh, Sudha Ratudi D/o Mohan Lal, Saurabh Ratudi, Gaurav Ratudi S/o Mohan Lal, Rajendra Prasad Garola, Ramesh Prasad S/o Lakshmi, Asha Devi D/o Virendra Singh, Usha Padar D/o Vijay Singh, Ramesh chandras S/o Bhagavati prasad, Shakambaridevi, Dhirendrasih Putrgn Jasotsihh, Ushadevi D/o Raghuvirsihh, Vipin Mewar, conscience mevaad Putrgn Raghuvirsihh, Urmiladevi D/o Pushpanand, Prabatchandra, Dwarka Bhatt Putrgn Pushpanand, Sarita Thapliyal D/o SUNIL DUTT FLAGS, Uttmabhatt, Atul bhatt Putrgn Shashiram, Usha rawat D/o Rajendra singh, Subhash singh Rawat, Shailendra rawat, Pradeep rawat, Pankaj rawat Putrgn Rajendra singh 425				
38	293	Private	Non-Irrigated	0.0044	Chandramohan S/o Bindeshwari Devi, Rajvilochan S/o Ramdayal, Premballabh S/o Ramdayal, Siddhi Devi D/o Jaiprakash, Jeetram D/o Udayram, Aarti Thapliyal D/o Anil Thapliyal, Anil Kumar Thapliyal D/o Gajendradutt, Jeetram S/o Udayram C/o Manager, Satyaniketan, New Delhi Zero Hi., Chandra Prakash S/o Satya Prasad, Maanchandra Gupta S/o Gyanachandra, Ajay Kumar Gupta S/o Gyanachandra, Satey Singh S/o Vindra Singh, Yashwant Singh S/o Vindra Singh, Digamber Praad S/o Mukut Bihari, Chakradhar Baluni S/o Vishwanath 293						Indu Devi V. 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Ghanashyam, Manju Bhatt D/o Digambara Prasad, The Gmberprasad S/o Ramprasad, Dibirsinh S/o Chandra Singh, Aanemprakash S/o Radhakrishna, Pradiasinh S/o Yashpalasinh, Hendrasinh S/o Bcnsinh, Lcmsinh S/o Kdksinh, Sateshwarprasad S/o Maheshwardt, Dipakprasad S/o Mgnanand, Ashutosh Gidiyal S/o Nityananda, Urmiladevi D/o Nityananda, Rakesh Gairola S/o Ramprasad, Mukesh S/o Ram , Rashmi Kukreti D/o Birend , Manayak Kukreti S/o Birendra, Priyank Kukreti S/o Birendra, Brijesh Dhilliyal S/o Girish Chandra, Uma Devi D/o Virendra Kumar, Sunita Pandey D/o Anil Pandey, Tikaram S/o Asaram, Manoj Kumar S/o Sureshal, Shiv Singh S/o Indra Singh Chaudhary, Alam Singh, Alam Singh Brijlal S/o Shyam Lal, Sunil Chandra S/o Brijmohan, Dhananjay Bahuguna S/o Jananand, Krishna Devi Pu Chandra Prakash, Anil Kumar Putra Devi Prasad, Arun Kumar Putra Devi Prasad, Anoop Kumar Putra Devi Prasad, Om Prakash Putra Raghunandan Joshi, Rukmani Devi D/o Durban Singh Rawat, Babita Pandey D/o Sudhir Pandey, Savitri Devi D/o Mahadev Prasad, Nirmala Devi D/o Narendra Singh, Sushila Devi D/o Lokanand alias Gokulprasad, Binod S/o Lokanand alias Gokulprasad, Subo S/o Lokanand alias Gokulprasad, Bharat Singh S/o Arjun Singh, Kanchan Singh S/o Narayan Singh, Nand Dabral S/o Kailash Dabral, Jai Bala S/o Ganesh Chandran Nathani, Abha D/o Kailash Naithani, Virendra Singh S/o Sindh Singh, Sundar Singh, Prakash Singh S/o Sundar Singh, Mahipal Singh S/o Chhagat Singh, Anand Singh, Sitab Singh, Rajpal Singh S/o Chagat Singh, Rajeshwari Devi D/o Mohan Lal, Pramada Negi S/o Manbar Singh Negi, Nirmala Badoni D/o Parmeshwaranand, Sunil Chandra S/o Bhaskaranand, Bimala Bertwal D/o Yogambar Singh, Urmila Devi D/o Mahendra Singh, Manju Negi D/o Akashchhan Anita Kothiyal D/o Pramod Kothiyal, Rajeshwari Devi S/o Veer Singh, Ramesh Singh Padiyal S/o Nar Aayan Singh, Jai Prakash S/o Umashankar, Bharat Singh S/o Arjun Singh, Jagdish Singh S/o Jaswant Singh, Kamala Devi D/o Ravidat, Shividat S/o Ravidat, Mahesh Kumar S/o Ravidat, Urmila Devi D/o Pushpanand, Prabhatchandra S/o Pushpananda, Dwarka Bhat S/o Pushpanand, Ashish Damghri Sons Patiram, Virendra Bahuguna, Anand Bahuguna, Surendra Bahuguna, Gajendra Bahuguna, Mukesh Bahuguna sons Satyaprasa , Ankit S/o Rakesh grandson Satyaprasad, Manju Bahuguna D/o Rakesh P S Satyaprasad, Chandra Kala Devi D/o Ishwari Prasad, Pareshwari Prasad S/o Ishwari Prasad, Subhash Chandra S/o Ishwari Prasad, Lakshmi Joshi S/o Hari Krishna, Saraswati Devi D/o Prem Singh, Rajendra Singh S/o Prem Singh Dhirajpal Singh S/o rem Singh, Godambari Devi D/o Daulat Singh, Purn Singh, Ranjit Singh S/o Ullsish, Kushla Devi D/o Mohanlal, Vijay Kumar, S/o of Mohanlal, Sanjay Pandey S/o Mohanlal. 426			
39	442	Government	Banjar	0.0022	Uttarakhand Government 442									
40	443	Government	ITI	0.0008	Uttarakhand Government 443									
Village: Rewadi laga kothad														
41	213	Private	Non-Irrigated	0.002	Sa.Ni.Wi. Sthai Khand Srinagar Garhwal, Tej Singh S/o KalamSingh, Garhwal Vishwavidyalaya 213									
42	306	Government	Non Irrigated	0.0028	Uttarakhand Government 306									
43	335	Government	Bhita	0.0048	Uttarakhand Government 335									
44	336	Government	Roli	0.002	Uttarakhand Government 336									
45	338	Government	Non-Irrigated	0.0005	Uttarakhand Government 338									
46	384	Government	Gauchar	0.0022	Uttarakhand Government 384									
Village: Sikort Gangnali														
47	1194	Government	Banjar	0.078	Uttarakhand Government 1194									
48	1491	Private	Non-Irrigated	0.003	Maheshanand S/o Gunanand, Hirday Singh S/o K.S. Pundir, Mahadev Prasad, Madhusudan S/o Sureshanand, Guman Singh S/o Jay Singh, Matwar Singh S/o Fatey Singh, Buddhi Singh S/o Shankar Singh, Ramkrishna S/o Mangatram, Buddhi Prasad S/o Mayaram, Subhash Chandra S/o Dharam Singh, Harishchandra S/o Shiv Prasad, Vijender Prasad S/o Shiv Prasad, Dwarka Prasad S/o Abhay Ram, Jagdish Prasad S/o Gajendra Prasad, Sunita Devi D/o Bhagwati Prasad, Anita Budakoti D/o Dineshchandra, Paansingh S/o Shivsingh, Dwarika Prasad S/o Hirailal, Kushlanand S/o Magnanand, Bimladevi D/o Jagdish Prasad, Ravindra S/o Jagdish Prasad, Shashi Kant S/o Jagdish Prasad, Kundan Singh S/o Awtar Singh, Magjarawat S/o Guman Singh, Rajendra Singh S/o Guman Singh, Virendra Singh S/o Guman Singh, Aashish S/o Guman Singh, Virendra Bahuguna S/o Satyaprasad, Surendra Bahuguna S/o Satya Prasad, Anand Bahuguna S/o Satya Prasad, Gajendra Bahuguna S/o Satya Prasad, Mukesh Bahuguna S/o Satya Prasad, Ankit S/o Rajesh Grand son Satya Prasad, Manju Bahuguna S/o Rakesh Pu. Wa. Satya Prasad, VijayDevi D/o Harishchandra alias Harish Prasad, Pankaj Mohan S/o Harishchandra alias Harish Prasad 1491									
49	400	Private	Non-Irrigated	0.001	Ajit Kumar S/o Kedar Dutt, Ajay Kumar S/o Tugeshwar, Vijay Kumar S/o Tugeshwar, Lakshmi Prasad, Putri Girdhari Prasad, Vimla Devi W/o Magan Singh, Dinesh Dutt S/o Wachaspati, Krishna Devi W/o Indra Narayan, Santoshbardhan S/o Ramdutt, Subhash Chandra S/o Shankar Dutt, Rajpal Singh S/o Amar Singh, Rajendra Singh S/o Uday Singh, Subhash Chandra S/o Shanku, Sangeeta Devi W/o Kulwant Singh, Yogesh Rawat S/o Ranbeer Singh, Baleshwar Prasad S/o Vishweshwar Prasad, Bhuvneshwari Devi D/o Devi Prasad, Sunita Devi D/o Balkrishan, Jagdamba Prasad S/o Kulanand, Shakti Devi D/o Girish Prasad, Surendra Dutt Kulanand, Vimal Chandra S/o Anusuya Prasad, Prakash Gairola S/o Vishambar Dutt, Rakesh Kumar Gairola S/o Vishambar Dutt, Rajendra Singh Bisht S/o Uday Singh, Devendra Kumar S/o Bholu Dutt, Pushpa Devi D/o Baldev Singh, Jupa Devi D/o Raghuvir Singh, Rakesh Kumar S/o Ram Prasad Pant, Yashwant Singh S/o Chandra Singh Negi, Kripal Singh S/o Fatey Singh, Rajeshwari Devi D/o Rajpal Singh, Suman Kediyal D/o Lalita Prasad, Jayanti Ballabh S/o Chandl Prasad, Shailendra Ballabh S/o Chandl Prasad, Brijmohan Dimri S/o Gajendra Prasad, Sunita Gairola D/o Prakash Gairola, Mahipal Singh Pundir S/o Padmendra Singh, Prawin Datararam Joshi S/o Datararam Joshi, Rameshchandra S/o Shyamsunder, Kaushalya Devi D/o Jai Singh, Asha Lakheda D/o Keshavchand, Bhakt Darshan S/o Totaram, Sanjay Prasad S/o Dinesh Chandra, Soni Dimri D/o Roshanchandra, Jagdish Singh Negi S/o Jaswant Singh, Virendra Lal S/o Baluram 400									
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PTI ■ WELLINGTON

Kane keeps Kiwis ahead

Williamson's leads charge with gutsy 89 after Ishant's triple strike

Ishant Sharma's lion-hearted bowling effort met its match in Kane Williamson's elegance as New Zealand ended an attritional second day of the opening Test against India with a slight upper-hand, here at Basin Reserve on Saturday.

After another lower-order collapse that saw get India bundled out for 165, Ishant, coming straight back from an ankle injury, took three for 31 in 15 overs despite Williamson's effortless 89 in New Zealand's day-end score of 216 for 5.

New Zealand now lead by 11 runs.

Mohammed Shami (1/61 in 17 overs), during his final spell of the day, removed Williamson, who couldn't check an uppish drive. Henry Nicholls' (17 off 62 balls) struggle seemed to have hampered Williamson's rhythm.

During the final hour, Ravichandran Ashwin (1/60 in 21 overs), who also bowled beautifully throughout the day, relieved Nicholls of his agony with a delivery that had drift and a hint of turn as India skipper Virat Kohli snapped the low catch at second slip.

Williamson looked good as he hit some delightful strokes square off the wicket. The square drive on the rise off Jasprit Bumrah (0/62 in 18.1 overs), followed by a cover drive, showed his class.

In all, the New Zealand skipper hit 11 boundaries off 153 balls.

Bumrah, in particular, was punished by Williamson. Either Bumrah bowled too full and drivable length deliveries or too short that even Rishabh Pant failed to gather the ball over his head.

This was where Ishant came into the picture. While he was lucky to get opener Tom Latham out with



Kane Williamson returns to pavilion after he was caught out by Ravindra Jadeja off Mohammad Shami on second day of 1st Test at Basin Reserve

NZ vs Ind (1st Test, Day 3)
Live from 4:00am IST
STAR SPORTS 1 NETWORK

"We have confidence that we can make a comeback. That has been the speciality of this team."
— ISHANT SHARMA

"If we can carry on tomorrow (Sunday) morning, get a couple of partnerships together and try and build that lead, then going into the second innings it will be nice."
— TIM SOUTHEE



Poonam Yadav celebrates after wicket ICC/Twitter

Aus win will give India huge confidence: Mithali

PTI ■ SYDNEY

India's demolition of a formidable Australia in the Women's T20 World Cup opener will give them a huge boost going forward, said star batswoman Mithali Raj, who also lauded leggie Poonam Yadav for her magical performance.

Poonam took four for 19 to help India complete a 17-run victory against defending champions Australia on Friday. "Everyone has been talking about how much batting depth Australia have, yet they couldn't chase 132," Raj, a former India Test and ODI captain, said.

"India will take so much confidence from that victory, but this World Cup is still very open. The match between Australia and India proved how competitive the tournament will be. It proves it does not matter where you stand in the ICC rankings."

"We will be seeing more of the same drama yet. This victory proves every team has a chance," said Raj, who has retired from T20 cricket.

The 37-year-old veteran batswoman said "the opening match definitely lived up to the hype of the tournament".

"It was a whirlwind. There were so many ups and downs. It was a great start to the tournament not only because India beat the defending champions on home soil, but also because of how the game progressed altogether."

"At no point could you say it was going in one side's favour. First we saw our early wickets fall, then we recovered and Australia had to chase 132 before their middle-order collapsed. India and Australia both took the game their own way at different points which made it fascinating for spectators to watch."

Raj said Poonam's spell was the turning point.

proved to be an easy catch for Cheteshwar Pujara at short-leg.

Looking good for his 22nd Test hundred, Williamson, in his bid to get another boundary, couldn't check a cover drive and the low catch was taken by substitute fielder Ravindra Jadeja.

Earlier, New Zealand's debutant Kyle Jamieson (4/49) and veteran Tim Southee (4/49) took four wickets apiece as Indian innings folded in 68.1 overs. The duo took four of the five wickets that fell on the second morning with India adding only 43 runs to their overnight score of 122/5.

Rishabh Pant (19) started with a six but then a horrible mix-up with senior partner Ajinkya Rahane (46) resulted in a run-out and the little chance of recovery was gone for good.

Southee then got rid of Rahane when he tried to shoulder-arm a delivery that made a late inward movement. Mohammed Shami's entertaining 21 then enabled the visitors to cross the 150-run mark.



Ishant comes to Bumrah's defence: 'Funny how perceptions change quickly'

PTI ■ WELLINGTON

India's seniormost player Ishant Sharma finds it "funny" that people are questioning Jasprit Bumrah's "ability" just after a few matches, ignoring his performances over the past two years. "It's funny that perceptions changed after one innings.

For two years, we have always taken 20 wickets, myself, Boom (Bumrah's nickname in Indian dressing room) and Shami along with Ash or Jaddu (at home). How can people question on the basis of one innings (Test)?" Ishant asked while defending his colleague. "I don't think anyone doubts Boom's ability. Since his debut, what

he has achieved for India, I don't think anyone should raise any questions," said Ishant. Bumrah also had support from New Zealand pacer Tim Southee, who called him a "world class bowler" and found nothing wrong in his execution.

"I don't think there's anything wrong. He is a world-class bowler. He is obviously coming back from injury, but he is a quality player, and we know a great performance is never far away when you're a quality player," Southee said.

Agar takes hat-trick

JO'BURG: Left-arm spinner Ashton Agar took a hat-trick as Australia crushed South Africa by 107 runs in the first T20I at the Wanderers Stadium on Friday.

Steve Smith, back in South Africa for the first time since the 2018 ball-tampering scandal, hit a top score of 45 for Australia, who made 196 for six after being sent in.

South Africa made a bad start against the pace of Mitchell Starc and Pat Cummins before Agar's triple strike sent them hurtling to their all-time lowest T20 total of 89. It was also the host country's biggest defeat in the format.

Man of the match Agar finished with career-best figures of five for 24. AFP

WAR AGAINST MAFIA



CRACKDOWN ON FOOD ADULTERATION, SPURIOUS GOODS & MATERIALS AND DRUG MAFIA

A Historic Movement in Madhya Pradesh



Kamal Nath
Chief Minister
Madhya Pradesh

Chief Minister Kamal Nath leads from front as citizens join charge to free the state from the clutches of malafide profiteering at cost of human health and life.

New Sand Policy of MP comes down on illicit sand mining

Besides destroying the organized mining racket, the policy earned a five-fold increase in mining allocation revenues for the state exchequer. Sand Mining Revenue touches Rs. 1234 crore from the previous Rs. 200 crores. Altering characteristics of the River and Riverbed, illegal mining causes irreparable damage to the ecosystem.

Action Against Spurious Farm Supplies

State-wide crackdown on those involved in the trade of spurious or adulterated fertilizers, seeds and pesticides. District level inspection teams collected and tested nearly 7000 samples. 1313 fertilizer shops and godowns inspected as part of campaign. Action initiated against 110 errant traders.

Anti-Drugs Campaign

- ❖ Massive awareness campaign reaches Schools, Colleges, Hostels.
- ❖ Over five lakh youths contacted as part of campaign in 2019.
- ❖ In a concerted drive against drug peddlers, 3270 cases resulted in the arrest of 4051 accused.
- ❖ 11.71 kg brown sugar seized from 426 accused.
- ❖ 171 kg opium seized from 134 accused.
- ❖ 9310 kg cannabis confiscated from 2903 accused.
- ❖ 6 kg hashish found in possession of 24 accused.
- ❖ 34875 kg poppy shell powder found with 339 accused.
- ❖ 1,13,448 units of chemical drugs seized with 121 accused.

SHUDDH KE LIYE YUDDH

Utilising powers conferred by the Constitution of India, Chief Minister Kamal Nath has taken up the fight against food adulteration as a top priority for his government. The constitution of India describes improvement of public health as one of the primary responsibilities of the State. Adulterated foods cause havoc on Public Health. While victims suffer

ailments ranging from bouts of food poisoning to heart ailments, continuing intake of contaminated edibles also leads to diseases like Cancer and a host of Renal complications. Besides destruction of citizen health, the adulterated food industry stresses public health and welfare budgets as most victims belong to socially and economically weaker sections.

Fight Against Food Adulteration



Highlights

- ❖ Formation of Division-level Flying Squads.
- ❖ Strengthening picketing at interstate borders.
- ❖ Consultations with citizens and traders in every district to create awareness for anti-adulteration campaign.
- ❖ 12089 samples of milk products, edibles and Pan Masala collected.
- ❖ 117 FIRs lodged against errant manufacturers.
- ❖ 42 offenders booked under stringent National Security Act (NSA).
- ❖ Rs. 24 Crore worth spurious goods confiscated.
- ❖ Rs. 25 Lakhs worth adulterated edibles destroyed.
- ❖ 835 cases filed.
- ❖ Rs. 4.56 Crore Penalty levied.

Umeenden Rang Layi, Tarakkie Muskurai



Mughal prince with a heart

Avik Chanda's book offers a view on the life and times of Dara Shukoh, the designated heir of Shah Jahan



Shiva: Existence personified

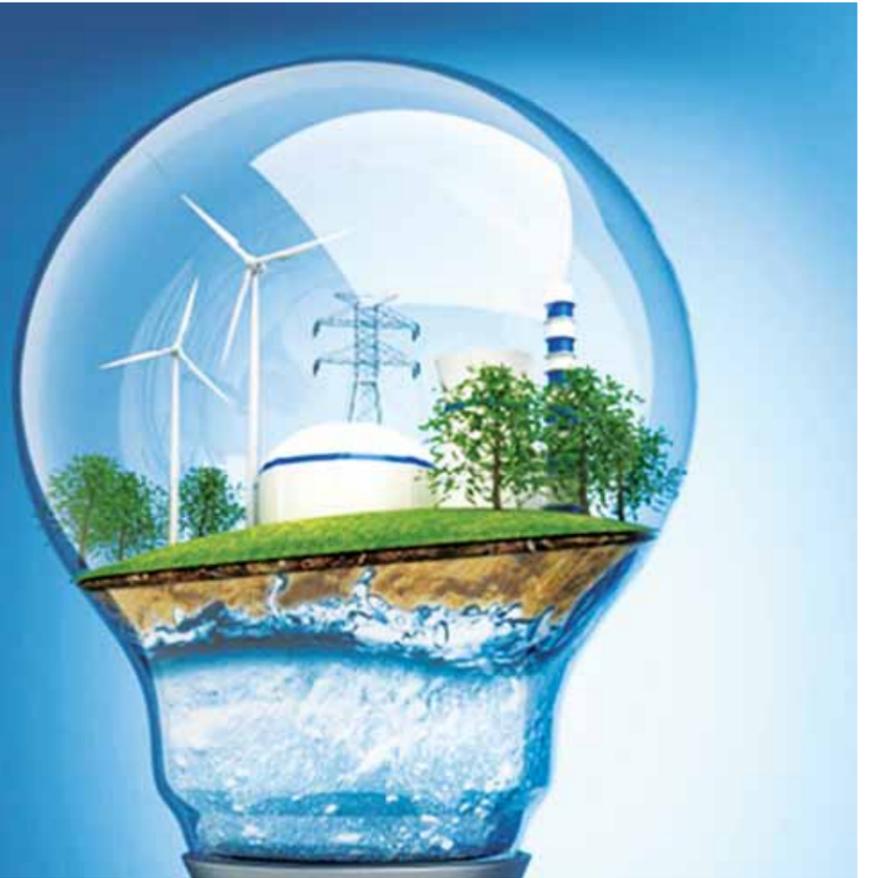
The concepts underlying Shiva can be seen in different perspectives — as Adi Guru, Nataraja and metaphysical being

The most important lesson I've learned in this business is how to say no. I have said no to a lot of temptations, and I am glad I did
— Penelope Cruz



Over the past two decades, India's approach takes into account the political, economic, social and environmental issues and concerns under which the energy security policy is being pursued today, writes DR ASHOK SHARMA

INDIA'S QUEST FOR ENERGY SECURITY



Energy security has been significant to the economic transformation, global prosperity and well-being of the human kind. Energy security will continue to be detrimental to the existing life and much more crucial to the developing countries than the developed world. The world's demand for energy grew by 95% in the last 40 years and the future demand, estimated to be more than 90%, to be because of huge growth in demand from India and China. These resources are finite, and the direct links between energy supply and economic growth have pushed the issue of energy security at the core of the policy debate with a considerable impact on the geopolitics.

India, one of the fastest growing major economies, is also the fastest growing energy consumer in the world. And set to become the most populous nation, it is not well endowed with energy reserves. India has mammoth task of meeting its economic and social developmental goals, and lift its millions of people out of poverty. The country has no option but to strive for sustained growth rate of 8-10% to achieve this. India's economy in all likely will continue to supersede the growth rate of all other major economies in the world in the foreseeable future. The demand for energy in the coming years will accelerate further as India embarks on manufacturing through Modi Government's much vaulted 'Make in India' programme, developmental projects and access to electricity to all. Consequently, energy security has emerged as one of the salient policy issues over the past decade and a half, and the successive Indian governments have emphasised on addressing the impending energy crisis challenges.

In the past, India's energy security has been narrow in its approach, mainly aimed at managing supply. But over the past two decades, India's energy security policy has evolved and approach is much more inclusive which takes into account the political, economic, social and environmental issues and concerns under which the energy security policy is being pursued today internationally. India's quest for energy security could be seen under the framework of four 'A's: availability, accessibility, affordability and acceptability, which is to make energy accessible to all the sections and sectors at an affordable price in a socially and politically acceptable carbon-controlled environment.

India's more than 50% of energy needs is derived from domestic stocks of coal, mainly for the electricity. Coal shall remain India's most important energy source and critical to its growth for the decades ahead. However, the percentage of coal in India's energy mix

will decline in the future. India, with 17% of the world's population, has just 0.8% of the world's known oil and natural gas resources. Today, oil accounts for 36% of the country's primary energy use. This figure is set to rise both in absolute and in percentage terms.

India's domestic production is not sufficient to meet its demand. As a result, India already imports 80% of its crude oil needs. Without new and substantial domestic discoveries, imports will continue to increase. By contrast, natural gas currently provides only 8% of India's primary energy supply, and most of that gas comes from domestic sources, onshore and offshore. But the position is likely to change drastically as India plans towards the world average for the use of natural gas.

To promote oil and gas production at domestic level, the Indian Government has been taking several steps which range from encouraging the Indian companies to increase their domestic activities and widening its engagement with multinational companies, broadening opportunities for them to participate in oil and gas exploration in India. Also, to stimulate the investments and development in the exploration of hydrocarbon sources of energy, some of the steps have focussed on regulatory changes, a transparent gas pricing policy and redevelopment of uneconomical assets. The domestic efforts have also seen a concerted focus on exploring various alternative sources of energy which are infinite, renewable and environment-friendly. The government has given a massive push in this regard in the energy production through solar energy, wind power, hydroelectricity power, and biomass, and nuclear energy.

At the domestic level, the challenges are puzzling and often at odds such as increasing energy access, building a smart system for drawing investment in energy infrastructure and pricing of energy to facilitate the economic and environmental competence. Unlike the past policy of self-reliance, India's energy policy has shifted to position itself to address its new dependence on international markets, diversify its sources of energy abroad, look for alternative sources of energy, and increase its domestic production which continues to be in line with its earlier commitment to self-sufficiency. India's domestic exploration and production push is not very promising. As a result, India continues to rely on the foreign sources for its energy needs especially for petroleum.

Since increased domestic production alone will not be sufficient to meet the projected needs for either oil, gas or coal, India is also expanding its efforts abroad. Eventually, this has made energy security one of the top foreign policy

priorities. Despite the Indian government's emphasis on domestic production of coal and efforts to diversify the sources of energy, the demand for imported coal is likely to continue. India's energy demand, both for consumer and industry, cannot be done in the near future without the help of imported coal. There is no substantial proof that India can address its energy demand without the use of imported coal to supplement its domestic supply. For example, the energy security has been an important aspect of India-Australia relationship in which import of Australian high calorific value coal remains crucial.

Subsequently, energy security has emerged as one of the top foreign policy priorities of the Modi Government. This becomes significant as Modi Government embarks to make India a manufacturing hub through its much vaulted 'Make in India' initiatives. Energy security's primacy in Modi government's foreign policy is reflected in his record number of high-profile foreign visits during which he has been cutting energy deals with energy rich countries.

India's energy security pursuit becomes more challenging with the growing concerns of global climate change and political instability in the energy rich regions of the world. India has been relying mainly on coal and petroleum for its energy sources. India's move towards renewable energy sources will not be sufficient for its mounting energy demand. India has to look towards an energy sources with less carbon emission and provide base load power. In this context, gas and nuclear energy figure significant. Gas is less carbon emitting source of energy. India's gas utilisation is far below the world average. Modi government has also given priority to enhance the gas utilisation and move towards gas based economy. India is planning to set up gas pipelines for import of gas from its neighbouring nations. A number of gas pipelines are proposed and are in the construction phase. Majority of them involve intense geopolitics as some of the proposed gas pipelines will pass through Pakistan and China.

Since the two-thirds of India's oil imports come from one single region, that is, the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) countries, India is following in the footsteps of other major oil-importing economies and making significant efforts to obtain supplies from sources outside the Gulf. In addition, the possibility of disruption from unseemly political instability, religious extremism, terrorism, and threats to supply lines have pushed India to look for new hydrocarbon destinations abroad.

India has taken steps to diversify its hydrocarbon exploration in the regions

of Latin America, Africa, Caspian Basin, Russia and in the waters of Indo-Pacific region.

Problems of diversification of energy sources for India arises from the political volatility, geopolitics of these regions and above all it puts India in the direct competition with China particularly in the Non-Middle Eastern and Non-Gulf region as the new destination of energy source which further sparks a geopolitical competition and adds more complexities to an existing competitive and often conflicting India-China relationship.

Nuclear energy has the potential to become an important source of India's energy mix given its economic affordability in the long run and environment friendly. Currently, nuclear energy makes up around 3% of India's energy mix and has the potential to become 20 to 25% of India's energy mix by 2050. The lack of enriched uranium, light water reactors, and advanced technology hampered India's nuclear energy capability. But after the conclusion of India-US nuclear agreement, India's nuclear apartheid ended and unchained India from the technology denial regimes of the Nuclear Non-proliferation Act of 1978 which came in the wake of India's first atomic test in 1974. The nuclear deal was aimed to help India to meet its looming energy crisis by enabling it to access to safeguarded nuclear fuel, advanced light water reactors and civilian nuclear technology.

The India-US nuclear deal pushed the energy security to the core of India's foreign policy. After the India-US civilian nuclear deal, India has sealed the civilian nuclear agreements with a number of countries including France, Russia, Canada, Australia, Japan and the UK. Given India's non-signatory status of Nuclear-Non-Proliferation Treaty, for any country dealing with India in nuclear energy and technology trade becomes an issue of a mutual trust and confidence which required delicate diplomacy from India. Though aimed to address India's energy security, the US-India nuclear deal was viewed by China as part of the United States' grand strategy to contain the growing power and influence of China in Asia. As a result, the Chinese and Pakistani lobbying along with 'Nuclear Ayatollahs' put a concerted lobbying effort to block the nuclear deal at Capitol Hill, though failed. The India-China energy geopolitics resurfaced during India's bid to membership in the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) recently. China used its clout and prerogatives to block India's case for the inclusion in the NSG. The nuclear energy is significant for India's efforts to shift to an environmentally friendly energy sources and alternate sources of energy sources.

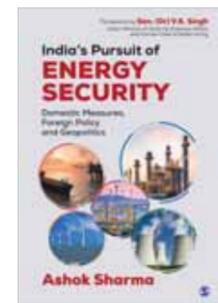
India's push towards renewable energy has been remarkable which is reflected in Modi Government's schemes to give a boost to renewable energy sources. But even the renewable energy sources are not free from the competitive geopolitical environment. India-China energy geo-politics is also reflected in renewable energy space. Renewable energy's geographic and technical characteristics are fundamentally different from those of coal, oil and natural gas. Though still in the formative stage, international norms are being built towards the renewable energy, and India-China energy geopolitics will enter this new energy space as both are striving to influence the renewable energy space. The inevitability of renewable energy is undeniable and countries are gearing up for an increased share in their energy mix.

Those that dominate the markets in these new technologies will likely have the most influence over the development patterns of the future. As other major powers find themselves in climate denial, China and India both are moving to use and exploit the global renewable energy space, though China is ahead.

India is emerging as a new normative player in the renewable energy regime. Prime Minister Modi has pursued unwavering commitment to energy security by constructing 175 GW of renewable capacity by 2022 and India is committed to its unflinching commitment to combat global warming irrespective of what happens in the rest of the world. Prime Minister Modi being awarded the "Champion of Earth" by the UN Secretary General in 2018 is additional power to India's growing normative leadership in this new energy source regime that translates into geopolitics as it helps India to enhance its image internationally.

India's energy policy is being pursued in a much more inclusive manner in its domestic and international settings to address its fast-growing energy demand in a competitive geo-political environment. India energy exploration abroad in the new regions is putting in direct competition with with China. Unlike the US-Soviet Union energy geopolitics, the India-China energy competition has been mostly confined to the commercial and diplomatic level tussles, though both remain vulnerable to conflicts which may get aggravated due to their competitive and conflicting relations and the emerging strategic geometry in the Indo-Pacific region.

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ENERGY SECURITY HAS EMERGED AS ONE OF THE TOP FOREIGN POLICY PRIORITIES OF THE MODI GOVERNMENT. THIS BECOMES SIGNIFICANT AS MODI GOVERNMENT EMBARKS TO MAKE INDIA A MANUFACTURING HUB THROUGH ITS MUCH VAULTED 'MAKE IN INDIA' INITIATIVES. ENERGY SECURITY'S PRIMACY IN MODI GOVERNMENT'S FOREIGN POLICY IS REFLECTED IN HIS RECORD NUMBER OF HIGH-PROFILE FOREIGN VISITS DURING WHICH HE HAS BEEN CUTTING ENERGY DEALS WITH ENERGY RICH COUNTRIES





THE CHIEF REASON FOR GOING TO SCHOOL IS TO GET THE IMPRESSION FIXED FOR LIFE THAT THERE IS A BOOK SIDE FOR EVERYTHING
— ROBERT FROST

Avik Chanda's book, *Dara Shukoh: The Man Who would be King*, is an ideal read, not only for aspiring historians but also for those interested in Indian history, writes KUMAR CHELLAPPAN

Mughal prince with a heart

A frequently heard complaint from a section of Indian historians is that vested interests have played havoc with the sub-continent's history, traditions and culture. If one goes through the history books taught in the Indian schools and universities, it will be found that those lamenting over the tampering of India's history are not exaggerating. Some sections of the country's valuable history have been suppressed from the new generation, especially from those who were born after 1950.

How many among those who were born after 1950 are familiar with the great Maratha ruler Shivaji, the valiant fighter Tantia Tope, the great social reformer Mahatma Phule, the all time great of the 19th century South India by name Chattampi Swamikal and his colleague Sree Narayana Guru?

We cannot put the entire blame for distorting history upon previous regimes alone. It is a strategy deployed since time immemorial to misinterpret historical facts by groups with vested interests. "History is written by victors," Sir Winston Churchill, former British Prime Minister who is known for his erudition and knowledge had said. In modern times, it was proved by the British colonialists. The best example is Louis Mountbatten's decision to destroy even the last vestiges of victory symbols of the Japanese army from Singapore and Malaysia.

"After re-taking Singapore, Mountbatten's (who was the Supreme Commander, South East Asia during Second World War) first act was to order the demolition of the war memorial honouring slain heroes of the Indian National Army. The INA War Memorial at Singapore to commemorate the "Unknown Warrior" was started on July 8, 1945 at Esplanade Park. It was razed to the ground by Mountbatten's allied troops when they reoccupied the city. Demolishing memorials, war memorials and other revered symbols of defeated people is habitual Christian triumphalism as is desecrating the tombs of the rulers of conquered people," writes Radha Rajan, one of the highly respected thinkers of our times.

Most Indians are not really serious about learning history. They are not even bothered about recent history as can be seen by the attitude of the new generation towards the dark days of



emergency declared by the former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in 1975.

I was shocked to see the larger than life flex boards with pictures of Fidel Castro and Che Guevara greeting the delegates of Indian Science Congress during the 2009 Indian Science Congress held at Thiruvananthapuram. There were no pictures of Sir C V Raman, Prof J C Bose, S N Bose and the likes who took Indian science to new heights. But for ISRO, which co-sponsored the event, there would not have been a single picture of that prince of Indian Space Science, Vikram Sarabhai.

This is not the case with science alone. How many among our new historians are familiar with the works of the great Acharya Ramesh Chandra Majumdar, whose seminal work the

eleven-volume *History and Culture of Indian People* preserve and protect the great history of this great nation from getting tampered by the evil designs of people following imported and outdated ideologies?

Dara Shukoh, son of Shah Jahan, was the unsung hero of the Mughal Dynasty. Dara, the eldest son of Shah Jahan lived only up to the age of 44 years but left indelible marks in the history of the sub continent.

What makes him dear to the people in Mughal empire was his tolerance towards other religions and humane nature, unlike his younger brother Aurangzeb, who went on to become the Mughal ruler presiding over the kingdom till the ripe age of 89!

Aurangzeb was known for his hatred

towards Hindus and went on demolishing and destroying the Sanatana Dharma and its symbols like temples, ashrams and monasteries. Though the secularists tried to portray him as a philanthropist by hiring the services of Audrey Truschke to come out with a volume by name *Aurangzeb: The Man and Myth*, it fell all flat as she could not counter the eye witness accounts of Francois Bernier (a European physician and traveller in Shah Jahan's court) and Niccolao Manucci (a military strategist for Dara, who continued to work with Aurangzeb after the fall of the former).

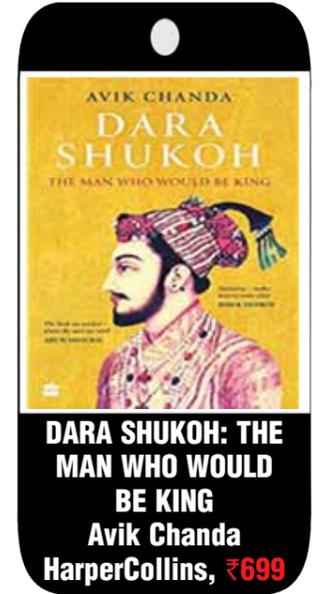
Dara in his brief tenure as prince had got the Vedas and Upanishads translated into Persian and French and that itself speak volumes about his compassion for anything that originated in the

sub continent. Who in India would have heard about Bernier and Manucci if it had not been for S L Bhyrappa who in his famous work *Aavaran* told the readers about the official eye witness accounts of these two Europeans?

Avik Chanda, a business advisor with degrees from Delhi School of Economics, has taken from where Bhyrappa left.

Chanda's book "*Dara Shukoh: The Man Who Would Be King*" is a refreshing experience. Chanda gives the readers a bird's eye view on the life and time of Shukoh, the designated heir of Shah Jahan. Even as a young prince, Shukoh wanted the common man to know more about the Islamic saints and for that he opted words instead of swords unlike Aurangzeb and Tipu Sultan. "What Dara

was striving for was not linguistic and literary brilliance but a tone of simplicity, an idiom that would induce faith in the reader who was a common man," writes Chanda (Page 51). Thus was born *Safinat-ul-Aulia*, an account of the lives of over 400 saints!



DARA SHUKOH: THE MAN WHO WOULD BE KING
Avik Chanda
HarperCollins, ₹699

The account of Dara Shukoh once again underlines the fact that the Muslim invaders who occupied the thrones in New Delhi and elsewhere in the subcontinent chose this land only to loot and proselytise. The Sufi saints were Islamic evangelists who went ahead with their mission by singing about love and preaching the message of anarchy. Despite the fact that he belonged to the Mughal dynasty, Dara had some civility in his heart unlike his forefather Babar or sibling Aurangzeb. Those who are out to paint Aurangzeb with divinity may need more self styled historians like Audrey Truschke because we have writers like Avik Chanda for digging out the truth.

Dara Shukoh: The Man Who would be King is an ideal work not only for aspiring historians but for general readers interested in Indian history.

NEW ARRIVALS

MISSING IN ACTION: THE PRISONERS WHO NEVER CAME BACK
Chander Suta Dogra
HarperCollins India, ₹699

The story of India's soldiers missing in action is one that remains unfinished, a spillover of the wars with Pakistan. These are men who went missing in enemy territory while on daring missions during the 1965 and 1971 Indo-Pak wars. The nation has forgotten them, though successive governments continue to make token acknowledgements about their missing status. Over the last five decades, there have been scattered reports offering information piecemeal, but this is the first time the saga has been fully told. The result of years of research, the book unearths startling revelations that shed new light on the subject.

SO ALL IS PEACE
Vandana Singh-Lal
Penguin, ₹499

A richly atmospheric, deeply claustrophobic story with a stunning denouement, of two women confronting the everyday realities of their city and country. *So all is Peace* provides an unflinching insight into love, lust, fear, grief, and the decisions we make, through a cast of sharply drawn characters brought together by an unspoken wrong.

BIRDS IN YOUR BACKYARD & BEYOND
Arthy Muthanna Singh, Mamta Nainy, and Kaustubh Srikanth Red Panda, ₹299

An easy handbook on bird-watching for children and the uninitiated - take the journey with Binee into the magical world of birds. Colourful illustrations and information, interesting nuggets of information, practical things you should know and much more!

Raghupati Raghav on the Banjo

'There is no such thing as a wrong note as long as you can sing it,' Pete Seeger said, his gentle tone immediately endearing him to an audience that had spilled, recalls SHANTANU DATTA in his book. Excerpt:

They all sang along. With Pete Seeger it is difficult not to.

Embellishing his selection with high-note harmonies by grandson Tao Rodriguez, Pete strummed his banjo and guitar to strike up the ever-popular *If I had a hammer* question, reminiscent Jose Marti's *Guantanamera*, count 1,2,3 on the *Vietnam Song* and run through the *Midnight Special*. In between there were stories, lots of laughter, more stories and a knee-slapping, foot-stomping jingle that had the 77-year-old bringing the house down with thunderous applause.

And they all sang along. The money tune came next. It was zesty, what with Tao's free-wheeling harmonies aided by the snappy guitar rhythm: *...Money can still be handy too (but) let's not allow 'king money' to rule.*

The audience, essentially 30-plus, was loving it. 'How does he do it?' 'What energy, it's amazing...' were all that the chattering classes could manage.

But it was truly magical. How could one man, 77 years old, and helped only by a guitar and a grandson, captivate his listeners thus? And that too when there are none of the now-generation psychedelic pyrotechnics, no multi-coloured lights and no fancy bass-boosting sound system.

The truth is Pete doesn't need all that. He never did. For having spent over five decades

directing music towards social change for peace, equality and decency, his philosophy was always about heart-and-soul, and about the power of simplicity. No wonder they always sing along.

During the early '60s, after he was able to reorganise the Newport Folk Festival to use profits to help folk performers, he privately published *How to Play the Five-String Banjo* but refused to copyright the book because the 'banjo belongs to everyone'. Pete's humanity was so unusual it seemed threatening. Always a popular target of the US witch-hunt-he was sentenced to prison and blacklisted during the McCarthy era-particularly suspicious was his custom of learning songs from every country where he gave concerts.

Back at Siri Fort, Tao held on to this tradition as he rendered an Argentinian song about god, war and the future. Pete was on harmony this time as the grandson's soul-stirring high-pitched singing had the audience fall head over heels. A standing ovation was the young man's reward.

A slow and soft tune on Pete's recorder helped the ever-cooperating audience hum one note for effect, which was then followed by what the Guru had picked up from an Indian student, *Ram Dhuun*. Tao dwelled on the high notes once again as Pete celebrated his comeback.

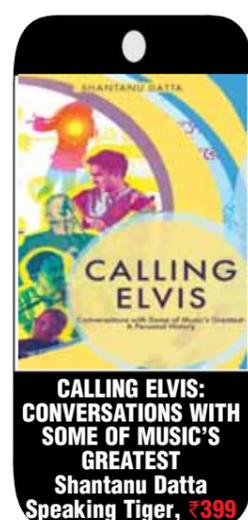
Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram/Patita Pavan Sita Ram...
And they all sang along.



WE SHALL OVERCOME: Pete Seeger by E.P. Unny (author's personal collection)

Over two hours had slipped by rather quickly. By then there were more songs with tabla player Ashim Chakraborty join-

ing the duo. But the audience was getting restless. Some of the favourites were yet to come. 'Turn, Turn', someone screamed



CALLING ELVIS: CONVERSATIONS WITH SOME OF MUSIC'S GREATEST
Shantanu Datta
Speaking Tiger, ₹399

from the far corner of the balcony. 'Last Train to Nuremberg, Garbage', it went on. Amidst all the shouts for encores, chief guest Ustad Amjad Ali Khan presented the customary floral tributes on behalf of hosts, Indian Council for Cultural Relations. And as Pete thanked the 'wonderful singing audience', he obliged with The Anthem.

We shall overcome, We shall overcome, someday Oh deep in my heart I do believe We shall overcome someday...

And they all sang along.

I learnt that song in Bangla in the '70s as a ten-year-old while living on a college campus on Belforta Road in Bhawanipore, hearing students sing it with zest, welcoming a group of families from Bangladesh who had fled the war of 1971 and had been sheltered there, courtesy my aunt, the principal of Belforta Basic Training College. Not sure if I grasped its true import then, but as the years passed I realised how my mother and I could well have been among them. Not fleeing war, but finding ourselves without a roof over our heads after life in Agartala took an unexpected turn.

That song, anthem really, would be heard on various occasions in Calcutta; at student marches protesting too few teachers in government colleges, at Left Front political rallies against the bourgeois Press or funnily enough, at residents' meetings to demand, not eight-hourly, but four-hourly, water supply from Calcutta Corporation and at a Dharamtala sit-in defence of the Bengali's inalienable right not to work and enforce a state-wide shutdown (bandh). Calcutta still loves a good protest. We had to take it on our stride. Still do.

But Delhi is way different. *Calling Elvis: Conversations with Some of Music's Greatest: A Personal History*, written by Shantanu Datta is published by Speaking Tiger

Trump's jamboree in Delhi for regional equations

The American national interest is served by US President Donald Trump's visit to New Delhi as both the nations are striving hard for a newly discovered "ally-hood" which might be a step towards a closer and a more fruitful relationship, as, an aftermath of President Trump's visit to New Delhi which can be considered as significant summitry with all its ebullient expectations.

It was President Trump only, in the run up to the National Security Strategy Document in 2017, who declared that India needs to assume novae roles in the international system going by its rising pelf, geo-economic influence and strategic might. This gels well with the avowed ordering principle of "Vishwa guru" which India adheres to as a functional aspect of its foreign policy though the dictum needs much more of an elaboration in the light of the ebb and flow of the tide of International Relations. Such an American perception will be the key theme when President Trump visits New Delhi.

Perceived in the context of President Trump's visit, a few pointers need to be elucidated. The foremost being the step which is much awaited in New Delhi that the US ought to disown the arch antagonist Pakistan and a kind of a reassurance to New Delhi can be given to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, though all military aid has already been curtailed to Islamabad. Secondly, New Delhi will air its concern about the outbreak of

coronavirus and also as an attendant fact, China's extended ministration in the Indian Ocean Rim-Association for Regional Cooperation (IOR-ARC) region and the Malacca straits should be another theme to be deliberated upon by the summittees.

Also, PM Modi can insist upon President Trump that in the case of other peaceful nuclear explosions (PNEs) and in the context of the Civilian Nuclear Liability Bill, more of a clearer comprehension can be reached between the twin nations in New Delhi, which falls in the criterion of the of PM Modi being a "Good Friend," as elucidated by President Trump in one of his latest statement on the soil of the United States of America. Also, the Indian negotiators can look forward to a novae appreciation of the fact that India has waged a successful war against terrorism and a more practical and reflective collaboration can be materialised between New Delhi and Washington in tougher times to come. The deliberations might include the trade differences in relation with stents, knee implants, information and communication technology products along with the cess which the United States imposes on the sale of Harley Davidson bikes in India.

Perceived in such an interesting and illuminating light, the entire world looks forward to the upcoming jaunt of President Trump to New Delhi as both he and PM Modi share special chemistry with each



other as has been evident during their various rendezvous. The Indian support to President Trump can be the order of the day on February 24, 2020, in relation to his electioneering in the American homeland. The summitry need not be dwelt upon as a promotional election event for President Trump, but, as a significant course corrective in the larger spectrum of the relationship between both the nations.

All in all and in toto, the negotiators from India and the United States are engaged fervently to reach a micro trade deal before President Trump lands in Delhi. If a well nuanced trade and investment quid pro quo is not arrived at by the twin interlocutors then a fledgling trade alliance is on

cards as a prologue to the President's jaunt to New Delhi. Such a biz takeaway will be the cognizant quid pro quo in the commercial tryst with each other. Also, despite the divergences in the context of aluminum trade and the retaliatory Generalized System of Preferences (GSP), both the heads of Governments are well suited to negotiate hard for trade deal in lines with the characteristics of shared values, democratisation and attendant principles of a liberal trade ecosystem. Also, President Trump would do well to heed the concerns of PM Modi. Also, as an attendant fact the United States is expected to discuss the idiom of protectionism which the New Delhi denotation is adhering to in the light of a cyclical domestic

downturn in the Indian economy. The US-based GSP refers to through the instrumentality of the US Customs and Border Protection that, "The Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) provides duty-free treatment to goods of designated beneficiary countries. The programme was authorised by the Trade Act of 1974 to promote economic growth in the developing countries and was implemented on January 1, 1976." It has been observed that a trade fight overshadows the dictum of the larger Strategic relationship in the specificities of the Trump-Modi meet in the Raisina Hill. The strategic collaborative exercise has germinated between both the nations since the last decade but this strategic partnership in the

context of the Asiatic Space and the Indian Ocean Rim nations is all set to be discomfited in the aftermath of a trade war like scenario between India and United States of America.

The US Trade representative, Robert Lighthizer is already negotiating a hard ball Indian negotiating side to ramp up the Presidential visit with a prized micro deal to serve it up for the American electorate which is also in the larger protectionist national interest of President Trump's blue collar America. The Indian concern at the Trump-Modi itinerary might be the chances of reprisals that New Delhi might have to confront if all do not go well with the larger trade talks in New Delhi. The allegation from the American industry and corporate is that India is still evading the liberal trade regime and ratcheting up the guillotine of strait-jacketed protectionism. The Foreign Policy, FP trade report, contends and informs us that President Trump is more concerned with the trade imbalance which the United States trade structure has with India and China, but that might be truer with the People's Republic of China, then, with India. As a recent U-turn, President Trump has indicated that no big trade deal will be signed between both the nations in his visit to India though his negotiators had done the spade work before the President's visit, which comes as a rude shock to the twin negotiating sides being engaged in trade negotiations. Though, the trade

deal which will be limited in context, aims to achieve waivers for the American farm products along with the homeland's dairy products, the refusal to ink trade deals points at the underlying tensions between both the nations. The US President has stated that he is looking forward to a limited trade deal while the wholesome agreement can wait for the future which might not augur well for New Delhi.

Apart from the trade optics of the Trump-Modi summitry, the diplomatic factoid of Xi Jinping ceremoniously inking trade agreements with Myanmar and establishing a deep water port in Myanmar, is a stately and crafty striving to sideline both India and the United States in the Indian Ocean Rim. It also aims at isolating India, which does not augur well for the United States, which now feels the squeeze of an overtly aggressive Chin in the contested waters of Indian Ocean. This theme, along with the threat for an Indo-US détente, might turn out to be a key part of deliberations in the President-Prime Minister summitry in New Delhi on February 25. Still, the epithet of being the "Tariff King" which the American President has utilised for India reflects the expected concessions from the side of the New Delhi fence as an aftermath of the February summitry.

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PERSPECTIVE

Syrian endgame solidifies Assad's grip

Is there an alternative form of coalition, minus Assad, which can govern unstable Syria? It seems unfeasible, as the US and major powers involved in West Asia have seen the disasters that unleashed in countries such as Libya, Egypt, Yemen, and particularly in Iraq, after the departure of their longest-standing autocrats



MAKHAN SAIKIA

The Syrian war is just going to complete nine years of devastation, displacement and a new power play in the restive West Asian region. The war that started in 2011 has witnessed for the first time the direct involvement of Russia at an equal pace against the US-led coalition. Though Bashar al-Assad has been threatened by anti-Government forces since the beginning, he has managed to survive till date. Now only the last rebel redoubt of Idlib is yet to be brought back to the fold of Government forces.

The biggest challenge is ending the ongoing civil war. It is one of the most serious humanitarian disasters in recent political history of the world, with the gravest refugee predicament since the World War II. More than half a million people have so far lost their lives. Almost half the population of Syria has been displaced. The number of refugees who have fled the country now exceeds five million, including more than 2.5 million children.

Turkey continues to host the largest chunk of refugees numbering nearly four million.

Looking at the current scenario in Syria, a completely war-ravaged nation, the worst comes for the internally displaced and for the refugees as they all would keep fighting for their survival. Normally a refugee is a person who is forced to leave his home and his country because his life and liberty are in danger. But the 1951 Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees describes a refugee as one person who "owing to well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality and is unable, or owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country".

However, this typical definition of refugees have been broadened to include people who are forced to leave their countries because of widespread violence, war and foreign occupation that has put



In this Feb 9, 2020, file photo released by the Syrian official news agency SANA, Syrian Army soldiers flash the victory sign in the village of al-Eis, in Aleppo province, Syria. Syria's civil war has long provided a free-for-all battlefield for proxy fighters. But in its ninth year, the war is drawing major foreign actors into direct conflict, with the threat of all-out confrontations becoming a real possibility

their lives at risk in their own homeland.

As of today, the Syrian refugees have crossed over to countries such as Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, North Africa, Iraq, Egypt, the US, Canada and to large parts of Europe. And out of the total refugees those who are asylum seekers are about a million. And a large number of them are in Germany and the rest of them are spread across Sweden, Canada and in the US.

The cumulative loss to gross domestic product from the starting of the war, i.e. 2011, through the early part of 2017 has been estimated by the international agencies, including the World Bank, to an amount of \$226 billion. So far there has been no definitive cost of reconstruction worked out, but the Assad regime has wishfully mentioned it as near-

\$400 billion. Thus, rebuilding Syria would be a daunting task both for the Syrian Government and international aid agencies.

Today the victory of the Assad regime over the rebel forces across Syria is a reality. Mainly, the rebel-held strongholds and large swaths of territories in the southern parts of Syria have been retaken by the Government forces in recent months. The main cities under the Government control are Damascus, Homs, Hama, Aleppo, Latakia, Tartus, Palmyra and Albu Kamal. And the Free Syrian Army (FSA) — a loose organisation of armed brigades — was formed in the beginning of 2011 by defectors from the Syrian Army. Also many disgruntled civilians who want to topple the Assad's family rule had also joined the FSA. But what is striking is that since

the battle of Aleppo, the FSA has been only able to retain its control over limited areas in north-western Syria. The main area that it controls is the Idlib province wherein the final battle now is between the rebels and the Government forces. On the other hand, the Kurdish forces have occupied much larger areas, than any other forces, which include Raqqa, Quamishli and Hasakah. In fact, reclaiming Raqqa from the grip of ISIS was a historic win for the Kurdish Army. After the battle of Raqqa, the ISIS has been confined to an area near Albu Kamal.

Unfortunately, these areas are surrounded by the Assad forces from the west and the Kurdish from the east. And the rest of rag-tag militias who are battling the Syrian Army for their survival are Jabhat Fateh al-Sham, Iran backed

Hizbollah and the Syrian Democratic Forces, largely dominated by the Kurdish Peoples Protection Units known as the YPG.

So far, more than five series of ceasefire agreements have been concluded between different parties, including the US, Russia, Jordan, Assad Government and the major rebel groups. It first started in 2016 by the UN known as the Geneva Syria peace talks. In fact by February 26, UN Security Council unanimously adopted Resolution 2268 that demanded all parties to comply with the terms of the agreement. As no single party had adhered to the terms of the deal violence surfaced once again. By the end of September 10, the US and Russia concluded deal bringing ceasefire between the Assad Government and an American

backed coalition of rebel groups. Both the parties and their allies violated the deal hence the war took an ugly turn.

The third peace agreement signed between Turkey and Russia in Astana led to complete ceasefire across Syria. This effort continued despite the non-participation of the ISIS, YPG and the al-Nusra Front and constant eruptions of violent clashes in different parts of Syria.

The fourth ceasefire effort came into being on May 6, 2017, among Russia, Turkey and Iran in Astana to divide Syria into four de-escalation zones. However, some rebel groups alleged that the intention behind the truce is simply to divide Syria into several sectarian zones so as to escalate the crisis. In a way, such partition would allow the Damascus to divide the anti-Government forces and pound on them separately. And by July 2017, the Trump Administration, Moscow and Amman (Jordan) made an effort to broker a peace deal in southern Syria. This agreement is valid despite continuous exchange of fire between the Government forces and various rebels.

The war in Syria is definitely going to wind down. The reason behind it is that the rebels are fast losing their grounds. Among them the most powerful ISIS which is almost dying down with its leader's death and mostly breaking down to splinter groups with diverse aims and objectives.

This is accompanied by constant reinforcements from Russia with man and material towards the Government forces. And in a situation where in America is busy preparing for the next round of presidential polls, Trump is hardly sparing anytime for a definitive solution in war-torn Syria. But the Kurdish stronghold in the North of Syria is going to continue unless there is a global understanding to either recognise their homeland or to completely vanquish them, provided Washington backs such a deal. All the anti-Government groups have now consolidated in the Idlib province. The sad part is that

all of them do not have a feasible strategy to fight the Russian-backed Assad forces which might lead to a sure victory for Assad.

Finally, since the end of the Cold War, what we have seen is that ceaseless efforts lead to end of most of the wars along with warring groups laying down their arms. With other major conflicts and international hot spots rising such as Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia, Nigeria, Yemen, etc, the Syrian issue has been substantially moved to the sidelines despite having serious refugee problems spanning from the West Asian region to Europe. Besides, the efforts to bring the warring groups and major powers to the negotiation table are seemed to be stalled. What is ultimately pushing Assad to near victory is the fast rising symptoms of fractured insurgency. On the other hand, the Government forces over the period of almost nine years have regained its strength despite having major debacles in the past.

Now what lies ahead for Assad? Is he going to continue in the seat of power? Minus Assad, is there an alternative form of coalition that can continue holding onto the current level of stability in Syria? Certainly, Assad would continue for now. Simply put this seems not possible as the US and major powers involved in West Asia have seen the disasters that unleashed in countries such as Libya, Egypt, Yemen, particularly in Iraq, after the departure of their long held autocrats. Keeping this in mind, Assad must continue and his immediate removal could herald total anarchy in Syria. Clearly, no plausible alternative is emerging to Assad regime as most of the splinter rebel groups do not agree to a common agenda of governance. Their only aim is to have control over their own territory and assets, and fighting the corrupt Assad regime is just an excuse. Therefore, the brutal war may come to an end sooner or later, permanent peace seems to be elusive in Syria.

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YOUR WEEK AHEAD



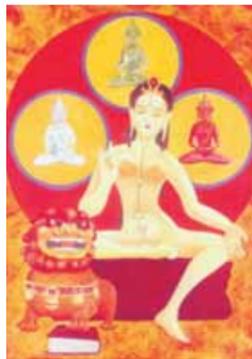
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ARIES March 21-April 19

Bring positive changes in your lifestyle, and make efforts to improve your health situation. You need to exercise under an expert or go for nutritional education to make sure that you are eating better. Outdoor activities will draw your attention. At work, you will receive admiration from superiors and colleagues. The working environment will be friendly, cohesive and that would increase your efficiency. Promotion/hike in salary is indicated. Work on improving your knowledge and skills. On the personal front, you are strong, courageous and confident. At home, your domineering attitude could irritate others, and you may find yourself alone. This is the time to tame your tongue and bring compassion and concern for the loved one.

Lucky number 6
Lucky colour Purple
Lucky day Friday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

Your physical strength is beyond comparison this week and you must be aware of it. Some of you may embark on an overseas trip or may get an opportunity to work, study, or live overseas for an extended period of time. You will encounter new experiences and welcoming hosts who will support you unconditionally. Overall, this is a good week. On the career front, an enhanced status, promotion or designation is on the cards. You can take important decisions related to your career as you are in a very sound and grounded position. The abundance of energy and self-confidence will give you a boost to move ahead. On the personal front, you may meet a romantic person. A good news is expected to come your way. Be open to exploring your feelings.

Lucky number 13
Lucky colour Brown
Lucky day Saturday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 19

You will enjoy good health and vitality this week. Those who are dealing with a serious illness, a new health modality or a healer will prove helpful. Stay positive and expect the best. It is important to share your spiritual understandings with others. Your life will improve immensely if you reach out. Career-wise, learn to delegate responsibilities, especially if you are overloaded with work. A dilemma at the workplace will demand action or decision. Analyse all available information before you arrive at a conclusion. In love, you are likely to question whether you and your long-term partner should stay together. You may choose to go your separate ways. Singles, this may be the time when you finally commit to settling down.

Lucky number 17
Lucky colour Grey
Lucky day Saturday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

Your health will be very good. You will feel exceptionally well and upbeat about your future. You need to consider ways to maintain your good health. You will enjoy peace, joy, and prosperity this week and would be filled with positive energy. Those who have recovered from a serious ailment must follow their routine consultation. On the career front, you need to watch out for any cheating. Make sure you are doing things the right way, and then you will have nothing to worry about, even if someone is out to get you. In the matters of heart, you are not very vocal about your feelings. If you love someone, express it. Your introvert and individual personality is definitely not helping you get closer to someone you love. Trust your instincts.

Lucky number 19
Lucky colour White
Lucky day Tuesday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

You need time and quiet to connect with your soul and energies around. Health, vitality and inner vibrancy will fill you with energy and inspiration. Creative ideas will occupy your mind. Career-wise, there could be a moment which begs you to bring about some desirable changes. Those of you who are not satisfied with the current job, switching to a new job is likely. Good news: the job you find will be better than the previous one. Transfer to a desired place or changing locations are a possibility. On the personal front, you may come across an analytical mind. Make sure not to get pulled into silly debates. Do not ignore your loved ones. Take time out for them and show your concern. Let the heart speak louder than the mind.

Lucky number 11
Lucky colour Beige
Lucky day Sunday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

Let go of the past and any wrongs that you perceive were done to you, mainly if you are dealing with chronic medical issues. Letting go of your need to be right will go a long way towards helping you to feel better. Think positively. You may find yourself exploring ideas and spiritual directions that you never thought would appeal to you. Career-wise, you may be inspired to start a new creative project, take up an art class, or even dance. You see new potential in allowing your creativity to flow. To those looking for a job, a suitable job offer matching with your profile may surprise you. For those in a committed relationship, it is best to handle situations in a traditional way. Those feeling suspicious about their partner, make a point to talk about it even if it is difficult.

Lucky number 12
Lucky colour Peach
Lucky day Tuesday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

You will enjoy happiness, good health and worldly pleasures. You tend to be enthusiastic. Carefully weigh and consider what others ask of you. You might consider taking a long holiday. Some of you may travel abroad. Some may even choose to stay at home in order to rejuvenate yourself. Practicing yoga, meditation, cosmic healing or learning new interests is on the cards. Professionally, things are good. Don't take your initial success for granted. Enjoy what you have for the moment. Business is lucrative. On the relationship front, you need to analyse whether you are being realistic in love. Don't spend too much time in self-pity or wishing your life away. Put your anger in check.

Lucky number 15
Lucky colour Sky Blue
Lucky day Thursday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

Work towards good health and vitality. Plan your routine. Those of you who like to dwell in solitude, it would be a good idea to reach out to others. At work, good news is indicated. You will get the benefits from the choices that you make. An 'out-of-the-blue' opportunity may arise. Your company may send you on a foreign assignment. This is a good time for those in the export and import business. You have the potential to crack the most difficult competitive exam and face the interview with confidence, if you have applied for a job. On the love front, those who are committed, you may find your workload or that of your partner interfering with the relationship. Make time and space for the relationship, regardless of your jobs, otherwise, things will suffer.

Lucky number 20
Lucky colour Mauve
Lucky day Monday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

You are a quiet and keen observer this week. Your perception about life will change sensing the positivity around. You will feel healthier than ever. Things will move along well, and hope will emanate – with good cause. Avoid obsession/passion this week. On the career front, you want your time and space. Take rest to emerge from those difficult times, perhaps the trauma of losing your job or financial and health worries. Stress and conflict with your colleagues will overpower you. This is not the time to make decisions, particularly when you are at your vulnerable most. In love, happiness and compassion is on the cards. The start of a new relationship, be it a friendship or a romance will bring a smile to your face.

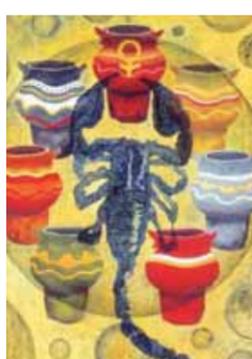
Lucky number 2
Lucky colour Pink
Lucky day Sunday



CANCER June 21-July 22

This is the time for self-improvement. Be creative in your work and avoid stress. Follow a good diet and take adequate rest. Tensions of the past would ease off. Listen to your body and work accordingly. The spiritual journey proves to heal this week. Career-wise, this is a very good time to start planning long term, even if you are very young. Plan to work methodically. An intriguing business opportunity will come along this week. The investments you made in the past will fetch you good returns, and with interest. In love, confusion will prevail. Think calmly and carefully about what your deal-breakers are in a relationship. Be honest with yourself first, and then be honest with your beloved.

Lucky number 8
Lucky colour Magenta
Lucky day Friday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

With your experience and maturity, you will be able to take charge of your life. Instead of being innovative, you need to adapt to the existing set of beliefs and systems that are already in place. Any new theory or fashionable trends will not work for you this week. On the career front, a foreign assignment may come up. There's a good chance that you are working far too hard for recognition and money. This is the time to remind yourself of your real value. In relationship, messages of love and affection will come your way. You will feel pampered and wish to rejuvenate yourself this week. Those who are single, a new suitor with whom you have a lot in common, and who is also very adventuresome, may enter your life. Exciting times ahead.

Lucky number 18
Lucky colour Silver
Lucky day Wednesday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

Do not run away from reality. It does not suit your personality. If dealing with a health issue, you need to look for another healthcare practitioner. Look for treatment outside your purview. Plan a vacation to natural surroundings to rejuvenate yourself. Avoid stress. On the career front, share your responsibilities as you may feel overstressed. Share your thoughts with your friends. Reflecting on the past will help you prepare for the next phase. Review your past experiences and mark your learnings. All the pieces of the puzzle of your life are finally coming together. On the personal front, true love, balanced partnership, commitment, and all good things that most of us hope for in love and relationship, are yours to savour!

Lucky number 14
Lucky colour Green
Lucky day Thursday

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Lord Shiva: Existence personified

This Friday, Hindus celebrated Shivaratri dedicated to Lord Shiva, popularly seen as one amongst the God-trinity of Brahma, Vishnu, and Mahesh (another contextual naming of Shiva). Hindus apart, who revere Him in highest esteem, Shiva now seems to be extending His charm even in the scientific world. He, now in his dance form (Nataraja), is prominently displayed at Perth laboratory, known for its particle accelerators engaged in exploring what they term as "God Particle." For, in their perception, Shiva's dance symbolises the play and interplay of cosmic energy streams, which progressively evolved into the manifest plural world. The concepts underlying Lord Shiva can be seen in different perspectives. For meditators, He remains the Adi Guru. In Nataraja form, he remains the guiding spirit of the classical dancers. Kashmir Shaivism carries on its metaphysical perception around Shiva. To me, He comes out as 'Existence personified'.

A look at two imageries associated with Shiva in togetherness, presents a unified picture of the world process, encompassing the whole gamut of creation, sustenance and recycling. In the

first picture Lord Shiva is seated in meditative posture on Mount Kailash. He is shown having lunar crescent over his head, almost bare bodied with just the private part covered with tiger skin. His poison fed blue neck is encircled by venomous snake. River Ganges flows down his matted hair locks. He is seen holding a trident in one arm, Damru (double headed hand drum) in another, rosary in the third, and the 4th palm in blessing mode. Being in meditative posture symbolises reflecting on the churning within, on the prospects of creation. As the rosary keeps circling, the life cycle keeps moving in succession. The blessing mode implies that all existences draw succour out of his inexhaustible potential.

In the second imagery, Lord Shiva, mounted on a bull, has in his entourage multitude forms of existences, some of them even weird and invisible. To name a few, divine beings, humans, devilish existences, animals, birds, goblins, and even invisible existences such as ghost etc. Symbolically, his entourage is indicative of the multipolar manifest world with all its enormity and diversity. This particular symbol stands for the dynamic world ever on the move at its own pace,



as would a bull moving at a constant pace mean. While pulling a cart, the bull moves unprovoked at a constant pace and would not stop in the way till it reaches a place designated for being fed and taking rest. After a while, the bull again takes the journey forward, and then finally reverts back to its normal place of abode after completing the voyage. The manifest world too, after being on the run for a specified time, reverts back to the primal source to acquire a restful state, when it gets recharged once again. Following which, out of the seeds of life withdrawn into primal-source, fresh creation cycle takes off.

Mount Kailasa, is one of the high peaks in the Himalayan range to which lot of perennial rivers are sourced, including the Ganges. It, thus, is closest to the cosmic world, simultaneously having all round view of life down below. Lord Shiva, with lunar crescent over the head, read together with his place of abode, the Himalayan range having in store perennial rivers, is symbolic of eternity, infinity.

The presence of lunar crescent symbolises the convergence of all nature driven forces. For, Moon's luminosity is drawn out of the light extended by the Sun, as well as all the planets and stars up above in the cosmos. But before all light

drawn thus, flows down the line, Moon does its own stamping by turning them into an amiable form. Moon, thus, symbolises convergence of all nature driven energy streams.

With the play of Damru, the equilibrated state of the primal source gets shaken, when the primal sound note O? comes into play. Now going by the scientific perception, once there is entropy (disorder), it multiplies in geometric progression. So, it happened following excitation of O? sound. In the process, first came into play Energy-trinity — Sata, Rajasa, and Tamasa. Trident, it may kindly be noted is symbolic of Lord Shiva's creative power — the three phalanges of the trident branching out of the base rod imply three dimensions of energies emanating from a singularity. The random mutation of the three that followed, led to multitude of differentiated energy streams. The harmony and sympathy of these differentiated energy streams that followed, led to all creations, first up above in the cosmos.

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