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India natural anti-terror ally: Trump US Prez lauds India for unity in religious diversity



Prime Minister Narendra Modi, US President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump during the Namaste Trump event at Sardar Patel Stadium in Ahmedabad Monday

PNS/AGENCIES ■ AHMEDABAD

India and the US are natural partners and both the countries are committed to defend their people from radical Islamic terrorism. This was the focal point of visiting US President Donald Trump's riveting speech made before a capacity crowd at Motera stadium here on Monday. The crowd erupted in a thundering applause when the US President said his country "loves India and its people."

chapter" in ties between the two countries.

Both the leaders made these points during a public event "Namaste Trump" at the new look Motera stadium shortly after Trump arrived here to commence his two-day visit to India. He was accompanied by his wife Melania, daughter Ivanka, son-in-law Jared Kushner and top brass of his administration.

Modi and Trump will hold talks in New Delhi on Tuesday wherein the two countries will ink a \$3 billion defence deal for 24 Naval multi-role helicopters and six Apache attack helicopters for the Army. While

the Naval helicopter deal is about \$2.6 billion, the Apache contract is over \$980 million. Trump announced in his speech here about the two deals. The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) headed by Prime Minister Modi had cleared the two defence deals last week.

While the chemistry between Modi and Trump was fully evident as the two leaders shared many hugs and heaped praise on each other in front of 1,00,000-strong enthusiastic crowd, the traditional and colourful welcome left the US President impressed.

"Five months ago, the US

welcomed your PM at a giant football stadium, and you welcomed us at the world's largest cricket stadium. Thank you for spectacular welcome. We will always remember this remarkable hospitality," Trump said.

Known for his fondness to tweet, Trump earlier took to Twitter and tweeted messages in Hindi, including one expressing eagerness to visit India, to which Modi responded by tweeting the Sanskrit phrase, "Atithi Devo Bhava (guest is god)".

Talking about India's rich culture and extraordinary diversity repeatedly, Trump said India is always admired

around the world as the place where millions of Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists, Christians and Jews worship side by side in harmony as it has great tradition of embracing individual freedom, rule of law, dignity of every human being.

"The First Lady and I have travelled 8,000 mile around the globe to deliver the message to all citizens across this nation — America loves India, America respects India, and America will always be a faithful and loyal friend to the Indian people," Trump said.

During his nearly 30 minutes long speech, Trump also said, "While our nations have many differences, they are both defined and propelled by a fundamental truth — the truth that all of us are blessed with divine light and every person is endowed with a sacred soul" and quoted Swami Vivekananda.

On his maiden visit to India as the US President, Trump, who was welcomed by Modi on his arrival here, said his country will remain a "loyal" friend of India and called Prime Minister Modi an "exceptional leader" who works day and night for the country.

"India and the US are committed to fight terrorists and their ideology, that is why my Government is working with Pakistan to crack down on terror groups," the US President said.

"Under my Administration we unleashed the full power of the military on blood-thirsty killers of ISIS in Iraq and in Syria. Today the ISIS territorial caliphate has been 100 per cent destroyed and the monster known as Al-Baghdadi, the founder and leader of ISIS, is dead," he said.

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Cop, 3 men killed in riots over CAA



Protesters hurl stones during clashes between a group of anti-CAA protesters and supporters of the new citizenship act, at Jafrabad in North-East Delhi on Monday

DCP among 10 policemen hurt in Maujpur

SHEKHAR SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

A Delhi Police Head Constable and three civilians were killed while several police personnel, including the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) and Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP), were injured after pro and anti-Citizen Amendment Act (CAA) groups clashed for the second consecutive day on Monday and hurled stones at each other at Gokulpuri, Chanbagh and Maujpur areas.

Violence between groups supporting and opposing the CAA was also reported in the Jafrabad and Bhajanpura areas. A youth also opened eight rounds of fire in the air on the streets on Monday afternoon in the Maujpur while the police tried to control him. The man, identified as Shahruckh from Shadara, was arrested later in the day.

Police fired tear gas shells and also resorted to lathi charge to disperse the violent crowd of protesters.

Following the violence, the Delhi Police Commissioner Amulya Patnaik also stationed himself in the police control room (PCR) and closely monitored the situation. The police have also imposed section 144



An undated image of Head Constable Ratan Lal, who died in a clash over the CAA in Maujpur on Monday

of the CrPC, which prohibits assembly of four or more people, in areas affected by violence in northeast Delhi.

There was heavy stone pelting in Maujpur, while police baton-charged to disperse protesters in Jafrabad. Shops and houses were vandalised and set on fire in Maujpur and Bhajanpura. Amit Sharma, the DCP Shadara, official vehicle was also set on fire in Gokulpuri while a petrol pump was put on fire by the protesters at Bhajanpura. This is the second day of clashes in the city where US President Donald Trump will arrive on Monday evening.

Meanwhile, sources in the Central security agencies hinted that riots were orchestrated by certain elements to malign the image of the country during the Trump visit.

In the evening, Minister of

State for Home Affairs, G Kishan Reddy condemned the attack by rioters. "My deepest condolences to the family of the Delhi Police Head Constable who lost his life amidst the protests in Delhi. Our Narendra Modi government condemns all forms of violence and we assure a stern action against the culprits," he tweeted.

Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla said the situation is fully under control and sufficient forces were deployed on the ground. "The situation in Delhi is fully under control. The senior police officials are on the ground and sufficient forces are also deployed at the spot," said Bhalla.

"Armed police personnel have been deployed at strategic points. Areas with history of past clashes such as Jafrabad, Seelampur, Maujpur, Gautampuri, Bhajanpura, Chand Bagh, Mustafabad, Wazirabad and Shiv Vihar, are being monitored to maintain law and order situation," said Alok Kumar, the Joint Commissioner of Police, Eastern Range.

Meanwhile, the Delhi Metro closed entry and exit an uneasy calm prevailed in the Northeast areas. "Entry & exit gates of Jafrabad, Maujpur-Babarpur, Gokulpuri, Johri Enclave and Shiv Vihar are closed. Trains will terminate at Welcome metro station," the DMRC tweeted.

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The life of Prime Minister Modi underscores the limitless promise of this great nation. He started out by his father's side as a chai-wallah... Prime Minister Modi, you are not just the pride of Gujarat. You are a living proof that with hard work and devotion Indians can accomplish anything, anything at all, anything they want —

DONALD TRUMP

America's commitment to defeating terrorism and the leadership of President Trump has served humanity and, therefore, I believe that a special leader like President Trump and a special friend of India coming to India at the beginning of this decade is a big occasion... his visit to this country has created a "new history" in Indo-US relations

PM Modi

Taj Mahal inspires awe: POTUS

PTI ■ AGRA

Walking hand-in-hand, US President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump on Monday evening went around the iconic Taj Mahal, hailing the 17th century Mughal-era mausoleum as a "timeless testament" to the rich and diverse beauty of Indian culture.

The American power couple spent almost an hour at the Taj Mahal, soaking in the beauty of the monument of love, and were briefed about the history and traditions associated with architectural marvel.

"The Taj Mahal inspires awe. A timeless testament to the rich and diverse beauty of Indian culture! Thank you India," Trump and Melania wrote on the visitor's book.

Trump, accompanied by his wife, daughter Ivanka and son-in-law Jared Kushner,

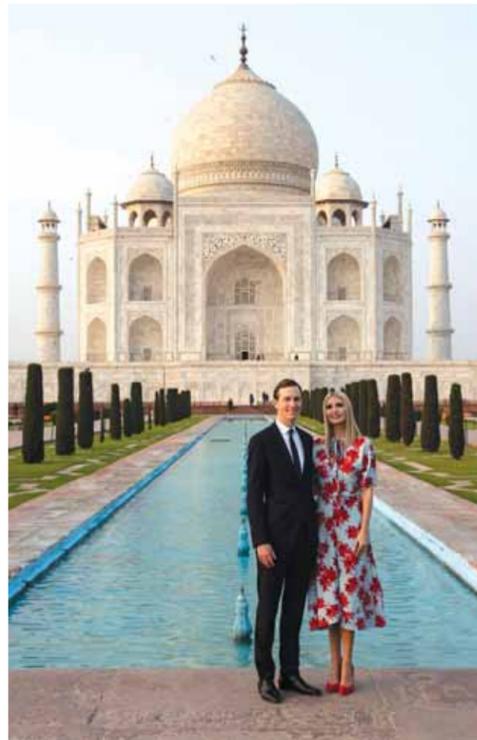
arrived here from Ahmedabad where they attended the 'Namaste Trump' event at the Motera stadium.

The Taj Mahal, which was built by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his wife Mumtaz Mahal who died in 1631, was refurbished for the visit.

Holding hands, the couple took a stroll in the resplendent gardens adjoining the pool at the celebrated monument, as a cool breeze made their experience even more pleasant.

Trump, dressed in a dark suit with a tie of light shade, and Melania, wearing a white dress accessorised with a green waistband, also posed for photographs. Ivanka, wearing a white dress with red floral prints and red shoes, and Kushner, dressed in a sharp suit, took a stroll hand-in-hand around the monument.

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US President Donald Trump's daughter Ivanka Trump with her husband and White House Senior Adviser Jared Kushner at the Taj Mahal in Agra on Monday

3 wise monkeys, charkha gifted to Trump, Melania

Ahmedabad: A marble replica of Mahatma Gandhi's "three wise monkeys" statue, a copy of his Talisman or a piece of wisdom as well as a special edition of his autobiography were among the items gifted to US President Donald Trump and his wife Melania during their visit to the Sabarmati Ashram here on Monday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi gifted the iconic statue of "three wise monkeys".

US Prez recalls Bollywood hits Sholay, DDLJ

Ahmedabad: Using Bollywood to strike a chord with movie-loving Indians, US President Donald Trump on Monday hailed the "genius" of the Hindi film industry and recalled two all-time favourites, "Sholay" and "DDLJ". Addressing the "Namaste Trump" event, the US President said people "take great joy" in watching Bollywood films and understanding Indian culture through them.

Global mkts down with coronavirus

Sensex sinks 807 pts

PNS/AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI

World stock markets, including Indian indices, and oil prices tumbled on Monday with Milan and Seoul falling hardest on growing fears of a coronavirus pandemic, as gold hit a seven-year peak on safe-haven buying, dealers said.

Wall Street stocks plunged in early trading on Monday, joining a global equity selloff on mounting worries that the spread of the new coronavirus will derail global growth. About 10 minutes into trading, the benchmark Dow Jones Industrial Average stood at 28,191.85, down 2.8 per cent or around 800 points. The broad-based S&P 500 dove 2.6 per cent to 3,252.23, while the tech-rich Nasdaq Composite Index sank 3.1 per cent to 9,282.16.

Losses were widespread with the technology, financial and energy sectors all down significantly as news of the infections in Europe, West Asia and Southeast Asia triggered more drastic efforts to stop people from travelling.

"There is burgeoning fear that the shutdown effect that has hit China's economy is



Specialist Peter Mazza, left, works with traders at New York Stock Exchange on Monday

going to take over elsewhere, dealing another blow to global growth, and earnings growth, prospects," said Briefing.Com analyst Patrick O'Hare.

Indian stock benchmark Sensex on Monday sank nearly 807 points, the second biggest single-day fall this year, tracking sell-offs in global markets as coronavirus cases rose exponentially outside China.

Starting off on a weaker note, the BSE gauge plunged to a day's low of 40,306.36 after being caught in a panic selling as investors kept fretting over reporting of a large number of new virus cases in South Korea, Italy and Iran.

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CAPSULE

SHAHEEN: INTERLOCUTORS FILE REPORT IN TOP COURT

New Delhi: The Supreme Court-appointed interlocutors filed their report in a sealed cover in the apex court on Monday following their talks with protesters at Shaheen Bagh, the epicentre of agitation against the CAA for over two months.

WAQF TO BUILD MOSQUE, HOSPITAL ON FIVE ACRE

Lucknow: The Uttar Pradesh Sunni Central Waqf Board on Monday said it will build a mosque as well as an Indo-Islamic research centre, a hospital and a library on the five-acre plot allotted to it following the SC's Ayodhya verdict.

BIDHURI APPOINTED LoP IN DELHI ASSEMBLY

New Delhi: BJP's Badarpur MLA Ramvir Singh Bidhuri was on Monday unanimously appointed by the party as the Leader of Opposition in the Assembly

UK'S JUDGE WITNESSES SC PROCEEDINGS

New Delhi: The President of the United Kingdom's Supreme Court, Lord Robert John Reed, witnessed the proceedings of the Supreme Court on Monday.

TRAINER AIRCRAFT CRASHES, PILOT DIES

Patiala: A microlight aircraft crashed here on Monday in the Army cantonment area, killing an Indian Air Force pilot and injuring an NCC cadet.



The Budget Session of the Chhattisgarh State Assembly began on Monday. Governor Anusuiya Uikey, Assembly Speaker Charan Das Mahant and Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel are seen in the picture on the opening day of the session which will conclude on April 1

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Cong leaders to skip banquet invite

Banquet hosted by Prez in Trump's honour

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Peeted at the Modi Government's move to not allow its top leaders, including party chief Sonia Gandhi, to meet with the visiting US president Donald Trump, as has been the tradition, the Opposition Congress has decided to give the official banquet hosted by President Ram Nath Kovind in honour of the visiting dignitary a completely miss.

On Monday, news came in about former Prime minister Manmohan Singh too not attending the banquet hosted by President Ram Nath Kovind in honour of the US President on Tuesday.

Singh had earlier accepted the invite but expressed his inability to attend the same. He has conveyed his regret to the President's office for not being able to attend the banquet, sources close to Singh said.

Earlier, Congress leader in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury and Leader of

Opposition in Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad had decided to skip the President's banquet in protest over the party's top leaders not being extended an invitation.

Chowdhury said the Modi Government has done away with the tradition of allowing the principal opposition party to hold discussions with the visiting US President, unlike in the past when such meetings were arranged. "I will not attend the banquet hosted by the President on February 25. It is a protest on my behalf," he said.

He said the Government has not extended an invite to Congress president Sonia Gandhi. "We do not feel good about the change in tradition by the Modi Government, when the principal opposition party leaders are ignored during such key visits. In the past, we ensured the principal opposition party leaders meet the visiting dignitaries, including US President George Bush or Barack Obama," he said.

Namaste Trump on line of Howdy Modi: BJP

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As the US President Donald Trump began his ambitious two-day visit to India on Monday, the BJP described "Namaste Trump", an event at Ahmedabad on the line of 'Howdy Modi', a "master stroke" of public diplomacy between the two countries.

Trump has said that the US and India will seal major trade pacts during his visit which is exclusively focused on India. Trump is to seek re-election as President later this year.

A high-powered delegation is accompanying the US President with an eye on extracting a favourable trade deal and reduction in tariff by India on American exports. "Modi is a tough negotiator," said the US President while making his speech at the 'Namaste India' event in the



Gujarat Capital.

On day one of the visit, 'Namaste Trump' was held at Motera Stadium in Ahmedabad to welcome Trump who was given a rousing ovation by a capacity crowd of over one lakh.

Trump and Prime Minister Narendra Modi also addressed the audience in the stadium, the largest cricket stadium in the world.

"Namaste Trump is a masterstroke of public diplomacy between India and US," Vijay Chauthaiwale, who heads the BJP's overseas

affairs department, said in a series of tweets.

He asked if any other visiting foreign head of state has ever praised a country, its national heroes, heritage, culture, music and leader so profusely.

"This day will be written in the golden letters in the history of India, thanks to the visionary leadership of PM Narendra Modi," he said.

The US president was driven from airport to Sabarmati Ashram and later to the stadium as people lined-up on both sides of the 22-km-long route to cheer both the leaders. Describing Modi as a "tremendously successful leader" of the Indian republic, Trump, in his speech in the stadium, referred to the BJP leader's "landslide victory like no other in the largest democratic election ever held anywhere on the face of the earth".

Air Force flight to evacuate 100 students from Wuhan

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Over 100 Indians stranded in coronavirus-hit Wuhan could heave a sigh of relief as the Centre on Monday said an Air Force flight to the crisis-hit Chinese city is being planned for February 26 for bringing the evacuees back on February 27.

Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan, who undertook a review of the ongoing coronavirus (COVID19) management across the country with senior officials of the Ministry, said he has been informed about the flight by the Ministry of External Affairs Ministry.

The Health Ministry quoted Vardhan as saying this. 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.

A sizeable number of countries have evacuated their citizens from China and restricted movement of people and goods to and from the country in view of the massive

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outbreak of coronavirus there. At present, the screening of passengers is being done in all 21 airports, 12 major and 65 non-major seaports and border crossings.

In all 4,214 flights and 4,48,449 passengers have been screened so far while as of now, 2,707 samples have been tested of which only 3 samples had earlier tested positive (Kerala) and all the three patients have been discharged from the hospitals and are now in home isolation.

"All Indian evacuees from Wuhan have tested negative for

COVID19 and have gone back to their homes from the quarantine facilities. In all, 23,259 persons were brought under community surveillance in 34 States/UTs through the Integrated Diseases Surveillance Programme (IDSP) network," said the Minister.

A revised travel advisory on travel to Singapore has been issued on February 22.

Regarding movement across Kartarpur border in Punjab, it was informed that in discussion with the Home Ministry, Health Ministry and Health Secretary, Punjab, special screening has been strengthened across the border and further necessary facilitation for masks to be worn by pilgrims is being initiated.

At present, in addition to screening of passengers from flights coming from China, Hong Kong, Thailand, Singapore, Japan and South Korea, entry screening has been extended to flights coming from Vietnam, Nepal, Indonesia and Malaysia with effect from February 23.

ISIS-RELATED CASES

NIA conducts raids in TN, K'taka

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday conducted searches at multiple locations in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka in connection with three ISIS-related cases.

In Tamil Nadu, searches were conducted at 10 locations including one in Chennai City, one in Kanchipuram district, one in Toothukudi district, three in Salem district and four in Cuddalore district.

The searches were conducted in connection with Chennai Q Branch Case, ISIS Khaja Moideen Module case and ISIS-AL Hind Module Case.

The Q branch case relates to 10 Bengaluru-based accused persons who allegedly conspired with ISIS/Daish member Khaja Moideen, native of Parangipettai, Cuddalore district, with the intention of carrying out unlawful activities



and committing terrorist acts in India by procuring illegal arms in furtherance of the terror outfit's agenda. During searches at the houses of the 10 accused, 16 SIM cards and 2 internet dongles besides documents and books have been seized, the NIA said.

The ISIS Khaja Moideen Module Case, originally registered by Special Cell of Delhi Police, was re-registered by NIA on January 30 this year against arrested accused Abdul

Samad, Khaja Moideen, Syed Ali Navas and Jaffer Ali besides their associates for the conspiracy to further the objectives of the banned terror outfit ISIS/Daish by carrying out terrorist attacks in Delhi and NCR. During searches at the houses of the arrested accused on Monday, the NIA seized four laptops, one tablet, two mobile phones and three SIM cards besides certain documents including books supporting violent jihad.

In Karnataka, NIA carried out searches at 15 locations in Bengaluru city and Kolar district in connection with investigation of ISIS AL Hind Module Case at the houses of arrested and absconding accused and office of AL-Hind Trust. During searches, a number of digital devices including nine mobile phones, five SIM cards, one Laptop, two Hard Discs, four CDs/DVDs, 18 Books, one auto rickshaw, fire

crackers and other incriminating documents have been seized from these locations, the agency said in a statement.

ISIS AL Hind Module Case pertains to a criminal conspiracy with an objective of murdering Hindu leaders, creating communal riots and to do anti-national activities by forming a terrorist gang, being inspired by ISIS, a proscribed terrorist outfit.

The members of the Al Hind module conducted meetings at Bengaluru and other parts of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and propagated ISIS ideology, procured arms and ammunition and other incriminating material for executing their plans. The seized items will be submitted before the jurisdictional NIA Special Courts at Chennai and Bengaluru and the digital devices subjected to cyber forensic examination, the NIA added.

Doon, Delhi elevated expressway OK'd

PNS ■ NEW DELHI/DEHRADUN

The Centre on Monday gave in-principle approval to the construction of an elevated expressway between Dehradun and New Delhi which will reduce the distance between the two cities to 180 kms. The Centre's Go-ahead to the project was conveyed to Uttarakhand Chief Minister

Trivendra Singh Rawat by the National Highway Authority of India Chairman SS Sandhu. Congratulating the people of the State after his meeting with Sandhu, the Chief Minister said the construction of the highway will boost tourism and prove to be a milestone in its economic development. It will reduce the distance between Dehradun and the national capital to 180 kms and the State Government will extend



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all support to the NHAI for the construction of the elevated highway, Rawat said.

At present, the distance between Dehradun and Delhi is around 250 kms.

Work on the highway, which will reduce travel time between the two cities to two and a half hours, will begin soon, Sandhu said at the meeting with Rawat.

Construction of an elevated road on the route besides a new tunnel near

Mohand on the outskirts of Dehradun is proposed as part of the project, the NHAI chairman said. Noting that parts of the proposed highway falls under the jurisdiction of forest and wildlife department of neighbouring Uttar Pradesh, Sandhu asked the Chief Minister to request the UP Government for speedy forest and environment clearances so that work on the project could be expedited.

INSHORT

3 JUDICIAL OFFICERS APPOINTMENT APPROVED
New Delhi: The Supreme Court Collegium has approved the proposal for appointment of three judicial officers Vinod Chatterji Koul, Sanjay Dhar and Puneet Gupta as Judges of J&K High Court. The collegiums also recommended elevation of Satya Gopal Chattopadhyay, judicial officer, as a Judge of the Tripura High Court and advocate Ahanthem Bimol Singh as a Judge of the Manipur HC

VARDHAN LAUNCHES OUTREACH PROGRAMME
New Delhi: Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan on Monday launched a three-day special community outreach programme on the Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) and said no child should be missed under the routine immunisation programme.

CENTRE RESPONSIBLE FOR CAA CLASHES: YECHURY
New Delhi: CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury on Monday held Centre responsible for the violence that has erupted in Delhi over the Citizenship (Amendment) Act and appealed to all to maintain peace in violence hit areas.

UK'S JUDGE WITNESSES PROCEEDINGS OF SC
New Delhi: The President of the United Kingdom's Supreme Court, Lord Robert John Reed, witnessed the proceedings of Supreme Court on Monday. Justice Reed, who has come to India to take part in a 2-day international judges' conference on 'Judiciary and the Changing World', sat for around 15 minutes in a packed courtroom, along with Chief Justice of India (CJI) SA Bobde.

CSCS TO REGISTER PM KISAN BENEFICIARIES
New Delhi: In order to fast track the process of registering PM-Kisan beneficiaries under Kisan Credit Card, the last mile network of 3.65 lakh Common Services Centers have been roped in. CSCs have registered over 19.13 lakh farmers under PM-Kisan scheme.

EC destroyed VVPAT data of 2019 LS polls before expiry: NGOs

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Two NGOs alleged in the Supreme Court on Monday that the Election Commission (EC) has violated election rules by destroying the VVPAT (voter verifiable paper audit trail) data of last year's Lok Sabha polls before the conclusion of the statutory one-year period.

The NGOs - Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) and Common Cause - referred to the response received through an RTI application from the EC and alleged before a bench headed by Chief Justice SA Bobde that the VVPAT data was needed to be

preserved for a period of one year - a rule of the Conduct of Election Rules. "We do not look into it at the moment," the bench, also comprising justices BR Gavai and Surya Kant, said.

Appearing for the NGOs, lawyer Prashant Bhushan said the "shocking fact" had emerged in an RTI response and they would file an application in this regard.

The bench had earlier issued notice to the poll panel on the PIL seeking a probe into alleged discrepancies between the voter turnout figure and the number of votes counted in 347 constituencies during the 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

Centre denies allegations of starvation death in J'khand

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre on Monday denied allegations of a starvation death in Jharkhand and arbitrary cancellation of nearly three crore ration cards of poor people across the country in the Supreme Court, asserting that it was ready to prove them wrong.

"Let it be put on affidavit. I will respond and show all these are wrong. It is all incorrect statistics," Attorney General KK Venugopal told a bench comprising Chief Justice SA Bobde and justices BR Gavai and Surya Kant.

The attorney general had to intervene when senior advocate Colin Gonsalves, appearing in a PIL, alleged starvation deaths following denial of food

in the absence of Aadhaar card.

Gonsalves also claimed that as many as three crore ration cards of poor people have been cancelled by authorities across the country and a 13-year-old girl had died of starvation in Jharkhand after she was denied ration on account of non-matching of Aadhaar details with her ration card.

The attorney general submitted that the Centre would file a comprehensive affidavit on the issue and was waiting for replies of state governments which failed to file the same in compliance of notices issued to them on December 9, 2019. He said the Centre would collate the responses of states and file a response.

SC refuses plea seeking sanction to prosecute Kanhaiya in sedition case

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday refused to entertain a plea seeking framing of guidelines to ensure an expeditious grant of sanction to prosecute the accused in serious offences like the sedition case against former JNU Students' Union president Kanhaiya Kumar. A Bench of Chief Justice SA Bobde, justices BR Gavai and Surya Kant said such an order could be passed only in a specific case and directions of generic nature could not be issued. "The law should be followed in a particular case," the bench told lawyer Shashank Deo Sudhi, who was appearing for former BJP MLA Nand Kishor Garg.

CAG holds meeting with Ministries over auditing suggestions

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) on Monday held a brainstorming session with representatives of as many as seven Ministries to seek suggestions from the executive on areas that could be selected for audit.

This would help in understanding their concerns and would also supplement the risk-assessment exercise being undertaken by the CAG in the course of finalising the annual plan of audit activities.

The meeting, chaired by Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General Anita Pattanayak, sought more effective audit exercise from the sec-

retaries and representatives of the selected Central Ministries and departments.

The Ministries included environment, forest and climate change, jal shakti, earth sciences, new and renewable energy, science and technology, food processing industries, and food and consumer affairs.

The meeting was intended to focus on development, technology and climate-related issues.

"We are keen on this interaction... Activities undertaken by scientific and environmental ministries are critical to the national objective of broad-based economic growth and balanced development across all sectors.

2.13 cr framers left out from PM KISAN yojana

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

A year since its launch, the Modi Government's ambitious cash-for-farmers programme 'PM KISAN' (Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi) has reached a saturation level due to some States' reluctance to adopt the Central scheme and implementation hurdles like linking with Aadhaar persisting.

There could be 2.13 crore more potential beneficiaries who are left out from the scheme as States like West Bengal and Bihar have not adopted the scheme.

With the enrolment of 9.74 crore potential beneficiaries, the new registration has reached a saturation level, sources said and pointed out that the scheme intended to cover 14 crore farmers.

As per the Agriculture Ministry's data, of the 68 lakh

farmers from the West Bengal, about 10 lakh farmers have already self-registered for the scheme via the online portal of PM-Kisan. Bihar's potential is 158 lakh whereas data of only 59.7 lakh has been uploaded. Bihar has adopted a beneficiary application based approach which is delaying identification and upload.

According to Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, barring West Bengal and Bihar, all other States and Union Territories are implementing the scheme which has benefited 8.45 crore farmers so far in the country, against the target of 14 crore farmers.

On PM-Kisan portal, the centre has received data of total 9.74 crore farmers. The minister also launched PM-Kisan mobile App on completion of one year of the implementation of the scheme.

"States which have achieved 90 percent or more saturation have been asked to look at inter district variations while states to do 100 percent verification of 15 randomly selected villages in comparatively low saturation districts," he said.

The data says, only 9 farmers registered from Adaman and Nicobar Islands; 123 from Arunachal Pradesh; 121 from Chandigarh; 21 from Dadra Nagar Haveli; 633 from Delhi; 30 from Goa, 4902 from Himachal Pradesh; 11 from Sikkim; 43 from Puducherry; 733 from Meghalaya and 1010 from Tripura.

According to sources, Aadhaar-based enrolment and cash transfers, slow internet connections in many rural centres, and messy land records have slowed the programme.

"Problems in Aadhaar authentication, or the process

of validating the biometric identity with a beneficiary's bank account, have limited the number of potential payouts," sources added.

Aadhaar linking was optional for the first tranche that covered the December 2018-March 2019 period.

For the second instalment covering the period April-July 2019, Aadhaar authentication was compulsory, except for north-eastern States and the erstwhile Jammu & Kashmir. On the first anniversary of launch of the Government's ambitious PM-Kisan scheme, Tomar on Monday launched a mobile app to broaden the reach of the programme that aims to provide annually ₹6,000 to each eligible farmer.

Under PM-KISAN, the government provides income support of ₹6000 a year to farmers with a valid enrolment,

paid in three equal cash transfers of ₹2000 - one every four months. It was launched on 24 February 2019, when the first instalment was paid.

Stating that the cash benefit under the scheme will not only help farmers but also boost the state economy, Tomar said: "Our officials have approached the state government in this regard many times. I have also written twice to the chief minister urging to join the scheme.

But no reply has come yet from the CM." Tomar said some states like Andhra Pradesh, Bihar and Sikkim are slow in authenticating their farmers' data and the central government is pursuing with them seriously.

About 85 per cent of the farmers data registered under the scheme has been Aadhaar verified, the rest will be completed soon, he added.

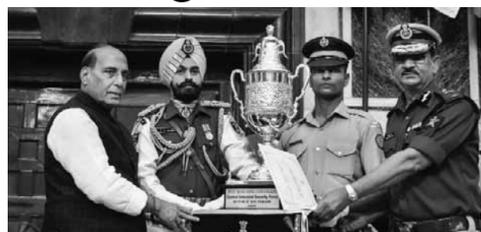
Rajnath hands over best marching contingent to CISF

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday handed over to the CISF the trophy for the 'best marching contingent' amongst the paramilitary forces and other auxiliary squads for performance during the Republic Day parade this year.

An event was held in the South Block office of the defence ministry where CISF Director General (DG) Rajesh Ranjan, contingent commandant Deputy Commandant Prabh Simran Singh and other officials of the force received the trophy from Singh, an official spokesperson said.

The CISF contingent is identified by its distinct yellow-coloured headgear and had 148-members when they marched this time at the



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh presents a trophy of Best Marching Contingent of Republic Day Parade 2020 to Central Industrial Security Force at South Block in New Delhi on Monday

Rajnath on January 26. This is the sixth time that the force has won this award, the spokesperson said.

With a strength of nearly 1.70 lakh personnel, the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) is a Central paramilitary that secures 61 airports

at present apart from vital infrastructure in the nuclear and aerospace domain.

The CISF DG congratulated Contingent Commander and other officers of CISF for their excellent performance and bringing laurels to the organization.

Chhattisgarh is seen as a new hope: Governor

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Chhattisgarh Governor Anusuiya Uikey said quick decisions taken after the formation of the present government in state and its three-pronged approach has built trust, development and security. The reflection is visible at national level where it is seen as a new hope. It has also pushed a new era, prosperity and participation of all in state. She said.

With customary address of Governor the budget session of the state legislative assembly began on Monday. The session will have 22 sittings before it concludes on April 1.



There has been drastic decline in incidents of Maoist violence due to the initiatives taken by the government to ensure justice. But the challenge to maintain the situation and make it better remains. Improvised and attractive

action plan for rehabilitation of surrendered Maoists has been made, she added.

Governor said, state witnessed free and fair civic body, three-tier panchayat election. Initiatives have been taken for withdrawal of criminal cases against innocent Scheduled Tribes in Bastar, while land at Lohandiguda was returned to tribal farmers, she pointed out.

"Steps to provide them forest rights are in progress. Additional to it the support price of minor forest produce has been hiked and procurement of 22 products being ensured. Several steps have been taken to strengthen democratic systems and functioning in decentralized

mode to bring administration closer to public," she added.

Uikey said the government has given push to rural culture and economy through the initiative 'Narva Garva, Ghurva, Bari' giving new source of employment to rural masses. It was backed by cottage industries, she said, adding youth, school going children, sports have also been taken care.

After the address Congress MLA Dhanendra Sahu moved the motion of thanks on the Governor's Address after which Speaker invited amendment and fixed date for discussion on February 26-27. Speaker then adjourned the House till Tuesday (February 25).

12 directors of chit-fund companies held, ₹7.80 cr recovered

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Chhattisgarh police has recovered ₹7.80 crore from various chit-fund companies and arrested 12 persons who were directors in these phony companies, officials said here on Monday.

As per official information in 2019, 56 case of cheating were registered against different irregular financial companies. Police teams are also working in coordination with different state police to arrest the office bearers on the run.

The local agents who were hired by the chit-fund companies and they were not aware of spurious intentions of the companies were made witnesses in the case. Eighty such persons were made witnesses, officials claimed.

In 66 similar cases, 123

agents have agreed to become witnesses and the cases are under court's consideration, they added.

By 2020, 178 cases were registered against different chit fund companies and their properties are being auctioned. Properties of 'Yalko Real Estate and Agri Farming Limited' were auctioned and ₹7.61 crore was recovered.

Likewise, from Bilaspur 'Kanya Welfare Society' ₹2.80 lakh was recovered. In the same way its property at village Pairi worth Rs 16.4 lakh was auctioned and the money was deposited in government's account, officials informed.

"Sixty-three cases for auction are under consideration with local courts and 103 cases are pending with district collectors for the same," officials said.

Baghel to present budget on March 3

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, who also holds the finance portfolio, will be presenting state's budget for the financial year 2020-21 on March 3. Overall, it will be his second budget presentation after coming to power in December 2018.

The date for presentation of the budget was finalized at the meeting of business advisory committee held on Monday at the meeting hall in assembly premises.

Speaker, Chhattisgarh state

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assembly, Charandas Mahant chaired the meeting which was also attended by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel as well as Leader of Opposition, Dharamlal Kaushik.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Ravindra Choubey later informed media persons that March 3 was finalized for presentation of the state budget.

Generally, the annual budget is presented in the last week of February and it was expected to be presented on February 29, but as it was weekend and it falls on Saturday the meeting decided the date for budget presentation to be March 3, he said.

Notable, the state assembly's budget session commenced here on February 24 and will last till April 1.

BJP to grill government on paddy issue today

BJP legislators to wear black dress as a mark of protest

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

BJP legislators will grill treasury bench on paddy issue in the state assembly on Tuesday.

A plan regarding the same was chalked out at a meeting of BJP legislative party held at assembly premises on Monday. The meeting was chaired by leader of opposition Dharamlal Kaushik while state's former chief minister and senior BJP leader Raman Singh was also present in the meeting.

Kaushik later informed media persons that as a mark



of protest the BJP legislator are going to wear black dress

on Tuesday and will also move an adjournment

'We are going to demand of the government to at least permit those farmers to sell their product who got tokens'

motion demanding immediate discussion on paddy issue.

The state government had promised to procure all the produce of the farmers but the farmers were still waiting for their turn, he said.

Kaushik further said they are going to demand of the government to at least permit those farmers to sell their product who got tokens. Astonishingly they were also denied the procurement, he added.

"The legislators of BJP will attend the House in black dress as a mark of protest over government's refusal of extending the last date of procurement", he further informed.



The victorious team of Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy, Bhopal, which won the 78th Mahant Sarveshwardas Memorial All India Hockey Tournament held at Digvijaya Stadium in Rajnandgaon. The Academy beat Northern Railways in a penalty shootout in the final. Pioneer Photo

Two IAS officers get new responsibilities

RAIPUR: Government of Chhattisgarh on Monday issued order making minor changes in the responsibilities of two IAS officers.

In an order issued by General Administration Department, P. Dayanand (IAS-2006), Managing Director, Samagra shiksha and Additional charge, Director, State Council for Education Research and Training (SCERT) has been posted as director, social welfare.

Jitendra Kumar Shukla (IAS-2011) Director, Public Instructions and additional charge of Mission Director, State Literacy Mission along with his present charges will hold additional charge of Managing Director, Samagra shiksha and Director, State Council for Education Research and Training (SCERT).

Herbal colours draw crowd in National Agriculture Fair

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In the ongoing National Agriculture Fair, the red, green, orange coloured herbal 'gual' are drawing crowds. It has been prepared by Bhoomi Self-Help Group of Tilda, Raipur district.

Member of SHG Meera Kanauje said in view of upcoming Holi festival, the group having around 3000 women members has prepared the herbal colours using natural materials. For green colour of gual, the leaves of marigold and spinach have been used while for yellow colour marigold flower, turmeric and gram flour have been used. The orange colour has been prepared from beetroot and



Amaranthus red (Lal Bhaji). She added that all are chemical free and hence these colours will not cause any harm to the skin.

Kanauje further said that another group Astha Mahila Gram Sanghatan, is working in the field of agriculture as maximum women members are uneducated. Under Bihan scheme, they were imparted training to make different

products. Apart from herbal colours, they also prepare lamp from cow-dung, flower pots etc. The lamps are being sold at Nagpur, Delhi, Rajasthan, Raipur fetching an income of around Rs 5 lakh for the group. She added that now women are preparing herbal tooth powder along with other organic products. This supplemented their household income.

'Poultry products safe, no link to coronavirus'

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Following the spread of coronavirus in China and other countries, the social media was abuzz with rumours that poultry and its products are also infested with virus and so such products should not be consumed.

Such rumours led to reduction in sales of poultry products across the state.

To put to rest such rumours being spread on social media, Director, Veterinary services, on Monday clarified that poultry products are not affected by coronavirus and are safe for consumption.

In an appeal, the director

urged not to believe in such rumours being spread through the social media.

"There is no need to raise suspicion on the chicken and eggs. WHO too had issued the recommendations that in cooked chickens or eggs consumed in clean environment, there is no danger of spread of diseases," he said.

The state government has been promoting, poultry products, mainly egg as a source of protein to fight malnutrition. Large section of pregnant women and malnutrition affected children are being provided eggs while the government is also promoting consumption of chicken.

'Leadership & community development program imperative for youth's growth'

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Leadership and community development program are imperative for the development of youth in a state like Chhattisgarh, stated Rajesh Dhruv, Regional Director, Punjab National Bank, Farmer Training Centre.

He was speaking at the inauguration ceremony of 3-day residential workshop for youth at PNB Farmer Training Centre Jora and Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK), Raipur, an autonomous body under Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India.



He further added that youth are the building block in development of any nation. "Thus, it is our responsibility to empower them so that they can contribute in the nation building and development," he added.

Fifty youths from 3 districts namely Raipur, Gariyaband and Baloda Bazar participated in this training program.

Arpit Tiwari, District Youth Coordinator, Nehru Yuva Kendra, Raipur stated that the objective of this training programme is to build personality, character and moral building on one hand and equipped youth

with basic qualities of leadership on the other hand.

In addition, the 3-day training program NYK will also provide rural youth an opportunity to come together, share their experiences, exchange ideas and take up community welfare and Nation Building activities, he said.

Various sessions will be organised in the training program over the period of three days on national integration and development, village mapping and community development, health issues and drug abuse, personality development and leadership, Panchayati Raj System and self-development to name a few.

CAA-NRC-NPR Day after clashes, uneasy calm in Aligarh

Aligarh (UP): Uneasy calm prevailed in localities under the old city's Kotwali and Delhi Gate police stations here on Monday, a day after arson and group clashes.

Most shops remained closed in violence-hit areas but there were no fresh clashes on Monday. District authorities were seen persuading traders to open for business, and the situation improved by the evening.

"No untoward incident has been reported from any place since Sunday evening," Agra zone Additional Director General Police (ADGP) Ajay Anand told PTI.

On Sunday, over a dozen people needed medical treatment after stone-pelting between groups of protesters and clashes with police.

Two policemen were among those injured. The ADGP said Mohamad Tariq Munawwar (22), who suffered

gunshot injuries on Sunday, is now stable after emergency surgery and has been shifted to the ICU at Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital's trauma centre.

"If necessary, we will shift him to AIIMS, New Delhi. Currently, however, doctors are satisfied with his progress," Anand said.

He said police are in the process of identifying those involved in Sunday's violence.

"At the same time, we are initiating confidence-building measures with the help of community leaders to restore normalcy in all affected areas," he added.

District Magistrate Chandra Bhushan Singh warned that any attempt to spread rumours would be dealt with strongly and the stringent National Security Act invoked.

Singh said internet services will continue to remain suspended till midnight Monday. **PTI**

SP, Cong stage walkout in UP House over police action

ALIGARH VIOLENCE

Lucknow: Samajwadi Party and Congress staged a walkout in the Uttar Pradesh Assembly on Monday against alleged police atrocities on peaceful anti-CAA protesters, including women, in Aligarh.

Soon after the House met at 11 am, Leader of Opposition Ram Govind Chaudhary demanded a discussion on the issue. He alleged that women were lathi-charged and tear gas shells were fired during the protest in Aligarh on Sunday.

The Samajwadi Party (SP) leader and Congress leader Aradhana Misra, who raised the issue through separate notices, alleged that the government is out crush the peaceful protest against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA).

"Is this the 'Ram rajya' that the government claims (to be aiming for). It had been jungle law ever since the BJP came

to power," Misra said, adding that the Government is answerable for the police action.

Chaudhary and Misra also demanded a judicial probe into the incident by a sitting Supreme Court or high court judge. In his reply, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Suresh Khanna said the Aligarh incident was a result of rivalry between the protesting women and the Bhim Army.

"When vehicles were damaged and there was anarchy, police stepped in and had to use force," he said. "The government will unmask those behind these agitations and those patting the backs of protesters. No citizen will have to suffer. It is the attitude of the Opposition which is responsible for it (violence) and nothing will happen if they do not encourage it," he added.

Expressing dissatisfaction over the minister's reply, SP and Congress members staged a walkout. **PTI**

Govt sending people to raise pro-Pak slogans during protests: Qureshi

Sambhal (UP): Former Uttar Pradesh Governor Aziz Qureshi on Monday alleged that Government was sending people to raise 'pro-Pakistan' slogans during anti-CAA protests as part of a conspiracy.

Qureshi termed police action on protesters in Aligarh and Delhi as "barbarism" and said when those sitting in the government feel defeated, they indulge in firing and lathi charge.

"The followers of Hitler sitting in the government have got their people to sit along with the anti-CAA protesters, raise Pakistan 'zindabad' slogans and indulge in vandalism and arson to make it look like violent protests. This has led to firing by the police.

All this has been done in a very planned manner," he told reporters.

Attacking the BJP and the RSS, he alleged that they had "mischievous plans" for Indian Muslims who are being targeted. "Just as Hitler set up camps, the central government was setting up detention camps and all this is being done to divide the country," he said.

Qureshi alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and their entire government, on the basis of their numbers in the Parliament, has got the Citizenship law amended against the very ethos of the Constitution, thereby alienating 20 crore people of the country. **PTI**

Fugitive gangster Pujari brought to Bengaluru

Remanded in custody till Mar 7

Bengaluru: Fugitive gangster Ravi Pujari who is wanted in many heinous crimes, including murder and extortion, was brought to the city in the early hours of Monday from Senegal, police said.

Later in the day, he was produced before the 1st Additional City Metropolitan Magistrate's (ACMM) court which remanded him to police custody till March 7.

A former close aide of India's most wanted and mastermind of the 1993 Mumbai serial blasts, Dawood Ibrahim and gangster Chhota Rajan, Pujari was brought here under tight police security by an Air France flight. **PTI**

Security beefed up in Kashmir in view of Trump's visit

Srinagar: Security has been increased across Kashmir as a precautionary measure in view of US President Donald Trump's two-day visit to India, which began on Monday, officials said.

"In view of the incidents that have taken place in Kashmir ahead of high profile visits to the country, security has been strengthened in the Valley," a senior police officer said.

In March 2000, Lashkar-e-Taiba militants killed 35 Sikhs in Chatsinghpura village in Anantnag district during the visit of former US president Bill Clinton to India.

The official said additional personnel from the police and paramilitary forces have been deployed here and elsewhere in the Kashmir Valley to ensure that militants are not able to carry out any attacks. Surveillance and area domination exercises have been intensified in some areas, he said. Mobile vehicle check points have been set up at several places for curbing the movement of people who provide logistical support to militants, the official said. **PTI**

Govt working on return of migrant Kashmiri Pandits to valley: Koul

Jammu: The Government is working on the return of migrant Kashmiri Pandits to the Valley soon with honour and dignity in a secured environment, said a senior BJP leader.

BJP general secretary (Organisation) Ashok Koul also asked the displaced community to get ready for the return for which they have been waiting for the last three decades.

"It should be clear to all that the migrant Pandits have to return to the Valley. The Government is going to take a call on it very soon," said Koul.

He was speaking at an annual award distribution function organized by Harmukh Ganga (Gangbal) Trust (HGGT) in association with All Parties Migrants Co-ordination Committee (APMCC) here on Sunday evening.

The HGGT annually honours prominent personalities among Kashmiri pandits and their organizations in recognition of their contribution to the community. **PTI**

MSc or PhD holders with 3 yrs experience can hold lab test

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Those with an MSc degree or doctorate (PhD) in the field of pathology, medical microbiology, medical biochemistry, medical genetics, biotechnology, immunology, molecular biology and applied biology with at least three years' training or work experience in a medical diagnostic laboratory, have been now allowed to conduct the tests, generate and sign test reports of tests of their respective specialty. However, they will not be allowed to give any opinion or interpretation of laboratory results.

In 2017, they were barred from signing the diagnostic reports.

The Union Health Ministry has issued a notification regarding the role of an authorized signatory following the green signal from the Board of Governors in supersession of the Medical Council of India (MCI). As per the notification, MSc with PhD qualification in the field of pathology, medical microbiology, medical biochemistry, medical genetics, biotechnology, immunology, molecular biology, applied biology having experience of at least three years post PhD in a laboratory of same or higher level in a Government/recognised medical college or hospital shall be entitled to conduct the tests, generate and sign test reports in respect of tests of their respective specialty in medium and advanced medical laboratories, without recording any opinion or interpretation of lab results.

Dr Sridhar Rao, president, National M.Sc Medical Teachers' Association who had been fighting on behalf of the stream, welcomed the move. He said, "Signing authority was snatched from us and many of our members lost jobs or demoted at workplace and faced a lot of hardships.

"Clinical scientists signing laboratory reports is practiced all over the world, including the US, the UK, the European Union, Middle East countries, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, Nepal etc. In fact, the West Bengal government had included the clinical scientists in its Clinical Establishments Act guidelines. With the Union government clearing the way, rest of the states must adopt these guidelines", he added.

Global mkts down...

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While, the broader NSE Nifty sank 251.45 points or 2.08 per cent to 11,829.40.

In late morning deals, Milan's stock market dived almost five per cent following reports of a fourth death amid the COVID-19 epidemic, an 84-year old man in the northern Lombardy region.

It was the third death in Lombardy, where villages have been sealed off and security measures enforced to stem the spread of the disease. Traders' screens were awash with red elsewhere in Europe too, with Frankfurt falling 3.7 per cent, London losing 3.5 per cent, Madrid down 3.3 per cent and Paris shedding 3.8 per cent. Brent oil prices slumped four per cent as the burgeoning crisis sparked global energy demand worries. Conversely, on the London Bullion Market gold surged to USD 1,689.31 per ounce --- a level last seen in January 2013 --- as investors snapped up the precious metal as a safety measure amid the market turbulence.

"Fears over an escalation of the coronavirus outside of China have caused a major retreat in global markets and prompted wild swings in commodity prices," said AJ Bell investment director Russ Mould.

Italy's lockdown, as the country tries to control the worst outbreak of the virus in Europe, has caused investors to panic about how business and society will be affected. A large spike in coronavirus cases in South Korea has also added to market concerns.

"The result is a large sell-off in equities with... Europe and Asia deeply in the red," Mould added.

Seoul nosedived 3.9 per cent as South Korea announced a surge in COVID-19 infections, while Hong Kong erased 1.8 per cent but Shanghai retreated by only 0.3 per cent.

With the outbreak showing little sign of easing, investors are increasingly concerned it could have a much longer-term impact on the world economy. Traders had been broadly optimistic that the virus -- which has killed nearly 2,600 and infected 80,000 -- was being contained outside China but a spurt of infections and deaths in other countries including South Korea, Italy and Iran has fanned fears of a global outbreak.

On Monday, South Korea said it had 835 cases, making it the world's worst-hit country outside China, with seven people now dead. President Moon Jae-in raised the virus alert to the highest "red" level.

Chhota Rajan planned to kill Dawood in 1998: Lakdawala reveals

Mumbai: Gangster Ejaz Lakdawala has told Mumbai Police that close aides of Chhota Rajan had planned to kill fugitive underworld don Dawood Ibrahim in 1998, but the operation failed.

Lakdawala, 50, who was on the run for two decades and was once a close aide of Dawood Ibrahim, made this revelation during interrogation by the Mumbai Crime Branch following his arrest last month in connection with cases of extortion and attempt to murder against him.

He told the police that aides of Chhota Shakeel attacked him and gangster Chhota Rajan after their

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She also captured the moments in her mobile phone and even gave her phone to a person to get a solo picture clicked.

Trump and Melania were also briefed about the history and importance of the monument by a guide.

The US President's visit to Agra and Taj generated huge excitement among local residents. Some shops even displayed their own banners, welcoming Trump to India.

Trump also took to Twitter to express his sentiments about his first official visit to India.

"First lady and I have travelled 8,000 miles around the world to give a message to each citizen of this country -- America loves India, America respects India, and the people of America will always be true and committed friends of the people of

India," the American leader tweeted in Hindi.

From the Kheria airbase here, Trump's convoy of over 30 vehicles drove to Oberoi Amarvilas hotel near the Taj Mahal complex, as over 15,000 school students who lined up on both sides of the route held US and India flags and cheered the US president as his motorcade passed by.

Massive billboards bearing greeting messages and pictures of Trump, First Lady and Modi dotted the nearly 13-km convoy route as street roundabouts decked up with US and India flags symbolised the US-India friendship.

An extensive three-layered security was in place for his Agra visit, and authorities had got the Taj Mahal premises cleared of visitors by noon, hours ahead of Trump's visit to the celebrated architectural landmark.

The last US president to visit the the Mughal-era wonder was Bill Clinton who had come to India in 2000. He had seen the Taj along with daughter Chelsea Clinton. In 1959, then US president Dwight David

Eisenhower had visited Taj along with then prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru. From massive billboards bearing greeting messages to street roundabouts decked up with US and India flags, Agra had waited excitedly to welcome President Trump and authorities made arrangements to present a "lively Agra" to the visiting president, seeking to shake off the old tag of 'city of ghosts'.

"During Clinton's visit the city streets were deserted due to security arrangements, prompting him to call it a 'city of ghosts'. This time the excitement can be felt in the air," said Mohit Kumar, who works at a hotel in Tajganj area.

"I was very young in 2000 when Clinton visited. We are very excited and happy that another US President has come to our city due to which the civic amenities have been improved," he said. Earlier, on his arrival at the airbase, over 250 artistes drawn from different parts of Uttar Pradesh performed the 'Mayur dance', 'Rai folk dance', Dhoibia folk dance' as sonorous sounds of 'bumra-sia' nagada, dholak, mridang, added to the festive ambience.

A giant billboard there featuring Trump, First Lady Melania Trump

and Prime Minister Modi greeted the couple with a message -- "Grand welcome of India's best friend to the City of Love -- Agra".

Trump was received at the Kheria airbase by Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

"From the airport, the US President's convoy travelled till the Oberoi Amarvilas hotel situated near the East Gate of the Taj Mahal complex. From there the President and his family and members of high-level delegation accompanying him moved into eco-friendly golf carts to travel into the monument premises," a senior official said.

As per Supreme Court directions, petrol or diesel-operated vehicles are not permitted within 500 m of the Taj Mahal's gate. The architectural marvel inscribed into the UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1983 is made of white Makrana marble and red sandstones, and renowned for its intricate inlay work on the stone surface.

Taj Mahal, considered one of the seven wonders of the world, stands on the bank of Yamuna, and is always high on the itinerary of visiting heads of state.

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He also announced that the two countries will firm up defence deals worth USD 3 billion on Tuesday and that the US will become India's premier defence partner. "US looks forward to providing India the best and feared equipment on the planet," he said.

"India and US have natural and enduring friendship," Trump said to a cheering crowd. Trump said both countries are working on a "fantastic trade" deal, and observed that Modi is a "tough negotiator".

The US President also praised Modi, saying the Prime Minister is a "living proof" of what an Indian can achieve with hard work as Trump referred to his humble background as a tea-seller. Modi praised Trump's leadership in containing terrorism.

Trump said as the world's largest economy, India gives hope to all humanity and has become an economic giant. "There is a difference between a nation that rises by coercion and one that rises by setting its people free -- that is India. India and the US have natural and enduring friendship," he said. He also touched on India's cultural diversity and riches as he highlighted the success of its blockbuster movies like DDLJ (Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge) and Sholay, and its sporting icons like Sachin Tendulkar and Virat Kohli.

He highlighted the boom in the US economy under his presidency and added that India will soon be home to the biggest middle class as it will eliminate extreme poverty in next 10 years. Addressing the gathering, Modi termed the visit as a "new chapter" and said the relations between the two countries are no longer just another partnership but a far greater and closer relationship.

Welcoming the US President to "world's biggest democracy", Modi said foundations of new alignments, challenges, opportunities and changes are being laid.

"India and the US relations and cooperation will play an important role in deciding the course of world in the 21st century. I am of the categorical view that India and the US are natural partners," Modi said.

Underscoring the strong ties between the two nations, Modi said the US is now India's largest trading partner and the Indian military is involved in its biggest war exercise with the US. Modi said Trump's visit is a

new chapter in the relations. "A chapter that will become a new document of progress and prosperity of the people of America and India," he said.

Modi said the two countries also share spirit of enterprise and innovation, shared opportunities and challenges and shared hopes and aspirations. The Prime Minister also appreciated Trump Administration's efforts in the field of health.

The biggest strength between two people or nations is trust, Modi said while quoting an old adage that "friendship is where trust is unshakable".

Highlighting the achievements of the country, Modi noted that India not only has the world record of sending the maximum number of satellites simultaneously, but also is making the world record by doing the fastest financial inclusion.

"Increasing manufacturing in India, expanding infrastructure, will bring new possibilities for America. In this era of Industry 4.0, the expansion of the digital economy in India will create many investment opportunities for the US as well," Modi said. Industry 4.0 has been defined as a name for the current trend of automation and data exchange in manufacturing technologies. Modi also said we are inspired by a long-term vision, not just short term considerations. "Our bilateral relations will grow, our economic partnership will expand, our digital cooperation will increase," he said.

The Indo-US ties are no longer just another partnership but have touched far greater heights, and the Trumps trip with his family shows this, Modi said. The PM said today 130 crore Indians are jointly building a 'new India'.

"Our youth power is full of aspirations. Setting big goals, achieving them is becoming the hallmark of new India today," he said. Modi noted that India not only has the world record of sending the maximum number of satellites simultaneously, but also is making the world record by doing the fastest financial inclusion.

"Today the country with which India has the most extensive research and development partnership is America," he said. Referring to military ties, the Prime Minister said the two countries have participated in a number of bilateral military exercises. "We can make an effective contribution not only in the Indo-Pacific region, but in the peace, progress and security of the whole world," he said.

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कार्य का नाम - **बेतेतरा जिले विकासखण्ड साजा की डिपिनिया जलशय के बांध की ऊंचाई बढ़ाने एवं डिपिनिया फीडर नहर आर.डी. 0 मी. से 1200 मी., बरगडा फीडर नहर आर.डी. 0 मी. से 750 मी., डिपिनिया दांबी तट मुख्य नहर आर.डी. 0 मी. से 1500 मी. का रिमाडलिंग एवं लाईनिंग कार्य तथा 09 नग व.आर.बी., 03 नग हेड स्ट्रड, 03 नग फाल कम की.आर.बी., 05 नग फाल एवं 14 नग कोलाबा निर्माण कार्य।**

अनुमानित लागत - **रुपये 748.57 लाख**

अन्य विवरण एवं विस्तृत निविदा छत्तीसगढ़ शासन की ई-प्रोक्वैमेंट वेब साइट <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> पर दिनांक 02.03.2020 समय 17:31 बजे से देखे तथा डाउनलोड किये जा सकते हैं।
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P.W.D. (B&R) AMBIKAPUR CIRCLE AMBIKAPUR

Invitation Date :- 20.02.2020

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S. No.	N.I.T. No.	Online System Number	Name of work	P.A.C. in lacks	Concern Division
1	242 1st Call D Class and Above	61362	BT Renewal Work under Sub Division Wadrafnagar on Pratappur to Semersot Road (SH) in Km. 01 & 02 = 2.00 Km.	58.66	Ramanujganj
2	243 1st Call C Class and Above	61371	BT Renewal work under Sub Division Ramanujganj to Wadrafnagar Road in Km. 1 to 3, 04 & 05 = 5.00 Km.	102.75	Ramanujganj

Superintending Engineer
P.W.D. Ambikapur Circle Ambikapur

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"Entry and exit gates of Udyog Bhawan, Patel Chowk, Central Secretariat and Janpath have also been closed. Interchange facility will be open at Central Secretariat," said a DMRC official. However, it is not clear if these metro stations have been closed due to Trump's arrival in Delhi or the CAA demonstrations. All these stations are close to ITC Maurya in Chanakypuri where Donald Trump would be staying tonight.

Meanwhile, the Delhi Police on Monday also appealed to the people to maintain peace and not to believe in rumours in the wake of violence in parts of northeast Delhi during protests for and against the new citizenship law.

Beside the Delhi Police personnel, around eight companies of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and two companies of Rapid Action Force (RAF) have been deployed in the Northeast areas.

"Some incidents of violence and arson were being reported in areas of North East District, particularly in the areas of Maujpur, Kardampuri, Chandbagh and Dayalpur. It is appealed to the people of Delhi and particularly to the North East District to maintain peace and harmony and not to believe in any rumours. It is also appealed to the media not to circulate any disturbing pictures which may further aggravate the situation," said a senior police official adding that the Delhi

Police is making every effort to restore normalcy.

"Section 144 has been imposed in the affected areas of North East district and strict action will be taken against miscreants and anti social elements," the senior police official added.

"Ratan Lal, Head Constable was attached to the office of the Assistant Commissioner of Police, Gokulpuri and he was killed in the clashes today. Several police personnel have been injured in the clashes. The DCP, Shahdara, suffered injuries to his head and hand. He was hospitalised and is doing fine," said the senior police official.

Following the clashes, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal urged Lt Governor Anil Bajjal and Union Home Minister Amit Shah to restore law and order in the wake of violence in parts of northeast Delhi during protests for and against the new citizenship law.

"Very distressing news regarding disturbance of peace and harmony in parts of Delhi coming in. I sincerely urge Honble LG n Hon'ble Union Home Minister to restore law and order and ensure that peace and harmony is maintained. Nobody should be allowed to orchestrate flagrations (sic)," he tweeted.

"I just spoke to the L-G. He has assured that more police forces are being sent. Violence will not be tolerated by anyone. I request people to maintain peace. No solution will come out of violence," Kejriwal tweeted in Hindi.

One held for question paper leak in Manipur

Imphal: Days after Class 11 final exams were called off in Manipur government schools after purported question papers of at least five subjects surfaced on social media, a management staff at a higher secondary school was arrested here in connection with the case. M Sunderchand was apprehended on Saturday by the cyber crime unit of the Manipur Police, based on a complaint filed by the secretary of the Council of Higher Secondary Education Manipur (COHSEM), a senior officer said.

"There is an indication that English question paper might have been leaked as well, along with those of five other subjects -- Manipuri, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Biology," he said.

Preliminary investigation also revealed that the accused not just "cut open the seal of the question papers" but also took photographs for circulation, the officer said. **PTI**

On Indian soil, Trump raps Dems presidential race

Washington/Agra: US President Donald Trump, seeking re-election, on Monday criticised the Opposition Democratic Party, some 13,000 kilometres away from America in India, and suggested that Senator Bernie Sanders could be his likely rival in the presidential poll in November.

Trump, who is on a 36-hour visit to India commented on the ongoing Democratic Party nomination race and said, "It could go to the convention, it really could."
"They are going to take it away from Crazy Bernie, they are not going to let him win...I actually think he would be tougher than most of the other candidates because he is like me but I have a much bigger base," Trump told reporters as he flew on Air Force One from Ahmedabad to Agra, according to CNN.

Trump's comments on the American political scene came a day after Sanders, 78, comfortably won the crucial Nevada Democratic Caucus, giving a big boost to his campaign for the 2020 White House bid.

Earlier in the day, 73-year-old Trump, a Republican,

tweeted that he has secured a record 95 per cent approval rating in the Republican Party. He also took a dig at Hillary Clinton, the former Secretary of State and his 2016 presidential rival on the

victory of Sanders in the Nevada Caucus. "Are any Democrat operatives, the DNC, or Crooked Hillary Clinton, blaming Russia, Russia, Russia for the Bernie Sanders win in Nevada," Trump tweeted. **PTI**

Sanders: Would absolutely use military if needed

Washington: Democratic candidate Bernie Sanders has said that if elected president he would "absolutely" use the military if warranted, both to protect US interests and to support its allies.

He also said he would be willing to meet with the North Korean dictator, Kim Jong Un, as President Donald Trump has done. Sanders has emerged with an early lead in the Democratic nominating process, and as a self-declared democratic socialist his foreign and security policies are starting to draw closer scrutiny. But he has denied being a pacifist.

In an interview airing Sunday on CBS's "60 Minutes," the Vermont senator was asked

in what circumstances he, as commander-in-chief, would deploy US military forces. He listed these criteria: "Threats against the American people, to be sure. Threats against our allies. I believe in NATO.

"I believe that the United States, everything being equal, should be working with other countries in alliance, not doing it alone." - "We will not sit by"

When the interviewer asked whether he would order military action if Taiwan came under attack from China, Sanders replied: "Yeah. I mean, I think we have got to make it clear to countries around the world that we will not sit by and allow invasions to take place, absolutely." **AFP**

Wuhan revokes order to partially ease lockdown

DEATH TOLL: 2,592 TOTAL CASES: 77,150

Beijing: China's coronavirus-hit Wuhan city on Monday revoked its decision to partially lift a month-long lockdown barely three hours after the announcement, a media report said, as the death toll climbed to 2,592, while the number of confirmed cases increased to more than 77,000.

The Wuhan local administration earlier announced that people who are not quarantined and seeking special treatment or stranded in the city can leave in batches. The city of 11 million people was the epicentre of the coronavirus outbreak.

China locked down Wuhan city on January 23, followed by the entire Hubei province with over 50 million people. Wuhan is the provincial capital of Hubei. Over 18 cities in the province have been sealed.

No residents were allowed to leave the city since then, including several hundred foreigners, mainly students.

India has evacuated 647 Indians and seven Malaysians by operating two special flights. India is awaiting permission to airlift over 100 more.

Barely three hours after the notice was issued, the government announced that the decision had been retracted saying

it was issued by a subordinate working group of the city's disease control command without their superiors' approval, Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post reported. The disease control command said it would reimpose the officials who issued the order without approval.

The evacuation has evoked hope for many as no residents were allowed to leave the city since then, including several hundred foreigners, mainly students. **PTI**

Afghanistan detects first case: Health Minister

Kabul: Afghanistan has detected its first novel coronavirus case, the country's health minister said Monday, involving a patient who had recently travelled to Iran, where 12 people have died from the outbreak.

"I announce the first positive coronavirus case (in) Herat," health minister Firozuddin Feroz told a press conference, calling on citizens to avoid travel to the western province which borders Iran. Afghan authorities had earlier announced a suspension of suspend air and ground travel to Iran, as fears mount across the region over a jump in new coronavirus infections. **AFP**

Fifth death in Italy as infections mount

Casalpusterlengo (Italy): Italy reported on Monday its fifth death from the new coronavirus, as the number of people contracting the disease continued to mount and officials called for calm. The death of an 88-year-old man was the fourth in the northern Lombardy region, where villages have been put under lockdown and security measures enforced in a bid to stem the spread of the disease. Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte has said that residents could face weeks in lockdown in an effort to sit out the virus. **AFP**

Iran denies virus coverup and claim of 50 deaths

Tehran: Iran's Government vowed on Monday to be transparent after being accused of covering up the deadliest coronavirus outbreak outside China, dismissing claims the toll could be as high as 50.

The authorities in the Islamic republic have come under mounting public pressure since it took days for them to admit to "accidentally" shooting down a Ukrainian airliner last month, killing 176 people.

The Government said on Monday that Iran's coronavirus death toll had jumped by four to 12 - by far the highest outside China - as its neighbours

closed their borders and imposed strict quarantine measures. But Ahmad Amirabadi Farahani, a lawmaker from the holy city of Qom, south of Tehran, alleged the government was "lying" about the full extent of the outbreak.

The ILNA news agency, which is close to reformists, said the lawmaker spoke of "50 deaths" in Qom alone.

"The rest of the media have not published this figure, but we prefer not to censor what concerns the coronavirus because people's lives are in danger," ILNA editor Fatemeh Mahdiani told AFP. **AFP**

Iraq confirms first case

Najaf (Iraq): Iraq on Monday confirmed its first novel coronavirus case in an elderly Iranian national in the southern shrine city of Najaf, according to health officials.

Iraq, a country with a dilapidated healthcare system, often hosts pilgrims and religious students from Iran, where 12 people have died of the novel coronavirus since an outbreak there was first reported last week. Iraq had blocked travel to and from the Islamic republic days before announcing a seminary student in Najaf was the country's first confirmed case. **AFP**

Oman reports first two cases, halts flights to Iran

Muscat: Oman on Monday reported its first two cases of coronavirus, and halted flights to and from Iran with immediate effect, authorities and reports said.

Two Omani women who had returned from Iran were diagnosed with the disease and were in a stable condition, state TV reported.

The civil aviation authority said in a tweet that it was "suspending all civilian flights between the sultanate and the Islamic Republic of Iran starting today and until further notice". **AFP**

Turmoil in Malaysia as PM Mahathir resigns

Kuala Lumpur: Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad resigned on Monday in a shock move after his political allies sought to bring down the government and block the succession of leader-in-waiting Anwar Ibrahim.

It came after months of rising tensions in the "Pact of Hope" coalition, which stormed to a shock victory in 2018 against a corruption-plagued government that had ruled Malaysia for six decades.

But there were calls for Mahathir, the world's oldest leader at 94, to stay in office from allies who insisted he had not backed the formation of a new government and had quit in disgust at the plot.

The political drama began on Sunday when Anwar's rivals from the ruling coalition and opposition politicians held a series of meetings around Kuala Lumpur, stoking speculation a new alliance was taking shape.

That coalition would reportedly have excluded Anwar, Mahathir's presumptive successor and a former opposition icon who was jailed for years on questionable sodomy charges, blocking his ascent to

the premiership. With the fate of the government still uncertain Monday, Mahathir submitted his resignation to the king. The monarch accepted it, but appointed him interim leader until a new premier is found, according to an official statement.

Anwar -- who has famously rocky relationship with Mahathir -- said the premier assured him "he played no part" in attempts to form a new government, and was "very clear that in no way will he ever work with those associated with the past regime".

The proposed new coalition was reportedly set to include the United Malays National Organisation (UMNO) -- the party of disgraced ex-leader Najib Razak, which was ejected from office two years ago.

Anwar and Mahathir put their differences aside and joined forces to take on a corruption-plagued government at the 2018 polls. Mahathir, who previously served as premier from 1981 to 2003, had made a pre-election pledge to hand power to Anwar but has repeatedly refused to fix a date. **AFP**

UK Labour members vote on leader to replace Corbyn

London: Almost 600,000 members of Britain's main opposition Labour party began voting on Monday for a new leader to replace leftist Jeremy Corbyn in the wake of a devastating election defeat.

Three candidates -- all members of parliament -- are on the ballot paper, with the final result due to be announced on April 4.

Brexit spokesman Keir Starmer is currently the frontrunner, viewed as more moderate than his main rival, Corbyn ally and business spokeswoman Rebecca Long-Bailey.

The third candidate, Lisa Nandy, is well-regarded in Westminster but has a low public profile. Corbyn was elected Labour leader in 2015 in a shock result, after a political career spent on the sidelines of a party where few MPs share his staunch socialist views. Now 70, he drew an enthusiastic following among young people but was forced to step down after a second general election defeat in December. Labour suffered its worst result since 1935 while Conservative Prime Minister Boris Johnson triumphed with his promise to get Britain out of the European Union. **AFP**

Oli's b'day celebrations marred by controversy over cutting of cake with country's map

Kathmandu: Nepal Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli's birthday celebrations were marred by controversy after pictures of him cutting a 15-kg-cake with the country's map drawn on it went viral, according to media reports on Monday.

Oli's wife Radhika Shakya, along with a large number of people, including school children, and his close aides attended the 69th birthday celebrations of the premier on Sunday at his birthplace in east Nepal's Terhathum district.

The cake, with a replica of the country's map drawn on it, was taken in a helicopter from Kathmandu to the venue.

In the pictures circulated online, Oli is seen cutting the cake and distributing it to the children present at the occasion, Annapurna Post daily reported.

Social media users expressed anger at the use of the country's map on the cake. "According to Art 151 of Criminal Code 2017, denigrating glory of the national anthem, flag and coat of arms is restricted." The Code prohibits the use of national emblems in inappropriate places and situations. Anyone found to have been involved in such an act can face legal action," said one of the social media users online. **PTI**

Sri Lanka deploys troops to control worsening traffic

Colombo: Sri Lanka will deploy troops to help police control worsening traffic congestion in the capital, the army said on Monday.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, a retired army officer, ordered the military to assist traffic officers at the main entry and exit points to Colombo, a city which nearly a million people enter or leave daily, a spokesman said.

The military police will also lend support "in any other area where their services are required", spokesman Chandana Wickremasinghe added.

Traffic slows to a snail's pace in Colombo during the morning and evening rush hours making it one of the slowest road systems in South Asia.

Recent studies have shown average speeds drop below seven kilometres (4.3 miles) an hour in the morning and the evening.

The capital does not have a mass transit system, forcing many to use their own transport that chokes the narrow streets.

But Sri Lanka began work on its first light rail transit system last year at an estimated cost of USD 1.5 billion. The Japanese-funded project is expected to be operational within about five years. **PTI**

S Africa 'sterilised pregnant HIV patients without consent'

Johannesburg: A South African inquiry into the forced sterilisation of dozens of HIV-positive pregnant women said on Monday that their rights had been breached and called for government action.

The investigation was launched in 2015, when two women's rights organisations approached South Africa's Gender Equality Commission (CGE) with 48 documented cases of coerced sterilisation.

CGE obtained sworn affidavits from the complainants on the alleged procedures.

"All the women who had lodged the complaint were black women who were mostly HIV positive," CGE head Keketo Maema said in the report released on Monday.

"Just before giving birth... They were coerced or forced to sign forms that they

later learnt through various means were consent forms allegedly permitting the hospital to sterilise them."

Investigators found that hospital staff threatened to deny women medical attention if they did not sign the paperwork.

Some of the complainants said they were given the forms in moments of "extreme pain" during which they could not fully grasp the content, the report said.

The commission concluded that the women suffered several rights violations and were subjected to "degrading treatment".

It also accused medical staff of breaching their "duty of care".

The report, which has been sent to the health ministry, advises the government to review sterilisation paperwork. **AFP**

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POSSESSION NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002
Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Axis Bank Ltd. under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notice upon the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagee(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagee(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagee(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said rules on the below mentioned dates.

Name of Borrower / Co-borrower	Description of Property	1.Date of Demand Notice	2.Date of Possession	3.Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)
1. M/s Elegant Surveyors, A Proprietorship Concern of K Sharma having office At - BFH-33 2 nd Floor, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi - 110088	Immovable Asset: 1.Equitable mortgage of Commercial Unit No.1276, 1277 & 1278, 12 th Floor without roof / Terrace Rights, Having Covered Area of Approx 1204.00 Sq.Ft. or 111.84 Sq.Mtrs part of free holding Commercial Building Know as Aggarwal Millennium Tower - II, Plot No. E - 4, Netaji Subhash Place, Wazirpur District Centre Pitampura - Delhi - 110034 Owned by Kailash Chander Sharma.	1. 5-Dec-19	2. 19-Feb-20	Rs. 1,24,98,500 & Rs. 3,09,52,926 /Interest, incidental expenses and cost
2. Mr. Anant Sharma, S/O - Mr. Kailash Chander Sharma, At - BFH-33 2 nd Floor, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi - 110088	North - As per the sale Deed			
3. Mr. Anant Sharma, S/O - Mr. Kailash Chander Sharma, At - BFH-33 2 nd Floor, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi - 110088	East - As per the sale Deed			
4. Mr. Anant Sharma, S/O - Mr. Kailash Chander Sharma, At - BFH-33 2 nd Floor, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi - 110088	South - As per the sale Deed			
5. Mr. Anant Sharma, S/O - Mr. Kailash Chander Sharma, At - BFH-33 2 nd Floor, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi - 110088	West - As per the sale Deed			

The above-mentioned Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagee(s) are hereby given a 30 days' Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : 25-02-2020, Place : Delhi

Sd/- Authorized Officer, Axis Bank Ltd.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified body of a male namely **Unknown, S/O: Unknown, R/O: Unknown was found in unconscious condition. He was admitted at Hindu Rao Hospital Vide MLC No. 721/2020. During the treatment the doctors declared him dead on 17.02.2020 in Hindu Rao Hospital. Dead Body has been preserved in Hindu Rao Hospital Mortuary.** In this regard DD No. 10A, dated 17.02.2020 has been lodged at Police Station, Subzi Mandi, Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

Name: Unknown, Age: About 50 Years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Oval, Built: Medium, Identification Mark: Black Mole on left side face, Wearing: Brown Colour Jacket and Grey Pant, UIDB No.: UIDB-20-SM-005.

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

SHO
Police Station, Subzi Mandi, Delhi
DP/13/N/20(UIDB) Ph.: 011-23823161, 8750870126

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General Public is hereby informed that a boy (depicted in the photo) namely **Laxman @ Hendo S/O Sh. Visado R/O Arad Bajar PS-Balesar, Balesar Orissa, Age - 13 Years** has been reported missing from the area of PS Kirti Nagar, New Delhi. In this regard a FIR No. 73/20 dated 13.02.2020 u/s 363 IPC has been registered at Police Station-Kirti Nagar, New Delhi and details uploaded on Zipnet No.: MWDKN202000. His physical

description is as under- **Complexion:** Shallow, **Height:** 4'6", **Physique/Build :** Medium, **Face:** Round, **Clothing:** Silver Colour Jacket and khaki pant and he is mentally disabled. Any person having any information/Clue about this missing boy, may inform **SHO, Kirti Nagar, Delhi at E-mail : tel@cbi.gov.nic.in or website : http://cbi.nic.in**
Tele No. : 11-24368638 or 24368641
Fax No. : 11-24368639
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P.S., Kirti Nagar, Delhi
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to all general public that **M/s Vee Ess Capfin Pvt. Ltd., CIN No. U74899DL1995PTC071485** having its registered office at **36 Chitra Gupta Road, Pahar Ganj, New Delhi-110055** changed their office to **A-5, New Moti Nagar, New Delhi-110015** since 02/01/2016. Further please contact for any requirements/ dealings at our new office address.
Gagan Preet Singh (Director)

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II, DELHI

4TH FLOOR JEEVAN TARA BUILDING PARLAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI - 110001
Date: 21-12-2019
Corporation Bank ... Applicant
Versus
Mr. Ashwani Kumar Singh & Ors. Respondent
Defendant:
1. Mr. Ashwani Kumar Singh S/o Sh. Ramesh Singh
2. Ms. Neha Singh W/o Sh. Ashwani Kumar Singh both dt. F-163, Gali No. 5, Pandav Nagar Samaspur/Delhi-91
Also at: Gandhi Nagar Civil Lines Balia UP-277001
Also at: D1 HSB, Sect-52, Path 52 Gangram-122001
3. Amraoli Leisure Valley Pvt. Ltd. 307, 3rd Floor Nipun Towers, Plot No. 15, Community Centre Karkarooma, Delhi-92
Also at: C-5640, Sect.-62, Noida UP
Also at: 83, AGCR Enclave, Delhi-92
Also at: 8, West END, Green Farms Rajokri Village, Delhi-38
Also at: Plot No. 2/25, Sect 6 Vajrahalli Ghazabad 201010
Whereas the above named applicant (s) has/have instituted a case for recovery of Rs. 18,80,329/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Ninety Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty Nine Only) against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore this notice is given by advertisement, directing you to make appearance in the Tribunal on 26.02.2020 at 10.30 A.M. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before the mentioned, the case will be heard and determined in your absence.

By Order of the Tribunal
Section Officer, DRT-II, Delhi

VEHICLES FOR SALE
The High Commission for Pakistan New Delhi invites sealed bids for the sale of official vehicles.
Interested parties may submit their sealed bids at the address below by 12 March 2020 till 1430 hrs.
Bids will be opened on 12 March 2020 at 1500 hrs, in the presence of all the bidders.
The High Commission reserves the right to approve the bid quoted & also reserve the right to reject any bid with no liability to the parties.
Interested parties may refer to the Procurement Rules 2004 available at www.ppra.org.pk/Rules.asp.
Interested parties are advised to obtain details about the vehicles from the following address:
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High Commission for Pakistan
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Govt. of Bihar

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
NIT NO: - 13/PR/SBPDC/2020

South Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited (SBPDCL), a Government of Bihar Undertaking, invites Request for Proposals (RFP) for "Selection of System Integrator for GPS Based Survey of Electrical Network in IPDS Towns under IPDS IT Phase-2 at South Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited (SBPDCL) and North Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited (NBPDCL)". Online bid from eligible and experienced Companies/Firms/State or Central Govt. undertaking who have necessary experience are welcome.

Sl. No.	Particulars	E.M.D. (Rs.)	Cost of RFP Document (Rs.)
1.	Request for Proposal for "Selection of System Integrator for GPS Based Survey of Electrical Network in IPDS Towns under IPDS IT Phase-2 at South Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited (SBPDCL) and North Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited (NBPDCL)"	Rs. 11.74760 Lakh only	Rs. 15 thousand only

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Date of Pre-Bid Meeting: 13.03.2020 at 11:00 Hrs.

Date of Bid Submission: 25.03.2020 up to 18:00 Hrs.

Date of Pre - qualification & Technical Bid Opening: 26.03.2020 at 15:30 Hrs. onwards.

Date of opening of Price Part: To be notified on www.eproc.bihar.gov.in after Technical Bid Evaluation

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Indo-China row

Beijing's selective engagement with India on the Wuhan evacuations is plain confrontationalist



Desperate times call for desperate measures and when a global crisis has a new name called Coronavirus with a hydra-headed manifestation, then politics should be the last concern between nations who must unitedly fight it. Unfortunately, China, which is filtering the extent of its health crisis lest it be construed as bad propaganda for its global stakes, has let that unease creep into its bilateral ties with India. Seems like the spiralling epidemic has torn the "relative calm" in the strategic partnership. A spat that could have

been settled by discussion and mutual understanding has unnecessarily been allowed to gain traction. The current row stems from China's refusal to grant permission to our military aircraft for the evacuation of several Indians from the Coronavirus-hit Wuhan. Although China facilitated the civil flights by rescue missions, it is dragging its feet over clearances for this one, attributing it to procedural norms given the disease has reached a higher degree of criticality. But India maintains that it is precisely because of this and its responsibility to protect its citizens that it was sending in the C-17 Globemaster, equipped with medical facilities, to bring back Indians, assuming they were infected. Yet in a tit-for-tat response, Beijing accused New Delhi of being selfish and holding back essential medical equipment required by local authorities and medical workers for treating patients. More, China has called upon the Indian authorities to follow the World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines that call for resumption of all trade and personal exchanges with it to restore normalcy. Yet the world knows that when it comes to humanitarian missions, India has never held itself back. So this strong-arm and negotiatory tactics by the Chinese are not warranted. In all this bickering, not least unexpected, the Chinese response was the same as it was during the outbreak of the virus, "denial." So the fate of around 100-odd Indians, who remain stuck in the Chinese city, is still undecided.

Besides, Beijing cannot justify its "selective" engagement with India on the evacuation process, allowing permission to some while denying it to others. As it turns out, in the same "critical period," three other nations were allowed to operate their evacuation flights. What is incomprehensible is that just a few days ago, the Chinese authorities applauded the "kindness" shown by New Delhi in helping them tackle the outbreak. Premier Xi Jinping had himself lauded India for offering solidarity and assistance. The mixed messages are typical of the larger Chinese strategy of keeping us on our toes by speaking in a forked tongue. Despite this blow-hot-blow-cold attitude of the Chinese, the Indian Government chose to keep differences aside and sought to aggressively push itself to help China contain the virus. From agreeing to test clinical samples from abroad in its laboratories to offering help with the evacuation of people from affected areas to lifting the ban on the export of personal protection equipment — it has done it all. The least one could have expected of the Chinese, given their continued emphasis on strategic relationship and intention to look at trade and other broader areas of cooperation, was to acknowledge the role played by other nations, including India, in fighting the epidemic. But that's too much to ask from it. In all the three sorties carried out to date, where more than 600 Indians have been airlifted, working with China has been a nightmare with the biggest hurdle coming by way of getting approvals from its authorities — Central, provincial as well as local. It must also not be forgotten that ripple effects of the spread of the virus are being felt in India, as in other nations. We, too, need to be prepared to tackle any potential crisis. India's stand with regard to restrictions on some medical devices assumes prominence on account of our fast depleting stocks and low domestic output. In fact, the crisis has led to the deep realisation of how we are heavily reliant on the Chinese for the procurement of raw materials and key ingredients for the production of medical equipment and drugs. So much so that the Government is all set to create new opportunities for Indian firms to emerge as an alternative producing destination to fill the supply vacuum. This outbreak should serve as a warning for Indian industries to diversify their supply chains and encourage the production of critical components within India. Till we are dependent on supplies from China, it will use our weakness to leverage diplomacy.

Fatty Indians

Delhi and Ahmedabad top the ICMR's study of people consuming fats above prescribed levels



That Indian cuisine is high on flavour is an undisputed fact but so is the reality that it is making us sick. Not because there's anything wrong with our food but because our eating habits are askew and we are over-dependent on coating our food with fat. We think nothing of adding more butter to our food and eating deep fried snacks, biryani, paranthas and so on, especially in the metropolitan cities where there's a culture of indulgence, easy availability of rich foods, even late at night thanks to food apps and an increasing capacity to pay for foods that we crave for. It's no surprise then that a recent survey by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) on consumption patterns in Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kolkata and Mumbai shows that the average intake of added fat in all the seven metro cities pooled together was 32.6 grams per person each day, which is higher than the ICMR-recommended levels of 20 grams. Out of these seven cities, Delhi and Ahmedabad topped the list in the daily average consumption of fat. Overall, 18 per cent of the total intake of energy was obtained from visible fat and vegetarians consumed more fat at 40.7 grams per person daily than non-vegetarians at 30.2 grams. The survey also revealed that men consume more fat at 34.1 grams than women who consume 31.1 grams per day. These figures are worrying as the country's burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) is escalating at an alarming rate.

While NCDs typically affect people above 55 in most developed nations, in India, they occur at least 10 years earlier. Not only are they eroding our human capital, an increasing healthcare burden is one of the major public health challenges the country is facing. And as Government spending on health is a dismal 1.2 per cent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), this means that the burden of rising lifestyle diseases like cancer, obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular complexities is increasingly being borne by individuals out of their pockets. Ludicrously, India is fighting the twin burden of undernutrition and overnutrition, which leaves the Government and healthcare professionals with the dilemma of solving both issues concurrently. Also, it is ironic that both Delhi and Ahmedabad top the list of unhealthy eaters, considering the fact that in Delhi, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has been improving healthcare facilities and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who hails from Gujarat, has been an avid proponent of the Fit India Movement. Maybe, it's time Governments began looking at creating more awareness as part of their efforts to keep India healthy.

maintain them properly. Other State Governments can follow Kerala's template.

A Constitution not so fragile

Proud, natural-born citizens of the country must see through the dubious plans of selective propoganda on CAA and NPR



A SURYA PRAKASH

The agitation against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), the National Population Register (NPR) and related matters, triggered largely by fears that the Union Government will deprive millions of Muslims of their citizenship, is one of the most confusing agitations that this writer has witnessed over the past five decades. The CAA has nothing to do with the Indian citizens. It only seeks to provide citizenship to a limited number of people who have been persecuted in three Islamic Republics neighbouring India. The premise on which the agitation is being carried on is completely baseless and is indicative of the extent of mischief a bunch of malcontents can do when the electorate rejects their agenda.

Organisers of the agitation are calling people to the protest sites by spreading rumours that the CAA will enable the Government to snatch away their citizenship, when the fact is that the law has nothing to do with the people of this country. More importantly, anyone, who reads the Citizenship Act, 1955, (the entire Act and not just the 2019 amendment to it), will realise how water-tight the citizenship of a natural-born citizen (a person born on Indian soil) is under this Act and that in reality, no one has the power to take it away. Section 3 of the Citizenship Act, 1955, describes citizens of India "by birth." It says: "Every person born in India (a) on or after January 26, 1950, but before July 1, 1987; (b) on or after the July 1, 1987, but before the commencement of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2003, and either of whose parents is a citizen of India at the time of his birth; (c) on or after the commencement of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2003, where (i) both his parents are citizens of India; or (ii) one of whose parents is a citizen of India and the other is not an illegal migrant at the time of his birth, shall be a citizen of India by birth."

As can be seen, probably 99 per cent or more of the Indian citizens fall in this category called "citizens by birth" and they belong to all religions — Hindu, Muslim and Christian among others. Such people are also known as "natural born" citizens. They are distinct from naturalised citizens and indeed constitute the highest class of citizens (for example in the US, only a natural born citizen can be the President). These citizens (this writer included) do not "apply" for citizenship. They become citizens when they first breathe life. They do not make an oath, swearing allegiance to the Constitution of India because their every breath is deemed allegiance. Their loyalty is taken for granted. They can give up their Indian citizenship but no power can deprive them of their citizenship. Among such citizens, those who commit rape and murder, can be hanged for the



offence, if the law so provides, but their citizenship cannot be snatched away from them. The Act does not provide for it. They will take their citizenship to the gallows. Such is the quality of this citizenship.

The citizenship Act offers other categories of citizenship like citizenship by registration (Section 5) and naturalisation (Section 6). These are basically for foreigners who wish to settle in India and seek Indian citizenship or people of Indian origin living abroad who want to return to India and live as citizens in this country. There is another category — foreigners, who marry Indian citizens and settle down in the country. Sonia Gandhi, the president of the Congress, is an Italian expatriate who moved to India after her marriage to former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in 1968. Under Section 5(2), Indian citizenship can be granted to a person coming via the registration route. There is a similar provision under Section 6 (2) for expatriates who apply for Indian citizenship through "naturalisation." In both cases, citizenship is granted, subject to conditions and restrictions, and only after they make the oath of allegiance.

In the case of Sonia Gandhi, as per the law at that time, she could have applied for Indian citizenship five years after marriage but she did so only after 15 years on April 7,

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1983, and was granted citizenship on April 30, 1983. Despite being an Italian citizen in 1980, she illegally entered the electoral rolls that year and following a complaint, her name was deleted from the rolls. However, this is another story for another day. But one may ask, how is all this relevant?

These facts are pertinent because unlike natural-born citizens, Sonia Gandhi's citizenship is extremely vulnerable. Being a "naturalised" citizen, her citizenship is subject to several conditions and restrictions. Further, if she violates any of those conditions, her citizenship can be cancelled.

Section 10 of the citizenship Act lists out the situations in which a citizen by registration or naturalisation can be deprived of his/her citizenship. It says that if the registration or certificate of naturalisation was obtained by means of fraud, false representation or the concealment of any material fact; or that citizen has shown himself by act or speech to be disloyal or disaffected towards the Constitution of India as by law established; or that citizen has, during any war in which India may be engaged, unlawfully traded or communicated with an enemy; or that citizen has been ordinarily resident out of India for a continuous period of seven years", his/her citizenship can be cancelled.

Further, unlike citizens by birth, a naturalised citizen has to swear allegiance to the Constitution of India. It cannot be taken for granted. Every Muslim citizen, who is swayed by the anti-CAA argument, must ask himself/herself the following questions in order to know the quality of citizenship he/she enjoys: Did he/she ever "apply" for citizenship like Sonia Gandhi? Was he/she ever asked to swear allegiance to the Constitution of India, like her? So, this is the power and quality of the citizenship of 99 per cent of the citizens under the Citizenship Act, 1955, but the Congress, after its decimation in the 2019 Lok Sabha poll, wants the Muslims of India to believe that their citizenship is as fragile as that of its party president.

This is nothing but an attempt to spread falsehood and disaffection. It could even be seen as an attempt to overthrow a duly elected Government through guile and subterfuge. Proud natural-born citizens of India — Hindus, Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists, Parsis and Jews — must disengage themselves from this campaign which is dangerous for our democracy and for our constitutional well-being.

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SOUNDBITE

Democracy in India gave rise to identity-based politics. From the lens of deepening democracy, this is a positive development because it leads to wider representation.

Former President —Pranab Mukherjee



There was a struggle in the beginning because very few commercial films were being made then. Today less commercial films are made but hatred has turned into love.

Filmmaker —Rohit Shetty



The US and India are the two largest democracies in the world and share many values. There is much to be gained from the friendship of Modi and Trump.

Indian-American politician —Nikki Haley



It (air purifier) helps neutralise the air but a bigger problem in Delhi is what to do with the far more toxic and harmful PM 2.0 molecules of Modi's second term.

Congress leader —Shashi Tharoor



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Emulate Kerala

Sir — The Kerala Government must be lauded for its ambitious sanitation initiative as it plans to set up 12,000 pairs of public toilets on highways. The lack of public toilets on freeways causes inexplicable difficulties for people, especially women and children. Most often, travellers are clueless. There are either unmaintained public toilets on the way or people have to visit hotels and spend money on food simply because they have to use the toilet there.

The land of the Government, public sector undertakings (PSUs) and cooperative institutions will be utilised for this purpose. The Government has decided to instruct local self-Government institutions to identify land in their areas alongside the State and national highways.

The Government has further stated that those agencies willing to cooperate with the project would be made partners. There is also an idea to start small shops and snack parlours along with these complexes, which can, in turn, give employment as well as boost the economy. But the public will have to use them and

A versatile genius, really?

Supreme Court judge Arun Mishra was fulsome in his praise for the Prime Minister at the International Judicial Conference in New Delhi. His laudatory characterisation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a "versatile genius who thinks globally and acts locally" flabbergasted watchers of Indian politics and judiciary. His encomium that Modi is an "internationally acclaimed visionary" left the citizens speechless in disbelief. Did the learned judge mean what he said? Did he know the meaning of what he said?

Usually, singing the paeans to a leader is left to his followers. The nature of his job has not deterred Justice Mishra from extolling the incumbent Prime Minister as a "versatile genius." He seems to have been smitten by "Modi worship syndrome." The moot question is whether a judge can lavish praise on a leader in an unbounded manner even if he is popular and has a huge cult following and risks being bracketed with sycophants. Modi bhakts abound in our country; they include television anchors, serving and ex-Army officers, yoga gurus and even Governors.

Now, a Supreme Court judge has joined the "Modi fans club." In glorifying the Prime Minister in such glowing terms, Justice Mishra has revealed his political and ideological leanings. But his praise does not alter the fact that Prime Minister Modi is a profound-



G David Milton Maruthancode

ly polarising figure with a chequered past and a promoter of the interests of privileged upper caste Hindus and corporate behemoths. In school, we learnt that Leonardo da Vinci was a versatile genius; he was a painter, a scientist, a mathematician, an engineer, an architect, a sculptor, a musician, a man of the theatre, a paleontologist, and a lot more, all rolled into one. Versatile geniuses hold a lofty place in our imagination. Modi does not.

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M Pradyu Kannur

Ill-conceived decision

Sir — By ordering that bars would remain open till late in

some Haryana cities, the State Government is looking to increase its revenue from liquor sales. While increasing liquor contracts and the number of

vends will generate some employment and income for people associated with the sector, the increase in liquor consumption may also cause a spurt in crime. The sale of liquor at shopping malls will also add to the problem. This method of adding on to the State's revenue is against public welfare.

Yugal Kishore Sharma Faridabad

Stalemate continues

Sir — Rumours are rife that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi may once again take charge of the party. But more than once, the Congress scion has demonstrated that he is unsuited to lead the party. Leaders, too, are toying the same line because they cannot be seen to be publically writing him off. But Rahul does not seem to connect with the masses. If the Congress cannot really look beyond the family, why not persuade Priyanka Gandhi to step in? But who will bell the cat?

Srinivas Via email

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FIRST COLUMN

Waiting for Godot, as usual

The military justice system is in jeopardy and is only surviving due to the efforts of the SC and serving members in the Armed Forces Tribunal



DEEPAK SINHA

It is no secret that what differentiates us from countries like Pakistan is our commitment to the rule of law. However bruised or battered our justice system may be, it still continues to be trusted and it delivers, albeit rather slowly. This, however, does not hold true for the health of the military justice system, which has been in serious jeopardy for the last three years or so. That it continues to survive on the respirator and provide justice is only because of the extraordinary efforts of the Supreme Court and serving members in the Armed Forces Tribunal (AFT). This state of affairs can directly be attributed to the shenanigans of senior bureaucrats in the Defence Ministry and the Prime Minister's Office, who were caught out when they first attempted to subvert the independence and functioning of the AFT by way of enacting new rules through a Gazette Notification issued under the Finance Act, 2017. In this, they changed the selection criteria and procedures for the appointment of the chairperson and members, especially with regard to that of the administrative members. Whether this was done with the tacit approval of their political bosses, is moot.

Since the role of administrative members is to advise the judicial members on aspects of military law, ethos, customs and functioning, only military veterans meeting a specific criterion could be considered for appointment, as per the Armed Forces Tribunal Act, 2007. However, the Finance Act, 2017 opened this up to "a person of ability, integrity and standing having special knowledge of and professional experience of not less than twenty years in, economics, business, commerce, law, finance, accountancy, industry, public affairs, administration or in any other matter useful to the Armed Forces Tribunal."

How anybody without the requisite expertise or domain knowledge could be useful in advising on matters military was not elucidated. However, it is not difficult to reach the conclusion that the intent was to provide further avenues for post-retirement sinecures for worthy members of our civilian bureaucracy. That apart, by attempting to tighten its hold on the selection process for the chairperson and members, the Government had unambiguously made clear that it expected those aspiring to be appointed to the AFT to follow its diktats. Obviously, if these amended rules were accepted, then the AFT would represent sheer tokenism of the worst kind as it would be a complete travesty of natural justice and go against the very concept of rule of law.

However, fortunately these reprehensible efforts were nullified when the Supreme Court initially stayed the matter and then subsequently struck it down on the grounds that "they were contrary to the parent Act and principles enshrined in the Constitution" (Rojer Mathews vs South Indian Bank Ltd and Others). The court further pointed serious anomalies in the rules and directed the Government to reframe them. In the ensuing stand-off between the apex court and the Government, serving personnel and veterans alike became victims of bureaucratic apathy and bloody-mindedness.

In a show of extreme vindictiveness and an utter lack of empathy for the military community, and with complete disregard for their actions on morale, the bureaucracy did what it does best, refused to move files, thereby ensuring vacant posts could not be filled. From a time when 17 Benches were functional (each Bench has one judicial and one administrative member) across the country, we are now down to two regular Benches in Delhi and one ad hoc roving Bench that moves from city to city in an attempt to try and provide some semblance of justice. The obvious implication is that the wait for justice just became even longer, with over 16,000 cases pending. If the stalemate continues, as it looks to, the situation will only get worse as administrative members complete their tenure around July, unless of course the apex court extends their terms, as it has done for the two judicial members.

That this Government has no intentions of changing course over the matter, despite all that has occurred, has been clearly brought by the issue of a new Gazette Notification in February under the Finance Act, 2017. The new rules notified therein are only marginally different with regard to selection criterion of the chairperson and judicial members but have made no attempt to change the previously-rejected selection criteria with regard to administrative members. Clearly this action on the part of the Government is not only completely brazen but also appears to be in contempt of the Supreme Court, if its directions were to be viewed in the spirit of the law. As to whether the court itself will view this matter seriously, only time will tell. However, one can be certain that there are bound to be a spate of writ petitions filed against this outrage. This implies we are back on the merry-go-round or maybe just as in Samuel Beckett's play of the same name we will continue "waiting for Godot." What a shame.

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WHILE TARGETTING US, THE BJP SHOULD SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING IN CENTRALLY RULED NEW DELHI, WHERE TERRORISTS STORMED JNU AND BEAT UP STUDENTS.

—MAHARASHTRA CHIEF MINISTER
 UDDHAV THACKERAY

POINT COUNTERPOINT



THE FREQUENCY OF ASSAULTS, IN WHICH SOME WOMEN EVEN LOST THEIR LIVES, IS SERIOUS AND CANNOT BE IGNORED.

—FORMER MAHARASHTRA CHIEF MINISTER
 DEVENDRA FADNAVIS

Reduce the income gap

The solution doesn't lie in more sops, fiscal incentives and so on. There is need for change in the way our industrialists do business and netas and babus conduct themselves



UTTAM GUPTA

Successive Governments have remained obsessed with accelerating economic growth without caring about how it impacts income distribution, forget any attempt to internalise this crucial aspect in development strategies. They believe that the fruits of growth will automatically percolate to the lowest strata of society. Nothing could be farther from the truth. This is evident from a piece of research, *Time to Care*, released by rights group Oxfam ahead of the 50th Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum (WEF) held in Davos (Switzerland) from January 21-24. According to the study, India's richest one per cent hold more than four-times the wealth held by the 953 million people who make up the bottom 70 per cent of the country's population. Further, the combined total wealth of 63 Indian billionaires is higher than the total Union Budget of the country for the fiscal year 2018-19.

At the global level, too, the report (for calculations, it draws upon latest data sources available, including the Credit Suisse Research Institute's *Global Wealth Databook, 2019* and *Forbes' 2019 Billionaires List*) brings out glaring inequalities in the distribution of wealth. The world's 2,153 billionaires have more wealth than the 4.6 billion people who make up 60 per cent of the planet's population. The 22 richest men in the world have more wealth than all the women in Africa. The report notes, "global inequality is shockingly entrenched even as the number of billionaires has doubled in the last decade".

The Governments world over are fully aware of these glaring inequalities as well as their consequences. For instance, the WEF's annual *Global Risks Report (GRR)* — which was thoroughly discussed during the brainstorming sessions at Davos — observes, "inequality underlies recent social unrest in almost every continent, although it may be sparked by different tipping points such as corruption, constitutional breaches or the rise in prices for basic goods and services". It also warned, "the downward pressure on the global economy from macroeconomic fragilities and financial inequality continued to intensify in 2019".

They also routinely pledge to address these inequalities and come out with lofty declarations at multilateral platforms, including those under the auspices of the United Nations to bridge the gap between the rich and the poor, including by use of what the *GRR* terms as "deliberate inequality-busting policies." Yet, when it comes to action on ground zero, there is acute lack of political will on the part of Governments and other stakeholders; hence, the business as usual scenario and ever-increasing inequities.

Fundamentally, inequalities are intrinsic to the way businesses are planned and orchestrated. It all starts with the Government offering a policy environment in which investors are offered an opportunity to earn an attractive rate of return on investment. What that attractive rate should be is not normally defined (though in certain sectors like power, it guarantees a minimum return); so any level, however high, can fall within the scope of "attractiveness." A vast majority of the businesses pursue the famous adage "profit maximisation" to the hilt. They distribute their expenses in such a manner that the least amount is given to the labour and the bulk of it comes back to the owner (or promoter) as "retained earnings." The owners/promoters also

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leave no stone unturned in ensuring that their tax liability is kept at a bare minimum (for this, they retain the best talent viz. chartered accountants and other financial wizards, paying them extraordinarily high salaries). Big businesses also enjoy pricing power. For instance, those operating in metals such as copper, zinc or in hydrocarbon viz. oil and gas enjoy natural monopoly. Leveraging this, they charge high prices, making windfall gains even as consumers suffer erosion in purchasing power. This also applies to banks who enjoy margins of three-four per cent (difference between the average interest earning and the average cost of funds) yielding mammoth profit. Furthermore, there are companies in the IT (information technology) and IT-enabled sector which use their intellectual prowess to post huge profits year-after-year.

Then, there are enterprises in the chemical, petrochemicals and agro-chemicals sectors who have hugely benefitted from a protective policy environment, with high tariff on imports as well as licensing and registration requirements. These companies make money at the expense of millions of consumers, including farmers (for instance, they have to pay a high price for "new" crop protection solutions for which domestic substitutes are not available).

The micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) may not be so well positioned vis-a-vis large enterprises but ape the latter when it comes to distributing the proceeds of wealth generation. Their owners spend the least on payment to workers thereby boosting their retained earnings. They, too, get tax bonanza from the Government in a variety of ways (for instance, special package under composition scheme of Goods and Services Tax as well as income tax). They may not find a place in the billionaires' club but definitely earn the multi-millionaire tag.

Then, there is the trader class, particularly entities dealing in farm com-

modities. They buy products from farmers at a throwaway price — the minimum support price (MSP) notified by the Government remains mostly on paper as its agencies don't have the wherewithal to procure their produce — and sell to the consumer at a high price. Irrespective of whether there is surplus or deficit, Indian markets are so orchestrated that only traders emerge as the real beneficiaries at the expense of farmers at one end and consumers at the other.

There is yet another class of rich who are an offshoot of corruption in governance systems. This includes corrupt bureaucrats, politicians (besides dubious businessmen) who amass wealth disproportionate to their known sources of income by siphoning off funds from welfare schemes and diversion of funds borrowed from public sector banks to personal accounts or shell companies of which they are the ultimate beneficiaries.

How does the Government address income inequalities? Typically, this takes the form of giving relief to the poor by providing State assistance in cash or kind. For instance, under the PM-KISAN, the Government gives ₹6,000 per annum to each of the 145 million farmers in the country in three installments of ₹2,000 each. As for help in kind, it provides Mid-Day Meals to schoolchildren or free medical services to Economically Weaker Sections in hospitals.

There are umpteen instances of such assistance — both by the Centre and States — entailing a mountain of burden on the public exchequer. All of this goes only to help millions barely survive even as a good slice of this is siphoned off (the malice continues in substantial measure despite the Government's efforts to prevent it, using the direct benefit transfer mechanism). However, it does nothing to augment their productive capacity and prepare them for getting jobs. Even where funds are given for empowering

and increasing the income earning capacity (for instance, availability of credit at concessional rate of interest to farmers and others engaged in petty occupations, supply of agricultural inputs such as fertilisers at subsidised rate, free electricity to farmers and so on), much of the promised help either does not reach or is cornered mostly by better-off farmers. Even those who gain from these support measures are at the receiving end when it comes to interface with traders for selling their produce.

Quite clearly, despite mammoth sums spent on welfare of the poor or "empowering" them, income inequalities increase even during periods of rapid economic growth. Even when, growth decelerates (for instance, during the current year when it declined to an 11-year-low of five per cent), then also the inequalities persist as the poor lose much more than the loss experienced by the rich.

The solution doesn't lie in more sops, concessional credit, fiscal incentives and so on. There is need for a fundamental change in the way our industrialists do business and politicians and bureaucrats conduct themselves. While, the former need to shed their overzealousness for profits, charge less from consumers, distribute more to workers and pay more taxes, the latter must ensure that every rupee is spent for the welfare and empowerment of the poor.

Even as the Government shuffles policy choices to attune them for creating more jobs and increase income (by promoting labour-intensive sectors such as textiles, apparels, food service, hospitality and so on), unless the stakeholders change their mindset towards the majority who are not so privileged, inequalities will continue to haunt and as pointed out in the *GRR*, even growth will remain vulnerable to the deep divide between the rich and the poor.

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Keep the momentum going to eliminate malaria

The challenges for the mammoth task — private sector partnership, increased domestic funding, surveillance mechanism, impact on the vulnerable population — need to be addressed. Till then there's no room for complacency



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Malaria, is known as the "disease of poverty" as it often hits those who have the least access to healthcare. Statistics show that 80 per cent of cases occur among 20 per cent of the country's population, mostly communities living in remote areas. For India, malaria has been a tricky foe with varying outcomes over the decades. It has achieved great strides in curbing the disease every time the Government has increased intensification and on the ground implementation of eradication programmes. The reverse is also true. Malaria was nearly eliminated in

the early 1960s but it soon re-emerged as a major public health problem. Early setbacks in its eradication coincided with DDT shortages and in the late '60s malaria in urban areas started to multiply. In the '70s its resurgence was a result of technical, financial and operational problems. As a result, in 1976, a whopping 6.45 million cases were recorded which led to the discontinuation of eradication efforts. In order to control the massive upsurge, the Modified Plan of Operation was launched in 1977 which brought the situation under control for five-six years. Malaria cases fell to 2.18 million in 1984 and climbed back to three million in 1995, with substantial mortality reported. However, since 2000, India has reduced the number of cases by more than half and the number of deaths by more than two-thirds. In the WHO's *World Malaria Report 2019*, India was lauded for strengthening its fight against the disease. These concerted efforts need to be sustained, reinvented and amplified if we are

going to end malaria by 2030.

Challenges ahead: In 2015, Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared the country's commitment to eliminating the disease by 2030. Soon after, in 2016, India introduced its National Strategic Plan for Malaria Elimination and took several measures to end the malady. But the biggest challenge remains as India's true burden of malaria is unknown. To understand and map malaria cases and fatalities, India solely relies on data from Government hospitals. This highlights a big gap in the realities of its malaria burden when approximately 70 per cent of urban and 63 per cent of rural households use the private sector to seek medical care. In some States malaria has been declared a notifiable disease, this means that private sector establishments have to adhere to Government guidelines, use recommended anti-malarial drugs and report cases to the authorities. However, it is yet to be declared a notifiable disease for many States, which amplifies the gap in mapping the over-

all malaria burden. Several concrete steps are needed to win this fight.

Disease mapping: We must take along the private sector to ensure a collaborative surveillance method to obtain malaria's exact burden. For this we need to foster a healthy partnership between the private and public sector for mapping the disease in a holistic manner. If such a mechanism for gathering data is implemented and the true burden is identified, then India will be well-placed to end the disease.

Effective partnerships: Collaboration between various stakeholders is the key to success. To cite an example, an NGO, Malaria No More, launched a Malaria Action Coalition (MAC) in September 2019. The MAC acts as a multi-sectoral coordination platform, chaired by the malarial State of Odisha, with representation from non-Government technical, research and implementation agencies as well as the private sector, donors, investors and media partners to support the National Vector Borne Disease Control

Programme.

Creating awareness: Creating awareness has been one of the major catalysts to reduce, if not completely eliminate, a disease. Advocacy, awareness and on-ground programmes go hand in hand and the public and private sector have an equal role in it. To reduce the burden of malaria it is important to empower communities by educating them. An individual has to first learn to recognise and then prevent the disease. To further this effort, it is important that the individual spread information on malaria in his/her area. This empowerment will only come with education and self-awareness.

Government's commitments: Modi and the Health Minister have echoed India's seriousness to end malaria by 2030 on national and international platforms, including during last year's Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, when 52 leaders committed to halve malaria by 2023. With more Government

funding still needed, the Central Government nearly trebled the outlay for the National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) over the last two years.

Ensuring adequate investment in malaria is imperative to achieving India's elimination goals. Implementing the Five Year Plan for malaria elimination shall require ₹10,653.16 crore. While the Government has increased its funding for the NVBDCP, the Central Government-allocated funds for it get divided for disease control programmes/interventions for six diseases, malaria, dengue, chikungunya, kala-azar, lymphatic filariasis and Japanese encephalitis, creating a paucity of resources. This makes private sector contributions extremely critical to bolster the Government's efforts but there is a lack of funding from it. However, sustained focus and increased funding are crucial to boost the fight against malaria. Its elimination in India is important from a glob-

al and regional perspective because the country has the highest malaria burden outside sub-Saharan Africa. Some 1.26 billion Indians are at risk of malaria and the country shares its borders with several nations aiming for malaria elimination, including Bhutan, Bangladesh and Nepal. Sri Lanka, which eliminated malaria in 2016, is separated by only a small stretch of sea, with frequent air travel occurring between the two neighbours. India also shares borders with Myanmar where a drug-resistant malaria parasite has been reported. Successful malaria control in India will enhance elimination efforts across the region and the world.

The challenges for the mammoth task — private sector partnership, increased domestic funding, surveillance mechanism, impact on the vulnerable population — need to be addressed. Till then there's no room for complacency.

(The writer is Co-Founder, Smile Foundation)

TRUMP'S INDIAN TOUR

Trump praises India's unity in diversity

US Prez hails 'genius' of Bollywood, remembers 'DDLJ' and 'Sholay'

At cricket arena 'man of match' President Trump strikes chord with crowd



Ahmedabad: The renovated Motera stadium here is yet to host its first cricket match but on Monday the sprawling facility became the site of a public spectacle where US President Donald Trump showered encomiums on India and Prime Minister Narendra Modi amid a rather delirious crowd.

The jam-packed arena, also known as Sardar Patel Stadium, frequently broke into applause as people displayed enthusiasm for the first visit by any US president to the home State of Modi.

Trump's praise for India, his denouncing of the menace of terrorism and his try at Hindi during his over 25-minute-long speech was well received by people and punctuated by constant clapping by the nearly 1.25 lakh-strong crowd.

People were pleased when Trump praised Modi, remembering his humble background as a "chaiwala" (tea seller) and his inspiring journey to the office of Prime Minister.

Though Modi and Trump's address for 'Namaste Trump' event was scheduled to start after 1.30 pm, people from across Gujarat started arriving at the world's biggest cricket stadium since 8 am.

Though placards and flags were not allowed to be taken inside the stadium located in the Motera area, people were seen wearing masks of Trump and Modi.

There was a continuous stream of people towards the stadium since the morning as parking areas for vehicles was kept some distance away from the stadium. **PTI**

Ahmedabad: India embraces freedom, liberty, individual rights and the rule of law, and is admired around the globe as people of different religions worship side by side in harmony, US President Donald Trump said on Monday, lauding the country's accomplishments during his maiden State visit here.

He noted that India has an incredible potential and Prime Minister Narendra Modi is laying the foundations of its future. Hailing India's diversity, the US President said its unity is an inspiration to the world as it is known for its democracy, tolerance and peace.

"India is a country that proudly embraces freedom, liberty, individual rights, the rule of law, and the dignity of every human being. Your nation has always been admired around the earth as the place where millions upon millions of Hindus and Muslims, Sikhs and Jains, Buddhists, Christians, and Jews worship side by side in harmony," he said while addressing a packed Motera stadium at the 'Namaste Trump' event here.

"The story of the Indian nation is a tale of astounding progress, a miracle of democracy, extraordinary diversity, and above all, strong and noble people."

"India gives hope to all of humanity. In just 70 years, India became an economic giant, the largest democracy ever to exist and one of the most amazing nations anywhere in the world," Trump said.

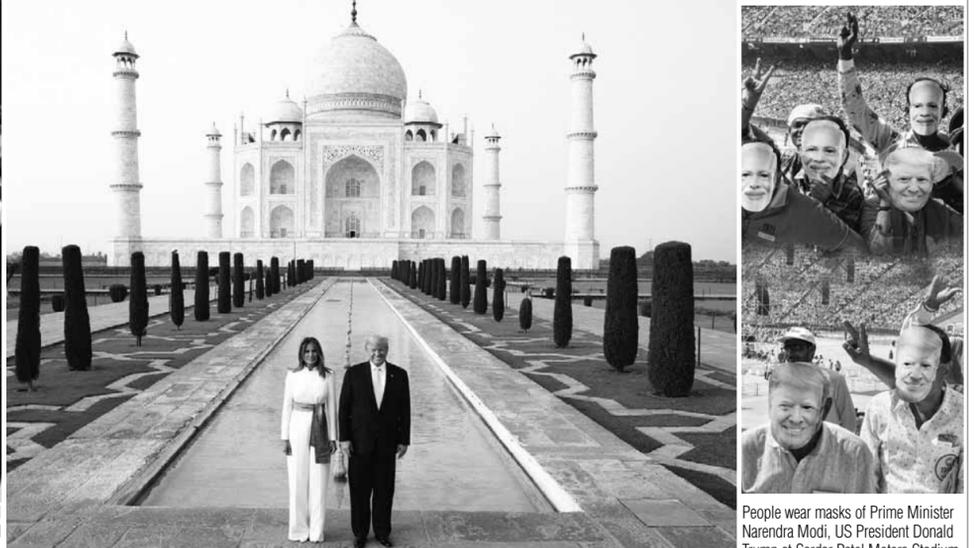
The potential for India is absolutely incredible, he said while noting that India's rise as a prosperous and independent nation is an example for every nation all over the world and one of the outstanding achievements of the century. It is inspiring because India has achieved all this as a democratic, peaceful and tolerant country, he said. **PTI**

While the 1975 multi-starrer 'Sholay', labelled a 'curry western' by many, is an action-adventure film that has stood the test of time, the 1995 Shah Rukh Khan-Kajal-Red 'DDLJ' is an out and out romance.

'Sholay' director Ramesh Sippy said he was delighted that Trump included the film as a creative piece from India in his speech. "I feel overwhelmed, humbled that the US president felt this way. I am delighted that 'Sholay' is included in his speech as a creative piece from India. I am thankful to him for having mentioned 'Sholay' after 45 years of the film," Sippy told PTI. Yash Raj Films, the makers of 'DDLJ', posted on Twitter, "DDLJ trumps!" This is not the first effort by the US president to use popular culture to reach out to Indians. Ahead of his maiden visit to India, Trump shared a video in which his face was superimposed on the hit movie-character Baahubali.



PM Narendra Modi presents a memento 'Three Wise Monkeys' to US President Donald Trump as First Lady Melania Trump looks on in Ahmedabad on Monday **PTI**



President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump pause as they tour the Taj Mahal on Monday, in Agra **PTI**



PM Narendra Modi, US President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump at Sabarmati Ashram, in Ahmedabad on Monday **PTI**



US President Donald Trump along with his wife Melania Trump, daughter Ivanka Trump and her husband Jared Kushner, accompanied by UP Governor Anandiben Patel and CM Yogi Adityanath upon their arrival in Agra on Monday **PTI**

Trump, wife try spinning charkha at Sabarmati Ashram

Ahmedabad: US President Donald Trump and His wife Melania on Monday tried their hands at spinning the 'charkha' (spinning wheel) at the Sabarmati Ashram here. Accompanied by PM Narendra Modi, the US president and his wife went around the Ashram, before resuming the roadshow from the airport to the Motera stadium.

"To my great friend Prime Minister Narendra Modi, thank you for this wonderful visit," Trump wrote in the Ashram visitors' book.

Thousands line up to greet Trump, Modi

Ahmedabad: Waving Indian and US flags and shouting slogans, thousands of people lined up the 22-km-long roadshow route US President Donald Trump and his wife Melania took to reach Motera stadium for the 'Namaste Trump' event.

Many people, including students, from Ahmedabad and different parts of Gujarat arrived here since morning for the spectacle of the 'India Road Show' as troupes showed cultural performances.

Many were left disappointed after being refused entry to the Motera stadium for want of passes. But they took solace in standing along the road to catch a glimpse of the leaders.

Authorities had earlier said over one lakh people were expected to line up along the roadshow route.

Artists from almost all states performed during the roadshow. Separate stages for each state were erected at regular distance on the route.

Wearing traditional costumes, artists from different states performed on these 30-



odd stages and greeted the VVIPs when they passed from the route. Govindbhai Patel and eight members of his village in Sabarkantha district, around 70 km from here, reached Ahmedabad early morning and stood in a queue along the Sabarmati riverfront and waited for the convoy to arrive.

Modi's convoy arrived first at the Sabarmati Ashram, followed by that of Donald Trump, with the US President and his wife sitting in the Cadillac armoured limousine, called The Beast.

From the Ashram the convoy then proceeded to Motera stadium. **PTI**

Twitterati surprised over Trump not writing Gandhi in visitors' book

Ahmedabad: A lot of eyebrows were raised on Twitter and many people expressed surprise as US President Donald Trump left a message in the visitors' book at Sabarmati Ashram without any mention of Mahatma Gandhi.

In the book, Trump wrote, "To my great friend Prime Minister Narendra Modi, thank you for this wonderful visit."

Trump, who reached Ahmedabad on Monday for the first leg of his India tour, visited the Ashram along with wife Melania minutes after he landed here. After noticing no mention of Mahatma Gandhi in the message by Trump, netizens took to Twitter, comparing his note with that of former US President Barack Obama.

When Obama visited the Mani Bhawan - where Gandhi used to stay while in Mumbai - in south Mumbai in 2010, his note in the visitors' book read: "I am filled with hope and inspiration as I have the privilege to view this testament to Gandhi's life. He is a hero not just to India but to the world."

Five years later, in January 2015, after visiting the Raj Ghat in Delhi, Obama wrote, "What Dr Martin Luther King Jr said then remains true today. The spirit of Gandhi is very much alive in India today. And it remains a great gift to the world. May we always live in the spirit of love and peace among all people and nations."

Congress leader Manish Tewari posted an image of Trump's remarks in the Ashram visitors' book, saying "This is a snapshot of the note that someone sent. It ostensibly is @realDonaldTrump's note at Sabarmati. No mention of the Great Mahatma. Does he even know who Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi was?" **PTI**

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- Bid Identification No.:** 08/UJVNL/03/EE(Civil-I)/VP/2019-20
- Name of the supply:** "Procurement of TMT bar of grade Fe-500 conforming to IS:1786 for Vyasi HEP" in District-Dehradun (Uttarakhand).
- Estimated Cost:** Rs. 1,85,96,800/- (including all duties, freight charges and GST)
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- Period of Completion:** 2 months.
- Date & Time of availability of bid document on the Portal:** 24.02.2020 at 10:00 Hrs
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As reported by IC PP GMC, Jammu vide communication No. 15/5-1/20/PPGMC dated 15.02.2020, that one un-identified male dead body was recovered near Nescafe canteen of GMC Jammu. Accordingly, an Inquest proceeding U/S 174 Cr. PC vide DDR No. 11 dated 14.02.2020 was initiated at PP GMC, Jammu and dead body was shifted to mortuary room of GMC, Jammu.

For the identification of unidentified male dead body below description roll is required to be published on daily newspapers for identification / Public in general, having any clue related to the unidentified dead body, kindly communicate the same on the below mentioned contact/Telephone numbers.

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Age: About 45/50 years
Height: 5 feet 5 inch
Dress: Maroon colour Shirt, Red/Black/White
Coloured Sweater and blue pent.

Contacts/Telephone Numbers:-
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2. SSP Jammu Mail I.D: sspjammu@jkpolice.gov.in
3. PCR Jammu: 0191-2542000
4. SP City North: 0191-2547038
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5-ACRE AYODHYA SITE

Waqf to build hospital, library besides mosque

Lucknow: The Uttar Pradesh Sunni Central Waqf Board on Monday said it will build a mosque as well as an Indo-Islamic research centre, a hospital and a library on the five-acre plot allotted to it following the Supreme Court's Ayodhya verdict.

The decision to accept the land was taken at a board meeting here. "It has been decided at a meeting of the board to take the five-acre land given to us by the UP Government," board chairman Zulfar Farooqui told reporters.

He said the board will set up a trust soon for the construction of the mosque.

"Besides the mosque, there will be an Indo-Islamic research centre, a public library, a charitable hospital and other useful facilities on the land", he said.

"The size of the mosque will be decided keeping in

mind local needs," he said.

In a historic verdict in November on the Ramjanmabhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute, the Supreme Court ruled in favour of construction of a temple. It also ruled that an alternative five-acre plot must be found for a mosque within Ayodhya.

In 1992, the 16th century Babri mosque that stood on the disputed site in Ayodhya was demolished by "karsevaks", claiming that originally there was a Ram temple at the same spot. Soon after last year's verdict on the Ayodhya land dispute, there were suggestions that the Sunni board should not accept the plot.

There were also suggestions that instead of a mosque to replace the demolished Babri Masjid, the Muslim community should build a public facility like a hospital there.

The Sunni Waqf Board,

however, made it clear that rejecting the site was not an option.

"Following the Supreme Court verdict, the Sunni Waqf Board does not have the choice of rejecting the five-acre alternative land for the construction of a mosque in Ayodhya as it would amount to contempt of court," Farooqui had said earlier.

Besides Farooqui, there are seven other members on the Sunni Waqf Board. Based on the SC verdict, the Centre had asked the Uttar Pradesh government to allot five acres of land to the Sunni Waqf Board. The UP cabinet made the allotment after its meeting of February 5.

The allotment letter is for a plot at Dhannipur village in Ayodhya's Sohawal area, on the Ayodhya-Lucknow highway about 20 km from the district headquarters. **PTI**

TRUMP'S VISIT

Govt busy when Delhi burning and Kashmiris deprived of rights: Iltija

Srinagar: PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti's daughter Iltija Mufti on Monday said the Government was busy with the visit of US President Donald Trump to India, while Delhi was 'burning' and 8 million Kashmiris deprived of their fundamental rights.

She said the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi is remembered only during visits by foreign dignitaries to Sabarmati Ashram.

'Hi Tea' & Namaste Trump while Delhi burns & 8 million Kashmiris remain deprived of fundamental rights. Gandhi ji's legacy remembered only at perfunctory visits to Sabarmati ashram by foreign dignitaries. His values long forgotten," Iltija tweeted.

Iltija has been tweeting from her mother's Twitter handle after the PDP president was taken into custody on August 5 last year following abrogation

of Article 370.

US President Donald Trump landed at Ahmedabad in Gujarat on Monday for his first visit to India to a grand welcome by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and thousands of people who lined the streets and packed into the Motera stadium there to say 'Namaste Trump'.

The first stop in the Trump visit was the Sabarmati Ashram, home to Mahatma Gandhi between 1917 and 1930 during India's freedom struggle. From Ahmedabad, the Trumps will travel to Agra and then on to New Delhi on Monday evening.

Meanwhile, a Delhi Police head constable was killed and a deputy commissioner of police injured as clashes over the amended citizenship law broke out in northeast Delhi's Jaffrabad and Maujpur on Monday. **PTI**

Sidda to BJP: Host event at Kashmir to prove normalcy

Bengaluru: Raising questions about the Situation in Kashmir, senior Congress leader and former Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday asked the BJP heading the Union Government to prove 'normalcy' by hosting US President Donald Trump's event in the valley.

If @BJP4India feels Kashmir has returned to Normalcy, & If @BJP4India feels that there is no govt orchestrated violence. Now is the time to prove the same by hosting @realDonaldTrump's event at Kashmir, Siddaramaiah tweeted.

Amid concerns raised by Opposition parties, the Government has said efforts have been made to restore normalcy in Jammu & Kashmir which faced months of restrictions after its special status under Article 370 was scrapped

in August last year.

Siddaramaiah, who is Leader of Opposition in Karnataka Assembly, in another tweet hit out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the long wall built near the airport in Ahmedabad allegedly to block view of a slum, ahead of Trumps visit. It is time for @realDonaldTrump to get inspired from @narendramodi. Inspiration to build decorative walls to hide not so decorative life!! he tweeted.

The Opposition Congress in Gujarat had accused the BJP—ruled civic body in Ahmedabad of building the 500-metre long wall to block view of a slum colony.

Refuting the allegations, AMC officials had said the construction of the wall, around four feet in height, was approved much before Trump's Gujarat visit was finalised. **PTI**

Visit won't make an iota of difference to Indians: Sena

Mumbai: Panning Donald Trump's visit to India, the Shiv Sena on Monday said the 36-hour-long sojourn of the US president in the country won't make 'an iota of difference' in the lives of poor and middle-class Indians.

While leaving for India, Trump has said he is going to discuss business with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, which makes it clear that his trip is aimed at boosting US trade, the Sena said.

"There won't be an iota of difference in the lives of the poor and middle-class people in India due to Trump's visit. Then where is the question of people being appreciative or enthusiastic of his tour," an editorial in Sena mouthpiece Saamana said.

"If there is any eagerness about Trump's visit, it may be in Ahmedabad, where he lands first," the Sena said. **PTI**

Maha gives first list of farm loan waiver beneficiaries

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

As part of its first list of beneficiaries in the much-discussed farm loan waiver scheme released by it, the Shiv Sena-led Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) Government on Monday wrote off the loans of 15,358 farmers from 68 villages from across the State.

The 15,358 farmers, whose names figured in the first list of loan waiver beneficiaries, are among the 34,83,908 farmers who have been identified as the total number of beneficiaries in the "Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Karj mukti Yojana".

While releasing the first list of beneficiaries in the loan waiver scheme, Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray and deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar interacted with some of the farmer-beneficiaries from Parbani, Ahmednagar and Amravati

districts of the state through video-conferencing from Mumbai.

The Chief Minister and his deputy interacted with loan waiver beneficiary-farmers from three districts on the first day of the budget session of the Maharashtra Legislature which got underway on Monday.

The names of farmers from 68 villages in the districts of Parbhani, Ahmednagar and Amravati districts, in the first list of loan waiver beneficiaries. "Once the process of loan waiver is completed, the farmers concerned release will be issued debt-free certificates. The loan waiver has started at the district level," a senior Government official said.

"We have collated the names of 34,83,908 farmer-beneficiaries in a span of 35 days. During the past 15 days, we have audited the details of

loans taken by the farmers. We will implement the loan waiver scheme in a computerised system," Uddhav said.

"We are not doing any favour to the farmers by implementing the loan waiver scheme. In reality, you can use in the Government as beneficiaries because receiving the blessings of farmers through the implementation of loan waiver scheme.

The loans that are being waived as part of the "Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Karj Mukti Yojana" range from ₹5,000 to ₹2 lakh per farmers.

Like Uddhav himself said on Sunday, the Maharashtra government plans to complete the entire loan waiver scheme in the next three scheme.

It is not clear yet as to how different is the "Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Karj Mukti Yojana" from the "Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Krishi

Samman Yojana" announced by the BJP-led saffron alliance government in June 2017.

Under the ₹34,022 crore "Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Krishi Samman Yojana" announced by the previous Devendra Fadnavis Government, there were beneficiaries was 89 lakh farmers.

The Devendra Fadnavis had said then that of the total identified beneficiaries, 40 lakh farmers were expected to become totally debt-free. Of the total beneficiaries under the scheme, a total 36.10 lakh farmers were eligible for a financial assistance of Rs 1.50 lakh each to clear their piled up loans.

It is not known yet if the previous BJP-led saffron alliance government and if yes, how many farmers had been benefited from the Devendra Fadnavis dispensation's loan waiver scheme.

Unlike Delhi, Bengal BJP to focus on governance

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Learning bitter lessons from Delhi Assembly elections, the Bengal BJP will desist from making hate speeches in the run up to the Statewide municipal elections, party insiders say.

Though the party will not jettison polarization as its political mainstay it will try to focus on good governance, sources said. Most of the schemes brought in by the central Government during the last six years or so will be highlighted in the elections they said.

Apart from this the party will also bank on the good governance it provided in the municipalities run by it other states. Civic elections are likely to take place sometime in the month of April-May.

On whether the party will try to highlight the efficacy of the controversial Citizenship Amendment Act or for that matter National

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Register for Citizens or even National Population Register a senior State committee leader said "municipal elections are fought on the basis of civic amenities being provided or promised to be provided. Though the CAA is the part of a larger issue the party will like to stick to development as its main plank."

That the party has not been in power in the State and in most of the municipalities and corporations will work in its favour as "our not being in power in municipal boards will rob the Trinamool Congress of the stick to beat us on the issue

of non-performance whereas we will be able to highlight the common people's bitter experience during TMC's rule," another party leader said adding however that the party workers will not however be stopped from using CAA in whisper campaigns.

"Where CAA is not required we will not raise it but where it is required we will definitely raise it even during campaigns," said another leader adding "there are many municipalities where Bangladeshi refugees are in great numbers and they identify themselves with the CAA-NRC cause. In such places we will definitely raise this issue."

Again there are some other places where infiltration is a problem and the people have been suffering due to the infiltrators, "in such cases too we will use CAA and NRC," he maintained adding however that in general the party will desist from strongly worded campaigns.

20-KM anti-CAA march organised in Buldhana

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In perhaps the first of its kind protest staged against Citizens Amendment Act (CAA) in the country, thousands of people on Monday took out a 20 km-morcha against CAA in Buldhana district in Maharashtra's Vidarbha region.

The protesters walked a distance of 20 km from the taluka town of Motala to Buldhana, the district headquarters. The citizens, who participated in the morcha were from groups based in Waghjal and Rajur in Motala, landed at Buldhana's Shaheen Bagh.

Later on, a delegation of citizens

who participated in the morcha, handed over a memorandum to the Buldhana district collector. In their memorandum, the protesting citizens said that CAA posed a threat to the very tents of the Constitution and it needed to be annulled forthwith. "In India where people from religions and castes live together, CAA pits people from one section of people against the other.

Speakers at the rally said that there was nothing wrong in according Indian citizenship to persecuted people in other countries, but CAA should not cause any harm to the Indian citizens

Pak-made bullets traced in Kerala, probe on

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

Sleuths of the Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) of the Kerala Police and National Investigation Agency are probing how Pakistan made bullets reached the Kulathupuzha Forest region in Kollam district. A bunch of bullets with seals of Pakistan Ordnance Factory were found by locals in Kulathupuzha on Saturday and they quickly alerted the local police.

The initial probe by the local police confirmed that the bullets were live and were from Pakistan.

Ballistic experts who rushed to the region found that the bullets were the ones which are used in long range machine guns. "Though the bullets were manufactured in the 1980s, they are still active and could be used even now," said one of the ballistic experts who examined the bunch of bullets.

A team of officials from the Directorate of Military Intelligence have reached Kollam to join the investigation and find out the routes through which the bullets entered Kerala.

Unconfirmed reports in local media said that three of the bullets found in the bunch had Chinese markings. But officials refused to confirm the news.

Monday morning saw a team of NIA officials sweeping down on some of the areas in Chennai and Salem giving credence to the theory that persons from Tamil Nadu too were involved in the trafficking of bullets. But cops said later in the day that the searches were in connection with the murder of special police inspector Wilson who was killed last month at Kaliyikkavila by alleged Islamic terrorists.

The officials of Kerala Police ruled out the possibilities of the bullets being the same which were missed from the armory of the state police. Kerala had been shaken by the Comptroller and Auditor General's recent report that a number of guns and bullets were found missing from the armory of the Kerala Police in Thiruvananthapuram.

A team of officials led by Tomin Thachankarri, ADGP found that the guns and bullets were accounted for.

Investigating agencies are concerned about the location from where the bullets were found. "Kulathupuzha is a known haven of Islamic extremist organizations like Socialist Democratic Party of India (SDPI) and Popular Front of India (PFI). They have their own hide-outs in the area. Since Kulathupuzha is close to Tamil Nadu border, we are not ruling out the possibility of involvement of inter-State gangs," said a senior police official in the region.

SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that this girl (depicted in the photo) namely: **Poonam D/o Brij Kishor R/o H. No. 19, Gali No. 02, Block-EE, Swami Shardhanand Colony, Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped from the area of PS Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi since **21.01.2020**. In this regard FIR No. **52/20 U/s 363** dated **22.01.2020** has been registered at **PS. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far.

Her physical description is as under:-
Sex: Female, **Age:** 14 years, **Height:** 4'2"ft., **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **ID Mark:** A Mole on Chin, **Wearing:** Green Colour Suit & Blue Salwar with Cream Sweater.
 Any person is having information or clue about this missing/kidnapped girl may kindly inform to the following:-
SHO P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> **Ph. No.: 011-27811933**
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in **Mob. No.: 7065036328**
Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 **Mob. No.: 7065036328**
Fax No.: 011-24368639 **DP/997/ON/2020**

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified body of a male namely **Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown,** was found on **15.02.2020** near **Fountain Chowk, Chandni Chowk, Delhi**. In this regard **DD No. 14-A, dated 15.02.2020** has been lodged at Police Station, Kotwali, North District, Delhi. Dead Body has been preserved in Aruna Asif Ali Hospital, Delhi mortuary for 72 hrs for identification. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:
Name: Unknown, Age: 30 Years approx, Height: 170 cm, Complexion: Shallow, Face: Long, Built: Thin, Hair: Black, Wearing: Gray colour sweat shirt, black colour pant and bare footed, UIDB No.: (UND-20 KT-0017).
 If anyone have any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.
SHO Police Station, Kotwali, Delhi
DP/19N/2020(UIDB) Ph.: 011-23977100, 8750870121

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that a boy (depicted in the photo), **Named:** Arsan S/o: Amir Khan R/o: Jhuggi No. G-1019, Jahangir Puri, Delhi has been missing /kidnapped since **08.02.2020**. In this regard a case vide FIR No. **59/2020 u/s 363 IPC** dated **09.02.2020** has been registered at PS Jahangir Puri, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-
Age: 5 Years, **Height:** 91 cm, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Built:** Medium, **Face:** Oval, **Wearing:** Green and Red & white colour jersey and Green colour Pajami.
 Any person having any information/clue about this missing/kidnapped boy, may inform SHO, Jahangir Puri, Delhi at E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in or Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>.
SHO P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi
Phone: 011-24368638, 24368641 **Ph. No. 011-27631600, 27636000**
Fax No. 011-24368639 **North-West Distt., Delhi**
DP/9736/NW/2020

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL

General public is hereby informed that the girl **Named:** Rajni D/o: Mahesh Mishra, R/o: 307, Ground Floor, Chandni Wail Gali, Mantola Pahar Ganj, Delhi, **Age:** 23 years, **Height:** 5'4", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Long **Built:** Normal, **Wearing:** Pink Colour T-shirt & blue colour Jeans and Pink Colour Shoes, has been missing from P.S. Pahar Ganj, Delhi on dated **27.01.2020** at **10:30 A.M.**
 In this regard **DD No. 77-A, dated 27.01.2020**, has been lodged at P.S. Pahar Ganj, Delhi.
 Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this girl but no clue has come to light so far.
 Any person having any information or clue about this girl kindly inform to the following.
SHO P.S. Pahar Ganj, Delhi.
E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Ph. 011-23520787,
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> Ph. 011-23520787, 23524746
Fax: 011-24368639 23524746
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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. PC

Whereas complaint has been made before me that **Ajay S/o Sh. Ramesh Kumar R/o: H. No. -669 Junla Gate Near Balmiki Mandir, Karnal, Haryana** has committed (or suspected to have committed) offence case FIR No. **830/14 u/s 498A/406/34 IPC** has been registered at P.S. Narela, Delhi, punishable and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person **Ajay** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person namely **Ajay** absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Ajay** of case FIR No. **830/14 u/s 498A/406/34 IPC, P.S. Narela, Delhi** is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before **30.03.2020**.

By Order
Ms. Swati Sharma
Metropolitan Magistrate
Mahila Court-02(North District)Room No. 104,
DP/993/ON/2020 1st Floor, Rohini Courts, Delhi

SEARCH FOR MISSING BOY

General public is hereby informed that the one boy **Named:** Suraj Yadav, S/o: Sh. Rajesh Yadav, R/o: H.No.112, Krishna Gali, Pahar Ganj, Delhi. **Age:** 14 years, **Height:** 4'5", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** White colour T-shirt, light blue colour jeans and black colour sandal in his feet, has been missing since **04.02.2020** from the area of P.S. Pahar Ganj, Delhi.
 In this regard a FIR No. **39/2020, U/S 363 IPC**, dated **05.02.2020** has been lodged at P.S. Pahar Ganj, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this boy but no clue has come to light so far.
 Any Person having any information or clue about this boy kindly inform to the following.
SHO P.S. Pahar Ganj, Delhi.
E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Ph. 011-23520787, 23524746
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> Ph. 011-23520787, 23524746
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TENDER NO. 07 /PUR/GGSIPU/2019-20 Dated: 14.02.2020

INVITING e-TENDER

Registrar, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University invites item rate e-tenders from reputed and eligible contractors/firms in two bid system (Technical & Financial) for the **Rate Contract for supply of various consumable items like stationery, white cloth bags and other miscellaneous items for one year and extendable for another one year with mutual consent.** Tender document can also be downloaded from Delhi Govt. e-procurement website i.e. www.govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in. The tender document can also be viewed on University website i.e. www.ipu.ac.in.

1. Name of work	Rate Contract for supply of various consumable items like stationery, white cloth bags and other miscellaneous items for one year and extendable for another one year with mutual consent at Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Sector 16 C, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110078
2. The EMD along with covering letter must be submitted as per the last date, time and venue for submission (No other documents need to be submitted in hard copy). The last date and time of uploading technical and financial bid on e-procurement website.	05.03.2020 Up to 1:00 p.m. in the office of Dy. Registrar (Purchase), Ground Floor, Library Block, GGSIP University, Sector 16 C, Dwarka, New Delhi - 1100780
3. Date, time and venue for opening of Technical bid	5.03.2020 at 02.30 p.m. in the office of Dy. Registrar (Purchase), Ground Floor, Library Block, GGSIP University, Sector 16 C, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110078
4. EMD	Rs.72000/- (Seventy two Thousand Only) in favour of Registrar, GGSIP University payable at New Delhi in form of FDR only.
5. Cost of Works	Rs. 36 Lacs (approximately)
6. The bids shall be submitted in two stages viz. (i) Financial bid. Detailed specification of the item(s) to be supplied is placed at Section-III Annexure-G. The Technical & Financial bid should be uploaded on e-procurement website i.e. www.govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in (No documents need to be submitted in hard copy other than EMD along with covering letter).	
7. Financial bid shall be opened after evaluation of technical bid/time notified thereafter on e-tender website www.govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in .	REGISTRAR

Sensex tanks 807 pts as virus alarm spreads

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Indian equity benchmark Sensex on Monday plunged about 807 points in line with massive sell-offs in global equities as spike in new coronavirus cases beyond China spooked investors. The 30-share BSE gauge settled at 40,363.23, dropping 806.89 points or 1.96 per cent.

While, the broader NSE Nifty sank 251.45 points or 2.08 per cent to 11,829.40.

All Sensex components ended in the red, with Tata Steel cracking 6.39 per cent, followed by ONGC, Maruti, Titan, ICICI Bank, HDFC and Bharti Airtel.

In a worrying sign for the global economy, the deadly coronavirus is fast spreading beyond China. South Korea went on high alert on Sunday following a sharp jump in coronavirus cases, and Italy and Iran took their own drastic containment steps.

Further, the IMF also warned that the deadly epidemic could put an already fragile global economy recovery at risk. Chinese President Xi Jinping on Sunday said the coronavirus epidemic is the country's "largest public health



emergency". The death toll from the deadly virus climbed to 2,592 in China on Monday. Seoul stocks ended in deep red after South Korea reported 161 more coronavirus cases on Monday, taking the overall virus cases to 763 and making it the world's largest total outside China.

Bourses in Shanghai, Tokyo and Hong Kong also closed with significant losses.

Stock exchanges in Europe sank in opening trade with Milan's FTSE MIB plunging over 4 per cent after Italy

reported its fourth death from the virus as the number of people contracting the virus continued to mount.

Brent crude oil futures dropped 3.62 per cent to USD 55.84 per barrel.

On the domestic front, investors were eyeing US President Donald Trump's two-day visit to India for further cues on trade front. He reached Ahmedabad earlier in the day.

On the currency front, the Indian rupee depreciated by 21 paise to 71.87 per US dollar (intra-day).

₹ drops further by 34p to over 3-month low

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee on Monday fell by 34 paise to close at more than three-month low of 71.98 against the US dollar, tracking heavy selling in domestic equities and strengthening of the American currency in the overseas market.

Forex traders said investor sentiment remained fragile amid concerns over the impact of coronavirus outbreak on global economy.

The death toll due to coronavirus climbed to 2,592 with 150 new fatalities while the total number of confirmed cases increased to over 77,000, Chinese health officials said on Monday.

However, easing crude oil prices supported the local unit and restricted the fall to some extent.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local currency opened on a negative note at 71.94. During the day, the domestic currency touched a high of 71.76 and a low of 72.01 and finally settled 34 paise lower at 71.98 against the US currency. This is the lowest closing level since November



13 when the rupee had settled at 72.09.

Financial markets remained closed on Friday on account of 'Mahashivratri'.

Indian stock markets closed with deep losses following a massive sell-offs in global equities as spike in new coronavirus cases beyond China spooked investors.

"In line with other Asian currencies, the rupee declined amid concern over coronavirus outbreak, which is threatening to damage the global economy," said said VK Sharma, Head PCG and Capital Markets Strategy, HDFC Securities.

\$5 trillion economy too idealistic: Niti Aayog official

PTI ■ KOLKATA

The Government's target of Achieving a \$5 trillion economy by 2024-25 sounds "too idealistic", an Niti Aayog official said on Monday.

The target has been so set to raise the bar of India's economic performance, she said.

"For now, the ambitious \$5 trillion economy target is a statement of intent, which sounds too idealistic," said Bindu Dalmia, chairperson of the National Committee on Financial Inclusion — Niti Aayog.

India is "trapped" within a range-bound GDP growth of 5-6 per cent, she said at an MCCI-organised session here.

Dalmia said to get to a \$5 trillion or \$10 trillion economy by 2030 from the current levels of \$2.9 trillion, India needs to grow at 11.5 per cent annually in nominal terms, or 7.5 per cent in real terms over the next 10 years.

In January, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had met economists, private equity and venture capitalists, business leaders and agri experts at NITI Aayog, and called for focused efforts to achieve the target of making India a \$5 trillion economy.

BUSINESS CORNER

MoU SIGNED BETWEEN MMTC & NSIC

New Delhi: NSIC signed MoU with MMTC on 19.02.2020 for supply of imported non-ferrous metals to MSMEs through NSIC. Ved Prakash, CMD, MMTC, Ashwani Sondhi, Director — MMTC & P Udayakumar, Director (P&M), NSIC were present on the occasion. The MoU was signed by Paramjeet Singh, senior general manager, NSIC with Khushinder Nath, general manager, MMTC.



BHEL LAUNCHES 'QUALITY FIRST' INITIATIVE

New Delhi: As part of its efforts to transform the company into a Future-Ready Global Engineering Organisation, BHEL has launched a companywide "Quality First" initiative to put in place state-of-the-art processes, for making quality a hallmark of the company's products and services. BHEL has built a strong reputation in quality with products known for their sturdiness, performance and longevity delivering maximum value to the customers. However, in today's dynamic market scenario, the requirements are becoming increasingly demanding, cost competitive and the robustness of quality processes is a pre-requisite for any company to succeed. Keeping these imperatives in view, BHEL is reviewing and revitalising its quality processes and systems to better meet the future requirements.

BYPL-EV MOTORS TO SET UP EV CHARGING INFRA

New Delhi: With a view to establish and promote the e-mobility ecosystem, BSES Yamuna Power Limited (BYPL) and EV Motors India Pvt Ltd (EVM) have entered into an agreement to set-up a connected network of PlugNGo EV charging stations. These charging stations will be backed by a robust software platform that includes a payment system for availing the e-charging facility. It was signed between senior BYPL officials and EV Motors India CEO, Arvind Gujral in presence of BYPL CEO PR Kumar. This Association is likely to accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles in the city. BYPL and EVM will work jointly to create, operate and maintain charging infrastructure using PlugNGo's innovative cloud-based integrated software platform.



ABHAY KUMAR SINGH TAKES OVER AS NHPC CMD

New Delhi: Abhay Kumar Singh has taken over as Chairman and Managing Director of NHPC Limited, India's premier hydropower utility and a Schedule 'A' Enterprise of Government of India on 24th February 2020. Prior to his appointment as CMD, he held the position of Executive Director, NHPC. Abhay Kumar Singh was also acting as a Nominee Director in Loktak Downstream Hydroelectric Development Corporation Limited. Born in 1962, Abhay Kumar Singh did his Civil Engineering from National Institute of Technology, Durgapur (formerly Regional Engineering College, Durgapur), in 1983. Singh started his professional journey in 1985 with joining NHPC at Tanakpur HE Project (120 MW) as Probationary Executive. His persistent learning attitude coupled with the ability to multitask, resulted in his taking up various responsibilities of the project at a very early stage.



HIGH LEVEL MEETING BETWEEN ICG & ROPCG HELD

New Delhi: A High Level Meeting (HLM) between the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and Royal Oman Police Coast Guard (ROPCG) was held at Coast Guard Headquarters in New Delhi on Monday under the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the two Coast Guard in 2016. The HLM focused on augmenting the operational level interaction and capacity building in areas of Search and Rescue, Pollution Response and Maritime Law Enforcement. Relations between the two Coast Guards go back a long way with ICG ships calling on ports in Oman for professional interactions since 2005. This meeting and visit is in continuation of the efforts by the Governments of the two countries to enhance cooperation between the two Coast Guards in the field of combating transnational marine crime enhancing National Security.



Govt asks telcos to submit supporting documents on AGR self-assessment

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The government has asked telecom companies including Vodafone Idea, Bharti Airtel and Tata Teleservices to submit supporting documents on AGR self-assessment that formed the basis of their statutory dues calculation, according to a DoT source.

The source, who did not wish to be named, said the exercise will help the Department of Telecom (DoT) examine the AGR calculations being made by the telecom

players.

All three telecom companies Bharti Airtel, Vodafone Idea and Tata Teleservices have been asked to provide substantiating documents to support their claims on AGR arithmetic, the DoT official added. However, no deadline has been given to companies to submit the supporting documents.

Once substantiating documents are filed by the companies, the telecom department will initiate random test checks on the AGR calculation in a time-bound manner.

Nobody wants to kill telecom sector: SBI chief

PTI ■ MUMBAI

With the telecom firms staring at a massive ₹1.47 lakh crore of AGR dues, SBI chairman Rajnish Kumar on Monday said "nobody wants to kill the sector".

The state-owned bank is yet to hear from the government on the issue, he said, when asked if it has sought views from bankers.

"Nobody wants to kill the sector, let me be very clear," Kumar said, when asked about the problems being faced by the telecom industry.

It can be noted that earlier this month, Kumar had said that State Bank of India has a loan outstanding of ₹29,000 crore to the telecom sector and another ₹14,000 crore in bank guarantees, which can get invoked in case of a non-payment of dues by the telcos.

There has been a flurry of meetings in the national capital between senior official of the telecom firms and the government over the past week.

Earlier this month, the Supreme Court has asked the telecom firms to deposit an estimated ₹1.47 lakh crore in past dues for spectrum and licences by March 17.

DoT seeks ₹7,608 cr from GAIL in dues for FY18

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The DoT has sought ₹7,608 crore in dues from GAIL India for 2017-18 as the department appeared to be not pressing for immediate payment of ₹1.83 lakh crore in past dues it had previously assessed from the state-owned gas utility.

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) sent a notice to GAIL soon after the February 14 hearing in the Supreme Court on dues owned by telecom companies such as Bharti Airtel, Vodafone Idea, sources privy to the development said.

The dues now being sought from GAIL include a penalty for late payment, they said.

The Supreme Court's original ruling in October last year led the DoT to demand ₹1.47 lakh crore in unpaid dues on licence fees and spectrum usage charges from telecom companies such as Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea.

Its demand related to a 14-year-old dispute regarding the definition of adjusted gross revenue (AGR), which the Supreme Court agreed should include all kinds of income generated by the telcos.

India at cusp of becoming premier digital society; to be among 3 top world economies, says Ambani

PTI ■ MUMBAI

With mobile networks better or at par with anywhere else in the world, India has an opportunity to become a 'premier digital society', billionaire Mukesh Ambani said on Monday as he saw the country becoming the third world's largest economy within the next decade.

Speaking at a fireside chat with Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella, he said the big change driving this transformation was the deepening of mobile networks which were working at a much faster pace than before.

"I can easily say that the mobile networks in India now are better or at par with anywhere else in the world," he said.

Bharti Infratel extends deadline for merger with Indus Towers by 2 months

New Delhi: Bharti Infratel on Monday extended the deadline for its merger with Indus Towers by two more months to April 24 but cautioned that final call on scheme implementation will be taken by the board based on assessment of the ongoing AGR-crisis and its impact on customers.

The delay in completion of the deal would come as a blow to Vodafone Idea which has to cough up ₹53,000 crore in statutory dues to the government and was eyeing about ₹5,500 crore from stake sale in Indus Towers.

Competition Commission orders detailed probe against MakeMyTrip, OYO

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Competition Commission on Monday ordered a detailed probe against MakeMyTrip (MMT) and OYO for allegedly indulging in unfair business practices, on a complaint filed by the operator of Treebo Hotels.

This is the second time in less than six months that the fair trade watchdog has called for an investigation against the two entities after finding prima-facie evidence of violation of competition norms.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section 82 Cr.PC
Whereas complaint has been made before me that **Akhil Kakkar S/o Sudesh Kakkar R/o A-3/1D, Green Apartment, Paschim Vihar, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 13/18 U/s 323/452 IPC, PS Pachim Vihar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Akhil Kakkar** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Akhil Kakkar** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).
Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Akhil Kakkar** of **FIR No. 13/18 U/s 323/452 IPC, PS Pachim Vihar, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **27.03.2020**.
By Order
Mr. Puneet Nagpal
Metropolitan Magistrate-07
Room No. 289, 2nd Floor,
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF PERSON ACCUSED

See Section 82 Cr. PC
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Babu Lal Meena S/o Rameshwar Lal, R/o Village Goliyawas, Post Bada Padampura, Via Shivdaspura, Tehsil Chaksu, Jaipur, Rajasthan**, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the Offence **Omprakash Meena v/s Babu Lal Meena u/s 138 N. Act at PS. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi**, and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Babu Lal Meena** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Babu Lal Meena** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation u/s 82 Cr.PC is hereby made that the said **Babu Lal Meena** accused of Offence **Omprakash Meena v/s Babu Lal Meena u/s 138 N. Act** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **22.04.2020**.
By Order
Sh. Vaibhav Mehta
Metropolitan Magistrate-05 (North)
Room No. 114, 1st Floor, Rohini Court, Delhi

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that one unknown **dead body of male Name & Address unknown**, Age about 50 years, height 5'6", complexion shallow, oval face & thin build, wearing blue check shirt, pink jacket, black pant & sport shoes was found dead at **Footover Bridge Gurudwara, Moti Bagh, New Delhi** on 17.20.2020.
UNKNOWN In this regard a **DD No. 14-A Dated 17.02.2020** has been lodged at **PS South Campus, South Distt. New Delhi.** **The dead body is kept in mortuary of Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi for 72 hours.**
Any person having any information or clue about this deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned at the address or telephone nos. given below.
S.H.O.
PS South Campus, New Delhi
Ph.: 011-9211208703

DP/21/SW/2020

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Rajendra@Pappu, S/o Durga Prasad, R/o: F-99, Shiva Enclave, Vikas Vihar, Delhi**, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 466/15 u/s 356/379 IPC** registered at P.S. Pashchim Vihar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued (unexecuted), stating that the said **Rajendra@Pappu** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Rajendra@Pappu** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proceeding u/s 82 Cr.P.C. has been initiated in this case.
Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Rajendra@Pappu** accused of **FIR No. 466/15 u/s 356/379 IPC P.S.Pashchim Vihar, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer said complaint on or before **26.03.2020**.
By Order
Sh. Puneet Nagpal
Metropolitan Magistrate 07, Room No. 289,
2nd Floor, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/07/OD/2020

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one male namely **Ram Singh, S/o Sh. Keshav Singh, R/o RZ 789, Sadh Nagar, Palam, Delhi, Age: 75 Years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Strong, Wearing Brown colour Jacket, Black colour Pajama and White colour Cap**, has been missing from Central Railway Hospital, Basant Lane, Delhi from the area of **P.S. Pahar Ganj, Delhi** since 05.01.2020. In this regard a **DD No. 102A, Dated 07.01.2020** has been lodged at **P.S. Pahar Ganj, Delhi**.
Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the male but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this person please inform undersigned.
Website : <http://cbi.nic.in>
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Fax: 011-24368639
Ph. No. : 011-24368638, 24368641
SHO
P.S. Pahar Ganj, Delhi
Ph.: 011-23524746, 23520787

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General Public is hereby informed that one lady **Namely: Reena, W/o: Sh. Umesh Kumar, R/o: Jhuggi No. 144-G-Block, Jahangir Puri, Delhi, Age: 25 Years, Height: 5'2", Face: Round, Built: Medium, Complexion: Fair, Wearing: Unknown Cloths** has been missing/kidnapped since 06.02.2020 from the area of **PS. Jahangir Puri, Delhi**. In this regard **DD No. 14-A, Dated 07.02.2020** has been lodged at **PS. Jahangir Puri, Delhi**.
Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped lady but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing/kidnapped lady please inform the undersigned.
Phone:- 011-24368638/24368641
Web-site: http://cbi.nic.in
E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in
SHO
PS. Jahangir Puri, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27636000, 27631600

DP/9735/NW/2020

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a man namely **Himanshu Tanwar, S/o Mohan Tanwar R/o WZ-911/1, Ring Road, Naraina, New Delhi** has been missing since 11/02/2020 from his house. In this regard a **D.D. No. 018-A, dated 12/02/2020** has been registered at **P.S.Naraina, New Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing man but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing man is as under:
Name: Himanshu Tanwar, Gender: Male, Age: 31 years, Height: 5'8", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Strong, Identification Mark: Injury mark on left side eye, Wearing: Orange colour shirt, blue lower and plastic slippers in his feet. If anyone has any information regarding this missing Man, kindly inform SHO/Naraina, New Delhi.
E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax : 011-24368639
SHO
P.S. Naraina, New Delhi
Ph. No. 011-25891181

DP/08/WD/2020

PTI ■ PERTH

SPIN THE WHEEL

Shafali, Poonam, shine bright in India's 18-run win against Bangladesh



Indian players celebrate after win against B'desh during ICC Women's World Cup match T20WC/Twitter

Leg-spinner Poonam Yadav delivered yet again with timely dismissals to lead India to a comfortable 18-run win over Bangladesh in their ICC Women's T20 World Cup match, here on Monday. Invited to bat, a substantial partnership eluded them after a fiery start but India still managed to post a competitive 142 for six at the WACA ground.

India were off to a flying start with opener Shafali Verma (39 of 17 balls) coming out all guns blazing in the Group A game.

However, the Indian innings never got the impetus after the departure of the 16-year-old, who hit four sixes and two fours in her entertaining knock. Later, Veda Krishnamurthy (20 off 11) hit few lusty blows to help India post a fighting total.

Bangladesh fought through Murshida Khatun (30) and Nigar Sultana (35) but Poonam rattled the middle and lower order with her strikes.

In the end, Bangladesh could manage 124 for eight, giving India their second straight win in the tournament.

The way Shafali and Richa played today, they showed how capable they are for the team. Veda's innings was turning point. We needed boundaries at that point and she did a great job," India skipper Harmanpreet Kaur said.

Poonam, who had helped India halt Australia's chase in their opening game as well, was the top bowler again. She

scalped Sanjida Islam (10), Fahima Khatun (17) and Jahanara Alam (10) to make it tough for Bangladesh.

Bangladesh needed 49 runs from last five overs but they failed to negotiate Poonam's flighted deliveries.

The Indian spinner had Fahima caught by Shafali in the first ball of the 16th

over while Rajeshwari Gaekwad saw the back of well-set Nigar Sultana.

Poonam then returned to dismiss Jahanara, who stepped out looking for a big hit only to be stumped by Taniya.

The runs dried up and Bangladesh now needed 22 off the final over.

Pacer Shikha Pandey clean bowled

Rumana Ahmed with a perfect yorker and writing was clear on the wall.

Earlier, Shafali punished the rival attack with her fluent stroke-making.

Attempting a big one, Shafali skied one off veteran Panna Ghosh and was dismissed, caught by wicket-keeper Shamima Sultana.

This was after fellow opener Taniya Bhatia (2) was sent back by Salma Khathun.

Shafali turned out to be the best scorer in India's innings.

Jemimah Rodrigues played a sedate yet crucial 34-run knock since hard-hitting skipper Harmanpreet Kaur was already dismissed by Ghosh.

With both Shafali and Harmanpreet cooling their heels back in the dug out, India's run-rate took a dip.

Jemimah erred in judgement while calling Deepti for a single and was run out.

Richa Ghosh, who replaced Smriti Mandhana in the playing XI, hit two splendid boundaries before holing out to Nahida Akter off Salma Khatun.

The slide continued with Deepti Sharma (11) running herself out following a mix up with Veda Krishnamurthy (20 off 11).



Meg Lanning and Rachael Haynes T20WC/Twitter

Haynes saves Aus blushes

PTI ■ PERTH

Rachael Haynes hit a classy fifty to help defending champions Australia overcome a fighting Sri Lanka by five wickets in their second Group A match.

Chamari Athapaththu (50 off 38 balls) struck a quick half-century but Nicola Carey (2/18), who missed the India game, and Molly Strano (2/23) helped Australia restrict Sri Lanka to a modest 122 for six.

Chasing the target, the Australian hearts were racing when Alyssa Healy, Ashleigh Gardner and Beth Mooney — all fell within four overs before Haynes and captain Meg Lanning (41 not out) stitched a 95-run fourth-wicket stand to take the hosts out of trouble.

SINGLES

OPELKA WINS ATP DELRAY BEACH TITLE

MIAMI: Fourth seed Reilly Opelka won twice on Sunday to capture the ATP Delray Beach Open title, outlasting Yoshihito Nishioka 7-5, 6-7 (4/7), 6-2 in the championship match. It was a second career ATP crown for the 22-year-old American, whose other title came at last year's New York Open, and he won after he played a morning semi-final at the rain-hit Florida venue. Opelka battled back to eliminate second seed Milos Raonic 4-6, 7-6 (8/6), 6-3 in the semis to book a date with the world number 63.

GARIN BEATS MAGER IN RIO FINAL

RIO DE JANEIRO: Third seed Cristian Garin stretched his win streak to 10 matches with two victories on Sunday, including a 7-6 (7/3), 7-5 triumph over Gianluca Mager in the ATP Rio Open final. It was the second title in a row for Garin, who lifted the trophy two weeks ago at Cordoba, and the fourth of his career after the 23-year-old took crowns last year at Munich and Houston. Garin topped fifth seed Borna Coric 6-4, 7-5 in an early Sunday finish of their rain-halted semi-final to advance on the Brazil clay while Mager outlasted lucky loser Attila Balazs 7-6 (7/4), 4-6, 7-6 (7/2).

HARDIK TO PLAY IN D Y PATIL T20 TOURNEY

NAVI MUMBAI: Fit-again India all-rounder Hardik Pandya is set to play in the D Y Patil T20 tournament. Hardik suffered a bad lower back injury five months ago and underwent a surgery in London. The 26-year-old all-rounder, who hasn't played int'l cricket since then, has been recovering at the NCA in Bengaluru. "The Reliance 1 (team) would be represented by players like Hardik Pandya, Bhuvaneshwar Kumar, Shikhar Dhawan," said Dr Vijay Patil, Prez, DY Patil Sports Academy & also MCA Prez. Dhawan and Bhuvu are also on their road to recovery after sustaining injuries.

STAR SPORTS LAUNCHES 'KHEL BOLEGA' TVC

MUMBAI: IPL fever has caught on early this year with fan expectations and chatter pouring in much ahead of the start of the tournament, triggered further with the announcement of the schedule last week. In response to the social media chatter, Star Sports has launched *Khel Bolega*, a TVC along with the BCCI. *Khel Bolega* indicates that the coming season will clearly end the response to all the chatter (#BolBakar) surrounding the IPL when the player performances will speak for themselves with the hashtag #KhelBolega, translated in English as *The game will do the talking*. The TVC highlights the non-stop fan chatter and features plenty of colourful motifs and pop culture references symbolising the pan India nature of the IPL.

RKFC STAY IN TOP HALF WITH NARROW WIN

SRINAGAR: Real Kashmir bounced back from two consecutive defeats as they beat Indian Arrows by a solitary goal to remain in the top half of the I-League points table. Ivorian midfielder Bazie Armand scored the all-important goal in the 70th minute to the celebration of over 10,000 home team supporters at the picturesque TRC Ground. Real Kashmir, who lost to Punjab FC and Churchill Brothers — both away games — in their previous two matches, now have 18 points from 12 games to occupy the fifth spot in the 11-team league table. The Indian Arrows, the developmental side of the All India Football Federation, remained at the bottom of the pile with eight points from 13 games. AGENCIES

Flushed at 'The Basin'

Southee takes fifer to sweep India's tail as Kiwis reach century of Tests win with 10 wicket triumph



Daryl Mitchell, third left, is helped to his feet by New Zealand teammates after taking the catch to dismiss India's Jasprit Bumrah for no score on fourth day of 1st Test AP

PTI ■ WELLINGTON

Indian batsmen's inadequacies in adverse conditions were laid bare as they crashed to an embarrassing 10-wicket defeat against a ruthless New Zealand side that wrapped up the opening Test in just over three days here at Basin Reserve on Monday.

Starting the day on 144 for four, India were all out for 191

in 81 overs in their second innings. This was a shade better than their dismal 165 in the first innings, which eventually proved to be decisive.

Trent Boult (4/39 in 22 overs) and Tim Southee (5/61 in 21 overs), one of the finest but most under-rated new ball pairs in world cricket, showed that when it boils down to playing incisive seam and swing bowling, this batting line-up is

still a work in progress.

The required target of nine runs was knocked off by New Zealand without much ado for their 100th Test win.

India's last defeat was against Australia at Perth during the 2018-19 series but the loss at the Basin Reserve would hurt them more because the visitors have not surrendered in such fashion of late.

There was no resistance from a star-studded line-up and more than intent, the failure was due to poor technique on a track that had something on the third and fourth day.

This is a team that plays fast bowling much better than their predecessors, the reason for their success on the bouncy Australian tracks.

But when it comes to facing conventional seam and swing bowling in testing conditions, they are yet to learn the art of saving a Test match.

India had lost the mental battle on the first day itself when they saw the moisture on the wicket.

The toss became a factor and not for one session did they look comfortable. Mayank Agarwal was the only batsman

"I am absolutely fine. I am batting really well. I feel that sometimes scores don't reflect the way you are batting and that's what can happen when you don't execute what you want to well."

—VIRAT KOHLI (on his personal form)

"New Zealand got into the mind of the batsmen and make the batsmen do something that they don't want to. There's a very thin line and a very delicate balance of when to attack and when to put bowlers under pressure which we failed to do in this match and there is no harm in accepting that."

—VIRAT KOHLI

who felt at home, albeit in patches, as New Zealand showed what a Test match strategy is all about.

If the first innings was about mixing back of length deliveries with fuller length balls, the second saw the pacers coming from round the wicket and targeting the ribcage. The line was disconcerting and it stifled them for good. It affected their mindset

and when Ajinkya Rahane and Hanuma Vihari stepped out on the fourth morning, defeat was written all over as both looked ill-equipped to handle such high quality seam bowling.

Rahane (29 off 75 balls) and Vihari (15 off 79 balls) are players who only play long-form cricket at the international level and both are known for their patience.

But little did the Indian vice-captain apprehend that he would get a delivery from Boult, which, instead of moving away after pitching, held its line. With the ball going exactly the opposite of what Rahane had thought, he had no option but to jab at it, and

all he got was an edge.

Southee, who bowls lovely classical outswinger then bowled an off-cutter from the other end and before Vihari could comprehend, it came back sharply to peg the stumps back.

Within first 20 minutes, the two seasoned practitioners of swing had knocked the stuffing out of India's resistance.

"A really brilliant all round game for us. It is also a step in the right direction as well," Kane Williamson said.

Southee, who had a terrific match, deservingly completed his 10th five-wicket haul, and all it took was 16 overs to end the India innings.

Gowtham's 7 helps Karnataka seal semis spot

JAMMU: Krishnappa Gowtham snapped seven wickets as Karnataka sealed their place in the semifinals after thrashing Jammu and Kashmir by 167 runs on the final day of their Ranji Trophy quarterfinal, here on Monday.

Resuming the day at 245 for four, Karnataka added another 71 runs before folding for 316 in their second innings, setting the hosts a target of 331.

Jammu and Kashmir were bundled out for 163, courtesy off-spinner Gowtham's (7/54) seven-wicket haul.

Earlier, Abid Mushtaq (6/83) claimed six wickets, Parvez Rasool (3/88) took three and Mujtaba Yousuf (1/44) dis-

missed one Karnataka batsman. Overnight batsman Krishnamurthy Siddharth (98) missed out on a well-deserved century, dismissed by Mushtaq in the 80th over.

His wicket triggered a collapse as Karnataka kept losing wickets regularly. Srinivas Sharath (34) held on to one end and took the team across the 300-mark before departing in the 105th over.

SAURASHTRA IN LAST 4 ONGOLE: Saurashtra booked their spot in the semifinals on the basis of the first innings after their quarterfinal tie against Andhra ended in a draw on the final day.

Resuming at the overnight score of 375 for 9, the visitors were dismissed for 426 in 138 overs in the second innings, setting an improbable target of 710 runs for Andhra.

After being bowled out for 136 in the first innings, Andhra finished at 149 for 4 in 51 overs in their second essay before play was called off.

A strokeful half-century by Andhra captain K S Bharat (55, 69 balls, 6 fours, 1 six) was the bright spot in the host team's second innings.

The wicketkeeper-batsman, who is on the fringes of national selection and has been part of various India A teams in the recent past, showed why he is

rated highly, playing some delightful shots during his knock.

In Tangi, Bengal stormed into the last four by virtue of their first innings lead over Odisha after only one session was possible on the final day which was interrupted by bad light.

Resuming on 361 for seven, Bengal lost their remaining three wickets for 12 runs inside six overs to set Odisha an improbable 456.

In reply, Odisha were 39 for no loss in 10 overs when bad light stopped play as both the teams agreed upon a draw with two more sessions left on the final day.

One defeat can't define team's character: Kohli

WELLINGTON: Captain Virat Kohli had no qualms in admitting that India were outplayed by New Zealand in the opening Test but said they "can't help it" if a few want to make a "big deal" out of one loss.

"We know we haven't played well, but if people want to make a big deal out of it, make a mountain out of it, we can't help it as we don't think like that," the India skipper said at the post-match interaction.

"Some people might want it to be the end of the world but it's not. For us, it's a game of cricket we lost and we move on and keep our heads high," Kohli said.

It is the acceptance of defeat that defines the character of a side, the world's premier batsman said.

"We understand that we need to play well to win, also at home. There's no cakewalk at international level as teams will come and beat you. You accept it and that defines our character as a side."

If he had given credence to the "outside chatter", he said, the team wouldn't have been where it is now.

"That's why we have been

able to play this kind of cricket. If we would have paid attention to the outside chatter, we would again be at No 7 or 8 in the rankings. We don't really bother about what people are saying on the outside."

One defeat can't make a team, which has been winning games of Test cricket, "bad overnight." "If we have lost then we have no shame in accepting that. It means we didn't play this game well. It doesn't mean that we have become a bad team overnight. People might want to change our thoughts, but it doesn't work like that." PTI

Rahim's double ton corner Zimbabwe



Mushfiqur Rahim reacts after completing 200 runs ICC/Twitter

AFP ■ DHAKA

Mushfiqur Rahim hit his third Test double century as Bangladesh declared their first innings with a lead of 295 on Monday in their one-off match against Zimbabwe.

Bangladesh ended their innings on 560 for six in the final session before spinner Nayeem Hasan then claimed two wickets in two balls in the first over.

The visitors reached nine for two at stumps on the third day, still needing 286 runs to make Bangladesh bat again on a wearing pitch at the Sher-e-Bangla

Bouncing back isn't a term we use: Williamson

WELLINGTON: The perfect execution of plans against India has pleased New Zealand skipper Kane Williamson but he refused to term his team's 10-wicket win as "bouncing back" from their 0-3 debacle against Australia.

New Zealand came into the series after their nightmare in Australia and put up a splendid performance to outclass India in just over three days.

"Bouncing back isn't a term that we use within our group. You can get carried away thinking about results (especially) when you have a number of poor ones and sometimes the want (urge) for a good one can be a distraction towards getting (achieving) it," Williamson said.

The Kiwi skipper, who also was the top-scorer for his side with a well-made 89, seemed satisfied with the performances of each and every player of his team.



"So it's about focussing on things that are important. The roles that give us the best chance of success and if we do that, the result manifests and I think that's what we saw in this game and that was what was pleasing," Williamson said.

"It was a really brilliant all-round game for us. Guys were really committed to their roles on a surface that offered enough to create a good balance between bat and ball. It's a really important

lesson moving forward to Christchurch," he added. But Williamson also wants to guard his team against complacency as he expects India to come hard in the second Test, starting February 29. "The challenge is there in front of us because we know come Christchurch we will need to be on our game again. India is the number one in the world for a reason and they have had success all around the world," he said.

Fernandes lifted mood at Man Utd: Ole

AFP ■ MANCHESTER

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer says Bruno Fernandes has lifted the mood at Old Trafford, comparing the January signing to a mix between former Manchester United players Paul Scholes and Juan Sebastian Veron.

Fernandes arrived for an initial 55 million euros (£46 million) and, while that could rise to 80 million euros if a variety of targets are reached, United look to have struck a good deal.

The Portugal international has impressed in all three United starts to date, following up fine displays against Wolves and Chelsea with a goal and an assist against Watford.

Successive wins have lifted United into fifth place in the Premier League table as they push for Champions League qualification.

"He's given everyone a boost," Solskjaer said of the 25-year-old Fernandes. "It means more than just getting a player in. You can see the supporters, they're used to players with that personality, mentality and quality so he's been a big plus."

"He's come in from day one, the first minute, and felt like a presence in the group. First training session, demanding the ball."

"Some players take some time in warming up but he felt confident straight away."

"He's a bit of a mix between (Paul) Scholes and (Juan Sebastian) Veron, to be fair. He's got the temperament maybe of Veron and a lot of the quality of him and Scholes."

Solskjaer said Fernandes was a "big piece" in the team that United are looking to build, while Anthony Martial has shown that he too can be a key component of the attack.

Monday's header at Chelsea was fol-



Bruno Fernandes scores from penalty spot AP

lowed by a fine goal at Club Brugge in the Europa League and a clever clipped finish past Ben Foster on Sunday.

"I am delighted with the week Anthony's had," Solskjaer said. "He has got his critics and I am one of his biggest probably because I keep demanding different stuff from him."

"This today is more than the Anthony we know about," he added. "The skill because that is just mind-blowing, sometimes the skill that he shows. But I want more from him and I'll keep at him."

Stimac "impressed" by talent on display in I-League

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Indian football team head coach Igor Stimac is "impressed" by the talent on display in the I-League after he watched two matches earlier this month.

He said he's looking forward to watching more matches.

"It was fantastic to witness 2 @ILeagueOfficial matches in Mumbai and Goa and I'm really impressed with the talents," Stimac tweeted.

"Looking forward to see more action in coming days," he added.

The Croatian was in the stands in Mumbai earlier this month when the Indian Arrows played Kolkata giants East Bengal (February 17) at the Cooperage Stadium. He also witnessed the match between Mohun Bagan and Churchill Brothers in Margao (February 22).

The former Croatia World Cupper handed the Hero of the Match award to Fran Gonzalez as the Mariners extended their lead at the top of the I-League table with a 3-0 win.

During the launch of the I-League 2019-20 in November last year, Stimac had said "every Indian player in the Hero I-League is a potential candidate for a place in the senior team."

"I will keep coming to watch the matches whenever I can. The players need to know that each player in the Hero I-League with an Indian passport is one of the possible future candidates for the national team. It's up to them how they perform for their respective teams," he had said.

India, already out of contention for a FIFA 2022 World Cup berth, play Asian champions Qatar in Bhubaneswar on March 26.



FC Barcelona posts picture collage of Lionel Messi & Diego Maradona via Twitter

Messi 'greatest' ahead of Maradona: Gattuso

AFP ■ NAPLES

Napoli vs Barcelona
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Lionel Messi is the "greatest" footballer of all time, ahead of even Diego Maradona, Napoli coach Gennaro Gattuso said on Monday ahead of his side's Champions League clash with Barcelona.

The 32-year-old Messi scored four goals at the weekend in Barcelona's 5-0 win over Eibar and has now been involved in more than 1,000 goals in his career, scoring 696 and assisting another 306.

Gattuso was quick to praise Messi, comparing the Barca star to Napoli legend Maradona.

"He's the greatest and an example for everyone," said Gattuso ahead of the sides' last-16 first leg today. "He never says anything inappropriate. He does things that only exist on the Playstation, unthinkable things. But I saw him (Maradona) on VHS, or DVD. I never saw him up close, at a stadium. I know the champion he was and I know I missed something wonderful. I regret it. Today I see Messi doing things that Maradona was doing."

Napoli captain Lorenzo Insigne was not so keen to accept that Messi has reached greater heights than 1986 World Cup winner Maradona. "Messi is the best in the world today," said Insigne. "But for us Neapolitans, Maradona is

everything and I don't want to compare them. Maradona is sacred."

But Insigne and Gattuso agreed that their team have to be careful not to focus only on trying to stop Messi.

"We have to be careful with their whole team, because it's not just Messi," said Gattuso.

Napoli are enjoying a recent upturn in form after a dreadful start to the Serie A season which culminated in the sacking of Carlo Ancelotti following a 4-0 win over Genk that sent them into the Champions League knockout stage.

Last season's Serie A runners-up have won six of their last seven games. "Tomorrow (Tuesday), I want a Napoli side that are not afraid," added Gattuso.

"I want to see a team that knows how to battle... You need to stand up to Barcelona — you can't worry."

"I want to see a lively team that plays with joy until the end. Can Napoli win the Champions League? Never say never."

It is the first time Napoli have reached the knockout rounds since a last-16 loss to Real Madrid in 2017, while Barcelona are bidding to make the quarter-finals for a 13th consecutive season.

AFP ■ PARIS

Edinson Cavani scored his 200th Paris Saint-Germain goal and Marquinhos netted twice as the Ligue 1 leaders bounced back from their Champions League defeat by Borussia Dortmund to beat Bordeaux 4-3 on Sunday, but their victory was marred by Neymar's late sending-off.

After losing 2-1 in Germany in their Champions League last 16 first leg in midweek, PSG's defensive weaknesses were again exposed as South Korean international Hwang Ui-jo gave Bordeaux the lead at the Parc des Princes.

PSG turned it around thanks to goals by Cavani and Kylian Mbappe either side of a Marquinhos brace, but at the other end there was a bizarre goal credited to the Brazilian defender Pablo and a Ruben Pardo strike had the home side hanging on at the finish.

The evening concluded with Neymar being sent off in stoppage time for a second yellow card for grappling with Bordeaux's Yacine Adli, leaving the world's most expensive player facing a suspension.

Along with the shortcomings at the back, it is another problem for coach Thomas Tuchel to think about, even if his team are now 13 points clear atop Ligue 1 from Marseille, who lost 3-1 to Nantes on Saturday.

Tuchel's men endured a bad start against mid-table Bordeaux, with skipper Thiago Silva going off hurt just before Hwang put the away side in front on 18 minutes, heading in a corner for his sixth Ligue 1 goal.

PSG were level in the 25th minute, though, as Di Maria's cross was headed in by Cavani, allowing the Uruguayan to reach a double century of PSG goals.

He then hit the post from close range before Marquinhos put Paris in



PSG's Edinson Cavani, left, celebrates after his teammate Marquinhos scores against Bordeaux during League One match at Parc des Princes

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Cavani becomes first player to complete double century of goals for PSG

front in first-half stoppage time, using his shoulder to convert Di Maria's free-kick.

Nevertheless, there was still time for Bordeaux to equalise at 2-2 before the interval.

Selected ahead of Keylor Navas in goal, Sergio Rico's clearance from a Marco Verratti back-pass struck Pablo and the Spaniard looked on in horror as the ball ricocheted back into the net.

However, Marquinhos netted from close range for his second of the night in the 63rd minute to make it 3-2. Then, when Ruben Pardo lost possession, Cavani set up Mbappe to score PSG's fourth, and his 16th in the league this season.

Pardo made some amends with a stunning strike for Bordeaux's third, and the ninth goal Paris have conceded in three games altogether.

Icardi then had another goal dis-

allowed before Neymar was sent off for his second yellow at the death.

"They have had quite a difficult week in terms of results and their confidence has taken a knock too," said Bordeaux's Laurent Koscielny of PSG.

"When you lose points and games then your confidence can quickly disappear but they are great players and they are capable of overcoming that."

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India to host Commonwealth shooting, archery events

India will host the Commonwealth shooting and archery championships in January 2022 and the medals from the two events will be counted in the final tally of the Birmingham Games, an unprecedented move approved by the CGF.

However, the medals will be added one week after the conclusion of the multi-disciplinary sporting event in Birmingham, the

Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) announced on Monday.

The decision was made at the CGF's Executive Board meeting here from February 21 to 23.

It can be considered a big win for India since it had threatened to boycott the Birmingham edition of the Games for dropping shooting, an optional sport, from the

roster. Archery is also another optional sport.

"A Commonwealth Archery and Shooting Championships is set to take place in India in 2022 after a proposal to stage the event was approved by the CGF Executive Board," the CGF said in a release.

The two events will be held in Chandigarh in January 2022 while the Birmingham

Commonwealth Games are scheduled from July 27 to August 7, 2022.

"The decision confirmed that Chandigarh 2022 and Birmingham 2022 will be two separately organised and funded Commonwealth Sport events. "One week following the Closing Ceremony of Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, the CGF shall issue a medal table

that includes results from the Chandigarh 2022 Commonwealth Archery and Shooting Championships, as a further and final legitimate ranking of competing nations and territories from the respective competitions," the CGF added.

Rarely the sporting world has seen such an arrangement that the medals of championships held outside major

Games are counted in the final tally (of the main event).

National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) President Raninder Singh, who mooted the idea of the Commonwealth Shooting Championships, admitted that CGF's decision was a "unique and unprecedented development" as well as "truly a game changing methodology".

He was also candid in calling NRAI and IOA's proposal as "admittedly against the grain".



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