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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".

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who spoke both before and after the US President, hailed Trump's visit as a "new

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 our 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 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 Vivekanand.

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.

Marandi becomes BJP leader in House



BJP legislators unanimously elect Babul Marandi as Legislative Party Leader

ROSHAN KUMAR ■ RANCHI

Former State Chief Minister Babul Marandi was elected as BJP Legislative Party Leader on Monday. With the election of Marandi as BJP legislative party leader, who merged his 14-year-old party Jharkhand Vikas Morcha (Prajatantrik) with the BJP on February 17, he is likely to become the Leader of Opposition in House as after ruling party Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), BJP is second single largest party in House. After the appointment of Marandi as BJP leader in House the strength of BJP has gone up to 26.

Marandi, was elected unanimously as the BJP legislative party leader in presence of State BJP in-charge Om Prakash Mathur, BJP national general secretary Arun Singh, State BJP president Laxman Gilua and BJP national general secretary P. Murlidhar Rao who was made the observer for the election process.

BJP MLA from Rajmahal Anant Ojha proposed the name of Marandi, which was seconded by Khunti MLA and former Minister Neelkanth Singh Munda, Bokaro MLA Branchi Narayan and Jamua MLA Kedar Hazra. BJP national general secretary Arun Singh said, "The BJP lawmakers elected

Marandi as party legislative leader by raising their hands and they also gave in written electing Marandi as legislative party leader." Singh said the BJP legislators on Monday informed the Speaker about the election as Marandi as BJP legislative party leader, the BJP legislators after the election process in the evening submitted the letter to Speaker's chamber about the appointment of Marandi as BJP legislative party leader.

After the elections, the BJP had not elected its Legislative party head as it was kept vacant for Marandi. The Assembly polls concluded in December 2019 and post of Legislative party leader remained vacant for two months. Marandi returned to the BJP after 14 years in presence of Home Minister Amit Shah on February 17. The BJP made his joining a grant event in presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah and a galaxy of State BJP leaders.

When Jharkhand was carved out from Bihar in 2000, Marandi became the first Chief Minister of the State, but in 2003 he had to step down due to differences with central high command over domicile issue.

In 2006, Marandi formed his own party and since then he has been trying to find a base in the State. In 2009, his party won eleven Assembly seats, which

BJP National General Secretary Murlidhar Rao greets newly-elected Legislative Party leader of BJP Babul Marandi after Legislative Party meeting at BJP headquarters in Ranchi on Monday. State BJP in-charge Om Mathur, MP Sunil Singh are also seen in the picture Vinay Murlu / Pioneer

Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda greets newly-elected Legislative Party leader of BJP Babul Marandi at BJP headquarters in Ranchi on Monday Vinay Murlu / Pioneer

were reduced to eight in 2014. In 2019, his party managed to win only three seats.

The State BJP leaders have welcomed the election of Marandi as BJP legislative party leader. Former Chief Minister Raghubar Das congratulating the election of Marandi said, "The election of Marandi as legislative party leader is a welcome step. Marandi who is senior and experienced leader with brilliant oratory skills will raise public issue both inside the House and outside."

Former Chief Minister and Union Tribal affairs minister Arjun Munda too welcomed Marandi election of legislative party leader. Munda who could not attend the party legislative party meet in the evening reached BJP office and wished Marandi for becoming BJP legislative party leader.

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.



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 PTI

Traffic diversion, lockdown in Central, New, N-E Delhi Advisory issued

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Commuters travelling to Central, New Delhi and parts of North East Delhi should either start early from their homes or opt for alternative routes as the traffic movement will be hit in some parts of the city on Tuesday due to the high security measures put in place for US President Donald Trump's visit.

The US President will be visiting the national Capital along with his family members and high-level delegation on Monday night for which high security arrangements have been made and a few roads in the Lutyens' zone will be closed for the public and civilian traffic movement owing to the

security measures that have been put in place to ensure a trouble free visit of the visiting dignitary. Delhi Traffic Police official said.

The traffic advisory issued by the Delhi Police stated that owing to security reasons, traffic in areas of Delhi Cantt, Chanakya Road (NH 48), Dhaura Kuan, Chanakya, SP Marg, Ram Manohar Lohia hospital roundabout, and the adjoining area is likely to remain heavy on Monday evening.

"Necessary diversions as per the ground situation may also be put in place," it said. Further, from forenoon till around 4 pm on Tuesday, traffic is also likely to remain heavy in the parts of Motti Bagh, Chanakya, India Gate, areas around ITO, Delhi Gate and the adjoining areas of

central and New Delhi. Similarly, in the evening hours on February 25, traffic is expected to remain heavy in Chanakya, RML roundabout, Dhaura Kuan, Delhi Cantonment, Delhi-Gurgaon Road (NH 48).

Commuters have also been asked to check the Delhi Traffic Police's website and Twitter handle for updates on traffic diversions. "Necessary traffic diversions as per the ground situation may also be enforced. This is for information of motorists. They may keep these factors in mind while planning to travel in these areas. They may also contact Delhi Traffic Police website for getting updates. Citizens may get contact traffic police in its 24x7 helpline no +91-11-25844444 in case of any inconvenience," the advisory stated.

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.



Chairman, TRIFED, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India Ramesh Chandra Meera, TRIFED Regional Officer SK Raju meet with Chief Minister Hemant Soren for the upcoming 'Adi Mahotsav' to be held in Ranchi on 29 April 2020. Pioneer photo

Global markets down with coronavirus

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 sell-off 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 2,822.23, 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 going to take over elsewhere, dealing another blow to global growth," 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.

JMM, Congress target Marandi as BLP leader



PNS ■ RANCHI

Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) and Indian National Congress (INC) on Monday sharply reacted on announcement of Babul Marandi as leader of BJP legislative party (BLP) and demanded that Marandi should keep his stand clear on the issues, on which he attacked the former BJP led State Government.

Addressing a press meet JMM General Secretary, Sutriyo Bhattacharya said that Marandi should clear his stand on which he attacked on former State Government led by BJP during the tenure of the Raghubar Das Government. Marandi had accused of scam of 5,000 crores, now what will be his stand on this? Will Marandi support the Hemant Government, which is investigating the Raghubar Governments scam, he added.

The General Secretary asked whether Marandi supports the local policy of former State Government, in which it had set cutoff date of 1985 year where as when Marandi was CM, he brought Khaityan of 1932 would be required to give citizenship of the State. He further asked what will be stand of former Chief Minister on issues like cases of mob lynching and involvement of Hazaribagh MP, Jayant Sinha with these cases, criminal cases related Baghmara BJP MLA,

Dhullu Mahto, land acquisition issues of Adani Power Company in Godda.

Replying on a question Bhattacharya said that the State Government is serious on JPSC aspirants, who went to meet Chief Minister, Hemant Soren. Attacking on Former Chief Minister, Babul Marandi and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee (JPCC) said that the BJP has displayed its mental impoverishment when it could not choose a leader from its total 25 MLAs and it had to bring a leader from outside.

Criticising Marandi's inclusion as leader of opposition in BJP, JPCC Spokesperson Alok Kumar Dubey said that the BJP leaders of the State accepted Marandi as leader without heart. "Marandi received his share from the deal which took place between Marandi and top leaders of BJP during Lok Sabha elections.

The script was written by BJP former president, Amit Shah. Now the curtain from whole drama was raised and everything became clear," he added.

The party Spokesperson said that now it will be matter of time that the Court and Speaker of Assembly will take what decision on the issue as he joining BJP from outside. But JPCC hopes that he will not disrupt Assembly by creating brawl, he added.

CM provides relief to people through tweets

Instructs officials to help common man

PNS ■ RANCHI

Chief Minister Hemant Soren today instructed officials of various departments including Health Minister Banna Gupta to provide relief to people, who had appealed for the same to the CM through Twitter. The CM instructed the officials to provide all possible help to the common man. Soren directed the Deputy Commissioner Godda to remove the discrepancies in granting scholarship to students. The Chief Minister said that students should not face any problem in studies. They should get their right. A student of ITI, resident of Nodia in Podeyahat pan-

chayat of Godda district, Kundan Kumar, had tweeted to the Chief Minister that he has not received scholarship for the last two years. Scholarship from e-Kalyan Godda is not being accepted despite Aadhar card being linked. After this information, the Chief Minister asked the Deputy Commissioner Godda to provide information related to the scholarship.

Muniya, Basi and Sapphire were forced to live on the streets of Ranchi till few days ago. Now those old women have got a home. They have got a house, new clothes in place of torn old clothes, and new slippers in their feet which have become numb without slippers for years. Today, there are many blessings on their faces with pride. Muniya, Basi and Nilmani have reached the old age home in Itki, Ranchi, now they do not need to roam the



streets of Ranchi. Arrangements for proper treatment have also been made here.

Soren was told through a tweet that these three old women had come to eat at the langar organized at the PP compound. They are physically weak and helpless. For this,



the government should consider something. On getting the information of this matter, the Chief Minister directed the Deputy Commissioner of Ranchi to make arrangements for the stay of these mothers at

the earliest. On receipt of the Chief Minister's directive, the three ladies were provided the facilities. The CM today directed Deputy Commissioner Dumka to provide pension to 85-year-

old Naren Hansada of Mandarbani village in Shikaripada. The Chief Minister said that appropriate action should be taken to help his family. He was informed through a tweet that Naren Hansada's name is not in the BPL list, due to which he was denied pension. His daughters-in-law are also widows, they also do not get widow pension.

Soren, through a tweet, has requested Health Minister Banna Gupta to provide all possible help and treatment to the mother of ex-photo journalist Hardeep Singh. The Chief Minister was informed through a tweet that Hardeep Singh's mother has been in the trauma centre of RIMS for a week. Hardeep Singh's financial condition is not good, due to which he is facing difficulties in treating his mother.

Marandi on side, BJP to sharpen attack on Govt

PNS ■ RANCHI

The State BJP from Sadak to T Sadan (road to Assembly) will try to corner Grand Alliance government lead by Chief Minister Hemant Soren for its alleged failure to meet people's expectations. With the appointment of Babul Marandi as BJP legislative party leader, the Saffron party has got a leader who can read the pulse of people raising important issue which can bring discomfort for State Government. As Marandi has the habit of travelling the State BJP expects that he can reach out to people across the State.

Marandi, an affable, suave and soft in nature politician has been a loyalist of RSS. After the appointment as BJP legislative party leader he said, "Though I was out from BJP for past 14 years, I did not join any political party. I will work hard with full caliber to strengthen the party at grass root level."

Marandi's acceptability in party can be gauged from the fact that despite conclusion of State Assembly election for



two months, the BJP legislative party leader post was vacant for two months at the time when two senior leader such as former speaker and urban development minister CP Singh and former parliamentary affairs minister Neelkanth Singh Munda were present in the House.

The appointment of Marandi as BJP legislative party leader didn't go good with

many leaders as many leaders silently have expressed their displeasure over home coming of Marandi in BJP. On February 17, when JMM merger with BJP was done CP Singh despite having seat in the main dias preferred to sit near media gallery drawing media attention.

As the State Budget session is to commence on February 28, the BJP will take up issue as

spurt in naxal activities, Pathalgadi violence, and government's failure to meet the expectations of people. The opposition BJP is likely to raise the state government's reported move to roll back the 'Mukhya Mantri Krishi Ashirwad Yozana' (MMKAY). The MMKAY was launched by Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu on August 10 last year. The KAY, a flagship scheme of

the previous Raghubar Das government, helped farmers get a maximum of ₹25,000 - ₹5,000 per acre with the upper limit being five acres. Per annum in addition to Centre's ₹6,000 per annum under the kisan yojana.

A spurt in Naxalism in State will also be highlighted during the session. BJP national general secretary Arun Singh said, "The BJP will raise the issue of worsening law and order situation in State Capital. In last 56 days, the state has witnessed 20 Naxal incidents." It is around two months but the state government has failed to implement any out its poll promises and to hide its failure the Soren government is saying that the state exchequer is empty.

Sources said that after the appointment of Marandi as legislative party leader, the process for appointment of state president will gain momentum. Singh said, "The State BJP will get new president soon also the appointment of district presidents will be carried out."

Felicitation ceremony organised

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

A felicitation ceremony was organised at Shri Ramkrishna Sarada Ashrama (VCS), Hazaribagh for the young eco-warriors of the Ranchi under the 'Karo Sambhav School Programme'. Several schools were felicitated for their outstanding performance in electronic waste (e-waste) management under different categories on the successful culmination of five-month-long school programme.

The programme is aimed at building awareness on the critical issue of e-waste and inspiring students towards leading a sustainable lifestyle. Karo Sambhav, a Producer Responsibility Organisation (PRO), engages with school students and teachers in developing and implementing responsible e-waste management solutions across India.

No quota for Bihar residents in Govt jobs: HC



PNS ■ RANCHI

A larger bench of the Jharkhand High Court on Monday ruled that original residents of Bihar, including the ones living in Jharkhand, were not entitled to reservations in Government jobs in the State. Two of the three judges in the three-member-bench decided against giving reservation benefits to Bihar residents in Jharkhand.

Last year, an appellant orig-

inally from Bihar, Ranjit Kumar, had knocked the door of the court seeking reservation for the position of constable in Jharkhand police. Hearing the case, on October 18, 2019, the Jharkhand High Court had said that only original residents of Jharkhand were entitled for reservation in Government jobs in the State.

The appellant had said that he should not be denied reservation only on the basis of the fact that he is originally from

Bihar. On this, the bench ruled that no resident of any other State can get reservation benefits in Jharkhand under the State's policies. Jharkhand, earlier a part of united Bihar, became a separate State on November 15, 2000.

According to a report in an English daily, in March last year, a division bench of then Chief Justice Aniruddha Bose and Justice Ratnakar Bhengra had referred the matter to a larger bench. It had said that

the question remains answered on whether a person born prior to November 15, 2000 in erstwhile Bihar and falling in the reserved category should get reservation in Jharkhand or not. The court also said that the benefits, if any, cannot be decided by one of the two States unilaterally.

The court's decision on Monday will be applicable on all the people who are originally residents of Bihar, but are staying in Jharkhand.

The appellant, Ranjit Kumar had argued in the court that he has been living in Jharkhand since a long time and therefore he should be eligible for reservation in jobs.

His lawyer also said that Kumar belongs to a backward community as per the eligibility criteria for reservation in erstwhile and divided Bihar. The court's decision may also affect a large number of Biharis who have been living in Jharkhand since the days of erstwhile Bihar, sources said. Jharkhand still has a healthy population of Biharis, who were born within Jharkhand's periphery before it became a separate State.



Leader of Jai Prakash Narayan Movement and National President of National Voters Jagran Manch Nand Kumar Baghel meets with Chief Minister Hemant Soren in Ranchi on Monday

Grievance redressal boxes to be monitored by DSWO

PNS ■ RANCHI

The advisory board meeting of Childline was chaired by the Deputy Development Commissioner (DDC) Ananya Mittal in the State capital on Monday.

In the meeting it was decided that all district child welfare officers, CWC officials, members of the juvenile district board and all child welfare institutions will have a coordination meeting. It was also decided that Childline is to be involved in all crime meetings conducted by CID.

Issues related to missing children or those who come from Railway Childline, City Childline were discussed. The grievances and redressal boxes should be maintained and monitored at regular intervals.

All the complaints received should be dealt with at the earliest and in a proper way which it is to be done by Department of Social Welfare.

"Awareness about Childline 1098 needs to be created among every child in India. It was also decided to work together with allied systems like police, health care, juvenile justice, transport, education to create child friendly systems. There is also the need of a unit for the mentally challenged children on which action will be taken," DSWO Suman Singh.

The records of all the departments like police and labour department should share their data and work in coordination. At the offices of the Block Development Officers (BDO) a display board stating child



Governor Droupadi Murmu interacts with children at Shanti Swarup Vidyalaya at Simar Toli Kanke in Ranchi on Monday

marriage prohibition officer should also be installed. "To prevent child marriages, identity proofs will be required while getting wedding cards printed or booking other services for the marriage," said the official. For all the cases which come to Childline from rural areas the rural police stations will play a vital role. They have been directed to provide mobile vans.

District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO) Suman Singh, Child Welfare Committee (CWC) Chairperson Rupe Verma, CWC members Tanushree, Pratima Sinha, Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) Sadar Pammi Sinha, City coordinator Childline Ranchi Suradha and RINPAS Dr Amit Kumar were present with others in the meeting.

INBRIEF

CDM CRICKET TOURNAMENT ENDS

The 29th Chetan Devraj Memorial Cricket tournament concluded on 23rd February 2020. BIT Mesra emerged victorious after a stiff competition and became the undisputed champion of 29th Chetan Devraj Memorial Cricket Tournament. The closing ceremony which followed shortly was graced by the presence of the Chief Guest, Melbourne Commonwealth Games (2006) silver medalist Sumrai Tete, Chief Umpire, Chanchal Bhattacharya, and Dean Students' Welfare, Dr. Anand Kumar Sinha. Dhyan Chand awardee, Miss Tete encouraged the players and also gave away prizes to the winners. Dean Students' Welfare, Dr. Anand Kumar Sinha delivered a rousing speech and felicitated Sumrai Tete and Chanchal Bhattacharya. Dr. Mahendra Kumar, the Organising Secretary then divulged the gathering about the importance of this tournament and thanked the organisers for the successful conduction.



DPS Chas: 'Fee Waiver' for meritorious students

PNS ■ BOKARO

Delhi Public School, Chas has announced fee waiver to the meritorious students of Class 8, 9 and 10 for the academic session 2020-21.

Dr. Hemlata S. Mohan, Chief Mentor of DPS, Chas confirmed that the fee waiver to the meritorious students will be decided by the school management and authorities and could be a 100 per cent waiver of tuition fees who consistently scored 75 per cent marks in their final exams for the past three years.

We believe that each and every student is having some specific quality and deserves access to a high-quality education, one that is rich and full and helps them to reach their full potential, said Mohan.



Expressing happiness Mohan said, we have also got the affiliation for plus two (Class 11 and 12) from the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Delhi; admission procedures for class 11 are on for the academic session 2020-21.

The tuition fee waiver scheme will also be made available to Class 11 and 12 students who will clear their 10 Board

STUDENTS WILL BE DECIDED BY SCHOOL MANAGEMENT AND AUTHORITIES



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Cop, 3 men killed in riots over CAA

DCP from 10 policemen hurt in New Delhi

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 Jafraabad 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

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कार्यालय, नगर पंचायत, हुसैनाबाद, पलामू

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Cong leaders to skip banquet invite

Banquet hosted by Prez in Trump's honour

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Peved 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 skip the banquet invite.

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 is being invited to discuss 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.

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 also conveyed his regrets 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

Namaste Trump on line of Howdy Modi: BJP

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As the US President Donald Trump began his 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 the 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 and the larger 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 Sabarmatra in his limo 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 subcontinent, he 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 have 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 (COVID-19) 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 quater Vardhan as saying this. India's national carrier Air India has already evacuated around 640 Indians from Wuhan in two separate flights. The screening of passengers is being done in all 21 airports. 12 major and 65 non-major seaports and border crossings. 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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COVID-19 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 Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) network," said the Minister.

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

Regarding movement across Katarapur 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.

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

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 Thanjavur 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 acts 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. 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 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.

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 laws 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 PIL seeking probe into alleged discrepancies between the voter turnout figure and the number of votes counted in 347 constituencies during the 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

preserved for a period of one year as 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.

Applying 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 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 three crore ration cards across the country in the Supreme Court, asserting that it was ready to prove them wrong.

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 across the country 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 which she relied for 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 are not matching of Aadhaar details with her ration card.

He said the Centre would collate the responses of states and file a response.

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 Triendra 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



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State Government will extend all supports to the NHA for the construction of the elevated highway, Rawat said.

At present, the distance between Dehradun and Delhi is around 220 km. 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 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 inter-action... 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 States' reluctance to adopt the Central scheme and implementation hurdles like linking with Aadhaar persisting.

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 in many rural centres, and messy land record have slowed the programme. "Problems in Aadhaar authentication, or the process

of validating the biometric data of 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.

The data says, only 9 farmers registered from Adaman and Nicobar Islands; 123 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.

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

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 which are against a former JNU student leader and 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 should be issued. The plea should be followed in a particular case," the bench told lawyer Shashank De 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.

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

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 military 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 commander 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

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 Smta Gopal Chatteropadhyay, judicial officer, as a Judge of the Tripura High Court and advocate Athanem Bimol Singh as a Judge of the Manipur HC

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

CENTRE RESPONSIBLE FOR CAA CLASHES: YECHURY
New Delhi: CPI(M) general secretary Sandhu 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 Reddy, 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) S.A. 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.

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TRUMP'S INDIAN TOUR

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.

Trumps 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

Trump praises India's unity in diversity

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 asians 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.

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

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 'Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge' (DDLJ).

Addressing the 'Namaste Trump' event at the Motera Stadium here, the US president said people 'take great joy' in watching Bollywood films and understanding Indian culture through them.

"This is the country that produces nearly 2,000 movies a year from the hub of genius and creativity known as Bollywood," he told the gathering of about 100,000 people packed into the stadium.

"All over the planet people take great joy in scenes of bhanga, music and dance, romance and drama, and classic Indian films like 'DDLJ' and 'Sholay'," Trump said, referring to two of the biggest hits in Bollywood history.

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 1993 Shah Rukh Khan-Kajol-led '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 Bahubali.



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



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

People wear masks of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, US President Donald Trump at Sardar Patel Motera Stadium, Ahmedabad on Monday

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For and on behalf of UJVNL Ltd., Executive Engineer (Civil-I), UJVNL Ltd, Vyasji HEP, Lakshar Bhawan, Dakpathar, Dist-Dehradun invites e-tenders from interested bidders. Brief summary of tender is given below:

1. Identification No.: 08/UJNL/03/EE/Civil-I/VP/2019-20
2. Name of the supply: "Procurement of TMT bar of grade Fe-500 conforming to IS:1786 for Vyasji HEP in District-Dehradun (Uttarakhand).
3. Estimated Cost: Rs. 1,85,96,800/- (including all duties, freight charges and GST)
4. Earnest Money: Rs. 4,64,950/-
5. Tender Cost: Rs. 11,800/- (including 18% GST).
6. Period of Completion: As per schedule.
7. Date & Time of availability of bid document on the Portal: 24.02.2020 at 10:00 Hrs.
8. Last Date/Time for submission of online bid on the portal: 16.03.2020 up to 17:00 Hrs.
9. Last Date & Address for submission of offline original documents: 17.03.2020 up to 17:00 Hrs in Olo Executive Engineer (Civil-I) UJVNL Ltd, Vyasji HEP, Lakshar Bhawan, Dakpathar, Dist-Dehradun (Uttarakhand).
10. Date & time of opening of bid on the website: 18.03.2020 at 15:30 Hrs.
11. Name and Address of the Officer Inviting the bid: Executive Engineer (Civil-I) UJVNL Ltd, Vyasji HEP, Lakshar Bhawan, Dakpathar, Dist-Dehradun (Uttarakhand).
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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 unidentified male dead body was recovered near Nescafe canteen of GMC Jammu. Accordingly, an Inquest proceeding UO 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.

Description Roll:-
Age: About 45/50 years
Height: 5 feet 5 inch
Dress: Maroon colour shirt, Red/Black /White
Coloured Sweater and blue pant.
Contact/Telephone Numbers
1. DPO, Jammu: 0191-2547807, 0191-2561578
2. SSP Jammu Mail I.D.: sspjammu@jpkpolice.gov.in
3. PCR Jammu: 0191-2542000
4. SP City North: 0191-2547035
5. SP City West: 0191-2580251
6. P/S Bakshi Nagar: 0191-2580102

Sd/- Sr. Superintendent of Police,
Jammu

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'

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-

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.

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 his 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 N. Chandrababu Naidu 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?"

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11	HVPNL, ROHTAK	E-TENDER ENQUIRY NO. DATED 10.12.2019 (ONLINE TENDER ID: 2019_HBC_112890_11)	Corrigendum No.04, The last date of online bid submission is extended upto 25.02.2020 (13.00 hrs)	https://www.hvpng.org.in	0172-2583789 pp@hvpng.org.in	
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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 a Bahai 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 meeting held 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 Zafar Farooqui told reporters.

"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 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 board should try to 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 Dhanpur village in the Bahai 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 their rights," she tweeted.

Iltija has been tweeting from the US since her husband under 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 the Trump's event at Kashmir, Siddaramaiah tweeted.

Amid concerns raised by Opposition parties, the Government has said efforts have been made to restore normalcy in the valley, 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 Trump's visit.

President Donald Trump to get inspired from @narendramodi. Inspiration to build decorative walls to hide not so decorative life! he tweeted.

The Opposition Congress in Gujarat has 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 was 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 and 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. There 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 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 on Monday in the Ahmednagar and Amravati

districts of the state through video-conferencing from Mumbai.

The Chief Minister and his deputy interacted with loan waiver beneficiaries 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 and the Maharashtra Government plans to complete the entire loan waiver scheme in the next three weeks.

It is not clear yet as to how different is the 'Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Karj Mukti Yojana' from the Maharashtra government's dispensation's loan waiver scheme.

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 farmer.

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

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

Under the ₹34,022 crore 'Chhatrapati Shriji Maharaj Krishi Samman Yojana' announced by the previous Devendra Fadnavis Government, there were beneficiaries were 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 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 benefited from the Devendra Fadnavis dispensation's loan waiver scheme.

Unlike Delhi, Bengal BJP to focus on governance

SAUGAR SEWPTA ■ KOLKATA

Learning bitter lessons from Delhi Assembly elections, the Bengal BJP will desist from making hate speeches in the amended citizenship law 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 deterred 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 here 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 up a 20 km-morcha against CAA in Buldhana district in Maharashtra's Vidharba 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 Wagjhaj 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 text 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

Shoots of the Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) of the Kerala Police and National Investigation Agency are probing how Pakistan made bullets landed in the Kullathupuzha Forest region in Kerala district. A bunch of bullets with seals of Pakistan Ordnance Factory were found by locals in Kullathupuzha on Saturday and 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 comment.

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 Kalyikkavala by alleged Islamic terrorists.

The officials of Kerala Police ruled out the possibilities of the bullets being the same which were missed from the armoury 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 armoury of the Kerala Police in Thiruvananthapuram.

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

Investigating agencies are concerned about the location from where the bullets were found. "Kullathupuzha 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 Kullathupuzha 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.

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TENDER NO. 07 /PUR/GGSI/PU/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.government.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 - 110078
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) Technical bid (ii) Financial bid. Detailed specification of the items(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.government.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.government.delhi.gov.in.	

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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, Bhalaswa Dairy, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped from the area of PS Bhalaswa 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. Bhalaswa 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", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, ID Mark: A Mole on Chin, Wearing: Green Colour Suit & Blue Salwar with Cream Sweater.
Any person having information or clue about this missing/kidnapped girl may kindly inform to the following:-

SHO
P.S. Bhalaswa Dairy, Delhi
Ph. No: 011-27811933
E-mail: ctc@cbl.gov.in
Tel. No: 011-24368638/24368641
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, Build: 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
Ph. No: 011-23977100, 8750876121
DP/19/20/20(UIDB)

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that a boy (depicted in the photo), Namely: Arsan S/o: Amir Khan R/o: Jhuggi No. G-1019, Jahangir Pur, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 08.02.2020. In this regard a case vide FIR No. 58/2020 U/s 363 IPC dated 09.02.2020 has been registered at PS Jahangir Pur, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-

Age: 5 Years, Height: 91 cm, Complexion: Shallow, Build: Medium, Face: Oval, Wearing: Green and Red & white colour jersey and Green colour Pajamas.

Any person having any information/clue about this missing/kidnapped boy, may inform SHO, Jahangir Pur, Delhi at E-mail: ctc@cbl.gov.in or Website: http://cbl.nic.in

SHO
P.S. Jahangir Pur, Delhi
North-West Distl., Delhi
Ph. No. 011-27631600, 27636000
DP/9736/NW/2020

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL

General public is hereby informed that a girl Namely: Rajni D/o: Mahesh Mishra, R/o: 307, Ground Floor, Chandi Wali Gali, Mantola Pahari, Delhi, Age: 23 years, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Fair, Face: Long Build: Normal, Wearing: Pink Colour T-shirt & blue colour Jeans and Pink Colour Shoes, has been missing from P.S. Pahari Ganj, Delhi on dated 27.01.2020 at 10:300A.M.

In this regard DD No. 77-A, dated 27.01.2020, has been lodged at P.S. Pahari 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.

E-Mail: ctc@cbl.gov.in
Website: http://cbl.nic.in
Ph. No: 011-24368639
Fax: 011-24368639
DP/6912/CD/2020

SHO
P.S. Pahari Ganj, Delhi
Ph. 011-23520787
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DP/6912/CD/2020

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P.C

Whereas complaint has been made before me that Ajay S/o Sh Ramesh Kumar R/o: H.No.-669 Jundia 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 PS. 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, PS. 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,
1st Floor, Rohini Courts, Delhi
DP/993/ON/2020

SEARCH FOR MISSING BOY

General public is hereby informed that the one boy Namely: Suraj Yadav, S/o: Sh. Rajesh Yadav, R/o: H. No. 112, Krishna Gali, Pahari Ganj, Delhi, Age: 14 years, Height: 4'5", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Long, Build: 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. Pahari Ganj, Delhi.

In this regard a FIR No. 39/2020, U/S 363 IPC, dated 05.02.2020 has been lodged at P.S. Pahari 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.

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Website: http://cbl.nic.in
Ph. 011-24368639
DP/6928/CD/2020

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Indo-China row

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



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 fit-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.

A Constitution not so fragile

Proud, natural-born citizens of the country must see through the dubious plans of selective propaganda 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 of 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 to 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. Today, commercial films are made but hatred has turned into love.

Film-maker
—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 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.

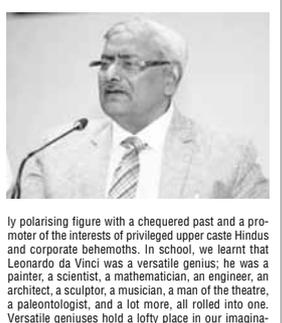
The land of the Government, public sector undertakings (PSUs) and cooperative institutions will be utilised for this purpose. The Government has decided to instruct local self-Government institutions to identify land in their areas alongside the State and national highways.

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 praises 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 glorifying Governmentors.

Now, a Supreme Court judge has joined the "Modi fan club." In elevating 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-



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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

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

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

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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 dictates. Obviously, if these amended rules were accepted, even 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-mindfulness.

In a show of extreme vindictiveness and an utter lack of empathy for the military community, and with complete disregard of 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 FADNIS

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, *Times of India*, 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 that the wealth of the 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.

Undoubtedly, 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 a 70 per cent guarantee is minimum return); so any level, however high, will 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-chemical sectors who have hugely benefited 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 are 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 into 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-Diary 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 it is siphoned off by the malice continued, a 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 too 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/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



SANTANU MISHRA

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 stepped up its 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. Sharp setbacks in its eradication coincided with DDT shortages and in the late '60s malaria cases 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. 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 to map 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 malaria 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. **Continuing 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 tripled 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 eradication 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)

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.

Meanwhile, 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 cranking 6.39 per cent, followed by ONGC, Maruti, Titan, CI 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 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 lower in the day. The stock exchanges in Europe and Milan in opening trade with Sank'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. In 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.

Foreign 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 restricted 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-off 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 Vik Sharma, Head P&G and Capital Markets Strategy, HDFC Securities.

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 Telecommunications to submit supporting documents on AGR self-assessment. It also 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

companies.

All three telecom companies Bharti Airtel, Vodafone Idea and Tata Telecommunications 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 audits on the AGR calculation in a time-bound manner.

Govt extends time till March 6 for bidders to pose queries on AI sale

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government has extended the time till March 6 for bidders to pose additional queries regarding sale of its 100 per cent stake in Air India. The Government has issued the first set of clarification on Air India disinvestment answering queries of interested bidders on the confidentiality undertaking listed out in

the Preliminary Information Memorandum (PIM) issued on January 27.

The last date for submission of written queries on PIM and Share Purchase Agreement (SPA) was originally set at February 11, following which the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) on February 21 issued a set of 20 clarifications on the queries raised.

Nobody wants to kill telecom sector: SBI chief

PTI ■ MUMBAI

With the telecom firms starting 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 stated 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 officials 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 sought 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 owed by telecom companies such as Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea, sources proxy 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.

In a 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

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 much faster pace than before.

"It 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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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.

\$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," said 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 Niti Aayog, and not the MCCI-organised session here, said.

India is "trapped" within a range-bound GDP growth of 5-6 per cent 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 agronomists 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. Vaid Prakash, CMD, MMTC, Ashwani Sondhi, Director - MMTC & P. Udayakumar, Director (P&M), NSIC were present on the occasion. The MoU was signed by Parmjeet 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 company-wide "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 competition 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 electric 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 established in the city of Yamuna. The 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.



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 Sudeh Kakkar R/o A-3/1D, Green Apartment, Paschim Vihar, Delhi has committed (or suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 13/18 U/s 323/452 IPC, P.S. Pachim Vihar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued by 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, P.S. 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. P.C
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely Babu Lal Meena S/o Rameshwar Lal, R/o Village Goliyawas, Post Bada Padampur, 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. P.S. 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 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 5'5", 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.
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

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. Paschim 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. Paschim 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

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, Build: 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://cbl.nic.in
E-mail: cbl@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639
Ph. No.: 011-24368638, 24368641
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, Build: Fair, Complexion: Fair, Wearing: Unknown Clothes 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 P.S. 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://cbl.nic.in
E-Mail Id: cbl@cbi.gov.in
Ph. No.: 011-24368639
PS. Jahangir Puri, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27636000, 27631600

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, Build: 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: cbl@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax: 011-24368639
P.S. Naraina, New Delhi
Ph. No. 011-25891181

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Suresh S/o Sh. Narain Singh R/o VIU, Farehpur, Post Office Taraganj, Byawas, Rajasthan has committed the offence FIR No. 21/12 U/s 457/380/511 IPC P.S. Maurya Enclave, Delhi & a warrant of arrest issued has been returned stating thereupon that the said Suresh cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Suresh has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).
Proclamation is hereby made that the said Suresh accused of FIR No. 21/12 U/s 457/380/511 IPC P.S. Maurya Enclave, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on 08.04.2020.
By Order
Sh. Atul Krishna Agrawal,
Metropolitan Magistrate (North West Distt.),
Room No. 104, 1st Floor,
Rohini Courts, Delhi



HEALTH

ReduceStroke

Different types of food are linked to risks of different types of stroke, say researchers, adding that higher intakes of fruit, vegetables and dairy products are linked to a lower risk of ischaemic stroke. However, greater consumption of eggs was associated with a higher risk of haemorrhagic stroke

DOCYARD
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APOLLO SPECTRA,
NEW DELHI



Keep a check on eyes

Beginning in the early to mid-40s, many adults may start to have problems seeing clearly at close distances, especially when reading and working on the computer. This is among the most common problems adults develop between ages 41 to 60. This normal change in the eyes' focusing ability, called presbyopia, will continue to progress over time.

Initially, you may need to hold reading materials farther away to see them clearly. Or you may need to remove your glasses to see better up close. Print in the newspaper or at a restaurant menu may appear blurred, especially under dim lighting.

If you already wear prescription glasses or contact lenses to see clearly in the distance, these changes in your near vision can be corrected by switching to bifocal or multifocal lenses. Fortunately, people with presbyopia now have many options to improve their vision.

During these years, schedule a comprehensive eye examination with your optometrist at least every two years to check for developing eye and vision problems. Don't rely on the limited driver's license vision test or other insufficient vision screenings to determine if you have an eye or vision problem.

Adults over 40 who have the following health or work issues may be particularly at risk for developing eye and vision problems:

- Chronic, systemic conditions such as diabetes or high blood pressure.
 - A family history of glaucoma or macular degeneration.
 - A highly visually demanding job or work in an eye-hazardous occupation.
 - Health conditions related to high cholesterol, thyroid, anxiety or depression, and arthritis for which you take medications. Many medications, even antihistamines, have vision side effects.
- Just like your body, your eyes and vision change over time. While not everyone will experience the same symptoms, the following are common age-related vision changes:
- **Need for more light.** As you age, you need more light to see as well as you used to. Brighter lights in your work area or next to your reading chair will help make reading and other close-up tasks easier.
 - **Difficulty reading and doing close work.** Printed materials can become less clear, in part because the lens in your eye becomes less flexible over time. This makes it harder for your eyes to focus on near objects than when you were younger.
 - **Problems with glare.** When driving, you may notice additional glare from headlights at night or sun reflecting off windshields or pavement during the day. Changes in your lenses in your eyes cause light entering the eye to be scattered rather than focused precisely on the retina. This creates more glare.
 - **Changes in colour perception.** The normally clear lens located inside your eye may start to discolour. This makes it harder to see and distinguish between certain colour shades.
 - **Reduced tear production.** With age, the tear glands in your eyes will produce fewer tears. This is particularly true for women experiencing hormone changes. As a result, your eyes may feel dry and irritated. Having an adequate amount of tears is essential for keeping your eyes healthy and for maintaining clear sight.

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SUMMERCoolERS

ORANGE: Oranges are a type of low calorie, highly nutritious citrus fruit. As they are rich in Vitamin C they help in maintaining clear glowing skin. They also help in maintaining the blood pressure levels as they contain no sodium. Oranges also support heart health as they are a good source of fibre and potassium. They also have high water content and thereby keeps the body cool and hydrated in summers. They also have the ability to make your

hair look shiny, bouncy and voluminous and at the same time also imparts hair growth. Oranges are full of nutrition and therefore they also help in alleviating stress. They are also said to help fight cancer. In all, oranges makes for a must eat fruit.

Make water your best friend. Make sure to drink at least eight to 10 glasses of water everyday if not more. This will help in retaining moisture and will keep your body hydrated thereby locking in the skin's moisture to avoid dryness.

LISTEN TO SKIN CALL

India accounts for 58% of total leprosy patients around the world. The reason being lack of awareness of the disease. DR RITUPURNA DASH tells you ways to identify and treat it



Leprosy is an infectious disease which is also known as Hansen's Disease. It is caused by a bacteria called *Mycobacterium leprae* and mainly affects the skin, peripheral nerves and the eyes. The initial symptoms usually are loss of sensation on the affected area of the skin along with discolored patches on the body or painless ulcers which if left untreated can lead to permanent disability like disfigurement of hands and feet, loss of sensation and blindness.

Leprosy is still one of the most misunderstood diseases in the world and hence poses many unique challenges in controlling and eliminating it. Leprosy was declared as 'eradicated disease' in 2005, but India still accounts for the maximum number of people to be affected by leprosy in the world; 58 per cent of the total people globally suffering from leprosy are in India. The disease is still widespread in many parts of the country due to lack of awareness, socio-economic myths and beliefs and associated stigma. These commonly lead to delayed care seeking and treatment completion. Further major concerns include prevalence of leprosy among children, undetected new cases and problems with leprosy integration.

In India, people with leprosy frequently present in late stages of disease progression and usually with eye complications leading to blindness.

Treatment

It is important to understand the symptoms and immediately consult the skin specialist for diagnosis. Based on the level of disease progression, the doctor will prescribe the appropriate treatment. The medication and condition varies from person to person and can only be planned with the initial diagnosis.

Treatment is quite effective if started in the initial stages, and hence timely diagnosis and treatment is important. Steroids may be given to minimise pain and acute inflammation. Majority of the cases can be treated with antibiotics only.

Depending on the stage, the dosage of the medication may vary. According to WHO, Leprosy is classified into two

types — paucibacillary and multibacillary, and hence the medications also differ. The course of the medication is usually for six to 12 months to completely cure the condition. Upon successful course completion, the bacteria is completely eliminated from the person's body and further disease progression and damage is averted. But, the damage undergone already is not reversible with medications.

In such conditions, surgical intervention may be helpful to restore functions like movement-related issues, neurological problems, and cosmetic repair. Surgery is usually individualised and can restore the limb and neural functions lost in the course of the ailment.

DadiKa Kehna

Dry, flaky and rough skin are a part and parcel of summers. ROSHNI DEVI shares home remedies that will help keep your skin hydrated during the season

Keeping your skin hydrated and smooth is not a very challenging task. The scorching heat leaves you stone unturned to make you feel dehydrated, retaining moisture becomes a tedious task. Here are a few ways to retain your skin's moisture without spending a bomb on several cosmetics.

Use glycerin. One can directly dab a cotton ball into glycerin and apply it all over the face during night. It will help to keep your skin hydrated. If you have oily skin, you can also add few drops of lemon juice into it to avoid making your skin look extra oily.

ment is initiated early enough. However, if treatment is delayed or discontinued mid way, complications may manifest. Sensory loss (usually beginning in the extremities), permanent nerve damage (usually, again, in the extremities), muscle weakness and progressive disfigurement (for example, eyebrows lost, disfigurement of the toes, fingers, and nose) are some common complications. In addition, the sensory loss causes people to injure body parts without the individual being aware that there is an injury. This can lead to further problems such as infections, poor wound healing and ulcers. A condition called erythema nodosum leprosum (tender skin nodules accompanied by other symptoms like fever, joint pain, neuritis, and edema) is also encountered as a complication needing immediate attention.

Risks of transmission

Leprosy has low transmission rate. However, people of all age groups and gender are susceptible to develop leprosy. Transmission occurs only with close contact with the one suffering from leprosy. The risks also are raised to up to 10 times to develop and spread leprosy. The major concerns of developing and transmitting new cases of leprosy especially in India include — reduced functioning of the immune system due to malnutrition, related illness or ailments and, due to genetic conditions.

It is very crucial to develop a comprehensive approach to combat leprosy. Some of these include educating public through awareness campaigns, programmes on sustainable livelihood and skill training for the affected people (economic maintenance and interventions to counter social stigma (social mainstreaming).

The writer is MBBS MD (Dermatology, Leprosy & Venereology)

encountered problems. The complications of leprosy depend on how early it is detected and effectively treated. Very few complications occur if treat-

TIPTOP

The latest findings of India Diabetes Care level decreased to 8.47 from 8.76 during October to December 2019 as compared to the preceding quarter in Delhi. The overall HbA1c level decreased to 8.37 from 8.52 as compared to the preceding quarter in the country. The average postprandial glucose level, i.e. the average 'post-meal' glucose level was recorded at an alarmingly high 246.69 mg/dL. Uncontrolled diabetes is known to increase the risk of cardiovascular diseases (CVD) by 2 to 4 times.

The India Diabetes Care Index, a part of the 'Impact India: 1000-Day Challenge' programme by Novo Nordisk Education Foundation studies the blood glucose levels across cities through various parameters.

Speaking about the status of Diabetes control in Delhi, Dr Ambrish Mithal, Chairman and Head of Endocrinology and Diabetes at Max Healthcare Hospitals, Delhi said: "We are happy that there is a marginal decrease in the HbA1c level as compared to the last quarter. However, this marginal reduction in HbA1c can be further improved if we avoid the intake of high refined carbohydrate. This high carbohydrate content leads to high post meal sugar values. Post-meal spikes are known to increase the chances of cardiovascular diseases. We need to concentrate on addressing both fasting and post-meal glucose levels across all HbA1c levels. For this, people with diabetes should follow the right diet, exercise daily and deregular consultation with their doctors."

SLIMLINE

Feroza Sarwari, a 70 year-old resident of Afghanistan who was suffering from rare form of tumour in the chest, was successfully treated by Dr Suresh Singh Naruka, Consultant, ENT, Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals along with his team of doctors who performed a highly complicated retro sternal hemi thyroidectomy surgery to remove the tumour from her chest.

Sarwari was presented with a history of swelling in the neck accompanied by difficulty in breathing and swallowing. Post-

evaluation it was revealed that she had developed a massive tumour in the chest, which seemed to be arising from the thyroid gland.

After thorough evaluation, a multi-disciplinary effort was adopted for treatment with team of doctors from various specialties. Dr Anand Kishore, senior consultant surgeon, ENT, Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals said: "This was a case of rare tumour and required the combined efforts of multidisciplinary team of doctors."

MEDITATE TO FIGHT STRESS

While much needs to be done to transform our education system to meet the needs of all, it is equally important to teach our children ways to manage stress, says DR PRAKRITI PODDAR

Data compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) shows that almost 28 student suicides were reported in India in 2018, translating into one suicide every hour. It is a tremendously worrying indicator for a country to lose its valuable young resource to suicides emanating from pressures of education. Critics have time and again pointed out that our education system tends to judge widely different students on single line parameters, which is unfair. While much needs to be done to transform our education system to meet the needs of all types of students, it is equally important to teach our children the art of taking stress in their strides. It is also important for parents to not impose the burden of unreasonable expectations on their children.

Steps have been taken over the past decade to make Board examinations less daunting for students. These include more focus on conceptual questions rather than long descriptive ones and making Class X Boards optional for students. Yet, children preparing for Boards examination often end up getting overwhelmed ahead of the examination season. Some students tend to experience episodes of anxiety and sleeplessness and even nervous breakdowns. This condition is compounded by constant scrutiny by parents, teachers and acquisitive relatives as well as constant comparisons with peers.

If you are a student preparing for Boards examination, here is a list of useful suggestions to help you cope with the pressure:

- Treat Boards like any other exams. Board exams are just another exam based on the syllabus you have already studied. Train your mind to internalise the fact that these are just another exams. You have been there, done that.
- Avoid comparisons with peers.
- Give your mind an outlet. It is recommended that you must give yourself short breaks every now and then. Engage in activities that divert your mind from studies and helps it to unwind.
- Learn meditation and mind calming exercises to manage stress.

Here are a few such techniques that can help invoke a relaxation response:

- **Breathing exercises:** Taking slow, deep and long breaths helps to relax. Firstly, it counteracts the shallow breathing that comes with stressful state of mind and helps oxygen fill your lungs. Secondly, it helps divert your mind from the stressful thoughts and helps usher in a more relaxed state of mind.
- **Mindfulness:** Practicing mindfulness is another way to beat the stress response. Mindfulness implies focusing every moment on what you are doing, rather than letting stray thoughts creep into your mind. So, if you are eating, concrete on every bite; if you are bathing, focus on every exercise during the bath. However, this doesn't happen overnight. You have to train your mind into practicing mindfulness every minute of the day.
- **Meditation:** Meditation is another widely used technique to fight off stress. If you start your day by meditating for a few minutes, you will see that your mind is less distracted, less anxious and better focused on the job. Sit on your table every morning, close your eyes and just concentrate on a random point in space-time.

STUDYCENTRE

E-cigarette users are exposed to increased concentrations of potentially harmful levels of metals that are linked to elevated oxidative DNA damage, a new study has found.

For the study, published in the journal *BMJ Open Respiratory Research*, researchers found that the biomarkers, which reflect exposure, effect, and potential harm, are both elevated in e-cigarette users compared to the other groups and linked to metal exposure and oxidative DNA damage.

"Our study found e-cigarette users are exposed to increased concentrations of potentially harmful levels of metals — especially zinc — that are correlated to elevated oxidative DNA damage," said the study's lead researcher Prue Talbot from University of California in the US.

Zinc, a dietary nutrient, plays key roles in growth, immune function, and wound healing. Too little of this essential trace element can cause death; too much of it can cause disease.

Its deficiency, as well as its excess, cause cellular oxidative stress, which, if unchecked, can lead to diseases such as atherosclerosis, coronary heart disease, pulmonary fibrosis, acute lymphoblastic leukemia, and lung cancer.

For the study, researchers have examined and quantified urinary biomarkers of effect and potential harm in relation to metals in e-cigarette users.

"Excess of zinc in their bodies can lead to nausea and diarrhea," Talbot added.

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 will 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 Democratic rival in the 2016 presidential poll on the

Sanders: Would absolutely use military if needed

Washington: Democratic candidate Bernie Sanders has said that if elected president he would 'absolutely' use the military to support his 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 is the first 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 things against the people of the world that we will not sit by and allow invasions to take place, absolutely."

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."

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

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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 an order 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 is the epicentre of the coronavirus outbreak.

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it was issued by a subordinate working group of the city's district-level coronavirus control committee without their superiors' approval, Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post reported.

The disease control command said it would reprimand 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.

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 Ferozuddin 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.

Fifth death in Italy as infections mount

Casapusterleno (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.

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 "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 nation'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 closest ally 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 uncertain on 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), 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 coalition of 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.

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 front-runner, viewed as more moderate than his 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.

Iran denies virus coverage and claim of 50 deaths

Tehran: Iran's government is adamant 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 been adamant after 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

Iraq confirms first case

Najaf (Iraq): Iraq on Monday confirmed its first 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, has been hit hard by coronavirus 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 seminar student in Najaf was the country's first confirmed case.

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'.

AXIS BANK Retail Asset Centre, Delhi: Lower Ground Floor and Upper Ground Floor, Himalaya House, K.G. Marg, Delhi-110011. Also at Axis Bank Ltd, Axis House, Tower T-2, 2nd Floor, 3, Connaught Place, New Delhi-110029.

POSSISION NOTICE UNDER SARFARSI ACT 2002

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Axis Bank Ltd under the Securitization, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(1) read with Rule 8 of the Securitization (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued deemed 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 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 them here under Section 13(a) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the below-mentioned details:

The Borrower(s) Co-Borrower(s) Guarantor(s) Mortgagee(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Axis Bank Ltd.

The Borrower(s) Co-Borrower(s) Guarantor(s) Mortgagee(s) attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (b) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of avoidance, as included in the second annexure.

Name of Borrower / Co-borrower	Description of Property	1.Date of Demand Notice	2.Date of Possession
M/S. Elegant Surveyors, A Proprietorship Concern of KC Sharma having office at - BFH-33 2 nd Floor, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi - 110088	Immovable Asset: Equitable mortgage of Commercial Property at - BFH-33 2 nd Floor, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi - 110088	1. 01-Dec-19	2. 18-Feb-20
Also At: - 127F-77-78, 12 th Floor, Aggarwal, Millennium Tower-18, Netaji Subhash Place, Patliputra Delhi - 110034	Covered Area of Approx. 1204.00 Sq Ft. or 111.84 Sq Mtrs part of these hold Commercial Property at - E-4, Netaji Subhash Place, Patliputra District Centre (Browns Harpata, 110030)	1. 01-Dec-19	2. 18-Feb-20
M/S. Kallash Chander Sharma, Tower - II, E-4, Netaji Subhash Place, Patliputra District Centre (Browns Harpata, 110030)	110034 Owned by M/S. Kallash Chander Sharma, Tower - II, E-4, Netaji Subhash Place, Patliputra District Centre (Browns Harpata, 110030)	1. 01-Dec-19	2. 18-Feb-20
M/S. Kallash Chander Sharma, At - BFH-33 2 nd Floor, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi - 110088	As per the sale Deed	1. 01-Dec-19	2. 18-Feb-20
M. Anil Sharma, S/o: Mr. Kallash Chander Sharma, R/o-367, Jagat Colony, Bhimsen Harpata, 27021	As per the sale Deed	1. 01-Dec-19	2. 18-Feb-20
Mr. Aman Sharma, S/o: Mr. Kallash Chander Sharma, At - BFH-33 2 nd Floor, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi - 110088	As per the sale Deed	1. 01-Dec-19	2. 18-Feb-20

The above-mentioned Borrower(s) Co-Borrower(s) Guarantor(s) Mortgagee(s) are hereby given a 30 days Notice to repay the amount, with the mortgagee guarantors 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, Build: Medium, Identification Mark: Black Mole on left side face, Wearing: Brown Colour Jacket and Grey Pant, UIDB No.: UIDB-20-SM-005.

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

SHO Police Station, Subzi Mandi, Delhi DP/13/N/2020(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 Bagh P-S-Balesar, Balesar Orissa, Age - 13 Years has been reported missing from the area of P/S 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 Zippnet No.: MWDCN202000. His physical description is as under- Complexion: Shallow, Height: 4'6", Build: Slender, Eyes: Medium, Hair: Straight, 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: tc@cbi.gov.nic.in or website: <http://cbi.nic.in> Tel: 011-24236838 or 24368641. SHO Fax No.: 11-24236839 P.S., Kirti Nagar, Delhi DP/12/WD/2020 Ph: 011-25438719, 8750871126

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 send support "in order to assist their services are required", spokesman Chandana Wickremesinghe 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to general public that M/s Vee Ess Caplin Pvt. Ltd., CIN No. UT4899DL1995PT701485 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 Prateek Singh (Director)

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, DELHI

4TH FLOOR, REVVA TARA BUILDING, PALAMU STREET, NEW DELHI - 110011

Q.No. 589/19 Corporation Name Versus Applicant

M/s. Anand Kumar Singh & Co. ... Respondent

Defendant

1. M/s. Anand Kumar Singh & Co. R/o. Ramnagar Singh 2. M/s. Netai Singh & Co. Anand Kumar Singh both at 40, Connaught Place, New Delhi-110029

3. Anand Kumar Singh & Co. (Respondent) 4. Anand Kumar Singh & Co. (Respondent) 5. Anand Kumar Singh & Co. (Respondent) 6. Anand Kumar Singh & Co. (Respondent) 7. Anand Kumar Singh & Co. (Respondent) 8. Anand Kumar Singh & Co. (Respondent) 9. Anand Kumar Singh & Co. (Respondent) 10. Anand Kumar Singh & Co. (Respondent)

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 the following vehicles:

Interested parties may submit their sealed bids on or before 12 March 2020 at 12:00:00 hours (14:30 hrs).

Bids will be opened on 12 March 2020 at 12:00:00 hrs. in the presence of all the bidders.

The High Commission reserves the right to approve the bid quotes & also reserve the right to reject any bid with no liability on the part of the High Commission. The interested parties may submit their sealed bids on or before 12 March 2020 at 12:00:00 hours (14:30 hrs).

Interested parties are advised to obtain particulars about the vehicles from the following address:

Chandigarh Bahar Third Secretary (Finance & Accounts) High Commission for Pakistan, 200-C, Shaheed, Chandigarh. (Ph: 011-2658186, Fax: 011-2659239) Web: www.hcpc.gov.in Email: pakistan@gmail.com

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 (GCE) with 48 documented cases of coerced sterilisation.

GCE 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," GCE head Kekeiso 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.

Govt. of Bihar

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
NIT NO. - 13/PR/SBPDL/2020

South Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited (SBPDDL), 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 (SBPDDL) 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 (SBPDDL) and North Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited (NBPDCL)"	Rs. 11,74,760 Lakh only	Rs. 15 thousand only

Period of Sale/download of RFP document: From 05/03/2020 to 25/03/2020 (up to 15:00 Hrs.) through website www.eproc.bihar.gov.in

Submission of bid in soft-copy: Up to 25.03.2020 (up to 15:00 Hrs.) will be paid (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) as 15,000 Online as a cost of Tender document through online portal and Bank Guarantee / Demand Draft of Rs. 11,74,760 Lakh only (Rupees Eleven Lacs Seventy Four Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty only) need to be paid as Bid Security (Earnest Money Deposit) in the form of Bank Guarantee/Demand Draft in favour of "Senior Manager (F&A), South Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited" in a separate envelope.

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

The RFP documents can be downloaded from website www.eproc.bihar.gov.in. Submission of RFP documents must be accompanied with receipt of payment towards cost Tender document and Bank Guarantee / Draft for EMD in favour of "Senior Manager (F&A), South Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited", failing which the bid shall be summarily rejected. Original Bank Guarantee/Draft is required to be submitted in the office of Chief Engineer (Project-I) Urban, SBPDDL, Viduthi Bhawan, Patna, Bihar before 15:00 hrs. on 26.03.2020.

Chief Engineer (Project-I), Urban, South Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited

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Trend Slazer

Deepika receives flak over '83 tweet

Bollywood actor DEEPIKA PADUKONE faced a backlash over her tweet on the role of Romi Dev in the forthcoming film '83.

The actor posted her look as Romi on February 19. It was the tweet that accompanied the post that didn't go down well with social media users.

"To be able to play a small part in a film that captures one of the most iconic moments in sporting history has been an absolute honour. I've seen very closely the role a wife plays in the success of her husband's professional and personal aspirations in my mother and '83 for me in many ways is an ode to every woman who puts her husband's dream before her own," she captioned the image.



'Some stories really encompass life. The story of two youngsters falling in love in Chhaju Ke Dahi Bhalle, the dark reality of a married couple in Sleeping Partner or Pinni or Thappad really show some real moments of life. While Thappad is a story of children, Pinni is the story of an elderly lady. That is the power of a short story.'

—Guneet Monga

Actor HRITHIK ROSHAN came in support of an individual who was asked to not to give a presentation in class due to stuttering issue. The actor said that stuttering should never hold him back from dreaming big.



A social media user wrote: "My cousin was giving a presentation in his class when the HOD/lecturer told him 'if u cannot speak properly you shouldn't study.' He hasn't come out of his room since this incident."

Hrithik took to Twitter and wrote: "Please tell your cousin that that professor and his judgement both are irrelevant."

Chris to visit India in March

Hollywood star CHRIS HEMSWORTH is all set to visit India for the promotional tour of his forthcoming action film Extraction.

He will visit Mumbai along with director Sam Hargrave, on March 16. The film also stars Indian actors Ranveer Hooda and Pankaj Tripathi.

Hemsworth shot for the Netflix film in India in 2018.

It revolves around Tyler Rake (Chris Hemsworth), a fearless, black market mercenary, who embarks on the most deadly extraction of his career when he's enlisted to rescue the kidnapped son of an imprisoned international crime lord.



In a last-minute change, Giorgio Armani is holding his Milan Fashion Week runway show behind closed doors due to concerns raised by the coronavirus and instead stream the event from inside the empty showroom.

The fashion house said "the decision was taken to safeguard the well-being of all his invited guests by not having them attend crowded spaces."

A dozen towns in northern Italy have gone on effective lockdown after the deaths of two people infected with the new virus from China. Milan is the capital of Italy's Lombardy region, which reported 54 confirmed cases. It's mayor recently shuttered public offices. Bites runway shows continued apace for their fourth day, with most of the fashion crowd taking an analytical attitude to the rapidly spiking infections. "For the moment the situation is under control," said the president of the Italian National Fashion

Where's the audience?

Armani holds runway show in an empty theatre due to virus



Chamber, Carlo Capasa. He added it was up to government officials or fashion houses themselves to decide if additional measures were needed.

Armani was forced to show behind closed doors one other time, in Paris in 1998, when officials said there were insufficient safety exits inside a huge tent

being used as the venue to allow the public to attend. Only his team and one video camera was present, and a video of the show was later distributed to fashion editors. Armani later showed the entire collection in New York in protest, claiming that fashion world politics and not just safety concerns had led to the officials' call.

On Saturday, Mido, eyewear industry fair, announced that it would postpone the gathering scheduled for February 29 to March 2 until June due to concerns over the virus. "The evolution of this health crisis under way in our country does not leave any doubt over our decision," MIDO president Giovanni Vitaloni said in a statement.



PASSION NEVER FAILS YOU

Actor-director RENUKA SHAHANE's web series *Starting Troubles* shatters the myth of focussing only on one aspect of career and asks people to pursue their passion they dreamt of as kids. By TEAM VIVA

Have your childhood dreams turned into a reality today? Do you think you have been able to accomplish most of what you had imagined as a kid? Has your passion of being a football player or a contemporary dancer fulfilled?

Starting Troubles, a medical humour by stand-up comedian, author and doctor Jagdish Chaturvedi, aims to shatter the myth that 'if we want to be successful, we should focus on only one thing in life', a mindset that has restricted millions from living their dreams while they continue their jobs. People usually stop acting, dancing or singing and sacrifice their interests they dreamt about as children or even if they pursue their passion, they are judged and called unfocussed and confused.

From Pooja Bhabhi of *Hum Aapke Hain Kaun* to Dr Kavita Gowda, actor Renuka Shahane shares about her long gap, the digital wave and her latest web series.

Medical dramas are usually serious. We mostly look at it as something about health and serious issues and never through a humouristic point of view...

Yes. This is the most common mindset when there's anything related to doctors or a medical series. And this is exactly what we wanted to break through our series. Even the script doesn't have a linear narrative, the story keeps going back and forth, which made it more interesting. It was all fun. The atmosphere on the set was very relaxed, we were mostly laughing on something or the other. And I think that as actors it is important to enjoy your script.

What would you say about your character in the series? How challenging was it to carve yourself as Dr Kavita?

I play a very strict doctor and expect a certain level of professionalism from my interns and resident officers. But as the story moves forward one will see that the doctor is the guiding force of all the students who want to do something different in life.

The challenge in playing this role was to have a command over the medical jargon. When you watch international series like *Grey's Anatomy* and others, you will notice that the actors are very fluent with medical terms. But here that's not the case as we don't have too many medical dramas. Dr Chaturvedi is a practising surgeon, so he made sure that we got the terms right. After the rehearsals he even said that I sound like his mentor. That genuinely made me happy.

If there is a remake of *Hum Aapke Hain Kaun*, would like to play Pooja again?



I will always cherish this role but I don't see myself playing Pooja in the remake. However, I would love to see Alia Bhatt playing Madhuri's character.

The market for bold content on digital space is growing. Will we see you in

any such shows? Yes, there is a growing market for erotic content now but I don't see myself doing it, though I don't mind if other actors from the same show are comfortable doing it. It also depends on what the story demands. I am very old-school, a lot of people are



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comfortable doing it but not me.

Your last directorial *Rita* released 10 years ago and there have been intervals between your acting projects. People have been wondering about this long gap...

For me, it is very important to balance everything, both home and work. That's why this gap. I am not the kind of person who can do too many things simultaneously. It's important for me to be there for my kids. And it's not something imposed on me or I feel bad about, this is a choice I made when I had kids and I'm happy about it. Now that they are grown ups so I will find more time to do things. Though, it's very difficult to maintain a balance.

We haven't seen you playing a comic role before. How was it exploring the genre?

It's nice to explore that part of you because as an actor you are not offered such roles quite often. I like playing characters which have a little bit of humour in it. Whether it's *What the Folks* (2018) or *Starting Troubles*, you are catering to the youth so it has to be catchy and funny.

How do you find web stories different from stories?

The biggest difference between the theatres and web series is the freedom that the latter offers. It doesn't confine you and gives the freedom to express as many stories and emotions you want to. There is a lot of scope too. Also, if you decide to make something slightly unconventional, people have to decide whether they want to take the risk or not.

A literary escape

Bestselling young adult authors are aiming at older readers

After gaining millions of young readers for her *Divergent* fantasy series, Veronica Roth decided she and her characters were ready for the next phase — a novel for adults.

"I grew up on stories like *Dune*, *Harry Potter*, and *Ender's Game* about people who shoulder burdens when they're too young to bear them," says Roth, who tells the story of Sloane Andrews and her fellow fighters against the havoc of the Dark One in *Chosen Ones*, scheduled for April. "So the question of what comes after those stories isn't just nagging me. *Chosen Ones* is about that after — about a group of 30-somethings who saved the world when they were younger, and they're still dealing



with the repercussions of it." Roth, Tochi Onyebuchi and Sarah J Maas are among several writers popular with young people who have books out this year. Some have never written for adults, while others move freely among teens and older readers. All are navigating one of the more complicated paths in publishing — how to consciously appeal to different audience for different books, from the use or absence of profanity to the choice of subject matter and how to present it. The histo-

ry is mixed: Judy Blume and Neil Gaiman are among those who have succeeded well, while others, including Daniel Handler and Stephanie Meyer, never fully caught on with adults. Roth's first *Divergent* book came out in 2011, and she reasons that enough of her original readers have reached an age that they'll be open to a mature approach. She considers her new work a "pretty natural" moment in her career, when you "get curious about other genres, other types of writing," Onyebuchi had published



Beasts Made of Night and *Crown of Thunder* before completing his first book for adults, *Riot Baby*. It is set in part around the 1992 Los Angeles riots following the acquittal of policemen who beat Rodney King. *Riot Baby* is a dystopian fantasy about Kev, who has been jailed in Rikers Island, and his sister Ella, who holds the power and the horror of seeing the future. A graduate of Yale University and Columbia Law School, another school, Onyebuchi has worked in private and government law and thought a long time about

a book that could draw upon his education and background. He considers adult books his first passion but he found that writing for young people strengthened his storytelling, forcing him to write clearly and not "to obfuscate." For *Riot Baby*, he was able to expand upon that discipline. "I could be straightforward and short and concise, and I could have a lyrical style that abounded in subjunctive clauses," he said. "I didn't just have to be Hemingway. I didn't just have to be Faulkner. I could be both."

Maas, whose bestsellers for young people include the *Throne of Glass* fantasy series, has her debut adult book out in March. Her *Crescent City* series begins with *House of Earth and Blood*, in which protagonist Bryce Quinlan — with the help of a fallen angel — seeks to track down the killers of her closest friends. Maas said that the new series had been a secret "passion project" for years, an idea came to her when she was on a plane during a book tour, listening to the soundtrack from *Gravity*. "The epic scene that came to her became the ending of *House of Earth and Blood*. Bryce's age compelled Maas to think about a different readership.

"The moment Bryce Quinlan walked into my head, I knew she was in her early to mid-20s — a threshold for a story firmly in the adult range," says Maas, adding that the main difference between writing for younger and older people is in the language. "I will admit that I can now get away with quite a bit more swearing!"

VE Schwab, who writes adult and young adult novels, says she doesn't change her style or vocabulary. The difference is in her mindset. For her *Monsters of Verity* duology, she inhabits her 17-year-old self, a pretty angry teenager. For *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue*, an adult story coming in October about a woman who endures and is forgotten for centuries, she is closer to the person she is now.

"One of the primary themes in the book is this concept of 30 as a threshold for the true adulthood, the feeling like you look down for a moment, and when you look back up, everyone else has raced ahead, and you're still trying to get your bearings," she said. "I wrote it essentially for a version of myself who never found writing. If I hadn't become an author, these are the questions I'd be facing, this is how lost I would feel."



THE RHYTHM OF RENAISSANCE

Through a tableau of Biblical imagery, Mumbai-based artist MILBURN CHERIAN's series of artworks, *Living Between the Times*, reminds one of a Shakespearean tragedy and his other plays. By TEAM VIVA



Intricacy in an artwork certainly grabs a lot of eyeballs. Not only does it make one wonder about how it has been created, it also inspires the viewer to find a number of meanings layered within them. You will feel it while taking a walk around the solo exhibition, *Living Between the Times*, by Mumbai-based artist Milburn Cheriaan at the Visual Arts Gallery.

The collection of artworks is a suite of captivating images that seem to bridge many gaps through the gospel and speak to us about the unity of man and his many ways. "In an otherwise photographically real world, painting to me is an expression of my way of seeing things. It comes naturally to me," she says. Cheriaan had no formal training in painting. She had to depend on her com-

prehensive communication course from the National Institute of Design (NID), Ahmedabad, to learn the basics of art and aesthetics. She shied away from making a livelihood as a graphic artist after NID but knew that graphic designing taught you to "simplify things" and translate ideas easily. She says, "My thinking ran contrary to this. I realised later. I like doing just the opposite. I like detailing."

However, before the course, she had studied textile history and design, about which she says, "It was my launching pad into the world of art." It was then that her sister had gifted her a book on the works of Pieter Bruegel the Elder, an innovative Flemish Renaissance painter and printmaker, who is known for his sweeping landscapes and peasant scenes. She studied the

books on Bruegel and then bought more books and researched the works at length. "I analysed how he created his characters and combined the Carnival and the season of Lent in one art piece. I then looked at the Proverbs in the Bible and began painting. A lot of my learnings came from reading books and going through reproductions of several famous painters," she says.

Through rich and amusing narratives, Cheriaan reinvents Bruegel's works in a way that it makes one reminiscent of a Shakespearean tragedy and his other plays. Through images of Biblical relevance — Christ's Crucifixion and Proverbs — and rustic idylls, the images are far from beautiful but they reflect exquisite craftsmanship, which impel us to change how we experience the perspectives we share in art. Cheriaan, as an artist, connects not only with the humble human culture of the past but also recognises the culture of the poor and the underprivileged.

There is a certain sadistic element in most of her works, says art critics. Floating twisted torsos, with their hearts torn apart, dominate the canvas. She paints ghost-like creatures floating through air as if they were floating on water. Though various expressive faces, minute work on the dresses of her myriad figures, designs on the floor tiles, scene-depictions of a host of peasants and cultural symbols, her works boast of her love for detailing. Even though the paintings are filled with drama and the peasant characters tumble out of the past, art connoisseurs say that it's her patience and precision that give the artworks the rhythm of the Renaissance era.

She says that Salvador Dali, also known as the Master of Surrealism; Hieronymous Bosch and the German Romantic, Caspar David Friedrich have greatly influenced her style. Cheriaan also takes inspiration from nature. However, she says, "On canvas, you'll find only certain interpretations of that." She has earlier played around with softer colours and pastels, too. But here, she has switched to earthy colours and even chrome browns and mauves to create a rich prism of shades.

Her works teem with more than 200 people, all nestled close to each other. The average size is around 14x12 inches, while some are as small as 4x4 inches. *Earth and The Healing*, spread out to 61 inches. Cheriaan has also donated some of her paintings to charity and to organisations like the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, Cancer Patients Society, Khushi, SOS Villages in India and Save the Children Foundation.

Message for the heart

The permanent collection of the National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) has been brought down to the basement to give art lovers a glimpse of its archival importance, power and beauty," says DG Advaita Charan Gadaniyak as he walks towards the magnificent triptych of Tyeb Mehta, the *Shantiniketan* series created as far back as 1985-1986.

RAMCHANDRA GANDHI'S SVARAJ

One cannot forget Ramchandra Gandhi's *Svaraj* (2002). This grandson of Mahatma Gandhi had used artist Tyeb Mehta's *Shantiniketan Triptych* as the focal point of the book. Philosopher and teacher of comparative religion at Vishwa Bharati, Ramchandra examined Mehta's imagery of the rickshaw-puller, the falling man and the trussed bull by linking them with the *Shantiniketan Triptych* in terms of philosophy and sensibility.

He showed that this work is a three-panelled portrait of distortion and self-awareness necessitated by exclusivist self-identities — individual and collective, secular and religious, and the recovery of integrity of selfhood in inclusive self-realisation. He created a conversation about the realisation that we are things yet we represent nothingness, too.

KALA BHAVAN SHANTINIKETAN

Mehta painted the 170x445 cm painting in 1985-86, when he was an artist-in-residence at Kala Bhavan, Vishwa Bharati University. The painting represents *Charak Pujya*, an end-of-spring ritual observed by the Santhal tribe and other marginalised communities of West Bengal. The first left is a panel showcasing a group of drummers and dancers. There's a floating figure on the top-right corner of the painting. The central panel showcases a sacrificial site near the vertical *charak* pole with a seated woman and

Artist TYEB MEHTA's *Shantiniketan* series sets off a conversation about how humans represent nothingness, too. By UMA NAIR



goat in close, protective embrace. There's also the ritual sacrificer's shadow looming over the scene. The third-right panel has a group of people pulling a rope and the audience watching the ritual. Here also, there is a figure floating at the top.

Although there are three separate panels, Mehta's brilliance can be seen through the treatment of figures. The arms of women figures seem to be in wanton abandon but also transcend the superficial divisions of the canvas and reach out to each other. The throbbing vibration of stark colours mirrors the momentum of the drummers and dancers. In the tableaux, Mehta gives us a synergy of togetherness as if he shares an unseen bond. The painting is a testament not only to the core values of an artist's philosophy but shows how these values can be carried forward by new thoughts of blending tradition and modernity.

SANTHALS AND CHARAK

In 2005, Mehta had explained in an interview his epiphany that occurred at Shantiniketan with the Spring Festival of the Santals at Charak.

symbolism of the yogic pose by the disembodied head in the foreground of the central panel. At once, you think of the paradoxes of life and death and the culmination of the experience. Mehta transcends time in the mix of imagery and the suggestion of the beautiful goat which will be sacrificed.

ROOTED IN SPACE AND TIME

Shantiniketan stands apart and alone. It is rooted in space and time and as the great Roshan Shahani said, "They resemble the peasant-cultivator-labourer" — a prototype that has been placed in deadpan stances of beaten down melancholia." Mehta draws attention towards the emblematic significance of his characters.

The power of this painting is poignancy and power — said and unsaid. In the emotive associations and evocations, we see the fragility of life, the uplifting aura of dance and the rhythm of the drummers. In the sinuousness of the dancing figures, we also observe struggle, despair and despondence. We must look at the feet of these figures, which are charged with a hypnotic rhythm.

Mehta captures the caprices of human behaviour. The dancing goat is a symbol of wound as well as sacrifice. Time has been stolen from the register of its destiny. The artist brings us back to the debate about how history feeds the memory.

The collection at the gallery makes you pay reverence to India's greatest modern master, Tyeb Mehta, and recall the words of his close friend KG Subramanyan who said, "They snare you into a search. Those unindividual faces that seem benign or sad, those heave limbs that oscillate in mute gesture, those body postures that combine both elegance and awkwardness — they hold you captive of their teasing configurations. Clear, brilliant, tantalisingly visual, almost like blown up cameras in the centre of their impact, they carry a message for the heart."

He stood apart for his interpretation — the ambiguous dichotomies between the masculine and feminine, the divine and mortal, and the human and the bestial — while also conveying a larger theme of consumption and destruction. You draw your eyes towards the tender embrace between the mother figure and the graceful goat and the



The Dutch master's truth

Museum's REMBRANDT knockoff turns out to be the real thing

Thanks to modern technology and some expert detective work, a nearly 400-year-old painting that had long been attributed to an unknown artist in Rembrandt's workshop has now been judged to have been a work of the Dutch master himself.

For decades, the Allentown Art Museum displayed an oil-on-oak panel painting called *Portrait of a Young Woman* and credited it to the Studio of Rembrandt. Two years ago, the painting was sent to New York University for conservation and cleaning.

There, conservators began removing layers of overpainting and dark, thick varnish that had been added over centuries — and they began to suspect Rembrandt himself was responsible for the original, delicate brushwork underneath.

"Our painting had numerous layers of varnish and that really obscured what you could

see of the original brushwork, as well as the original colour," said Elaine Mehalakes, vice president of curatorial affairs at the Allentown Art Museum.

Conservators used a variety of tools, including X-Ray, infrared and electron microscopy, to bolster the case that it was the work of one of the most important and revered artists in history. The scientific analysis "showed brushwork and a liveliness to that brushwork, which is quite consistent with other works by Rembrandt," said Shan Kuang, a conservator at New York University's Institute of Fine Arts who restored *Portrait of a Young Woman*.

Outside experts who examined the 1632 painting after the completion of its two-year restoration concurred with the NYU assessment that it's an authentic Rembrandt.

"We're very thrilled and excited," Mehalakes said. "The painting has this incredible glow to it now that it just didn't have before. You can really connect with the portrait in the way I think the artist meant you to," he added.

When *Portrait of a Young Woman* was bequeathed to the museum in 1961, it was considered to be a Rembrandt. About a decade later, a group of experts determined that it had been painted by one of his assistants. Such changes in attribution are not unusual — over the centuries, as many as 688 and as few as 265 paintings have been credited to the artist, according to Mehalakes.

The museum has not had the painting appraised — and has no intention of selling it — but authenticated works by Rembrandt have fetched tens of millions of dollars.

The painting, currently in the museum's vault, will go on display from June 7.

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DAG presents *The Fifties Show: Works of Indian Modernism*, that brings to you the country's rich history of the 1950s, highlighting how a newly-independent nation put its colonised past behind and embraced the triumphant modernism through art. **WHEN:** Till March 26 **TIME:** 11 am to 7.30 pm (closed on Sundays) **WHERE:** The Claridges.



The Gujral Foundation presents *Annma: Memories of My Grandmother*, a performance artwork by Revanta Sarabhai, which will capture fragments of the memories of his grandmother, Mirinalini Sarabhai. **WHEN:** March 6 to 8 **TIME:** 7 pm to 9 pm **WHERE:** 24, Jor Bagh.



India Cancer Society presents *Vrindavan*, which will see performances by Padma Shri Shovana Narayan and Padma Shri Geeta Chandran. It will be a part of their annual fund raiser *Artimes Against Cancer 2020*. **WHEN:** February 28 **TIME:** 7 pm to 9 pm **WHERE:** Chinmaya Mission Auditorium, Lodhi Road.

Nature More presents *Everyday Extraordinary*, a solo exhibition of works by artist Suhasini Kejrivali, which features her errands of Chitpur of north Kolkata and Chaur Bazaar in central Mumbai. **WHEN:** Till March 14 **TIME:** 10 am to 6 pm **WHERE:** A1, Neeti Bagh, Khel Gaon Marg.



The much loved World Sufi Music Festival, *Jahan-e-Khusra*, designed and directed by Muzaffar Ali held under the aegis of Rumi Foundation, returns to the city. Its 15th edition, with the theme, *Let Love Reign*, will witness soulful performances by renowned groups for three days. **WHEN:** March 6, 7, 8 **TIME:** 6.30 pm onwards **WHERE:** Arab Ki Sarai, Humayun's Tomb.

PTI ■ PERTH

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 Muskhida 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 wry 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

SPIN THE WHEEL

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



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

scaped Sanjida Islam (10), Fahima Khatun (17) and Jahanaara 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 Gadekwar saw the back of well-set Nigar Sultana.

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

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 Tanviya Bhatia (2) was sent back by Salma Khatun.

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 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 maul up with Veda Krishnamurthy (20 off 11).

SINGLES



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) settled the 19th and fourths-wicket stand to take the hosts out of trouble.

STAR SPORTS LAUNCHES 'KHEL BOLEGA T20'

MUMBAI: IPL fans caught the early this year with fan expectations and chatter pouring in 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 (#Boleka) 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 Baze 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 in 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



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 (4/59 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 had 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

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 doing exactly the opposite of what Rahane had thought, he had no option but to jab at it, and

Flushed at 'the Basin'

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

"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 do."
—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. 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

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 went 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 in during the "outside chatter," he said, the team would not have been where it is now.

"That's why we have been

able to play this kind of cricket. If we would have pined 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



Mushtaqur Rahim reacts after completing 200 runs. ICC/Twitter

AFP ■ DHAKA

Mushtaqur 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" for their 0-5 debacle against Australia.

"Bouncing back isn't a term that we use with our group. You can get carried away thinking about results (especially) when you have a number of poor ones and sometimes the win (urg) 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

Gowtham's 7 helps Karnataka seal semis spot

JAMMU: Krishnappa Gowtham snapped seven wickets as Karnataka sealed their place in the semifinals after thrashing Punjab in the final of the Ranji Trophy quarterfinal, here on Monday.

Resuming the day at 245 for 71 runs before folding for 316 in the end in three days, setting the hosts a target of 331.

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

Earlier, Abid Mushtaq (6/83) claimed six wickets. Parag Ranjan (3/88) took the Andhra and the Mujtaba Yousof (1/44) dismissed 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
ANGOLE: Saurashtra booked their spot in the semifinals on the basis of the first innings after the 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 top half of the table as 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 128 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.

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 followed up in all three touch-downs 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."

"This today is more than 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."

Veron'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-

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI



Bruno Fernandes scores from penalty spot. AP

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 Green Park 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.



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Messi 'greatest' ahead of Maradona: Gattuso

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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 is 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 Ligue One match at Parc des Princes

200 & COUNTING

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."

PTI ■ LONDON

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

India to host Commonwealth shooting, archery events

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 as 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".

Felix back with bang

MADRID: Atletico Madrid followed up their surprise win over Liverpool by beating Villarreal in La Liga on Sunday as Joao Felix marked his return from injury with a first league goal since September.

Felix came off the bench at the Wanda Metropolitano after almost a month out with an ankle problem and the 20-year-old looked refreshed as he drove in Atletico's third in an impressive 3-1 victory.

Kieran Trippier was also back after recovering from a groin injury and he was involved in Atletico's second goal as Koke headed in.

Angel Correa had earlier cancelled out Paco Alcacer's strike for Villarreal.

Atletico's inconsistency this season means they are out of the title race, 12 points adrift of leaders Barcelona, who thrashed Eibar 5-0 on Saturday.

But momentum would be timely as Atleti bid to consolidate their place in the top four and capitalise on their 1-0 advantage against Liverpool in the Champions League last 16 next month.

Diego Simeone's side move up to third in La Liga, level on points with Sevilla, who earlier struck a superb 3-0 win away at fellow top-four rivals Getafe.

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