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Nirbhaya rapists get 10 more days to live

Fresh death warrant issued for Feb 1 as President rejects mercy plea

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

After President Ram Nath Kovind on Friday rejected the mercy petition of Nirbhaya's death-row convict Mukesh Kumar, a Delhi court issued fresh death warrants against all the four rapists-killers for hanging on February 1. Earlier the death warrant was issued for January 22.

In a fresh development, that may further delay the execution of the four convicts, another death-row convict Pawan Kumar moved the Supreme Court on Friday challenging the Delhi High Court's order dismissing his claim of being a juvenile at the time of the offence in December 2012.

The President rejected Mukesh's mercy plea after the Union Home Ministry forwarded the petition to his office late on Thursday night. On Friday, the Ministry forwarded the President decision to the Delhi Government and Tihar Jail, where the four men have been lodged.

Soon after the rejection of the mercy plea by the President, the Tihar jail authorities, via Public Prosecutor Irfan Ahmed, sought issuance of fresh death warrants against the four convicts Mukesh, Vinay Sharma, Pawan Gupta and Akshay Thakur.

Additional Sessions Judge (AS) of Patiala House courts Satish Kumar Arora was hearing a plea by one of the four death-row convicts in the case. "This case presents a scenario



when convicts were given the opportunity to file mercy, but only one availed the opportunity. There might be delay tactics. For how long will this go

on? Had death warrant not been issued, the convicts would not have initiated using their legal remedies," the court said. Distraught over the hang-

ing of his 23-year-old daughter's rapists-murderers being further delayed due to the legalities, her father hoped that the convicts will not escape the

gallows. His comments came after the President rejected the mercy plea of Mukesh.

"We are happy that the chances of them getting hanged have increased. We are assured that as soon as they file mercy pleas they will be rejected," he said, adding that the news of the execution not happening on January 22 had disheartened them but Friday's developments have ignited their hope.

Incidentally, Delhi Lieutenant Governor Anil Bajaj's office had sent Mukesh's mercy petition to the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on Thursday, a day after the Delhi Government recommended its rejection.

"The MHA has forwarded the mercy petition of Mukesh to the President. The Ministry has reiterated the recommendation of the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi for its rejection," a Home Ministry official said on Friday morning.

Meanwhile, denying the Delhi Government's role in delaying the hanging of the Nirbhaya case convicts, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday said the victim's mother is being "misguided" and accused BJP leader and I&B Minister Prakash Javadekar of politicising the matter.

Kejriwal, who is the AAP's national convener, told reporters that whatever responsibilities the Delhi Government had, it had finished them within a few hours.

"We sent the mercy petition within hours, so the Delhi

Government has no role in delaying the hanging of the convicts," he said.

Six people — Mukesh, Vinay Sharma, Akshay Kumar Singh, Pawan Gupta, Ram Singh and a juvenile — were named as accused in the brutal gangrape and murder of Nirbhaya. The trial of the five adult men began in a special fast-track court in March 2013 while the juvenile was tried by juvenile justice board, and is now free.

The prime accused, Ram Singh, committed suicide by hanging himself in Tihar jail days after the trial began. The juvenile, who was said to be the most brutal of the attackers, was put in a correctional home for three years. He was released in 2015 and sent to an undisclosed location amid concerns over a threat to his life.

The juvenile, when released, was 20 years old. Mukesh, Vinay, Akshay and Pawan were convicted and sentenced to death in September 2013.

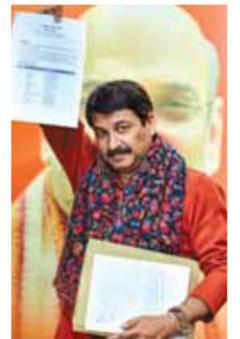
Meanwhile, Sandeep Goyal, Director General, Delhi Prisons, denied charges made by Vinay's lawyer that he had tried to end his life.

"Vinay was slightly unwell and he was attended by prison doctors and his health condition is normal. However, he sometimes refuses to have meal and jail wardens keep a watch on him. All four the convicts are under round the clock watch in the executions cell," said Goyal.

BJP's 1st list of 57 bets big on civic poll feats

Party picks 11 SC candidates for Delhi polls

SAPNA SINGH ■ NEW DELHI



Delhi BJP State president Manoj Tiwari during the release of BJP's first list of 57 candidates for Delhi Assembly polls, at BJP headquarters in New Delhi on Friday

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Friday announced candidates for 57 Assembly seats for the February 8 Delhi polls picking 11 SC and four women candidates.

Delhi BJP chief Manoj Tiwari, joined by senior BJP leader Prakash Javadekar, announced the list finalised at party's Central Election Committee (CEC) meeting on Thursday night.

It seems that the BJP, which swept the 2017 civic polls in Delhi, is betting big on its municipal leaders to shore up the party's fortune for in the Assembly polls. Therefore, the BJP gave poll tickets to nearly 20 municipal leaders, including four former mayors, as many ex-deputy mayors and a host of sitting and former councillors.

Former Delhi Minister Kapil Mishra has been fielded from Model Town. Karwal Nagar seat, from where Mishra had won on AAP ticket, has gone to old war horse and four-term MLA Mohan Singh Bisht.

The BJP has not declared candidate against Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal from New Delhi seat.

JD(U)'s Shilendra Kumar filed nomination from Burari which the latter has demanded from the BJP. JD(U) has staked claim for Badarpur seat too but the BJP has fielded seasoned politician Ram Singh Bidhuri who had won this seat thrice.

The BJP central command is mulling over to field a strong candidate against Kejriwal.

CAPSULE

TRUMP'S IMPEACHMENT TRIAL BEGINS IN SENATE

Washington: The US Senate opened the impeachment trial of President Donald Trump with quiet ceremony on Thursday — senators standing at their desks to swear an oath of impartial justice as jurors, House prosecutors formally reciting the charges and Chief Justice John Roberts presiding.

MISSING MUMBAI BLASTS CONVICT HELD IN KANPUR

Mumbai: A convict in the 1993 Mumbai serial bomb blasts case, Jalees Ansari, who went "missing" while on parole, was arrested on Friday from Kanpur in Uttar Pradesh, an official said.

BEEF DELICACY TWEET KICKS UP ROW

Thiruvananthapuram: After a storm erupted over a "beef fry" tweet by Kerala Tourism on Makarasankranti day, the CPI(M)-led LDF Government on Friday clarified its aim was not to hurt anyone's religious beliefs.

TERROR MODULE BUSTED, SIX SDPI MEMBERS HELD

Bengaluru: A Bengaluru terror module has been busted with the arrest of six members of the Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI) who had allegedly attempted to kill an RSS worker on December 22 for taking part in a pro-CAA rally, police said on Friday.

Opp-ruled States object to NPR format

States' concerns unwarranted, one can skip some of questions: Centre

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre on Friday clarified to the States opposing the National Population Register exercise that their concerns about the nature of questions in the NPR format was unwarranted saying it was not mandatory to answer some newly-introduced questions. No official from the West Bengal Government attended the meeting, an official said.

Congress-ruled Rajasthan and some other Opposition-ruled States raised these concerns at a day-long conference convened by the Union Home Ministry to discuss the modalities to be adopted during the House listing phase of the Census 2021 and the NPR to be carried out from April 1 to September 30.

Rajasthan Chief Secretary DB Gupta said he and the representatives of a few other States raised objections to a few questions to be asked by enumerators to people during the NPR exercise. "We said certain



questions in NPR are impractical, like questions related to the birth place of parents. There are many people in the country who even don't know what was their birth place. I don't know what is the purpose of such questions and we demanded in the meeting to remove such questions," Gupta told reporters after the meeting. He said the Central Government officials told them that answers to all such questions are not mandatory but voluntary and no one is going to force anyone to reply any question. "They said such questions were asked earlier also and this time they have just linked with an individual's place of birth with his or her parent's place of birth. But they said answer to this question is not mandatory," he said.

After Kerala, Punjab adopts resolution to challenge CAA in SC

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Minutes after the Punjab Vidhan Sabha passed a resolution against the BJP-led Central Government's Citizenship (Amendment) Act on Friday, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh declared that the border State will join Kerala in challenging the newly-amended law in the apex court.

Describing the controversial legislation as 'inherently discriminatory' and a negation of the very secular fabric on which the Constitution of India is based, the Punjab Assembly adopted, by voice vote, a hard-hitting resolution seeking immediate repeal of the unconstitutional Citizenship Amendment Act, 2019 (CAA), which the Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh compared with the ethnic and religious cleansing of Hitler's Germany.

Clearly, no lessons had

been learnt from history, said a visibly anguished Chief Minister during the discussion on the resolution, which also urged the Centre to put on hold the work on the National Population Register (NPR), till forms or documents associated with it are amended suitably, in order to allay apprehensions that it is a prelude to the National Register of Citizens (NRC) and designed to deprive a section of persons from citizenship of India and implement CAA.

"Like Kerala, the Government will approach the Supreme Court on the issue," said Capt Amarinder while talking with the media after the conclusion of the two-day special Assembly session.

He said that the Centre would have to make the necessary amendments to CAA if it had to be implemented in Punjab and other States opposing the legislation.

India to get S-400 by 2025 as Russia begins production

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India will get all the five units of S-400 long-range surface-to-air missile systems from Russia by 2025 and its production has started, Russian envoy Roman Babushkin said here on Friday.

The deal inked in 2018 is worth over ₹40,000 crore and the weapon systems will significantly boost India's capabilities to defend its airspace. His assertion comes against the backdrop of the US warning time and again India of sanctions if it goes ahead with the deal. Incidentally, India last year paid the first tranche of 800 million dollars to Russia for the weapon systems. China has already inducted more than six units of S-400 system called 'Triumf'.

Meanwhile, Babushkin, who is Deputy Chief of Mission here, also said a contract will shortly be finalised for joint production of Kamov light weight multi-role military helicopters for India.

At a joint Press conference



with Russian Ambassador Nikolai Kudashev, he also said India will receive the first batch of 5,000 Kalashnikov rifles this year which will be produced in India under a joint venture. The Ordnance Factory located in Amethi, Uttar Pradesh (UP), will manufacture these AK-203 rifles for the Armed forces, Central paramilitary and State police organisations.

The total deal is worth over ₹7,000 crore and a Major General of the Indian Army is heading the factory.

Babushkin said Russia and India have "successfully found solutions" to the payment issues and the focus this year will be to implement mega deals in the defence sector.

NDFB lays down its arms, signs peace pact with Centre, Assam

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Bodo insurgent group National Democratic Front of Boroland (NDFB) on Friday signed a tripartite agreement with the Centre and the Assam Government for suspension of operations. According to the pact, the NDFB under the leadership of its "president" B Saoraigwra will abjure violence and join in peace talks with the Government.

Active members of the NDFB, including Saoraigwra, were brought back from Myanmar on January 11.

Top leaders, including Saoraigwra, its "general secretary", "commander-in-chief" and "finance secretary" were part of the group, an official said. The group carried 25 weapons, more than 50 magazines, more than 900 assorted ammunition and communication equipment with them. Four family members also accompanied the group.

Saoraigwra's group was active in Myanmar and is only active Bodo insurgent group operating in Assam seeking a separate Bodo state.

Imported onions tear Govt up

Centre wants to sell it off to Dhaka, Lanka, Maldives at cost price

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Onion is turning out to be a tear-jerker for the Modi Government.

First it was the scarcity of onions that gave headache to the Government. Now, it's the other way round. The Government is grappling to find a way to dispose of huge quantity of onions it imported from Turkey, Egypt and Iran.

The States have refused to accept the imported onions because they don't excite the domestic taste buds. A drop in the price of the desi variant has also posed a challenge to imported onions. The Modi Government has



now approached Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka to sell these onions at "no profit no loss" basis. The Government has made a similar request to Bangladesh. High Commissioner Rokebu Haque to buy the imported onions. India had earlier imposed ban on onion export to Bangladesh to ease rising prices of the domestic onions at domestic markets.

20,000 tonnes imported onions are available in the stock. In the retail market, onion is being sold between ₹40 and ₹60 a kg.

Officials of the Department of Consumer Affairs said talks are being held with Nepal, Sri Lanka and Maldives to sell the commodity. Indian missions have been directed to persuade these countries to buy onions from India as arrival of desi onions has increased. India is the main supplier of onions to these countries.

According to officials, a business delegation of Bangladesh is in India and the Government has asked acting High Commissioner Rokebu Haque to buy the imported onions. India had earlier imposed ban on onion export to Bangladesh to ease rising prices of the domestic onions at domestic markets.

This desi gel can take a bite out of frostbite

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

Mountaineers, soldiers posted in extreme regions, winter sports enthusiasts, and those visiting/living in snow-bound area at high altitudes like Siachen or Ladkha have now an on-site treatment available for frostbites — a medical condition involving damage to skin and tissues due to extreme cold.

Scientists from the Institute of Nano Science and Technology (INST) in Mohali, an autonomous institution under the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Defence Institute of High Altitude Research (DIAR), DRDO and Panjab University have developed a cold-stable spray gel "Nano-Spray Gel" that could be administered on-site for the immediate treatment of frostbite injuries. If

frostbite is not treated promptly, it can lead to gangrene and amputation of the affected limbs.

The innovation of Nano-Spray Gel, which is a combination of NSAID (painkiller and anti-inflammatory) and clotbuster drugs (thrombolytic) for rapid relief and effective management of frostbite injury, has been published in the peer reviewed journal "American Chemical Society Biomaterials Science & Engineering".

Frostbite can occur when the skin is exposed to a temperature of 0°C (32°F) or lower. It can be difficult to get treated quickly in remote, snow-bound areas. This is also a serious medical problem for the armed forces operating in snow-bound areas at high altitudes like Siachen, Ladkha and so on, said lead author Kalpesh



Vaghasiya from INST. He said that the spray gel has been prepared using heparin, an anticoagulant that improves blood flow by reducing clotting and aiding in blood vessel repair. The researchers packaged heparin into liposomes — lipid carriers, thus helping deliver the anticoagulant deep inside the skin.

Then they embedded the heparin-loaded liposomes in a sprayable hydrogel that also contained ibuprofen (a painkiller and anti-inflamma-

tory drug) and propylene glycol, which helped keep the spray from freezing at very low temperatures.

The researchers tested the spray gel on rats with frostbite, and found that the treatment completely healed the injuries within 14 days. In comparison, untreated injuries were only about 40 per cent healed, while wounds treated with an antibiotic cream were about 80 per cent healed.

The spray reduced levels of inflammatory cytokines at the wound site and in the blood circulation, which likely accelerated healing, the study "Heparin-Encapsulated Metered-Dose Topical 'Nano-Spray Gel' Liposomal Formulation Ensures Rapid On-Site Management of Frostbite Injury by Inflammatory Cytokines Scavenging" said.

Work on all four lanes to start soon in HP

Himachal CM directs officials to expedite projects

PNS ■ SHIMLA

Himachal chief minister Jai Ram Thakur on Friday directed officials to expedite work on all four lane projects under implementation in the State so that commuters do not face inconvenience and projects were also completed in stipulated time period.

Presiding over the review meeting of National Highways and National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) projects being implemented in the State, Thakur said committees comprising the representatives of NHAI, State PWD, district administration concerned and contractors would be constituted to coordinate and finalize the issues regarding damages and compensation in respect to these projects.

He also directed the Deputy Commissioners concerned to hold atleast monthly meeting with executing agencies and representatives of NHAI for

redressal of any issues pertaining to these projects.

Thakur directed the forest department to award the balance trees coming in the alignment of Kaithlight to Dhalli bypass and they must be cleared immediately to facilitate the construction of the road.

He also directed for early clearance of 80 structures in Dhalli and Chhakkal area and also handover possession of 4.65 hectare pending land to NHAI.

He said the work on Parwanoo-Solan section which had been awarded to G.R Infra Projects Limited was nearing completion and would be completed soon, adding that the issue regarding land acquisition pending at village Bara and regarding mutation of land in favour of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways must be expedited.

The Chief Minister said that work on stretch between Solan to Kaithlight section of NH-05 awarded to Airef Engineers (P) Ltd. must be expedited, adding



that dumping sites must be identified at earliest and mutation of land in favour of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways should be transferred at the earliest.

Thakur said that the work of Brownfield Alignment of 30.66 kms stretch of Kiratpur to Nerchowk section of NH-21 has been awarded to Ceigall

India Ltd. and the company had started the work on this project. He said that the delay in removal of structures in Naulakha to Dadour section of NH-21 was an area of concern which should be redressed at the earliest.

He directed the HPSEBL for immediate shifting of towers of 132 KV transmission line from Kangoo to Bajoura.

be expedited on this project.

The CM said that proper maintenance of Shimla-Matour, Pathankot-Chakki-Mandi, Kainchimore-Nerchowk and Kaithlight-Dhali section of Shimla bypass must be ensured as these were the lifelines of the State.

He said that State Government has already taken up the matter with Government of India for entrusting back these highways to State Government for proper maintenance of these roads till award and construction work was not completed.

Thakur said that any laxity in execution of projects would be viewed seriously and erring officers would be dealt sternly.

Chief Secretary Anil Kumar Khachi, Principal Secretary PWD J.C. Sharma, Additional Chief Secretary Ram Subhag Singh, Principal Secretaries Onkar Sharma and Sanjay Kundu, and other officials attended the meeting.

Police arrest absconding military deserter

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

A military deserter, who recently escaped from a hospital in Hoshiarpur, was arrested from Delhi on Friday.

Harpreet Singh (25), who had been booked for stealing rifles and ammunition from an army institute in Madhya Pradesh, was arrested from Connaught Place in Delhi at around 9 am. "Harpreet has been arrested from Delhi by a team of Hoshiarpur police," Hoshiarpur SSP Gaurav Garg said, adding that the accused had planned to escape to Nepal.

On January 14, Singh had tricked police guards by making an excuse of going to the washroom and escaped from a civil hospital in Hoshiarpur by scaling its wall.

He had been undergoing treatment at the hospital for a

hand injury since December 31. Singh, who was a sepoy in the Indian Army, is facing charges for stealing two INSAS rifles and ammunition from the army's training institute in Pachmarhi in Madhya Pradesh, they said.

He was arrested from Chotla village near Tanda in Hoshiarpur district in December after being declared a military deserter in October last year. Singh's three accomplices were also arrested at that time.

Posing as army officers, the accused had stolen the rifles and ammunition in the early hours of December 6.

The stolen arms and ammunition were recovered. Singh is facing charges under sections of 380 (theft), 399 (making preparation to commit dacoity) and 411 (dishonestly receiving stolen property) of the Indian Penal Code and the Arms Act, police had then said.

NABARD sanctions 44 projects worth ₹161.35 cr for HP

Shimla: NABARD has sanctioned 44 projects including 39 road projects and five bridge projects, amounting to ₹ 161.35 crores in Himachal Pradesh under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF-XXV).

Under these projects new road constructions of 143.13 kilometers, upgradation and metalling tarring of 60.68 kilometers and construction of five bridges would be done.

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur expressed his gratitude towards NABARD for sanctioning current batch of roads

and bridges under RIDF-XXV. He also said that NABARD (RIDF) is playing a significant role in road connectivity in rural areas and it has a special importance in Himachal Pradesh where roads are the only mode of connectivity. He directed the department to call the tenders and start the work on these projects.

Principal Secretary PWD J.C. Sharma said that 115 projects including 102 roads and 13 bridges amounting to ₹ 464.83 crores have been sanctioned under RIDF-XXIV during the financial year 2019-20. PNS

Rajeev Bindal to be elected Himachal BJP chief unopposed today

PNS ■ SHIMLA

After his resignation as State Assembly speaker, Rajeev Bindal filed his nomination papers for the post of Himachal BJP Chief on Friday.

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur on Thursday had said the BJP national leadership has decided to appoint Bindal as the President of the State party unit. Bindal, a former Himachal Pradesh minister, will be formally declared as state BJP chief on Saturday as no other nomination has been filed for the post, Sharma said.

Besides BJP MLAs Rakesh

Jamwal, Sukhram Chaudhary, Rita Dhiman and Rajinder Garg filed their nomination papers for membership in the BJP national Council from Mandi, Shimla, Kangra and Hamirpur parliamentary areas respectively, the BJP State Vice-President said.

Party state Vice-President Ram Swaroop Sharma said the process of filing nominations for the President's post started on January 17 and papers could be filed within a 24-hour period. Union Human Resource Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal and BJP's national secretary Sunil Deodhar are observers for the election.

Arun Sood elected as Chandigarh BJP president

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Former mayor and senior councillor Arun Sood was on Friday declared as the new President of Chandigarh Bharatiya Janata Party.

Sood, who will serve the party city unit for next three years, was elected unanimously a day after filing his nomination for the top post.

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal announced Sood's name as the new President in Sector 33 party office here while stating that no other nomination was filed for the top post. Sood replaced Sanjay Tandon, who is the longest serving Chandigarh BJP President. Tandon remained on the post for ten years since January 18, 2010.

48 years old Sood is an advocate by profession. He had joined RSS in 1987 and worked in ABVP from 1989 to 2000. In the past, he had served as State Secretary and State Vice President of ABVP Punjab, National Executive Member for several years, State General Secretary BJYM Punjab. He was appointed the State Secretary of the city BJP in 2007 and the State General Secretary in 2010. Sood was elected as councillor in December 2011 for the first time. He served as Chandigarh's mayor in 2016 and was also re-elected as councillor in the same year in December.



While speaking after taking over the top post in the city BJP, Arun Sood said that his priority would be keeping the momentum of party's victories maintained under the tenure of Sanjay Tandon.

Commenting on the news reports related to factionalism in Chandigarh BJP, Sood asked party workers to work unitedly, asserting that there is only one faction here which is Chandigarh BJP. The party is united, he added. He also thanked Tandon and local MP Kirron Kher after his election as party President. It is an open secret that the city BJP unit has been struggling due to factionalism with Sanjay Tandon and Kirron Kher heading two separate factions. Sood is considered close to Tandon and also, enjoys support of Kirron Kher. However, it remains to be seen how Sood brings together both factions of the party during his

tenure. Notably, during Lok Sabha polls held earlier this year, differences between the two camps were quite visible. As Tandon was also in the race to get party's ticket, the Central leadership had to delay the announcement of the candidate's name to prevent a possible rebellion in the party.

Tandon's tenure as BJP city president has remained successful with two consecutive victories in Lok Sabha polls in 2014 and 2019 and victory in civic body polls held in the year 2016 but he failed to end infighting and factionalism in the party.

His first term was from January 18, 2010 till January 15, 2013. Tandon's term was later extended to 2016 which was his second term as the President. His term was extended for the third time in 2016 in view of Municipal Corporation elections during that year.

Ashwani Sharma unanimously elected Punjab BJP chief

PNS ■ JALANDHAR

Ashwani Sharma was on Friday unanimously elected as President of the Punjab unit of the BJP.

The 55-year old Sharma replaces Shwail Malik, Punjab BJP's election in-charge Anil Sarin said, adding the former BJP MLA was elected unopposed.

Besides, Baldev Chawla, Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Mohan Lal, Dharam Pal Rao, Kewal Kumar, Surjit Jyani, Mohan Lal Garg, Dilbar Singh, Mohinder Bhagat, Luxmi Kanta Chawla, Onkar Singh Pahwa, Tiksian Sood and Prem gugnani were elected unopposed as members of the National Council of the BJP, Sarin said.

Sharma, having an RSS background, has already served as the Punjab BJP chief from 2010 to 2013.

He had also served as general secretary of the state BJP. He had won the 2012 assembly polls from Pathankot and he was instrumental in getting district status to his constituency.

He lost the 2017 assembly polls to Congress candidate Amit Vij.

Haryana to employ 1,652 home guards in hospitals

Chandigarh: Taking note of increasing incidents of scuffle at hospitals in Haryana, the State Government has decided to deploy 1652 home guards on outsourcing basis for ensuring the security of the medical practitioners and for other security arrangements in all primary health centers, community health centers, and district hospitals in the State.

Talking to reporters, the Health Minister Anil Vij said that there will be no compromise on security of doctors working in various hospitals of the State.

Other measures like installation of additional CCTV cameras have been ordered in the government hospitals.

The Health Minister said it was a matter of concern that increasing incidents of misbehaviour or attack on doctors are taking place due to various reasons even though medical profession is considered a noble one.

"Earlier, private security personnel were deployed at Government hospitals through outsourcing for the security of the doctors. Taking serious note of increasing such incidents, we have decided to replace private security guards with home guards in the State," he said.

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E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6(2) & 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property hypothecated/mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of IDBI Bank Ltd., will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS", "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS", "WHATSOEVER THERE IS BASIS" and "WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS" on 20.02.2020. The details of the borrower/guarantor, amount due, reserve price and earnest money deposit and brief description of the movable/immovable property is as mentioned below:-

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Sr. No.	Name of the Borrowers / Guarantors	Details of Property & Type of Possession Notice	Amount as per Demand Notice	
			Date of Possession	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees)
1.	M/s PBG Group of Industries represented by Proprietor Sh. Dalvir Singh, Sh. Dalvir Singh (In capacity as Proprietor / Guarantor) / Sh. Mann Singh Garcha (In capacity as Guarantor) & Sh. Gurvir Singh (In capacity as Guarantor / Mortgagor).	All part and parcels of movable and immovable property situated at Land admeasuring about 30 Kanal 7 Maria comprising in Khata No. 80/85 Khasra No. 24/21(8-0), 25/11/2(2-4), 13/1(3-8), 18/2(4-8), 19(4-0), 22(4-17), 23(8-0), 24(8-0), 25(8-0), 33/24/2(1-8), 24(3(0-14), 25/1(2-0), 36/2/2(0-13), 3/1(3-16), 4/2(7-3), 5/1(4-13), 6(8-0), 7/1(6-8), 15(4-16), 37/1(8-0), 10(6-18), 39/11/2(1-2-5), 9/2(1-1), 10(7-0), 11(8-0), 12/1(1-16), 19/3(1-16), 20(8-0) Kita 28, total land 135 Kanals 1 Maria out of which 607/1702th share i.e. 30 Kanals 7 Maria alongwith building constructed thereon, in the name of M/s PBG Group of Industries, VPO Madnipur, Tehsil Payal, Distt. Ludhiana, Punjab.	Rs. 5,43,04,828/- as on 31.08.2013 + Future interest there on 31.07.2019	Rs. 173.35 Lakhs Rs. 17.34 Lakhs

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Date: 17.01.2020 Place: Chandigarh AUTHORIZED OFFICER

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(Proclamation of sale under rule 38 and rule 52(2) of the Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961 read with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 as amended from time to time)

Title of Case & R.C. No	Recoverable Amount	Reserve Price	Earnest Money	Date, Time & Place of Auction	Name of Court Auctioneer
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PUNJAB ASSEMBLY SPECIAL SESSION

Under attack, SAD to oppose NRC

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Bharatiya Janta Party's (BJP) decade-old ally, Shiromani Akali Dal, on Friday made it clear that the party would not hesitate in parting ways over the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in case of inconvenience to the people.

Though the party stayed away from supporting a Government resolution recommending the repealing of the controversial Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and amending documentation for the NRC, its senior leader and Majitha MLA Bikram Singh Majithia declared in the Vidhan Sabha that the SAD is "strongly" against the NRC "that forces needless hardships on the common people".

"Where people have to stand in queues to prove their identity, SAD is totally against the NRC," said Majithia while speaking on the resolution moved by the Parliamentary Affairs Minister Brahm Mohindra on the concluding day of the two-day special assembly session.

At the same time, Majithia pointed that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has already clarified that the Central Government was "not contemplating the introduction of the NRC in the country".

Majithia's statement came after the Congress and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLAs lashed out at the Akali Dal and the BJP for their "vicious" and destructive attempt to polarize and "divide the country" through the "unconstitutional" CAA.

Even as the SAD MLAs and the lone BJP Legislator made efforts to defend the Centre's decision to implement the CAA and NRC, the Congress and AAP members lashed out at the move, even going ahead to demand the banning of BJP's ideological fountainhead "RSS" (Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh).

All the speakers, both from the Congress and AAP, accused the SAD, especially the Badals, of double speak over the CAA — an issue which has led to nationwide violent protests.

"British brought divide and rule policy to rule on Indians, and now some leaders at the Centre who wanted to rule us, is doing it on RSS's directive. RSS should be banned...it was banned several times earlier also...it is RSS thinking...it is dividing us," said Cabinet Minister Charanjit Singh



Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh during last day of the two-day special session of Punjab Vidhan Sabha on Friday

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Channi while speaking on the resolution.

Thanking the Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh for taking the lead in raising his voice against the dangerous Act all over the country, Channi said that the CAA was BJP's "vicious attempt" to introduce religion as basis of citizenship.

Terming CAA as a major threat to Nation's integrity, Channi said that through this Act, Modi regime had tried to show concern for people living in other countries while showing scant regard for their own people, who were now protesting against their oppressive policies.

AAP MLA from Dirba and Leader of Opposition in the House Harpal Singh Cheema described the CAA as the "RSS" hidden agenda to terrorize the minorities and Dalits with the sole motive of polarizing the Country on religious lines.

He said that the BJP was constantly making all-out efforts to tinker with the basic tenets of the Constitution for its vested interests.

At the same time, he castigated the BJP for diverting the attention of the people from the core issues of unemployment, poverty, illiteracy, economic disparities, regional imbalances by bringing the CAA.

He also demanded that the government should also bring a resolution on the floor of the House against the recurring fascist attacks orchestrated on the JNU students and students from other universities and colleges opposing the CAA, NCR and NPR.

Questioning the Centre's

intention behind bringing the Act, Finance Minister Manpreet Badal said that the CAA had been introduced to single out one particular religion and "this will perpetuate sectarian tendencies".

"The resolution is an attempt to raise the voice of all those whom the Central Government is illegally trying to target on religious grounds," he said.

Referring to the 1947 partition, Manpreet said that Punjab had not demanded the division even then and more than 10 lakh lives had been lost in that tragic period and Punjab had paid a very heavy price for that. India's ethos would be tarnished if the Act was not repealed, he warned.

"Why not include people from Sri Lanka, Burma, Bhutan and why they are excluding Muslims...we want all should be included, be it Tamil Hindus from Sri Lanka, Rohingyas from Burma, and others...But they are deliberately ignoring one section," said Manpreet, underlining that the poorest of the poor section would be affected by the move.

Supporting the government resolution, AAP's Sunam MLA Aman Arora said that the CAA was just an attempt to hide the failures of the Modi regime on all major fronts, be it the promise of providing and jobs, or economic prosperity. CAA was against the spirit of our Constitution, he said asking what was the need to bring such an Act.

Speaking in favour of the resolution against CAA, AAP MLA from Kotkapura Kultar

Singh Sandhwan said that the Act was in violation of the basic structure of the Constitution and aimed at create a wedge between the peacefully living communities in India.

"We are against none...but, we are in favour of our Constitution," he said while lashing out at the Akali Dal for never standing with the Sikhs but with the politics.

Lok Insaaf Party (LIP) MLA Simarjeet Singh Bains demanded of the Government to direct all the officials, on the lines of the Kerala Government, not to carry out any work related with the National Population Register (NPR).

Maintaining that the CAA's announcement has affected him "personally", Nabha MLA Kaka Randeep Singh described the Centre's attempt to divide the nation on religious lines as atrocious and dangerous for India's secular fabric.

The issues of employment and declining GDP were being masked by raising religious sentiments by the BJP to instill a sense of fear amongst minorities, he said while pointing that the BJP led Central Government first brought Godra, then Muzaffarnagar, then came Article 370, followed by triple talaq and now this. "Isn't a particular community is being targeted here," he asked.

Commending the Chief Minister for taking a bold initiative by bringing resolution against CAA, Congress' Gidderbaha MLA Amarinder Singh Raja Warring termed it as a "draconian" Act, aimed at promoting hatred, oppression and communalism, as well as

promoting sectarian politics.

He blamed the BJP for thrusting this Act upon the people, especially the minorities, who had been living peacefully in India since independence. The student violence that had erupted in JNU, Jamia Milia and other educational institutions across the country reflected the people's mood against the BJP's nefarious designs to destabilize the country for their ulterior motives.

LONE MUSLIM MLA TOO REGISTERS HER PROTEST

The only Muslim MLA in the 117-member House, Cabinet Minister Razia Sultana pointed that the Centre's decision would impact the poorest and backward people who would not be able to procure and produce documentation to claim their Indian citizenship.

"The Constitution's founders would have never thought that the cherished ideals enshrined by them would be trampled over in this manner one day.

In a democracy, both majority and minority communities are taken along together to ensure the nation's progress," she said, adding that the BJP had persistently been trying to divide people on religious lines.

Detention centres had been set up across and there was fear amongst all minority communities which was worrisome, she said, terming it a "diversionary tactic" to shift people's attention from the key issues staring the nation.

"Modi fooled the people with his false claims of having

respect for the Constitution," she said, adding that it was satisfying to see people from all walks of life coming out on the streets to protest the "draconian" Act.

Castigating the Modi regime for playing with fire by polarizing people on religious lines, Razia Sultana said that the truth was that RSS and BJP have a fascist mindset and these parties have never accepted the national flag and Constitution.

BJP SAD ON STICKY WICKET

The government resolution seeking repealing of CAA and amending NPR forms left the BJP and SAD members on sticky wicket as they failed to defend the Centre's move.

BJP's only present member, Abohar MLA Arun Narang, could not muster enough words to justify the CAA, NRC, and NPR and only assuring the House that "kissi ko iss se khata nahi hai" (there is no danger to anyone).

SAD Legislature Party leader Sharanjit Singh Dhillon maintained that the party was in favour of applying the CAA to members of the Muslim community also so that they also get the same benefits as provided to the Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Christian and Parsi communities under the Act.

"The party wants the Congress not to oppose the relief given to the Sikh community, as from Afghanistan, but to focus only on securing relief to the Muslims also," he said.

SAD's Adampur MLA Pawan Kumar Tinu clarified that SAD president and Ferozpur MP Sukhbir Badal demanded the inclusion of Muslims in the Parliament. "Congress Government brought this resolution to divert attention from issues like agrarian crisis, power scam and unemployment in Punjab...it is a conspiracy," he said.

"Muslims should also be included in CAA. Instead of resolution opposing the CAA, we should bring amendment of including Muslims," he said.

Later, the SAD moved a resolution recommending to the Centre that CAA should be suitably amended to facilitate this relief to the Muslims, in addition to other communities, including the Sikhs, the Hindus, the Jains, the Buddhists, the Christians and Parsis, which was rejected by the Speaker Rana KP Singh.

House remembers ex-Mins, lawmakers, eminent personalities

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Vidhan Sabha on Friday paid tributes to eminent writer Prof Surjit Hans, famous Punjabi folk singer Mohammad Sharif Idu, veteran journalist Shingara Singh Bhullar, journalist Kanwaljit Singh Dhaliwal, freedom fighters, as well as political and other eminent personalities, who had passed away since the intervening period of the previous session.

The House, paid its respects to former ministers Jasbir Singh and Sukhdev Singh Shehbazpuri, and two former MLAs — Comrade Buta Singh and Daljit Kaur Padiala, along with freedom fighters Raj Kumar, Jeevan Singh and Mohinder Singh Salooja.

Respects were also paid to Mahavir Chakra Awardee Brig Manjit Singh, and famous Punjabi folk singer Mohammad Sharif Idu, besides eminent editor and Punjabi columnist Shingara Singh Bhullar.

Vidhan Sabha Speaker Rana Kanwarpal Singh also proposed that homage be paid to Raj Rani, mother of former Rajya Sabha Member and senior BJP leader Avinash Rai Khanna, as well as to Surjit Kaur, mother of Aam Aadmi Party MLA Najjar Singh Manshahia.

On the request of Parliamentary Affairs Minister

Brahm Mohindra, the name of eminent Punjabi writer and Sikh historian Prof Surjit Hans, who passed away on Friday morning, was also added to the obituary list.

On Congress MLA Randeep Singh Nabha's request, the Speaker also consented to include the name of senior journalist Hardev Singh, the son of renowned freedom fighter Baba Kishan Singh, to obituary references.

As AAP MLA demanded to include the name of farmers who have committed suicide, the Speaker refused the same.

The Speaker also did not allow SAD MLA Bikram Singh Majithia's request to include the name of Akali Dal's two former sarpanches — Baba Gurdeep Singh and Dalbir Singh Dhillwan — murdered recently, in the obituary list.

The Speaker, on behalf of the members, proposed that homage be paid to all those members who had passed away since the previous session. After the obituary references to the 10 eminent personalities, he passed a resolution for conveying the condolences of the House to their respective families. The resolution was passed by voice vote.

The members also observed a two-minute silence in memory of departed souls as a mark of respect during the obituary references, on the concluding day of the (special) session.

Punjab House ratifies SC/ST Bill to extend quota for another 10 years

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Vidhan Sabha on Friday ratified a bill to extend reservation to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the Lok Sabha, and state legislatures for another 10 years.

Moving a resolution under Article 38 of the Constitution on the concluding day of the two-day of special session to ratify the Constitution (126th Amendment) Bill, 2019, extending reservation for SCs and STs in Lok Sabha and state assemblies by another 10 years, the Chief Minister pointed that the founding fathers of the Constitution, led by Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar, had provided a term of 10 years of reservation for SCs and STs.

He said that the reservation had been extended by the successive Union Governments since then.

Notably, the reservation for the SCs, and STs, given for the last 70 years in Lok Sabha and state assemblies, was due to end on January 25, 2020.

The Parliament, only recently, passed a Constitution Amendment Bill in this regard and it has to be ratified by at least 50 percent of the assemblies before it becomes a law.

There are 84 members belonging to the Scheduled

Caste and 47 from the Scheduled Tribe communities in the Parliament. In assemblies, there are 614 SC members and 554 ST members.

Chief Minister said that despite improvement in the socio-economic status of these communities over the last 70 years aided by anti-discrimination policies and reservation in political representation and jobs, they still lag behind on several parameters.

"As a result, there is a strong case to extend the reservation to achieve the goal of development of the poor and downtrodden sections of the society," he said.

"I am aware that there may be many other issues concerning development of SCs and my government is fully committed to them. But today, this resolution may be adopted unanimously without any second thought," asserted Capt Amarinder.

He also underlined the need for all to collectively renew their commitment to the welfare and upliftment of the groups through proper education, training and representation in jobs.

Soon after, the resolution was passed by the Assembly "unanimously" without any debate though some of the members wanted to speak on the same.

PUNJAB WATERS

All-party meet on water in Punjab

Capt convenes it on Jan 23 to evolve strategy to tackle water crisis

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

As the legislators, cutting across the party lines, expressed their serious concern over the worsening water situation in Punjab, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Friday said that he has already sent out the invites for the all-party meeting on January 23 to evolve a comprehensive strategy to tackle the critical water situation in light of the fast-depleting water resources in the State.

Capt Amarinder, speaking following detailed discussion on "The Punjab Water Resources (Management and Regulation) Bill 2020", said that all matters related to the water issues in the State, including the Sutlej Yamuna Link (SYL) canal issue, poor quality of groundwater and pollution caused by industrial and domestic waste, would also be thoroughly discussed during the all-party meeting, in a bid to evolve a consensus to chalk out a detailed strategy to address these problems. The Bill, introduced by Irrigation Minister Sukhbinder Singh Sarkaria, was later passed by the House unanimously, thus paving way for the creation of Punjab Water Regulation and Development Authority to manage the critical water resource in the State.

Both the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) — Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) supported the Bill, expressing grave concern over the scarce water resources and the depleting groundwater table in the State.

During his intervention, in response to certain issues raised by AAP MLA and the Leader of Opposition Harpal Singh Cheema, the Chief Minister flayed the Opposition for their constant criticism of the State Government on the issue, while themselves failing to contribute in any way to tackling the problem.

Pointing out that he and his colleagues had already given up power subsidy for tubewells, Capt Amarinder challenged the Opposition leaders to show if any of them had heeded his appeal, yet, to do the same. The appeal, he said, was aimed at ensuring judicious use of groundwater and inculcating the habit of water saving.

Describing the depleting ground water table, and the growing pollution of river water, as serious issues, the Chief Minister reiterated his government's commitment to resolving the problem, which was particularly acute in the districts of southern Punjab, such as Sri Muktsar Sahib, leading to heavy incidence of cancer.

Citing his visit to Israel to explore ways and means to tackle the problem of water scarcity, the Chief Minister said that the West Asian country was also facing an acute crisis and facing exhaustion of its water resources in the next 15 years.

He, however, said that Israel had a vast sea in its vicinity, from where they could cater to their country's water requirement after desalinating the seawater. Unfortunately, Punjab did not have the option and could risk

overexploitation of its water resources only if it was prepared to become a desert in the coming years.

The Chief Minister apprised the House that his Government had already signed an agreement with National Water Company of Israel M/s Mekorot for formulation a Water Conservation and Management Master Plan (WCMMP) for conservation and management of water resources in the state.

The Punjab Water Regulation and Development Authority, provided by the Bill, will consist of a chairman and two other members to be appointed by the Government. The Authority will be responsible for management and conservation of water resources of the state in a judicious, equitable and sustainable manner, and will be empowered to take all such measures as it deems necessary or expedient for this purpose.

The Authority will also be empowered to issue directions and guidelines for the conservation and management of the water resources, besides issuing tariff orders specifying the charges to be imposed by entities supplying water for drinking domestic, commercial or industrial use.

The Bill also proposes the constitution of an Advisory Committee on Water Resources, to be notified by the Government, consisting of experts and ex-officio members from various government departments, to advise the authority. The authority may also engage experts on its own.

The Authority shall have, and maintain, a separate fund, to be called the Punjab Water Regulation and Development Authority Fund, in which the grants or loans would be credited by the Punjab Government. The Bill also proposes to empower the Government to issue to the Authority general or specific directions in writing, in the matters of policy involving public interest, and the Authority shall be bound to follow and act upon such directions. Tariff fixation would be done by the Authority as per the policy prescribed by the Government.

Earlier, SAD MLA Harinder Pal Singh Chandumajra suggested to convene as special session on the water issue. Dubbing the polluting of rivers, AAP MLA Kultar Singh Sandhwan urged the government to start acting against the industrial houses and units which are polluting Punjab's water.

Meanwhile, Lok Insaaf party MLA Simarjit Singh Bains pointed out how the Centre, in a step motherly treatment to the state, left it out of the Atal Jal Yojna after announcing its name during the launch of the central scheme. "We should unanimously condemn this step motherly treatment to Punjab," he demanded.

He also demanded to charge the water royalty from the neighbouring states of Rajasthan, Delhi for using Punjab water. As the Speaker Rana KP Singh refused to entertain his plea, he along with

his brother MLA Balwinder Singh Bains staged a brief protest in the well off of the House before staging a walk

House passes Right to Business, GST Bills

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Besides the Punjab Water Resources (Management and Regulation) Bill, 2020, the Punjab Vidhan Sabha on Friday also passed "The Right to Business Bill, 2020" and "The Punjab Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2020" (replacing ordinance).

The Right to Business Bill, to facilitate business for Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), is aimed at easing the regulatory burden on newly incorporated MSMEs by providing enabling provision of self-declaration, besides exemption from certain approvals and inspections for establishment and operations of MSMEs in Punjab.

With this, the MSMEs in the State will get a big relief from the tedious process of getting regulatory approvals before setting up of the units.

It would encompass various regulatory services, including sanction of building plans, issuance of completion or occupation certificate for

buildings, registration of new trade license under the Punjab Municipal Act, 1911, and the Punjab Municipal Corporation Act 1976, sanction of building plans, among others.

With this, a District Bureau of Enterprise (DBE) would be established in each district, headed by the Deputy Commissioner as chief executive officer, while General Manager of the District Industries Centre (DIC) would act as the Additional Chief Executive Officer, with other members to be notified by the Government from time-to-time.

The DBE shall be designated as District Level Nodal Agency, which would work under the overall superintendence, direction and control of the State Government and the State Nodal Agency.

The District Level Nodal Agency will assist and facilitate MSME enterprises in the State, maintain record of 'Declaration of Intent' received and issue 'certificate of In Principle Approval' under the Act.

Khattar asks officials to launch campaign to promote women's safety

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Friday directed State Government departments to launch extensive campaigns to promote women's safety and make it a mass movement.

He said that on the occasion of International Women's Day on March 8, besides a State level function, a Pinkathon (women's marathon) would be organised at 100 places wherein thou-

sands of women will participate to disseminate the message of women's safety.

Presiding over a meeting here to review the steps being taken for ensuring women's safety and security in the state, Khattar also directed the departments to closely monitor the implementation of these initiatives. The chief minister said that in 2020, the main focus of his government would be on the safety, security and empowerment of women.

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GENERAL SECRETARY

CAT sets aside Punjab DGP's appointment

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

In a major setback to Capt Amarinder Singh-led Punjab Government, the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) on Friday set aside the appointment of senior IPS officer Dinkar Gupta as the state Director-General of Police (DGP).

He was virtually handed-picked by Capt Amarinder almost a year back after the retirement of his predecessor Suresh Arora from among the panel of three officers, sent by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) as per the new rules set by the Supreme Court.

The other two officers of the panel include two others 1987-batch IPS officers — MK Tiwari and VK Bhawra.

1987-batch officer Gupta lost the legal battle to his seniors 1985-batch Mohd Mustafa and 1986-batch Siddharth Chattopadhyaya in cop versus cop case. Both Mustafa and Chattopadhyaya are also the DGPs.

Appointed DGP on February 7, 2019, for at least two years fixed tenure, Gupta had superseded his five senior officers. Besides Mustafa and Chattopadhyaya, Gupta also superseded the 1984-batch IPS officer Samant Kumar Goel, 1985-batch Hardeep Singh Dhillon, and 1986-batch Jasinder Singh.

Unhappy, Mustafa and Chattopadhyaya challenged the appointment.

Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh was quick to respond to the verdict. Soon after the pronouncement of the judgment by the CAT Bench, the Chief Minister tweeted that Dinkar Gupta would continue to hold the post.

The State Government, by the evening, made clear its intent to challenge the orders before the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

"The Government has decided that it will challenge the CAT order quashing Dinkar Gupta's appointment as the Director General of Police in the High Court," a senior government official told The Pioneer.

Gupta would become the second officer virtually retained by the State even after the initial passing of adverse judicial orders. Retired IAS officer Suresh Kumar is currently continuing as the Chief Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister. His appointment too was quashed by a Single Bench of the High Court.

But a Division Bench later stayed the operation of the order setting aside his appointment as the Chief Principal Secretary to

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Setting aside Gupta's appointment as Punjab DGP, CAT has directed the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) and the Empanelment Committee to prepare a panel of three senior-most officers "strictly in accordance with" the Supreme Court judgment and by "not taking into account, any factors other than those mentioned by the Supreme Court" within four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of the judgment.

As per the Supreme Court directives, the state DGP "shall be selected by the State Government from amongst the three senior-most officers of the Department who have been empanelled for promotion to that rank by the Union Public Service Commission on the basis of their length of service, very good record and range of experience for heading the police force. And, once he has been selected for the job, he should have a minimum tenure of at least two years irrespective of his date of superannuation".

CAT Bench of Justice L Narasimha Reddy, and Mohd Jamshed, in its order, observed that "entire selection process and consequential appointment of Dinkar Gupta is contrary to the judgment of Supreme Court in Prakash Singh's case".

The Bench also observed, "It is clear that the selection process, which was galvanized, has been virtually ignored and defeated with impunity. A device procedure was evolved to choose the selection criteria in such a way that the desired candidates are selected. This exactly was the malady, which the Supreme Court wanted to eradicate."

It maintained that the "procedure adopted the UPSC and the Empanelment Committee for preparation of panel for appointment to the post of DGP, Punjab, is patently opposed to, and is violative of the one stipulated by the Supreme Court, apart from being otherwise illegal and arbitrary".

The Bench was added that the issue can be examined from another angle. "The easiest way for a State Government to ensure that an officer of its choice and who is pliable as DGP, would be to continuously post him in any specific activity, however inconsequential it may be, and then to make an effort to accord primacy to such activity in the process of selection."

"There cannot be a better instance of arbitrariness and favouritism, than this. The selection process would stand reduced to a mockery. Any aspiring officer would make endeavour in ensuring that he remains in the good books of administration and he is posted continuously in a particular activity," the Bench added.

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Notably, Gupta's appointment as DGP came after the UPSC, on February 4, 2019, had prepared a three-member panel and recommended the names to the Punjab Government to appoint one of them as the next state police chief. Before that, a list of three IPS officers surfaced in which Gupta's names was included along with that of Goel and Mustafa.

It was believed that the names of officers in the previous list were discussed during the UPSC meeting, which was attended by the then DGP Suresh Arora and the Chief Secretary Karan Avtar Singh, but the final list that was prepared included the names of all 1987-batch IPS officers.

A decorated officer, Gupta's appointment at the top post has ruffled many feathers within the Police Department, with his senior Mustafa coming out in public to express his displeasure. Unhappy for being "ignored", Mustafa has maintained that he would knock the door of the Apex Court to seek "justice".

Mustafa, who was considered to be a strong contender for the DGP post, is the husband of Punjab Cabinet Minister Razia Sultana. Mustafa also enjoys close proximity with the Chief Minister Capt Amarinder.

Counsel for Mustafa, DS Patwalia, argued that the UPSC, the Department of Home Affairs, Punjab, and Empanelment Committee had completely deviated from the factors required for selection such as length of service, very good record and range of experience for heading the police force.

He argued that "even if it is to be presumed that the performance of the officers in the core policing activities is relevant, there was no basis for choosing only 5, out of 20". It was pleaded that five areas were chosen only to push up Dinkar Gupta, who was otherwise far below.

The same ground was adopted by the counsel for Siddharth Chattopadhyaya. The UPSC and Empanelment Committee contended that five core policing areas — intelligence, law and order, administration, investigation, and security, were taken into account, and that they are in conformity with the draft guidelines issued by the UPSC in 2009.

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NOTICE OF E-AUCTION (RULE 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002)

WHEREAS the below mentioned borrowers residing /carrying on business at Chandigarh & Haryana availed credit facilities from Andhra Bank, branches and has defaulted to pay and is due to the Bank-

Sr. No.	Branch Name	Account Name	DEFAULTED AMOUNT DUE TO THE ANDHRA BANK AS PER SARFAESI 13(2) DEMAND NOTICE	PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
1.	KARNAL (1135)	M/S. AUDIO VIDEO ELECTRONICS PROP. MR. PARMOD KUMAR	Rs. 38,92,372.25 (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Three Hundred And Seventy Two and Twenty Five Paise) as on 03.09.2019 Plus Further Interest Costs and Charges thereon	Equitable mortgage of commercial property situated at shop no.6/10-11, ram nagar, m c limit, karnal admeasuring the area of 40.44 sq yds in the name of Mrs. Kamal Chugh W/o Mr Parmod Kumar Bounded By : East: Prop. No 6/12 13-14 Road, West: Smt Kamal Chugh, North: House No. 6/12, South: Road
2.	PANIPAT (1133)	M/S. AMAN TEXTILES PROP. MR. TEJ SINGH	Rs. 7,16,410.40 (Rupees Seven Lakh Sixteen Thousand Four Hundred And Ten and Forty Paise) as on 01.08.2019 Plus Further Interest Costs and Charges thereon	Urban vacant plot (in the name of Tej Singh S/o Ishwar Singh) at Khewat No 1053, Khasra No. 40/5/2/1, Waka Patti Makhdoom Jagdam, Abadi Known As Jasbir Colony, Near Mohan Factory, Barsat Road, Outside MC Limit, Panipat and bounded by : East: Plot Of Rajinder Saini, West: House of Others, North: Rasta, South: Plot of Sonu.
3.	PANIPAT (1133)	M/S. HOME COLLECTION PROP. MRS. SEEMA RANI	Rs. 30,93,718.75 (Rupees Thirty Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Seven Hundred Eighteen and Seventy Five Paise) as on 02.09.2019 Plus Further Interest Costs and Charges thereon.	Factory Land And Building —in The Name Of Mr. Ramesh Kumar Situated at Khewat No. 750/6/24, Khatoni No. 951, Rect No. 32 26/1/3/5/1/1/4/4(2-13), Ugra Khedi, Panipat, Haryana-132103, Admeasuring 847 Sq. Yds Bounded by : East: Katcha Road Connected to Sanoli Road, West: Property of Prem Sachdeva, North: Road, South: Huda Road .
4.	SEC-7, PANCHKULA (2875)	MR. AJAY	Rs. 53,17,709.71 (Rupees Fifty Three Lakh Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred Nine and Seventy One Paise Only) as on 02.09.2019 Plus Further Interest Costs and Charges thereon.	Residential Land and Building Belonging to Mr. Ajay and Mrs. Anita Situated at H No 205 Housing Board Colony Himshikha Nangal Sodhian Pinjore Panchkula Haryana 134102. Boundaries: North: H No 218, South: Road, East: H No 206, West: Park/H No 204
5.	SAFIDON (2500)	MR. ASHISH	Rs. 5,64,452.03 (Rupees Five Lakh Sixty Four Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Two and Three Paise Only) as on 02.09.2019 Plus Further Interest Costs and Charges thereon	Urban Residential Plot/land (in the Name of Mrs Deepika W/o Ashish) situated at Near DAV School Between Khansar Chow to Sahanpur Mor Admeasuring Approximately 803.25 Sq. ft Safidon Distt. Jind and Bounded By : East: Gali, West: Plot No. 20-21, North: Open Land, South: Plot of Vendor
6.	SAFIDON (2500)	M/S. MAHALUXMI BRICKS PROP. PARDEEP KUMAR BANSAL	Rs. 2,12,31,900.30 (Rupees Two Crore Twelve Lakh Thirty One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty Paise Only) as on 02.08.2019 Plus Further Interest Costs And Charges thereon	Property-1 Land And Building - Residential (in The Name Of Mrs Poonam Devi W/o Mr Pardeep Kumar Bansal) Admeasuring Approximately 2268 Sq.ft (252 Sq Yds) Situated ATA Single Storey Residential Property Situated In Ward No. 10 Chottu Ram Colony Safidon Dist. Jind And Bounded By : East: House Of Jai Gopal, West: Gali, North: Plot Of Rajbir Deswal, South: Plot Of Lala Lakshmi Chand. Property-2 Residential Land and Building (mr Vishnu Dutt) - Admeasuring Approximately 1080 Sq.ft (120 Sq Yds) Situated In Samrat Hospital Wall Gali on Hansi Branch Canal Safidon Dist. Jind and Bounded By : East: Plot Of Master Mahavir, West: Land of Randhir Deswal, North: Land of Govt. Drain, South: Canal Singhpura. Property-3 Residential and And Building(in The Name Of Mrs Poonam Devi And Mr. Pardeep Kumar Bansal) Admeasuring Approximately 1116 Sq.ft (124 Sq Yds) Situated on Railway Road in Ward No. 10 Chottu Ram Colony Safidon Distt. Jind and Bounded By : East: Plot of Poonam Rani, West: Plot of Gupta Paints, North: Pardeep Kumar, South: Gali.
7.	SEC-44, CHANDIGARH (1009)	MR. GURMUKH SINGH	Rs. 14,55,061.50 (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Fifty Five Thousand Sixty One and Fifty Paise) as on 01-08-2019 Plus Further Interest Costs and Charges thereon.	Urban Land (in the Name of Mrs Sarbjeeet Kaur W/o Gurmukh Singh) Situated At Plot No. 509, Palm Enclave, Morinda, Tehsil Distt. Ropar, Punjab and Bounded By : East: Boundary Wall, West: Road, North: Plot No. 510, South: Plot No. 508.
8.	KULLU (1849)	MRS. ANJANA PAL	Rs. 8,88,016.00 (Rupees Eight Lakh Eighty Eight Thousand Sixteen and Zero Paise Only) as on 01-05-2019 Plus Further Interest Costs and Charges thereon	Residential Plot With Semi Constructed House in the Name of Anjana Pal- Land Measuring About 00-01-93 Hect Being 840/10500 Share of Land Comprised In Khasra Kita 7 Khata Khatauni 69 Min/99 Min and Entered In Parcha Jamabandi For Year 2011-2012 For Muhal Puid, Phati Kharahal, Kothi Kais, Tehsil & Distt Kullu H.P. and Bounded By : East: Land of Shri Ved Ram, West: Bijali Mahadev Road, North: House of Shri Ved Ram, South: Land of Shri Tek Chand.
9.	JIND (1782)	MRS. USHA RANI	Rs. 20,65,454.00 (Rupees Twenty Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Four and Zero Paise) as on 02-05-2019 Plus Further Interest Costs And Charges thereon	Vacant Commercial plot (admeasuring 60 Sq Yds) in the Name of Usha Rani W/o Late Subhash at Khewat No.2286, Khata No-2816, Kila No.245/26/2 Waka Ward No.10, Sonipat Road, Gohana, Haryana and Bounded By : East: Shop of Smt. Manju, West: Shop of Sh. Rajinder Narwal, North: Sonipat Road, South: Property of Gulshan Kumar.
10.	JIND (1782)	MR. BHADUR CHAND	Rs. 18,26,837.00 (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Twenty Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Seven and Zero Paise) as on 04-07-2017 Plus Further Interest Costs and Charges thereon	EM of Residential House Belonging to Mr Bhadar Chand S/o Laxman Dass Constructed on Plot Measuring 05 Marlas i.e. Approx 150 Sq Yards, Situated At Property No 375/11, Om Nagar, Near Somnath Mandir, New Sabzi Mandi Road, Tehsil & Dist Jind. Boundaries : East : Street, West: Plot, North: House of Mr. Nafe Singh, South: House of Mr. Sher Singh.

Therefore Andhra Bank in exercise of the Powers conferred u/s 13 of The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 has decided to sell the property detailed below in Public auction to be conducted by way of e-auction through the website/portal detailed hereunder

The Reserve Price of the Secured Asset detailed hereafter is fixed at-

- Rs. 32,03,000/- (Rupees Thirty Two Lakh Three Thousand only)
- Rs. 6,30,000/- (Rupees Six Lakh Thirty Thousand only)
- Rs. 52,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Two Lakh only)
- Rs 57,16,000/- (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakh Sixteen Thousand Only)
- Rs. 4,40,000/- (Rupees Four Lakh Forty Thousand only)
- (a) Rs. 46,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Six Lakh only)
(b) Rs. 30,26,000/- (Rupees Thirty Lakh Twenty Six Thousand only)
(c) Rs. 1,29,34,000/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Nine Lakh Thirty Four Thousand only)
- Rs. 23,80,000/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakh Eighty Thousand only)
- Rs. 4,23,000/- (Rupees Four Lakh Twenty Three Thousand only)
- Rs. 95,00,000/- (Rupees Ninety Five Lakh only)
- Rs. 20,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh only)

The Persons interested in participating in the auction and purchasing the property shall deposit 10% towards earnest money

- Rs. 3,20,300/- (Rupees Three Lakh Twenty Thousand Three Hundred only)
- Rs. 63,000/- (Rupees Sixty Three Thousand only)
- Rs. 5,20,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh Twenty Thousand only)
- Rs. 5,71,600/- (Rupees Five Lakh Seventy one Thousand Six Hundred Only)
- Rs. 44,000/- (Rupees Forty Four Thousand only)
- (a) Rs. 4,60,000/- (Rupees Four Lakh Sixty Thousand only)
(b) Rs. 3,02,600/- (Rupees Three Lakh Two Thousand Six Hundred only)
(c) Rs. 12,93,400/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Four Hundred only)
- Rs. 2,38,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand only)
- Rs. 42,300/- (Rupees Forty Two Thousand Three Hundred only)
- Rs. 9,50,000/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Fifty Thousand only)
- Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh only)

The persons interested in participating in the auction and purchasing the property shall deposit-towards Earnest Money by way of EFT/RTGS/NEFT transfer in favour of the-

- 1) Authorised Officer, Jind branch to the credit of the A/c No. 178211100003235 (Name of A/c Authorised Officer Andhra Bank) Andhra Bank Jind Branch Code being 1782, IFSC Code ANDB0001782.
- 2) Authorised Officer, Safidon branch to the credit of the A/c No. 250011100001796 (Name of A/c Authorised Officer Andhra Bank) Andhra Bank Safidon Branch Code being 2500, IFSC Code ANDB0002500.
- 3) Authorised Officer, Kullu Branch to the credit of the A/c No. 184911100000900 (Name of A/c Authorised Officer Andhra Bank) Andhra Bank Kullu Branch Code being 1849, IFSC Code ANDB0001849.
- 4) Authorised Officer, Sec-44, Chandigarh Branch to the credit of the A/c No. 100911100005020 (Name of A/c Authorised Officer Andhra Bank) Andhra Bank Sec-44, Chandigarh Branch Code being 1009, IFSC Code ANDB0001009.
- 5) Authorised Officer, Karnal Branch to the credit of the A/c No. 113511100004580 (Name of A/c Authorised Officer Andhra Bank) Andhra Bank Karnal, the Branch Code being 1135, IFSC Code ANDB0001135.
- 6) Authorised Officer, Panipat Branch to the credit of the A/c No. 113311100006612 (Name of A/c Authorised Officer Andhra Bank) Andhra Bank Panipat Branch Code being 1133, IFSC Code ANDB0001133.
- 7) Authorised Officer, Sec-7, Panchkula Branch to the credit of the A/c No. 287511100001316 (Name of A/c Authorised Officer Andhra Bank) Andhra Bank Sec-7, Panchkula Branch Code being 1133, IFSC Code ANDB0002875.

The EMD has to be deposited on or before 4.00 pm on 17th February 2020

The intending purchasers after payment of the EMD have to register their name with the e-auction service provider given below and obtain their user ID and password. The intending purchasers can take the assistance of the service provider in creation of login ID & password, uploading data, submitting bid and can also get training on e-auction free of cost.

The intending purchaser holding valid User ID/ Password and confirmed payment of EMD through NEFT/RTGS shall alone be eligible for participating in the e-Auction process subject to clearance by the Authorised Officer. Minimum Bid multiples shall be 1% of the upset price (as mentioned in the above table) whichever is less.

The properties will be e-auctioned on 18th February 2020 on the website of ANTARES SYSTEMS LIMITED (E-auction service provider) between 11:00 hrs to 14:00 hrs with auto time extension of 5 minutes each, till the sale is concluded/closed. The property would be sold to the bidder who offers highest price/bid, and the sale shall be subject to confirmation by the Bank.

In respect of movable property, the successful bidder/purchaser will have to deposit the entire sale price immediately on completion of Sale. In respect of immovable property, the successful bidder/purchaser will have to deposit 25% of the price/bid amount inclusive of earnest money deposited immediately i.e., on the same day or not later than next working day, as the case may be with Authorised officer and in default of such deposit, the property shall be sold again.

The balance 75% of the amount shall have to be deposited by the purchaser on or before the 15th day of confirmation of Sale of the immovable property or such extended period as may be agreed upon in writing between the purchaser and secured creditor. If the amount is not paid within the stipulated time, the amount deposited shall be forfeited and the bank will be at liberty to sell the property again.

There are no encumbrances known to the Bank on the Property/the property is subject to the following encumbrances known to the Bank.
• Municipal Tax
• Society Charges
• Other statutory charges

The parties interested to inspect the property may do so on 10th February, 2020 to 12th February, 2020 between 11.00 PM and 4.00 PM in taking prior permission from Authorised Officer. The purchaser shall be liable for payment of local taxes, excise duty and any other statutory dues. The Registration charges and stamp duty on the documents executed for affecting the sale shall be borne by the purchaser.

The property will be sold as per the Terms and Conditions displayed on the website of the service provider on as is where is and as is what is basis. The decision of the bank regarding sale of the property shall be final, binding and will not be open to question. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to cancel or postpone the sale without assigning any reasons.

The e-auction of the above mentioned property would be conducted through the e-Auction Service Provider: The e-auction of the above mentioned property would be conducted through the e-Auction Service Provider : Name:Antares Systems Limited Address: # 24, Sudha Complex, 3rd Stage, 4th Block Basavsh Warangar, Bangalore -560079 Through E- Auction Portal: www.tenderwizard.com/ANB Helpline Nos: (Toll Free) 18001-026185 (Landline) 080-49352000 Contact Person(s) : Mr. Vinod Singh Bora - 9718227288, & Mr. Kushal Bose - 7686913157 Helpline E-mail id :- vinodsingh.b@antaresystems.com & kushal.b@antaresystems.com

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- www.antaresystems.com
- www.andhrabank.in
- www.tenders.gov.in

Further details regarding the e-auction and the e-auction bid form, declaration form and detailed terms and conditions may be obtained from Andhra Bank Zonal Office, 1 St Floor Hotel Shivalik View, Sec 17 E Chandigarh, Contact no. 0172-2722040, 0172-2722041 email: zocnd@andhrabank.co.in and the same are also available in the following websites:

1. www.tenderwizard.com/ANB
2. www.andhrabank.in
3. www.tenders.gov.in

This is also a notice to the borrower (s) guarantor(s) mortgageor(s) of the above loan under Rule 8(6) and Rule 9 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002.

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S. No.	NIT No.	Name of Work & Location	Estimated cost put to tender	Earnest money	Time of completion	Last date and time for online submission of tender	Time & date of opening of tender
1.	E2/20/12	M/c. of E.I and switchgear in GMCH, Chandigarh. (Repair and replacement of burnt out/ defective chokes, starter, tube rods etc. in GMCH, Sarali building, Sector 32, MRC Building Sector 31, Chandigarh.	Rs. 5,45,940/-	Rs. 11,000/-	03 Months	24.01.2020 Upto 02.30 P.M.	24.01.2020 At 03.00 P.M.

Executive Engineer, Electrical Division No.2, Chandigarh.

Nadda dares RaGa to speak 10 lines on CAA

Says he is misleading mass

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Casting doubts on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's understanding of Citizenship (Amendment) Act, BJP working president J P Nadda on Friday challenged him to speak 10 sentences on the law. Nadda also accused him of misleading the country on the legislation.

Nadda, who is next week expected to take over from Amit Shah the full-time charge of the party, said it is "unfortunate" for the country that some people "exhibit their wisdom" without understanding the issue so as to mislead the mass.

"The Congress is opposing the CAA. I dare Rahul Gandhi

to speak 10 sentences on the law. He should tell us in two sentences what is his problem with the CAA... He is leading such a big party and has to decide himself how he has to do it, but he should not mislead the country," the BJP working president said.

The amendments in the citizenship law are meant to give citizenship to members of minority communities - Hindus, Christians, Sikhs, Parsis, Buddhists, Jains - who fled Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan due to religious persecution and took refuge in India, he said.

Likes of Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira

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Gandhi had advocated giving citizenship to these persecuted minorities but the Congress does not have any leader now who could understand the issue, Nadda said.

Since coming to power for a second term, the Modi government has in six months resolved issues which had been pending for 70 years, he asserted, adding that opposition parties were left without any issue and had seized on the CAA to mislead the country.

"For the Congress and the Left, their vote bank comes before the country. For Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the country comes first and votes later," he said.

Critics are claiming that crores of people will arrive and settle in India due to this law,

but the fact is that it is for those who arrived here by December 31, 2014, he added.

Opposition parties believe in keeping problems unresolved so that they could do politics over it while the Modi government has addressed issues like Article 370, he said.

He claimed minorities were persecuted in Pakistan and Bangladesh and their population, he claimed, fell to three and seven per cent respectively there from 23 per cent in 1947.

According to a section of Pakistani media quoting census report, the total percentage of minorities in Pakistan including the erstwhile East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) was only about 14.50 per cent following the partition.

DAVINDER ARREST

Cong slams NIA probe, wants re-investigation into Pulwama attack

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress on Friday demanded a fair probe within six months into the case involving Jammu & Kashmir DSP Davinder Singh, arrested with Hizbul terrorists in south Kashmir, as Rahul Gandhi alleged the case was handed over to the NIA to "silence" Singh. The party also sought a re-investigation into the February 2019 Pulwama terrorist attack and Singh's role in it as he had been posted in the district as DSP at the time.

Questioning the Government's "conspicuous silence", it demanded the Prime Minister and the Home Minister to answer questions raised by people after Singh's arrest last week. The grand old party alleged NIA's role has been questionable in the probes against Swami Assemananda and Pragna Thakur. Congress demanded a fast track court to look into the entire activities and the DSP's role.

"The best way to 'silence' Singh was to hand the investigation against him to NIA chief Y C Modi, under whose care the case will be 'as good as dead', Rahul alleged.

Calling the National Investigation Agency (NIA) chief "another Modi", the Congress leader said he had investigated the 2002 Gujarat riots and the killing of former Gujarat home minister Haren Pandya in 2003.

"The best way to silence Terrorist DSP Davinder, is to hand the case to the NIA,"



Rahul said on Twitter, adding, "In YK's care, the case is as good as dead." The former Congress chief put out the Twitter post using the hashtag "WhoWantsTerroristDavindersIlenced" and asked "why".

Congress spokesperson Supriya Srinate said serious questions are being raised on national security. She said Singh was not "just any other officer" as three days before his arrest, he was entrusted with the security of foreign diplomats visiting Jammu and Kashmir and prior to that, he was DSP in Pulwama when the terror attack happened. She said Singh also faced three FIRs for extortion.

When Singh was arrested in Kulgam, he was accompanying Hizbul Mujahideen terrorists Naveed Baba and Altaf and a lawyer operating as an overground worker for terrorist groups. "Why is the government conspicuously silent. The conspicuous silence of the government raises so many questions. It is government's moral responsibility to conduct a fair probe so that there are no doubts," the Congress spokesperson said.

INSHORT

JP NADDA SET TO BE BJP PRESIDENT ON JAN 20

New Delhi: The nominations for the election to the post of the BJP national president will be filed on January 20, and polling, if required, will take place the next day, the party announced on Friday. The elevation of BJP working president J P Nadda to the top party post is all but certain as he is likely to be elected unopposed, party sources have said. He will succeed Amit Shah.

SONIA, RAHUL MEET CONG MLAS FROM JHARKHAND

New Delhi: Congress president Sonia Gandhi and party leader Rahul Gandhi met the newly-elected party legislators from Jharkhand at the former's residence here on Friday. "Both Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi asked the MLAs to work for the welfare and aspirations of people of Jharkhand and fulfil the commitments made to them," AICC in-charge for Jharkhand R P N Singh said.

HYD ENCOUNTER: SC DEFINES POWER, DUTIES

New Delhi: The Supreme Court has defined the power and duties of a three-member commission headed by a former apex court judge set up to inquire into the alleged encounter killing of the four accused in the gang-rape and murder case of a woman veterinarian in Hyderabad. A Bench of Chief Justice SA Bobde and Justices BR Gavai and Surya Kant said if any offence appears to have been committed in the course, the responsibility of erring officials will be fixed.

DECIDE REPRESENTATION TO SET UP KVS, SAYS SC

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday asked the Centre to decide the representation of BJP leader Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay within three months on a plea seeking to set up Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) in every tehsil across the country. A bench headed by Justices N V Ramana said that courts cannot decide as to what school should be opened where.

Panel formed to look into Swapan Dasgupta case

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Visva Bharati University has informed the HRD Ministry that they have set up a three-member committee to look into the incident of BJP MP Swapan Dasgupta confined in a room for several hours when he visited the campus on January 8 to deliver a lecture on the new citizenship law.

Dasgupta, Vice Chancellor Bidyut Chakraborty and others were confined for six hours in a university building as hundreds of Left-leaning students staged a sit-in outside accusing the politician of promoting hatred among communities.

"The university has formed a three-member committee to look into the matter where BJP leader Swapan Dasgupta had said that he was locked in a room with a mob outside, at the university, where he was addressing a meeting on Citizenship Amendment Act on January 8," said a senior

HRD Ministry official. Dasgupta had taken to Twitter to inform about the incident.

The panel will also look into alleged clash between two groups of students of the university on January 15. According to police officials, armed with rods and sticks, a group of men attacked the students of a boys' hostel inside the Visva Bharati campus on Wednesday night leaving several of them injured.

At the backdrop of the controversy and unrest in premier universities like JNU, Jamia Milia Islamia, AMU, the Visva Bharati university officials informed the HRD Ministry about the incident and that they would enquire into the incident and submit the report at the earliest.

"How does it feel to have a mob attack a peaceful meeting on CAA and intimidation students? This is what is happening to a meeting I am addressing at Vishva Bharati now. Locked into the room now with mob outside," Swapan had tweeted.

Jaishankar holds talks with EU high representative, S African FM

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

India discussed an entire range of Lissues with European Union and South Africa here on Friday during two separate meetings between External Affairs S Jaishankar and the two nations. While bilateral talks were held with European Union High Representative for Foreign Affairs Josep Borrell, South African foreign minister Naledi Pandor held parleys with his Indian counterpart.

In his meeting with Borrell, Jaishankar discussed global and regional issues, multilateralism, connectivity and counter terrorism. "A great meeting with HRVP @JosepBorrellF of European Union. Productive discussions on global and regional issues, multilateralism, connectivity and counter terrorism. Underlined our climate change coop-

eration. Agreed to keep in close touch," Jaishankar said in a tweet.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), in a statement, said Jaishankar and Borrell took stock of the India-EU relations and the way forward, ahead of the planned summit in March 2020 and discussed the possible deliverables.

"Both agreed to further enlarge the existing bilateral political, security, economic and trade cooperation and identify new areas for cooperation in connectivity, Indo-Pacific Region, data adequacy etc," the MEA said.

After his meeting with Pandor, Jaishankar said in a tweet, "Co-chaired a fruitful Joint Ministerial Commission with FM Naledi Pandor of South Africa. Our traditional friendship and cooperation stands re-energised. Deeply appreciate her #Raisina participation."

No doubts on India's Kashmir approach: Russia

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Two days after Pakistan's efforts to raise the Kashmir issue through China in the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) failed, Russia on Friday said it has "no doubts" about India's approach on Kashmir, which is a strictly bilateral matter between India and Pakistan.

Making this clear, Russian ambassador to New Delhi Nikolay Kudashev said "those having doubts over India's approach on Kashmir can go there, we don't have any doubt," he said on not being invited to visit Jammu & Kashmir.

His assertion comes ahead of External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's visit to Russia on March 22 and March 23 to

Conveyed our concerns to India on 'Quad' on multiple occasions: Russian Ambassador

The Russian Ambassador also said it has conveyed to India on multiple occasions its concerns over the US-backed Quadrilateral coalition for the Indo-Pacific and held that introduction of competitive structures will create friction among the countries of the region. Kudashev said Moscow was "concerned and apprehensive" over the Indo-Pacific strategy of the US as it has completely ignored existence of Russia and China while pushing forward its agenda for the strategically key region. In November 2017, India, the US, Australia and Japan gave shape to the long-pending "Quad" coalition to work closely in the Indo-Pacific region.



attend a meeting of the Russia-Indian-China trilateral, Kudashev said.

On China's attempt to raise the issue of Kashmir at the Security Council, Kudashev said, "It's a strictly bilateral matter to discuss between India and Pakistan based on Shimla Agreement and Lahore Declaration.

Russia is a long-standing ally for India on the abrogation of Article 370 giving special status to Jammu and Kashmir. A after the government abrogated Article 370 in August last year, Russia had become the first UNSC permanent member to come out in support of India as it stated that the move was carried out "within the framework of the Constitution of the Republic of India".

Fund utilisation in development schemes improved, finds study

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A study on spending on Aschemes at the district level by Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability (CBGA) and Tata Trusts has concluded that fund utilisation in development schemes has improved significantly, but quality of spending not satisfactory yet. Ahead of the annual Budget, both the organisations together hosted "The Budget Trails", to share and discuss the insights from a two-year long project, which studied fund-flow mechanism at the district level, across 10 development schemes.

The consultation aims to

develop a roadmap for fiscal governance reforms that are needed to ensure significant improvement in resource absorption in development schemes, leading to better development outcomes.

This is a first of its kind study that analyses bottlenecks in fund utilisation, at the district level, by placing a District Budget Analyst (DBA) in each of the selected district headquarters.

Prof Abhijit Sen, former Member 14th Finance Commission and Planning Commission, remarked in his keynote address that such discussions need to note there is a general scare of increasing

regular public employment. Dr. Poorima Dore, Head of Data Driven Governance at the Tata Trusts was also present.

"The rigorous two year research project, focused on 10 social sector schemes (SSA, MDM, NHM, ICDS, SBM, NRDWP, MGNREGS, NSAP, PMAY, PMFBY and RKVY) in five districts of Balasore and Bolangir in Odisha, Chandrapur in Maharashtra, East Singhbhum in Jharkhand, and Krishna in Andhra Pradesh. For these schemes, the districts have reported better utilisation of funds available; with over 85 per cent fund utilisation reported for the financial years 2017-18 and 2018-19.

SC agrees to hear pleas against land acquisition process for bullet train project

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday agreed to examine a batch of pleas filed by farmers against the Gujarat High Court verdict which had dismissed their petitions challenging the process of land acquisition for the ambitious Ahmedabad-Mumbai bullet train project.

The bullet train project was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Japanese counterpart Shinzo Abe in September 2017.

The train will run at a speed of 320-350 kmph, and will have 12 stations

across its 508-km stretch from Ahmedabad to Mumbai.

A bench of Justices Deepak Gupta and Aniruddha Bose issued notices to the Centre, Gujarat government and others on a batch of appeals challenging September 19 last year verdict of the high court.

As an interim relief, the plea has sought to restrain the Gujarat Government from proceeding ahead with the process of land acquisition for the purpose of the bullet train project.

SC seeks Centre's reply on PIL for converting public transport, Govt vehicles into electric ones

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Friday sought the Centre's reply on a PIL seeking implementation of the National E-Mobility Mission Plan (NEMMP), 2020 which recommended gradual conversion all public transport and Government vehicles into electric vehicles (EVs) to curb air pollution.

A bench headed by Chief Justice

S A Bobde decided to make the Ministry of Surface Transport and Highways and the minister concerned parties to the petition and listed it for hearing after four weeks.

The PIL alleged that the citizens' rights to health and clean environment under the Constitution are being "violated due to governmental apathy" in mitigating the impact of climate change and air pollution "partly attributable to emissions from vehicles that burn fossil fuels". PTI

CORONAVIRUS SPREAD IN CHINA

India issues travel advisory

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

In the wake of the outbreak of deadly Coronavirus in China which is causing respiratory problems, India on Friday issued a travel advisory asking citizens to follow certain precautionary measures such as avoiding travel to farms, live animal markets or where animals are slaughtered, and refrain consuming "raw or undercooked meat" while visiting the neighbouring country.

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses, which cause illnesses to people and also circulate in animals including camels, cats and bats. Rarely, animal coronaviruses can also evolve and infect people.

The advisory issued by the Union Health Ministry stated that even though the mode of transmission of the Coronavirus is unclear as of now, those visiting China are advised to avoid travel to farms, live animal markets or where animals are slaughtered,



and refrain consuming "raw or undercooked meat".

It suggested avoiding close contact with people who are unwell or showing symptoms of illness, such as cough, runny nose among others. The advisory asks travellers to China to follow some "public health measures at all times" like observing good per-

sonal hygiene, practice frequent hand-washing with soap and follow etiquettes like covering mouth when coughing or sneezing.

It also stated that as on January 11, 2020 as many as 41 confirmed cases of infection with the novel coronavirus have been reported so far, of which one person has died.

"Only travel-related cases have been reported (one each) in Thailand and Japan. The clinical signs and symptoms are mainly fever with a few patients having difficulty in breathing. The mode of transmission is unclear as of now. However, so far there is little evidence of significant human-to-human transmission. Although as per the World Health Organisation's risk assessment, the risk for global spread has been stated as low," the advisory read.

All travellers to China, in particular to Wuhan city, have been advised to monitor their health closely.

As a precaution, the Ministry has instructed screening of international travellers from China at designated airports namely, Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata through thermal scanners.

"If you feel sick within a span of one month after return from China, report the illness to the nearest health facility and also inform the treating doctor regarding your travel history," the advisory states.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi meeting with Council of Ministers, in New Delhi on Friday

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Youth Parliament programme set to go online

New Delhi: The annual Youth Parliament Programme run by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs every year is set to go online as the country celebrates 70th anniversary of adoption of the Indian constitution.

The Ministry of Parliament Affairs has partnered with the Human Resource Development Ministry for making the programme online through the web portal of the National Youth Parliament Scheme.

The off-line Youth Parliament programme is being implemented since 1966 in schools under the

Delhi's Directorate of Education, NDMC schools, Kendriya Vidyalayas, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas and universities and colleges.

"Around 18,000 students of 300 educational institutions participate through off-line Youth Parliament programme every year. So far, the programme was organised in competition format which was limiting the participation of the institutions and thus not fulfilling the core purpose of the scheme in the desired manner.

"For overcoming this limitation, which is impeding the

expansion of the scheme, the ministry has developed a web portal of the National Youth Parliament Scheme to increase the coverage of the programme manifold to hitherto untouched sections and corners of the country," a senior HRD Ministry official said.

President Ram Nath Kovind had launched the web portal in November last year on the occasion to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Constitution being celebrated as 'Samvidhan Diwas'.

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1981 BEHMAI MASSACRE CASE

Special court likely to give verdict today

Kanpur: A special court is expected to pronounce its verdict here on Saturday on the massacre of 20 people in Behmai village in Kanpur Dehat district, allegedly by bandit Phoolan Devi nearly four decades ago.

"We have much hope that the trial court is likely to deliver its judgment in Behmai massacre today," District Government counsel (criminal) Rajeev Porwal told PTI on Friday.

Porwal said that defense counsel Girish Narain Dubey has submitted certain rulings of the Allahabad High Court and the Supreme Court before the trial court with a request to take cognisance of those rulings while delivering its judgment against the alleged accused.

The court is now expected to give its verdict on the role of the four surviving accused — Posha, Bhikha, Vishwanath and Shyambabu.

While Posha is still in jail, Bhikha, Vishwanath and Shyambabu are out on bail. Three other dacoits includ-



ing Man Singh are still absconding.

The special court for hearing dacoity-related cases was expected to deliver the verdict in the 1981 Behmai massacre case on January 6, but it allowed the defence counsel to submit its written arguments by January 16, District Government counsel Raju Porwal said.

Defence counsel Dubey had appeared before the court on January 6, seeking more time to submit written arguments and was granted 10 more days, the Government counsel said.

"Bandit Queen" Phoolan Devi, who later turned to politics, along with her gang mem-

bers were accused of killing the 20 people belonging to the Thakur community at Behmai village in Kanpur Dehat on February 14, 1981.

The non-descript Behmai village, that shot into prominence after the killings, is 170 km from state capital Lucknow and over 400 km from national capital New Delhi.

Phoolan Devi had stormed into Behmai in what was described as an attack to avenge her alleged rape there by two other bandits — Lala Ram and Sri Ram — both Thakurs, a dominant caste in the village.

Two years after the incident, she had surrendered to the Madhya Pradesh police in 1983 and went on to become a Lok Sabha MP from Mirzapur. She was shot dead outside her MP bungalow in New Delhi on July 25, 2001.

Initially, 35 people, including Phoolan Devi, were named as accused in the case. Eight of them were reportedly killed by police in separate encounters. Three others were reportedly absconding.

PTI ■ BENGALURU

India's communication satellite GSAT-30, aimed at providing high-quality television, telecommunications and broadcasting services, was successfully launched onboard Ariane 5 rocket from French Guiana early on Friday.

Blasting off from the Ariane Launch Complex in Kourou, a French territory located in northeastern coast of South America at 2:35 a.m. IST, the European launch provider ArianeSpace's Ariane 5 injected the "high power" spacecraft into the orbit in a flawless flight lasting about 38 minutes and 25 seconds.

"India's communication satellite #GSAT30 was successfully launched into a Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit by #Ariane5 #VA251. Thanks for your support!!" ISRO tweeted soon after deploying the satellite into the transfer orbit.

Confirming the successful launch, ArianeSpace CEO Stéphane Isral too tweeted, "A strong start to 2020 as #Ariane5 successfully deploys its two satellite passengers EUTELSAT KONNECT and GSAT-30 into geostationary transfer orbit! I appreciate the trust from the two customers on this mission: @Eutelsat_SA

and @ISRO #VA251 #MissiontoSuccess."



GSAT-30 is the first satellite launch for ISRO in 2020, during which the space agency has planned about 25 missions.

ISRO's U R Rao Satellite Centre Director P Kunhikrishnan, who was present in Kourou, congratulated the ISRO community and ArianeSpace team on the successful launch.

Calling it an "excellent start" to 2020 for ISRO with the launch, he said, "The mission team at the master control facility have already acquired the satellite and they will immediately complete the post launch operations..."

ISRO's Master Control Facility (MCF) at Hassan in Karnataka took over the command and control of GSAT-30 immediately after its separation from the launch vehicle and preliminary health checks of the satellite revealed its normal health, the space agency said in a statement later in the day.

In the days ahead, orbit-raising manoeuvres will be performed to place the satellite in Geostationary Orbit (36,000 km above the equator) by using its onboard propulsion system.

During the final stages of its orbit raising operations, the two solar arrays and the antenna reflectors of GSAT-30 will

be deployed, ISRO said adding following this, the satellite will

be put in its final orbital configuration.

The satellite will be operational after the successful completion of all in-orbit tests.

The 3,357-kg satellite, which was deployed from the lower passenger position of Ariane-5 launch vehicle (VA 251) into to geostationary transfer orbit (GTO), is configured on ISRO's enhanced I-3K Bus structure to provide communication services from geostationary orbit in C and Ku bands.

The satellite derives its heritage from ISRO's earlier INSAT/GSAT satellite series, and is equipped with 12 C and 12 Ku band transponders.

PM congratulates ISRO

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday congratulated the Indian Space Research Organisation for the launch of its first satellite in the year 2020, saying it will help in enhancing DTH services, ATM and stock exchange connectivity.

"Congratulations to our @isro team for the first satellite launch of 2020. GSAT-30, with its unique configuration will provide DTH Television services, connectivity to ATMs, stock exchanges and e-Governance. Wish many more successful missions to ISRO in the year," the Prime Minister's Office said in a tweet quoting Modi. India's "high power" communication satellite GSAT-30, aimed at providing high-quality television, telecommunications and broadcasting services was launched successfully by Ariane space rocket from French Guiana in the early hours of Friday.

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Buddhist monks from Bhutan perform a traditional 'Black Hat' dance in a Buddhist monastery, in Bodhi Gaya on Friday

PTI

J&K Congress passes resolution seeking restoration of Statehood

Jammu: To revive its fortunes in Jammu & Kashmir and resurrect the party base, especially in Jammu region, the State unit of the Congress party on Friday sought immediate restoration of statehood and constitutional guarantees for the protection over lands and jobs and release of all political workers.

The State unit also demanded removal of all sorts of restrictions and curbs upon them to create conducive atmosphere for paving way for holding of early Assembly elections in Jammu & Kashmir.

It is for the first time, executive committee meeting of the congress party was organised after the abrogation of Article 370 and reorganisation of the State in to two Union Territories.

Briefing media persons after attending the JKPC executive meeting, Ghulam Nabi Azad, leader of the opposition in Rajya Sabha flanked by Ambika Soni, incharge J&K Affairs and JKPC Chief, GA Mir, told reporters, "we have passed a resolution in the meeting which sought

immediate release of all political leaders and activists of congress and other mainstream parties and lifting of all sorts of restrictions on the political activities".

Azad said, "Unless it is done no political process can take off and succeed, to create conducive atmosphere for the holding of Assembly elections in Jammu & Kashmir". Azad said, "we have also sought immediate restoration of statehood status and adequate legal and constitutional guarantees to safeguard the rights over land and jobs and admissions to professional courses and higher portals of education to the local youth."

The executive committee meeting was attended by around 300 delegates from Kashmir & Jammu region including senior functionaries of PCC, former Ministers, ex-legislators, Heads of Front Wings and DCC Presidents besides Corporators and other members of the Executive Committee.

The executive committee meeting followed detailed deliberations,

the two AICC leaders had with top leaders of the party on Thursday over the state of affairs in Jammu & Kashmir after the abrogation of special status and dividing & disbanding of the State into UT, apart from detentions of several Congress and important mainstream leaders and workers in the valley and most parts of the erstwhile state.

During the meeting, large number of participants from Kashmir Valley and Jammu region representing different districts and sections of society and wings of the party appraised the visiting leaders and participants about their experiences of the situation and the feelings of the people from different parts over current status.

The participants in the meeting took a resolve to launch a movement throughout Jammu & Kashmir to highlight the aspirations of the people especially with regard to the restoration of statehood status to Jammu & Kashmir besides constitutional safeguards to protect their rights over land and jobs etc. PNS

GUJ TEJAS EXPRESS FLAGGED OFF

Railway unions protest, 30 detained

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

At least 30 railway union functionaries were detained on Friday in Ahmedabad in Gujarat for holding a protest ahead of the inauguration of a premium Tejas train to be operated by PSU Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC).

The Ahmedabad-Mumbai Tejas train was flagged off by Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani on Friday morning.

Members of the Western Railway Employees Union and Western Railway Mazdoor Sangh held a protest outside Kalapur railway station against what they claimed was moves by the Narendra Modi Government to privatise the public transporter.

Mizoram parties, civil society bodies hail Bru agreement

Aizawl: Political parties and civil society organisations of Mizoram on Friday welcomed the agreement that puts an end to the over two-decade-old Bru refugee crisis. Thousands of Bru community people have been living in relief camps in Tripura since 1997. They had fled their homeland Mizoram to reach the neighbouring State because of ethnic clashes. By now, the number of these internally displaced people has risen to over 30,000.

Many Bru families have refused to return to Mizoram, citing security concerns and inadequate rehabilitation package. There has also been a demand for a separate autonomous council for the community.

Following an agreement signed by representatives of the Brus, the central, Tripura and Mizoram

Governments in New Delhi on Thursday, these tribal people will permanently settle in Tripura.

Political parties such as the ruling Mizo National Front (MNF), Congress and the BJP, and civil society organisations like the Yong Mizo Association (YMA) and student bodies expressed happiness over the pact.

"It is a matter of joy that a pact, which would finally resolve the Bru imbroglio, has been finally inked. We are highly indebted to Union Ministry of Home Affairs and the Mizoram government for their outstanding effort in signing the historic agreement," YMA Central Committee general secretary Prof Lalnunluanga said in a statement.

One good thing about the pact is names of the Bru people would now be permanently deleted from

the state's voter list, the YMA said.

Hailing the agreement as "historic", the MNF expressed hope that the pact is materialised quickly.

In a statement, the Congress said it had made earnest efforts during its regime in the State to repatriate the Bru people or allow them to permanently settle in Tripura.

The party claimed that former Chief Minister Lal Thanhawla had proposed that those Bru people who are unwilling to return to Mizoram be allowed to live permanently in Tripura but it could not be materialised because of objections raised by the CPI(M)-led Left Front government.

The State BJP said neither the Congress nor the MNF could resolve the crisis for more than 20 years.

'Justice Clock' on Calcutta HC premises to display status of pending cases at subordinate courts

Kolkata: A 'Justice Clock' will be installed at the Calcutta High Court on January 22, displaying the status of cases in subordinate courts of West Bengal, an official said here.

The electronic LED display board beside the 'E' gate of the high court will be inaugurated by Chief Justice TBN Radhakrishnan, its Registrar General Rai Chatterjee said.

The 'Justice Clock' will show the number of cases pending before all district and subordinate courts in the State and the status of each, Chatterjee said. It will also display the ranking of the courts, based on their performance in disposing of the cases.

There are at least 22.81 lakh cases pending before different courts in the state, of which 17.7 lakh are criminal suits, according to the National Judicial Data Grid. Of the total pending cases in the state, including civil and criminal, over three lakh have been pending for more than 10 years, as per the grid.

Nagas very close to settlement of vexed political issue: Guv

Kohima: The talks to end the decades-old Naga insurgency have "successfully concluded" and Nagaland could be "very close" to a resolution of the conflict, Governor RN Ravi told the State Assembly on Friday, raising fresh hopes among people of return to normal life.

In his maiden address to the state Assembly after taking up the gubernatorial assignment in August 2019, Ravi said the Peoples Democratic Alliance (PDA) Government in Nagaland always considered a settlement to the Naga political issue its most important agenda.

"The negotiations which were going on for the past many years between the Government of India and the Naga political groups have been successfully concluded. It

gives me great pleasure to share with you that we could be now very close to it," Ravi, who was for long the Centre's interlocutor for talks with insurgent groups, said.

To resolve the Naga political problem, a framework agreement was signed on August 3, 2015 between the NSCN-IM and the government in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. However, the details of the framework agreement was never made public.

"My government conveys its deepest appreciation to all the stakeholders for exhibiting utmost sincerity, foresightedness and a spirit of understanding in helping create a conducive atmosphere for conclusion of the talks in a positive manner," Ravi said.

The governor thanked

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah for their "unwavering commitment, determination and constant guidance", which he said, ensured the progress of talks in the most "purposeful and determined" manner leading to its successful conclusion.

Ravi did not spell out the terms for the resolution of the conflict, but warned, "If we fail this time, then we will be missing a golden opportunity."

On behalf of the Nagaland government, Ravi also made an appeal to the Governments and people of the neighbouring states to extend cooperation so that the peace process, which has now reached a very "critical juncture", concludes in a successful manner in the interest of "enduring peace and stability" in the entire region.

Yogi: Apathy of previous Govts forced farmers to commit suicide

PTI ■ LUCKNOW

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Friday said due to the "apathy" of previous Governments in the State, farmers were forced to commit suicide but the situation has changed for the better under the BJP rule.

Addressing a conference of progressive farmers here, Adityanath said the State Government was aiming to open Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) in all gram panchayats that will bring about a major change in the agriculture sector and help farmers in many ways.

"There was everything in the state earlier, but due to the apathy of the previous Governments, the farmers were in a pitiable condition. They were committing suicide and were thinking of

whether to continue with farming or not. In two years, we were able to bring a lot of change," he said.

Highlighting his Government's achievements, Adityanath said, "We waived loans of up to Rs one lakh for small-marginal farmers in the first cabinet meeting and gave relief to potato farmers through market intervention scheme."

"Paddy and wheat were procured in record quantity at minimum support price (MSP) and the money was sent to farmers' account within 72 hours. So far, ₹ 11,594.18 crore have been sent to the account of about 1.83 crore farmers," he added.

Alleging that during the previous governments rule, the payment of sugarcane farmers was stopped, Adityanath said: "The sugar mills were getting closed and

being sold. We paid a record ₹ 82 thousand crore and opened new mills. Today 121 mills are running instead of 116 in the state."

"Old mills are being modernised and their capacity is being expanded. There is a clear instruction to the mill owners that as long as there is sugarcane in the farmer's field, the mills should function. This is the reason why the mills kept running till mid-June in the last crushing season," he said.

For increasing the income of farmers, the CM said, emphasis is on maximum production at minimum cost.

"That is why the efficient modes of irrigation, drip and sprinkler, are being made mandatory with boring schemes given on grant," he said. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla who was present as the

chief guest, said in terms of population, the largest State of the country and the world, has immense potential in the agriculture sector.

"The Ganga basin here is most fertile. Abundant water supply, human resources and diversified climate further increases these possibilities.

The image and fate of the state can be transformed with all these things. The situation has changed under the able leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath," he said.

"For this phase of change to continue, instead of traditional farming, agricultural diversification will have to be encouraged. If the Government gets its products processed according to market demand, the entire world will be the market for agricultural products of UP," he said.



Street graffiti as part of preparation ahead of Children's film festival in Kolkata on Friday

PTI

'93 Mumbai blasts: Missing Dr Bomb nabbed in Kanpur

Mumbai: A convict in the 1993 Mumbai serial bomb blasts case, Jalees Ansari, who went 'missing' while on parole, was arrested on Friday from Kanpur.

Ansari (68), a Mumbai resident who was serving a life term in a Rajasthan jail, was nabbed in a joint operation of Maharashtra's Anti-Terrorism Squad and the Uttar Pradesh Special Task Force (STF), he said.

Ansari, known as Dr Bomb for his suspected involvement in more than 52 blast cases across the country, went 'missing' on early Thursday morning.

He was on a 21-day parole and was expected to return to Ajmer Central Jail by Friday evening after end of the parole period, he said.

Ansari, a resident of Mominpura in Agra in central Mumbai, is a MBBS doctor by training.

While on parole, he was ordered to visit the Agra police station every day between 10.30 am and 12 pm to mark attendance, he said.

However, Ansari did not visit the police station on Thursday during the designated time, the official said.

In the afternoon, his 35-year-old son, Jaid Ansari, approached the police station with a complaint about his "missing" father, he said.

According to the complaint, Jalees Ansari woke up in the early hours and told family members he is going to offer namaz, but did not return home.

On his complaint, the Agra Police registered a missing case, he said. The Crime Branch of the Mumbai Police, the Maharashtra ATS and other agencies launched a massive manhunt for the terror convict, he said.

Jalees was allegedly connected with terror outfits like SIMI and Indian Mujahideen and taught their members how to make bombs, which earned him the sobriquet Dr Bomb, he said.

He was also questioned by the NIA in 2011 in connection with the 2008 bomb blast in Mumbai, he said. **PTI**

Beef delicacy tweet kicks up row

No aim to hurt anyone's religious beliefs: Kerala

Thiruvananthapuram: After a storm erupted over a "beef fry" tweet by Kerala Tourism on Makarasankranti day, the Hindu festival celebrated as Pongal, Bihu and Lohri in other parts of the country.

Surendran said those trying to communalise the matter were the ones who were creating a controversy by saying that pictures of pork dishes should also be uploaded by the department.

Various dishes made of pork are already on the website, he pointed out.

Shobha Karandlaje, BJP MP from Udupi, wrote "the state government is taking a ride on Hindu sentiments by glorifying Beef on #MakarSankranti day. Sick mindset of Commies of Kerala is out for display. Communism is a disease, shame on u @KeralaTourism!", the BJP leader tweeted.

Another Twitter user wrote: "Are you out of your mind? Pongal and Sankranti when we revere Cows, Oxen, and Cattle for their contribution to mankind's easy existence

and culture... On one hand we have Gangireddula mLam in Telugu states, Jallikattu in TN, and Kambala races in Karnataka and you showcase this."

However, it was not only brickbats alone for Kerala Tourism, as many came out in support for the "beef fry tweet".

"One Porotta and beef fry - a match made in heaven" was the response of a Kerala twitter user who had also shared a picture of the dish.

Another twitter user shared an old video of BJP's Rajya Sabha MP Suresh Gopi talking about how he gained weight after consuming beef.

"Dear Bhakts, This is Malayalam actor Suresh Gopi... apparently he is also an MP of BJP (not elected by people, of course)," the tweet said.

Some pointed out that pork is also much desired dish of the Keralites.

"We even have hit movie based on pork business. Maybe you should come out of your well," the tweet read. **PTI**

Bengaluru: Terror module busted, 6 SDPI members held

Bengaluru: A Bengaluru terror module has been busted with the arrest of six members of the Social Democratic Party of India who had allegedly attempted to kill an RSS worker on December 22 for taking part in a pro-CAA rally, police said on Friday.

The arrested have been identified as Irfan, Syed Akbar, Syed Siddique, Akbar Basha, Sanaulla and Sadiq Amin alias 'Sound Amin', all residents of KGC Halli in the city, Bengaluru Police Commissioner Bhaskar Rao told reporters here.

BJP Bengaluru south MP Tejasvi Surya and right wing leader Chakravarthy Sulibe were among the prominent speakers at last month's pro-Citizenship Amendment Act rally.

According to Rao, the SDPI members reached the venue on three stolen motorcycles.

They wanted to storm into the crowd initially but due to heavy police presence, they could not. They wanted to create a panic situation by hurling stones so that people will flee deserting their leaders making it easier to eliminate their targets, the commissioner said.

However, the stones missed the target.

They later decided to zero in on RSS worker Varun who was supplying water and taking care of the participants at the rally. When he was on his way home, the SDPI activists waylaid and attacked him, Rao said.

According to the commissioner, Varun survived due to timely medical assistance. They wanted to carry out the act to create a lot of disturbance in the city, Rao said.

"All of them are from the SDPI and they wanted to carry out the dastardly act to create lot of disturbance in Bengaluru City on December 22," Rao told reporters here.

They were being paid ₹ 10,000 per month from their handlers to carry out their agenda, the commissioner said, adding the matter has now been handed over to the Anti-Terror Squad.

In addition to it, a Special Investigation Team will be formed to ensure that such people do not create any disturbance, Rao said. **PTI**

Police bust sex racket, rescues 3 actresses: Mumbai

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The social service branch personnel of the Mumbai police have rescued three small-time television actresses, including a minor girl, after blowing the lid off a sex racket operating out of a three-star hotel at Andheri in north Mumbai.

Acting on a tip-off that lady models were available for pleasure at as high cost as ₹ 1 lakh per model for an evening, the police raided three-star Dragonfly Hotel at Andheri (east) on late on Thursday, arrested a 29-year-old woman behind the prostitutes' racket and rescued three small-time actresses.

Of the rescued actresses, one is minor girl. But, all three of them are working in television and web serials. One of them has worked in Marathi television serial, while another has worked in 'Savdhan India' serial.

Identifying the mistress behind the sex racket as one Priya Sharma, the police said that she operated the alleged sex racket under the banner of her tours and travel firm M/s Vinayak Vacation and



Holidays.

"We used some of our constables as decoy. Posing themselves as customers, they established contact with the mistress and called her to the hotel to strike a deal.

She came to the hotel with three actresses. At the hotel, our team arrested accused mistress and rescued three actresses, including a minor girl," a senior police officer said.

Investigations have revealed that three young brokers from New Delhi — as Aavesh, Vinay and Kuldeep Jani — have been helping the accused mistress luring in young and attractive girls to the alleged sex racket. They have been named as absconding accused in the case.

The accused mistress Priya Sharma and three absconding accused have been booked under the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act and relevant sections of the IPC.

Bengal BJP warns against not filling CAA papers

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Bengal BJP president Dilip Ghosh on Friday warned immigrants from Bangladesh against falling into the 'trap' of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee by not applying for citizenship and not providing the related documents for the same.

Addressing a crowd during an Abhinandan, Yata Ghosh said, "I must warn one and all, particularly those who have migrated from Bangladesh before 2014 to apply for citizenship by providing all the relevant information... this is an utmost requisite because Prime Minister Narendra Modi will wait for another 2-3 months after which the Government will take appropriate action."

Accusing Banerjee for misleading the people by asking them not to abide by the Citizenship Amendment Act which is a central statute, Ghosh said "the Chief Minister is misleading the people by asking them to reject and boycott the law. Those who will fall in that trap, will do themselves great harm. They will not file the documents at their own peril because the Prime

Minister will wait for another 2-3 months where after the Government will act."

Like it happened during the protest against the GST "when people who refused to register had to do so afterwards by paying fine this time also CAA will be implemented at any cost," he said.

He also iterated that Aadhar card or voters' identity card were not the right documents to prove citizenship. "The new law is there to give you citizenship and not to snatch it from you. So those who have come before 2014 are required to report it to the Government through proper document and apply for citizenship."

Not doing so at the instigation of Mamata Banerjee will amount to invite trouble," Ghosh said rejecting allegations brought by the Chief Minister and even the Left and the Congress that one has produced the birth certificates of their parents to prove their bonafide.

"This is all bunkum. You will not be required to produce the birth certificates of your parents... they are only spreading disinformation about this.

You will only have to apply for citizenship with right documents so as to get citizenship," he said.

Slamming the civil society members for taking out rallies against CAA Ghosh said "these so called members of the intelligentsia class are only half-educated people. Today they are descending on the streets against CAA but we want to ask them where they were when thousands of Hindus were massacred by fanatic Muslims in Bangladesh... where they were when our Hindu brothers and sisters had to flee that country leaving their home and hearth everything."

Meanwhile, the Chief Minister has decided not to attend an all-party meeting called by Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar citing "preoccupations."

The Governor had called the meeting to discuss two bills held up at the Raj Bhavan, officials said. The refusal of the Chief Minister to attend the meeting and calling by the Governor of an all-party meeting is seen as an extension of the ongoing face-off between Nabanna (State Secretariat) and Raj Bhavan.



Artists participate in a rally to protest against CAA, NPR and NRC in Kolkata on Friday

Catholic priest slams Syro-Malabar synod for CAA, love jihad statements

Kochi: A Catholic priest has slammed the statements of Synod of Syro-Malabar Church on CAA and 'Love Jihad', saying they had not taken a clear stand against the law and it was not the right time to say something about the latter when the nation is 'polarised along religious lines.'

Syro-Malabar Church priest Fr Kuriaakose Mundadan condemned his Bishops' stand over the two controversial issues in his column "in between lines" in "Sathyadeepam", a weekly run by the Ernakulam-Angamaly Archdiocese. **PTI**

Students, activists hold protest outside IIMA against CAA, NRC

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

Around 70 students and activists on Friday held a peaceful protest outside the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA) here against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) and National Register of Citizens (NRC).

The protesters also expressed their solidarity with the students of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) in New Delhi and denounced the violence that took place there earlier this month.

This is the third such protest held outside the IIMA campus by activists and students, mostly from prominent education institutions like CEPT University, Gujarat Vidyapith and Ahmedabad University, activist-lawyer Shamshad Pathan said. The protesters expressed their dissent by holding posters with slogans — 'You can't shut our voices', 'No CAA- No NRC', 'Stop violence', 'Ahmedabad supports JNU', 'Kagaz nahi dikhaenge' (Won't show documents).

Since the police had granted permission to the protest, nobody was detained from the spot, inspector of Gujarat University Police Station H M Vyas said.

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Mumbai to be 24x7 city from Jan 26

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Come January 26, Mumbai will literally live up to its reputation of being 'a city that never sleeps', when the Maharashtra Government begins to implement on an experimental basis its much-discussed proposal of keeping all restaurants, malls, multiplexes and shopping plazas open for 24 hours.

Five years after he mooted for the first time his "Vibrant Mumbai Nightlife" proposal, then Yuv Sena leader and now Maharashtra's Tourism and Environment Aditya Thackeray — at meeting of top Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) and police held that he presided over on Thursday night — has given a go-ahead for the '24x7

VIBRANT MUMBAI NIGHTLIFE

Maximum city' proposal.

As per the decision taken by the State Government, all restaurants, malls, multiplexes and shopping plazas falling within-gated communities, non-residential zones with security, CCTVs and parking areas in the maximum city can remain open round-the-clock from January 26 onwards.

Thursday's meeting, where the crucial decision was taken, was attended among others by Aditya, Municipal Commissioner Pravin Pardeshi and Sanjay Barve.

Currently, the restaurants and bars close down at 1.30 am. However, once Aditya's proposal gets implemented, these establishments will remain through the night — provided these establishments are not in designated residential areas.

Known for pursuing his pet projects, Aditya had pushed the

legislated on by the state in 2017, to let non-residential areas in Mumbai and other cities to remain open 24/7. In a letter written on December 27, 2018, Aditya had reminded then chief minister Devendra Fadnis about a request he had made three years earlier to put in place the laws which make Mumbai a "live 24/7" city.

Aditya had requested Fadnis to allow Mumbai, Thane, Navi Mumbai, Pune and other cities "that wish to celebrate New Year" to remain open all night "for legal activities of entertainment and celebration, especially in non-residential areas."

"I take this opportunity to drop a small reminder of the proposal of the BMC, first passed in 2013, then approved by the Commissioner and now

UTTAR HARYANA BIJLI VITRAN NIGAM

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Teacher asks girl students to go to Pak if unwilling to accept CAA; suspended

Thrissur: A teacher of a Government girls school at Kodungallur in Kerala has been suspended after he allegedly asked students to go to Pakistan if they were not willing to accept the Citizenship Amendment Act.

According to officials, the action was taken against the Hindi teacher Kaleshan on Thursday, after the Education department deputy director here inquired into the incident following a complaint filed by the father of a student through social media. According to the education department, Kaleshan, who was suspended

pending inquiry, had entered a class and addressed the students on the CAA and told them that if they were not willing to accept the new law, they should move to Pakistan.

Several students had also complained to the headmaster of the Kodungallur girls higher secondary school against the teacher, who also allegedly used to speak in a sexually coloured manner to the students, officials said.

The teacher was suspended after a disciplinary committee found substance in the allegations against the teacher, they added. **PTI**

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPED

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Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the boy but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this boy please inform undersigned.

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Talks with Pakistan?

While UNSC backs India on Kashmir and insists on it being discussed bilaterally, our SCO invite is a smart move



Pakistan may have nudged its all-weather friend China into raising the Kashmir dispute at the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) yet again — perhaps going by Western concerns about the continued lockdowns in the erstwhile State that is now a Union Territory — but failed with a big thud. This is the second time that such an attempt, either in the nature of informal consultations or closed door meetings of the Council's permanent members, has been thwarted convincingly. The message is quite clear. The remaining Big Four

(US, Russia, France, UK) are still committed to their position that Kashmir is a bilateral issue between India and Pakistan to be settled within the paradigm of dialogue set by existing agreements among the neighbours. It also means that the UK and the US, while responding to criticism on shutdown in the Valley, have delinked it from the larger Kashmir question and would much rather address it one-to-one. At the same time, certain facts cannot be ignored like China being allowed to raise the issue despite no significant change in collective viewpoints. Or that Pakistan's lobbying is high-pitch, with its Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi believed to be in New York while China moved the motion. He even met the UN Secretary-General. Clearly, given the emphasis on bilaterals, at some point both India and Pakistan have to sit across the table and look to engage with each other. Perhaps, India's invitation to Pakistan for a meeting of the regional alliance called Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) is an opportunity to thaw relations and set up some sort of interaction on the sidelines. Besides, China is scheduled to take over the rotational presidency at UNSC in March and without some movement from India, it will have no point to neutralise Pakistan with, much as it would want to keep its working relationship with India going. Besides, it has to show something for giving assent to the declaration of Jaish chief Masood Azhar as a UN-designated global terrorist. China and Pakistan back each other up on the world stage, representing each other in official groups of nations where the other is not present. For instance, Pakistan stands up for China in the Non-Aligned Movement and in return, it gets China's veto power in the UNSC.

India's bigger challenge though is to manage the SCO, where both China and Pakistan are key members, for its strategic imperatives. Already, we have made noises about jointly strengthening the fight against terrorism, extremism, drug trafficking and organised crime to corner Pakistan as a sponsor of terror. India has to also walk cautiously on economic cooperation with members and ensure that China does not surreptitiously ensure its overlordship as the latter has proposed a free trade area for all. Most members are yet to feel comfortable on multi-lateral trade and cooperation. Besides, all other SCO members have embraced the Chinese Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), which India is opposing. In fact, Russia, Kazakhstan, Belarus, Armenia and Kyrgyzstan formed the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), which has signed a non-preferential trade and economic cooperation agreement with China. For all of India's efforts to highlight its connectivity corridors, like the Chabahar port and India-Myanmar-Thailand highway, Pakistan will always counter their significance with that of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Negotiating terrain with both Pakistan and China, India must find its feet in the SCO if it wants to strengthen its footprint in Central Asia, a diplomatic initiative that the Modi Government is keen on. India's other counter-balancing act is between Russia and China, both of whom have come closer but are wary of eating into each other's sphere of influence. India can be the counterweight and use that status to extract its gains. Besides, India needs to work on its economic heft vis-a-vis the SCO majors. Our trade with Russia stands at about a little over \$10 billion and is projected to be \$30 billion by 2025. In contrast, China's trade with Russia has already crossed \$100 billion. A similar lopsided volume prevails with Central Asian republics. The lack of connectivity has stifled energy cooperation between the hydrocarbon-rich region and India. We cannot miss the bus as the SCO accounts for 20 per cent of the world's GDP and can guarantee its relevance in the region. But can its bilateral differences with Pakistan and China mean SCO members could set up their own mini-groupings of mutual benefit and derail its very purpose? That's for India to understand and move adroitly.

Bezos' bumper trip

From getting a Gandhi quote wrong to drawing the ire of the BJP, the Amazon CEO's latest trip didn't go that well



In terms of disastrous visits to India, Amazon's Chief Executive Jeffery Bezos's latest trip wasn't quite up there. No, it will take a lot more to top the stupendous failure of Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's visit a few years ago. Despite misquoting Gandhi. Yet, Bezos' rap on the knuckles delivered by Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal, where he straight up accused Amazon of funding its losses in India with its latest investment, was harsh. Even though Goyal was forced to backtrack and claimed that his quote was taken

"out of context," it was strange that a Minister, who speaks decent English, is taken out of context time and again. But the message was clear: Bezos' ownership of *The Washington Post* and articles published by it against Prime Minister Narendra Modi counted against him. Also the fact that the BJP still draws huge support from the trading community, which has deeply been affected by the advent of online retailing, has meant that Bezos has had a problematic visit to the country this time. He has even eschewed both the Government and media interactions. Indeed, Bezos' most high-profile interactions were in Mumbai where he celebrated the success of Amazon's video streaming service *Amazon Prime* with Bollywood's elite and the honchos of several Indian conglomerates.

While Goyal was surprised by the way some reacted to his comments, they did have an element of truth. Although reactions were delivered with the grace of a dancer wearing work boots and quickly retracted, there was no hiding from the fact that the Government wanted Bezos to know it is not very happy with Amazon and his ownership of *The Washington Post*. While Bezos is unlikely to interfere in the editorial process of his newspaper, it is also clear that he needs India as a market. Most American internet giants are locked out of China and India is the "it" market. This is the case not just for Amazon but also Google, Facebook and Uber. And as India becomes more aware of this, it will flex its muscles economically. Recent actions against Malaysia are a case in point and a decision is also likely to be taken against Turkey for its support to Pakistan-sponsored separatists. It is unlikely that India will act against Amazon in the immediate future but the firm does need to answer some questions as to how it is abusing (or not) its market position. The BJP, too, should understand that it cannot control the narrative in the foreign media. It needs to have better spokespersons who can defend the Government's position or change perceptions.

Need to objectify history

As India charts its course through the 21st century, the liberation we all need is not from the glories of the past but from its burdens — communal, economic and psychological



AVIK CHANDA

Why, when the nation should be focussing all its resources on remedying its economic slowdown in a fascinating but disruptive world driven by automation and Artificial intelligence (AI), should we continue to be obsessed with the past? Well, because history is no longer the sole purview for reclusive academics tucked away amid lengths of dust-laden bookshelves. It's being revisited and morphed, banded about by politicians and re-branded in the media everyday. It's used as a veritable psychological battleground and there's a war, for our allegiance. It's a campaign characterised by selective erasure, of highlighting specific events, the systematic reduction of historical figures to mere unidimensional labels and retro-fitting them into contemporary political positions.

Take the case of Dara Shukoh, the would-be emperor of Hindustan, haloed in his timeless promise of ideal kingship. The traditional tack of pitting him against his nemesis, Aurangzeb, has implored in recent times. So much so that even the debate of "good Muslim versus bad Muslim, good Mughal versus bad Mughal" has faded away. Dara Shukoh, rescued from centuries of indifference, has re-emerged in his new avatar as "the emblem of Indianness", confident and consummate. Dara the eternal victim is a notion of the past and we can all pretend that his belligerent brother never existed. Ample reasons are being furnished for this new, posthumous *khilat*. The Mughal prince was a deeply syncretic thinker, accomplished scholar, poet and a theologian of unusual merit; a calligraphist and connoisseur of the fine arts as well as a dutiful son and warm-hearted family man.

The first stumbling block comes in the nature of an anachronistic fallacy: The idea of retrospectively imposing the concept of "Indianness" — and by corollary, nationhood and nation-state and more specifically, the personification thereof in the form of a deified "Bharat Mata" — onto the Mughal empire of the 17th century. The fact is that in our land, the consciousness of nationhood has evolved as the end-result of a much later historical process: The idealistic, patriotic reaction to the brutal British colonial experience and rather more tenuous associations with 19th century European history such as the Germanic *Freiheitkampf* (freedom struggle) during the Napoleonic regime. This is brought out very clearly in Sugata Bose's book, *The Nation as Mother and Other Visions of Nationhood*.

There is, however, another challenge. The cherry-picking of only the syncretic attributes of Dara completely leaves out other aspects of his personality. He was habitually cold and arrogant towards the mass of courtiers and commanders, who he felt, were intellectually inferior to him. He was highly superstitious by nature, easily swayed by mystery, magic and all manner of self-styled godmen, a conspicuously uninspiring military



commander and an alarmingly poor judge of human character. One can well wonder whether, even assuming he had managed to ascend the throne, his eclectic nature but indifference towards administrative and military matters would have enabled him to hold the empire together. In the years between 1654 and September 1657, when Shah Jahan fell grievously ill — the War of Succession broke out soon thereafter — Dara was the *de facto* ruler of the empire. This period was characterised by moves to thwart campaigns of territorial expansion in the Deccan and Kashmir, coupled with a reclusive temperament and highly creative outpouring of a philosophical nature. In terms of court politics, Dara displayed a steady, cold hostility towards the senior imperial advisors and commanders and his mutually acrimonious exchanges with the seasoned *wazir*, Saadullah Khan, almost mirrors the rivalry between the crown prince Salim (later, the emperor Jahangir) and Abul Fazl. But the moot question is: Would the current unidimensional narrative about Dara have even brought up these other facets of his personality and objectively looked at the man in the context of his times?

Separated from Dara Shukoh by almost two-and-a-half centuries but basking in this same Lazarus light is Vinayak Damodar Savarkar. Stymied through the prime of his life by the draconian prisons of the British Raj and then after Independence, even posthumously, by a succession of Congress-led Governments, only in recent years has his release from oblivion taken place. The image of the controversial political leader has been resurrected by the present administration to larger-than-life proportions and with it, his ethos of Hindutva. This very term has come to denote a number of aspects in our common perception, the re-establishment of rituals and religious practices (including the cult of cow worship) in the heart of societal life, the retention — and at times, deepening — of the fault-lines of caste and a steadfast advocacy of vegetarianism, among other things. Consequently, the image of Savarkar looms before us as an austere, conservative traditionalist, steeped in the rituals of his faith, a sort of archetypal Hindu counterpoint to the ulema. And politically, a Hindu jinnah. But is that who he was, in reality? A recent biography, sourcing the treatises, letters and speeches of this polemic leader in the original Marathi, reveals a very different picture. Savarkar's conception of Hindutva, the book informs us, was essentially political, a move to galvanise the eternally splintered Hindu communities into a homogenous whole — and not an ultra-reli-



gious manifesto. In Savarkar's credo, the key to achieving this was the uniting and unifying of the Hindu polity, across caste lines. Far from being a traditionalist, this high-caste Chitpavan Brahmin established a Patit Pavan temple open to all castes, organised inter-caste dinners and marriages and did not personally care for rituals, including that of cow worship. In this more objective narrative, Savarkar emerges not as a fanatic but an astute rationalist, who rejected the Gandhian project, and wholeheartedly espoused industrialisation as the vehicle of progress in the future. A significant aspect of Savarkar's life, unravelled in the biography, further belies the unidimensional label adduced to him. In *The Indian War of Independence*, his first major literary work that catapulted him to fame — and in the eyes of the colonial rulers, notoriety — he presented his narrative as a unified uprising against the British oppressors, stemming from a strong sense of nationhood. Savarkar's position in this book is unambiguously secular — Hindu satraps and commanders had rallied in unison against the British under the flag of the Muslim Mughal titular monarch, Bahadur Shah Zafar. There's no hint of any deep-seated hatred of the Muslims, which henceforth became the quintessential trait associated with him. In fact, it was

only later, triggered by particular experiences and tribulations during his long incarceration in the Cellular Jail of the Andamans, that Savarkar developed his animosity towards the Muslims. We're now faced with a lingering, larger question, which is central to this whole issue. Is there still a purpose to all this indulging in history in today's world? The Churchillian, though unoriginal, viewpoint purported to answer this question: "Those who fail to learn from history are condemned to repeat it." But such aphorisms have long since dissolved into clichés. Contemporary thinkers such as Yuval Noah Harari are not only more ambitious, they're also more persistent when demanding our participation: "Though historians occasionally try their hand at prophecy (without notable success), the study of history aims above all to make us aware of possibilities we don't normally consider. Historians study the past not in order to avoid repeating it — or perpetuate it — but in order to be liberated from it." As India charts its course through the 21st century, the liberation we all need is not from the glories of the past but from its burdens — communal, economic and psychological. (The writer is a columnist, business advisor and entrepreneur. He is the author of Dara Shukoh: The Man Who Would Be King)

SOUNDBITE

The Congress is opposing the CAA. I dare Rahul Gandhi to speak 10 sentences on the law. He should tell us in two sentences what is his problem with the CAA.

BJP working president —JP Nadda



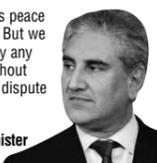
I was very naughty in class but I was a teacher's pet. When the teacher was out, I was making dirty jokes and I was grabbing boys and kissing them. I was terrible!

Actor —Kalki Koechlin



Our Government wants peace in the neighbourhood. But we are not prepared to pay any price, certainly not without resolving the Kashmir dispute in a just manner.

Pakistan's Foreign Minister —Shah M Qureshi



I want to inform the CDS, if you want to deradicalise, then you first read the Juvenile Act. IPC is not applicable to children. What de-radicalisation are you talking about?

AIMIM chief —Asaduddin Owaisi



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Act responsibly

Sir — It is disappointing that educated politicians speak irresponsibly. Congress leader Shashi Tharoor criticised Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal by comparing him to a "eunuch." Leaders must inspire the masses, otherwise their words can adversely impact the mindset of their supporters.

Ravi Via email

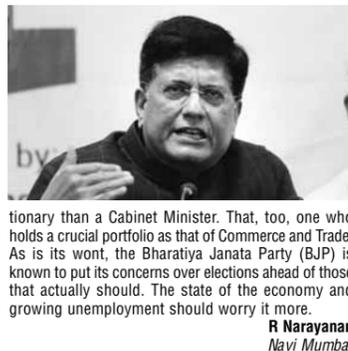
Experiment first

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "SC to the rescue" (January 16). There have been several controversies about the educational qualifications of some of our Ministers. A complete mismatch between the claims made by them and their marks in their certificates has been found. How then do they expect the citizens to have all necessary documents? If there is merit in the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), it must be explained. Before it is applied throughout the country, our leaders must first pass the CAA test. Even then questions will

Government must rise above politics

Union Minister Piyush Goyal seems to have jumped the gun by saying that Amazon is not doing a favour to the country by investing \$1 billion and that this was probably on account of a need to fund losses. To recall, Amazon had promised to create more than 25,000 jobs on a new campus in Long Island City, New York, in return for nearly \$3 billion in Government incentives. It was a cocky and raw business approach in a nation that is a votary of pure capitalism. Yet, it failed in this venture mostly due to the growing influence of the progressive Left in New York.

In its current home in Seattle, Amazon is being criticised for impacting house prices and growing inequality that has damaged the city. Now, the Minister in our own Right of the Central Government has chosen to cast a barb on its predatory pricing policies. This might well be due to the party's concerns on saving its trader vote bank. But the remarks, though credible, could as well have come from a party func-



R Narayanan Navi Mumbai

Space dreams

Sir — The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) must be complimented for successfully launching the GSAT-30 into the orbit. After last year's setback, where the Chandrayaan-2 mission failed to touch down on the lunar surface, this is its first launch this year. GSAT-30 is

aimed at eliminating the technical bottlenecks not only for the country's communication system but also of a large number of Asian countries. Given that ISRO has helped India earn several firsts through its space missions in the recent past, hopefully, it will continue pushing the boundaries of Indian space science. Yugal Kishore Sharma Faridabad

Healthy lifestyle

Sir — Kudos to the Ministry of AYUSH for coming out with an excellent initiative to make people at work destress and refresh themselves through Y-BREAK or Yoga break — a five-minute exercise designed to make professionals at workplaces get some physical activity. It will help keep the mind tension-free and also enhance lifestyle apart from increasing productivity. This project may soon become a part of the schedule at all Government institutions and corporate bodies. Around 15 institutions, including corporate houses like Tata Chemicals, Axis Bank and Ernst & Young Global Consulting Services, have volunteered to join the project. Booklets and videos on how to practise yoga will be given to the staff at the work places. Besides, the Ministry would also provide all possible help and support to see that this programme is inculcated among all.

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FIRST COLUMN

Tectonic shift in US' attitude

The US no longer views West Asia as critical to its economic well-being as it did in the past, when it depended on the oil from that region



DEEPAK SINHA

Karl Marx once wrote, "History repeats itself, first as tragedy, second as farce." But often times events tend to combine both the tragic and the farcical in equal measure, just as we are seeing them play out between the Iranians and the Americans. US President Donald Trump's recent actions remind one of the Hollywood blockbuster, *Gunfight at the OK Corral*, except for the minor aberration that West Asia is no Wild West and Trump is certainly no Marshal Wyatt Earp.

Whatever reasons he may put forward for his actions, the targeted execution of a serving Iranian General and war hero, Qasem Soleimani, while on an official visit to Iraq raises serious questions of sovereignty, morality, ethical conduct and can never be justified in any civilized society. It was, in fact, a blatant act of aggression in clear violation of international law and a war crime, made even more heinous because neither America nor Iran is at war with each other. It shows up the true face of America for what it is and has been these past decades, a global bully.

More importantly, the rationale and timing of the attack raise grave suspicions as to Trump's motives. The late General Soleimani was by no means a tactical commander and his neutralisation would hardly stop operations in progress, in this case the launch of "imminent attacks" on American embassies, as has been alleged by the President. What is more likely is that Trump ordered this rash and utterly immoral attack in the vain hope that it would divert attention from his forthcoming impeachment trial, while at the same time make him appear to be a strong and decisive leader. However, make no mistake General Soleimani's killing was a grievous loss to the Iranian establishment, especially to its "Irregular Warfare" capabilities, something that will take time to rebuild.

While Trump's action was totally transactional and short-term in nature, it coincided with the American deep state's far more long-term strategy there, the necessity to squeeze China. Over the past two decades there has been a tectonic shift in the manner the United States (US) views West Asia, ever since it became one of the world's leading oil producers, exporting more oil than Saudi Arabia. In March last year, the Energy Information Administration (EIA) reported that the US exported more crude and petroleum products than it imported. As senior partner Per Magnus Nysveen of Rystad Energy, a global oil consulting and analysis firm, put it, "The oil market is overly preoccupied with short-term US crude stocks but the big picture tells a new story. Increasingly profitable shale production and a robust global appetite for light oil and gasoline is poised to bring the US to a position of oil dominance in the next few years."

This fact obviously suggests that the US no longer views West Asia as critically important to its economic well-being as it did in the past, when its economy depended on the oil from that region. For it, the geostrategic value of that region lies more in the adverse impact that any exacerbation of tensions there would have on the Chinese economy, as it is bound to, given Chinese dependence on oil from that region. It, therefore, stands to reason that it no longer finds it necessary to maintain a large troop presence in the region and can achieve its long-term aims through the use of proxies such as Saudi Arabia and Israel. In this context, much has been made of the Russian attempts to fill the vacuum that the US withdrawal has left. However, President Putin must be aware that he is punching well above his weight given the fact that the Russian economy is just around 1/20th that of the US.

Finally, with regard to the US-Iran imbroglio, while it is certainly extremely far-fetched to suggest that World War-III is just around the corner, one can also safely assume that the existing stalemate is not going to last forever and probably the situation is going to get far worse, before it gets better. This is more so if in the coming months the Iranians attempt to utilise their considerable irregular warfare assets to force the Americans out of Iraq, if not the Middle East. Escalation in tensions would then be unavoidable and that would have serious repercussions, with unintended and unpredictable consequences for the world at large.

In this context we would do well to recall the innocuous events that triggered one of the darkest chapters in world history, the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and his wife by a 19-year-old Serbian terrorist, Gavrilo Princip. While that event may have occurred in far-away Sarajevo, it did set the world aflame, bringing untold misery to tens of millions over the next four years. It would indeed be unfortunate if this tragedy were to be repeated.

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—UNION MINISTER SMRITI IRANI

POINT COUNTERPOINT



PLEASE DON'T DO POLITICS ON THIS. I DON'T BLAME THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT FOR THIS. BOTH GOVERNMENTS ARE TRYING EVERYTHING THEY CAN.

—DELHI CHIEF MINISTER ARVIND KEJRIWAL

Change or perish

There is no alternative to sustainability and the present trajectory of economic growth divorced from environmental considerations is dragging us towards mass extinction



BKP SINHA

Despite the concerns of policymakers and planners regarding the efficient management of natural resources, the threat to them is growing exponentially by the day. This is because the country's efforts towards market-led development are eating up our social, natural and cultural capital faster than ever. Unfortunately today, the core issue of a preferred pattern of growth is hidden behind the innocuous facade of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth as the supreme objective. Decisions on all matters related to development require the adoption of a holistic approach because the need for environmental improvement is not able to attract appropriate investments. This is mostly owing to the fact that they are essentially long-term in nature and their support to sustained economic growth is seldom appreciated or quantified. In a world which refuses to adopt the concept of a steady state of long-term economic growth, sustainability is seen as absurdity.

Gradually, however, the world is coming to realise that there is no alternative to sustainability and the present trajectory of economic growth divorced from environmental considerations is dragging us towards the reckless path of mass extinction. The fact remains that there is no alternative to a concerted effort towards sustainable management of natural resources that demands collective action at the regional, national and global level.

The key areas in which action is required are big investments designed towards land, water, and biodiversity conservation, apart from simultaneous reduction in emissions on a mass scale. That includes Herculean efforts in jealously safeguarding forests; reduction and diversion in investment in new sources of energy away from dirty sources like coal, crude and nuclear power; improvement in availability and affordability of public transport systems with metro and light rail systems everywhere; switching to material and energy-efficient houses; smart electrical grids carrying renewable energy and all these supported by massive research efforts to improve efficiencies as we move on. Considering the increase in the pressure on forests, sincere efforts to mobilise agroforestry initiatives coupled with adequate scientific support, extension and education in resource literacy are a must. This great leap, however, will necessitate the shedding of our preoccupation with short-term gains that creates hurdles in integrating economic growth-related issues and sustainable management of natural resources. In short, the planners have to accept without any inhibitions the holistic approach which considers ecology, economics and ethics as a part of a whole interconnected circle — which at present appears to have been broken.

A careful consideration of the policy impact of different sectors, the essential trade-off between different sectors for restoration and development of natural resources, would have created huge economic demand and job opportunities for a wider base of poor like tribals and others residing in far-flung areas. One cannot overlook the fact that the economic health of any society or country in the ultimate analysis is supported by its basic ecological status.

Let us take forests as their management is important. However, effective linkage of forestry with other important sectors of the economy is not yet in place. Forest-based activities have largest forward and backward economic linkages. Just to elaborate: Along with the flexibility of capital, skill and energy requirement; it has a spectrum of activities, ranging from value-

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addition activity at the household level to micro industries and small sawmills to forest-based industries and to a totally computerised ayurvedic drug as also the paper industry. Policy measures and activities in other sectors mar the ability of the forests to perform their economic, social and environmental roles, as much as the policies set in forestry do.

In fact, policy decisions taken outside the forestry sector may be detrimental or beneficial for effective functioning of services from forests on a long-term basis. Let us take, for example, the development of infrastructure. The policy instruments attempting modernisation of transport, telecommunication and highways do create both positive and negative impacts for forest conservation and development. They do improve forest firefighting and public awareness of environmental issues but also create backlash in the shape of forest degradation. Pucca roads through forest habitats serve as barrier for dissemination of pollen grains, mating of smaller animals and recharging of underground water reserves, loss of hybrid vigour due to inbreeding and related extinction, noise and other disturbances resulting in the decline of reproduction or mating of many wildlife species. Measures are needed to strengthen the positive impacts and reduce the negative fallouts.

Careful planning and strict implementation could avoid many such backlashes. Provision of compensatory afforestation elsewhere can never be a substitute for loss of natural forest and its ecosystem services at the point of concern.

An overarching policy of creating a platform for dialogue can remove barriers between sectors and institutions currently working with different myopic mandates. Understanding of involved trade-offs in natural ecosystems and benefits of harmony among forestry and other land-based sectors are urgently needed. Canada

already has the provision for removing barriers between institutions and orienting them towards a philosophy of common goals. An outcome of this is a model forest programme in which forests are managed by a partnership of diverse interest groups of industry, conservationists, community, aboriginals and so on.

Professional forestry in a country like India needs a radical change. Our Government, committed to social justice, has so far failed to adequately recognise that the services needed by people cannot come from the Forest Department staffed by men trained as professional foresters in the core subject.

It is well understood by now that forest ecosystems have multifarious roles to play in helping the country in halting the downward spiral of land degradation; in restoring the vitality of the land; in protecting land from wind and water erosion; in job creation in far-flung areas; in carbon sequestration and of course in combatting climate change-related problems.

A location-specific proper model of agroforestry can promote and sustain an intrinsically-sustainable and resilient agriculture system especially under marginal conditions. There is a whole range of local problems of forestry that requires different solutions based on different strategies. Placements of Indian Forest Service Officers in different development Ministries are adequate proof of the fact that forestry professionals can handle various dimensions of administrative work. Their special inputs, in fact, through provision of new insights in relating conservation and sustainable management of natural resources to their respective sectors of economy will be their most worthwhile contribution to the country.

Gradually provisions are being made for placement of environmental personnel in industries and other Government departments too. Their roles, more often

than not, are generally confined towards pollution abatement measures. It will be better if they are designated as natural resource managers with additional mandate of looking at the use or abuse of natural resources for sustainable development. In addition, the time has come for university courses to be re-designed and made compulsory in all branches of education apart from promoting and subsidising the courses of management of natural resources on a sustainable base as the core subject.

The horizon of knowledge about natural resources is ever-expanding and accordingly conservation is reinventing itself. New models in forestry as well as agriculture incorporating the role of trees that are known to exert an influence far beyond their immediate environment, can go a long way to save the farmers from committing suicides and help them go ahead on the path of sustainable development.

Conservation of resources and sustainable development is the bedrock of survival of mankind but conservation today is much more than merely a choice in favour of one's long-term economic self-interests.

It entails moral choices and responsibilities, too, involving the community of all life forms in the company of which we have evolved and to which we essentially belong. Further, it has to be alive to the issues of inter-generational equity. Conservation and sustainable management of natural resources, within this perspective, is a radical endeavour to save Earth itself and that will essentially have to derive strength from knowledge, ethical value, wealth of our dreams and an understanding of nature as a sacred space.

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States also responsible for economic growth

If we take stock of all the major areas which need improvement for attracting investment then, barring fiscal and monetary policies, almost all the key items are either in the State List or the Concurrent List of the Constitution



SHSHANK SAUROV

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will present her first full Union Budget on February 1 and people are expecting some out of the box initiatives to stimulate the economic growth of the country. Some of the key macroeconomic indicators like the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth, tax collection, credit growth and so on, indicate that the economy is grappling with a slowdown which is largely due to a decline in demand.

Global trade protectionism, a looming oil crisis and a rise in retail inflation are further aggravating the situation. Given the current economic scenario, it would be too optimistic to believe that growth will jump and

the private sector will start investing all of a sudden in the coming fiscal.

India has a federal structure where sufficient autonomy has been given to State Governments. This autonomy is not just for making legislations and administration over the territory but it extends to the fiscal arena also. The States are getting their fair share of revenue after the implementation of the recommendations of the Fourteenth Finance Commission.

Our constitutional mechanism empowers the State Governments to deal with the matters which come under the State List, as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, and they have joint control over the matters coming under the Concurrent List.

Despite the enormous powers given to States and the responsibility entrusted upon the State Legislature, it is a fact that whenever the question of economic growth arises, people always look to the Union Government. The fact that the union is nothing but a sum of all States should be appreciated and,

therefore, the journey towards economic prosperity is the equal responsibility of both the Centre and the States. A common man doesn't want to be entangled in a tug of war between warring politicians but unfortunately, gaining and retaining power is more important for people who are sitting at the helm of affairs than the welfare of the people who put them there.

There is a general perception that a State which is ruled by the same political faction for a relatively longer period offers far more policy certainty and enhances its ability to attract investors. It is also perceived that having a Government of the same party/coalition at both the Centre and State helps in the unimpeded growth of the State.

However, if we see the data for the two most populous States of the country viz. Uttar Pradesh (UP) and Bihar, then these notions will prove to be a myth.

Bihar has been continuously ruled by Nitish Kumar for the last 15 years (except for a short while when Jitan Ram Manjhi was at the helm).

In the case of UP, most of the time the State was ruled by Governments which had allies at the Centre.

However, despite this favourable political environment, these States are not doing well economically and are called the BIMARU States. This means that the State-level politicians are not doing good enough work for their development. This lackadaisical attitude of State Governments stems from the fact that economic growth and job creation are considered the sole responsibility of the Union Government, which it is not.

For Chief Ministers it is easy to pass the buck on to the Centre in case questions regarding the economy and development are asked.

The persona-centric politics of the major parties like the BJP and the Congress is also to be blamed for not grooming the State leadership and not pushing regional leaders to present a development role model for others.

The people of the country all want jobs and a higher income and

a better quality of life. For this, we have to start making State-level leaders accountable and question their inability to deliver on their promises made during the election campaigns.

Economic reforms are an ongoing process and investors continuously evaluate various investment options before committing their resources. Land and labour reforms are the most critical of all the structural changes which this country needs. Land comes under the State List and matters related to labour are part of the Concurrent List. Among various things, an investor looks for infrastructure and the law and order situation. These two vital prerequisites for development also fall under the domain of States. If we take stock of all the major areas which need improvement for attracting investment then, barring fiscal and monetary policies, almost all the key items are either in the State List or the Concurrent List of the Constitution.

The rural economy and the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector are fac-

ing severe distress. The rural economy is largely driven by agricultural activities and as a matter of fact, the farm sector accounts for almost half of the workforce employed in our country and contributes 18 per cent to the GDP. Similarly, the MSME sector contributes almost 29 per cent to the GDP and more than 45 per cent of product exports come from this sector. State Governments are uniquely positioned to understand local needs and tailor schemes as per those requirements, including tax concessions by reducing State Goods and Services Tax rates. Central schemes are applied across the country and "one size fits all" may not be true in every situation.

If India has to grow, then State Governments should take ownership for development and people should also ask regional leaders to deliver on their promises. This nation belongs to all and therefore development is the collective responsibility of all of us, particularly those who have been given the mandate to rule.

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FOREIGN EYE



TRUMP'S TRIAL A DEFINING MOMENT

US President Trump's trial is not just a defining moment for him but also for the presidency and the Senate. If the Senate votes on party lines to acquit and Trump is then re-elected, this would be an infamous outcome. The idea that a president can abuse his office would be accepted. A new and lawless presidential legitimacy would be sanctioned. And the checks and balances of the US constitution would no longer exist and would need to be built afresh.

(The Guardian editorial)

AMAZON ROW

'Foreign investments must adhere to law of the land'

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD/NEW DELHI

A day after he scoffed at Amazon.Com founder Jeff Bezos' offer to invest USD 1 billion in India, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Friday tried to do damage control saying the country welcomes all kinds of investments that follow the "letter and spirit" of the law.

Goyal clarified his remarks on Twitter as well as to reporters saying some people have misconstrued his remarks by suggesting that he had said something negative against Amazon.

"I was only saying that investment should come as per the rules and regulation," he told reporters in Ahmedabad. Big-ticket investments in the retail space should not hurt small traders who do not have "lakhs and crores" of rupees, Goyal said.

"We welcome all kinds of investment. However, the necessary legal process would follow if any investment is made outside the purview of law," he said.

While Goyal had on Thursday raised questions



about Amazon's business practices saying the company had done no big favours to India by announcing a new USD 1 billion investment, his party's foreign cell head Vijay Chauthaiwale tweeted barely-veiled criticism of Bezos-owned the Washington Post, which has been criticized by the BJP for its coverage of the Modi government's increasingly right-wing policies.

Bezos who topped up his announcement of investing

USD 1 billion to help bring small and medium business online, with an announcement of creating one million new jobs in India over the next five years.

With an association of small traders aligned with the BJP holding demonstrations against his visit and India plans, the world's richest person visited a neighbourhood store in Mumbai, met Bollywood stars and captains of industry.

"Our country has some rules for e-commerce industry. We welcome all those investments which come as per these rules. However, it should not create unfair competition for the small traders of India. They do not get zero per cent loans. They do not have lakhs and crores of rupees. They do business with small capital," said Goyal on Friday.

On Thursday, he had questioned why the e-commerce market place should make losses but for its predatory pricing.

Jet Airways to sell Netherlands business to KLM

New Delhi: Bankrupt Jet Airways plans to sell its Netherlands business to KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, according to a regulatory filing.

The domestic full-service carrier, which shuttered operations last April, is undergoing insolvency resolution process.

The insolvency resolution professional managing the affairs of Jet Airways said various options are being explored for the "company's resolution and maximising the value for its stakeholders", as per the filing on Friday. Providing an update, the company said there is a separate liquidation proceeding ongoing in the Netherlands and that the resolution professional has agreed a co-operation protocol with the Dutch trustee appointed by the local court.

PTI

More than 300 items may see customs duty hike in Budget

FIANS ■ NEW DELHI

As a measure to boost domestic small and medium industry, the Government may consider a hike in customs duty on over 300 items like toys, furniture, footwear, coated paper, rubber items among other in the Union Budget.

Besides giving relief to the domestic industry and boosting employment, the move to keep imports down and help to raise revenue. Many of these are industries which are essentially concentrated in the small and medium sectors and employment intensive.

The Commerce and Industry Ministry in its budget recommendations has proposed rationalisation of basic customs on over 300 items across sectors including furniture, chemicals, rubber, coated paper and paper boards.

On footwear and related products, the Ministry has suggested increase in duty to 35 per cent from the current 25



per cent while for new pneumatic tyres of rubber, it has proposed to hike customs duty to 40 per cent from the current 10-15 per cent.

The import duty hike on footwear is a move to thwart the increase in imports of undervalued and cheap footwear. While the majority of imports are coming from ASEAN countries, with which

India has a free trade agreement, it is suspected that China is re-routing large quantities of footwear through these countries.

The ministry has proposed to increase import duty on wooden furniture to 30 per cent from the current 20 per cent. For coated paper, paper boards and hand made papers, it has suggested doubling the duty to 20 per cent.

The Ministry has asked for the removal of import duty on waste paper and wood pulp, which is currently at 10 per cent and 5 per cent, respectively. The paper industry has expressed concerns about cheap imports and a surge in inbound shipments.

For wood, metal and plastic toys, the ministry has suggested increase in import duty to up to 100 per cent from the current 20 per cent. Import of these toys increased to \$304 million in 2018-19 from \$281.82 million in 2017-18 from China and Hong Kong.

Banks' risk on ₹1.5L cr lent to telcos up after SC ruling

FIANS ■ NEW DELHI

The risk for Indian banks on their loans to the telecom sector appear to have risen a notch higher for both public and private sector lenders who have a combined exposure of ₹1.51 lakh crore, following the Supreme Court rejecting the review petition of the three incumbent telcos. The apex court has mandated that Airtel, Vodafone Idea and Tata Teleservices pay nearly ₹1.02 lakh crore as a statutory payments to the Government by January 23.

According to banking sources, state-run State Bank of India (₹42,400 crore), HDFC Bank (₹24,500 crore), Axis Bank (₹16,600 crore), Bank of Baroda (₹14,400 crore), Indusind Bank (₹8,800 crore), Canara Bank (₹6,100 crore) and Punjab National Bank (₹8,400 crore) have high exposures to the telecom sector.

These debts, however, are not classed as non-performing assets (NPAs or bad loans).

Banks do not reveal client specific information and queries sent to them on their loans disbursed to the telecom sector did not elicit any response. The Union Bank of India which has loaned ₹15,200 crore to the sector said it does not have any outstanding on account of Airtel or Vodafone Idea. Bank CMD Raj Kiran Rai its exposure is among the public sector undertakings (PSUs) and not in the privately-run Airtel and Vodafone Idea.

Kotak Mahindra Bank and Federal Bank have ₹4,700 crore and ₹1,600 crore exposure to the telecom sector, while RBL Bank has lent the telcos ₹500 crore. There are other telecom companies who have to pay dues to the Department of Telecom but are defunct now or have been acquired.

Reliance reports record quarterly net profit of ₹11,640 crore in Q3

PTI ■ MUMBAI/NEW DELHI

India's most valuable company Reliance Industries on Friday posted a record quarterly net profit of ₹11,640 crore as a turnaround in oil refining business together with the continued rise in the share of its consumer businesses of retail and telecom countered lower profitability in petrochemicals.

The oil-to-telecom conglomerate, led by richest Indian Mukesh Ambani, reported a net profit of ₹11,640 crore, or ₹18.4 per share, in October-December, up from ₹10,251 crore, or ₹17.3 a share, in the same period of the previous financial year, the company said in a statement.

This is the highest quarterly net profit earned by any private company, surpassing its own previous best of ₹11,262 crore in the July-September

BUSINESS CORNER

SUBODH GUPTA, DIRECTOR (FINANCE), BHEL, RECOGNISED FOR HIS FINANCE LEADERSHIP

New Delhi: Subodh Gupta, Director (Finance), Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has been awarded the "TOP RANKERS Excellence Award 2020" for Best Finance Professional of the year. The award has been conferred on Gupta in recognition of his finance leadership. Gupta has been instrumental in revamping the financial systems and procedures in the company and ensuring best corporate practices. The award was presented to Gupta at the 21st National Management Summit being held in New Delhi.



PFC ISSUES SENIOR UNSECURED USD BONDS

New Delhi: Power Finance Corporation Ltd (PFC), the leading NBFC in power sector, successfully carried out the issuance of 10.25 year \$750 million bonds on 15th January 2020 under Reg S & 144 A route. The bonds have a fixed coupon of 3.95 per cent p.a. and a yield of 4.066 per cent. With this offering, PFC becomes the first Indian Public Sector Company to issue senior unsecured USD bonds with a tenure of more than 10 years. This is also PFC's third international bond issuance in FY 19-20 as well as PFC's largest single tranche bond. The final order book amounted to more than \$2.2 billion, attracting active and wider participation from investors across US, European and Asian markets, with around 42 per cent participation from the US market.

Amazon to create one million jobs in India by 2025, says Jeff Bezos

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

World's largest online shopping platform Amazon on Friday announced plans to create one million new jobs in India over the next five years as it firefights comments from Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal on the firm not doing a favour to the country by making the investments.

Amazon founder and CEO Jeff Bezos, in a statement on Friday, said the company plans to create one million new jobs in India over the next five years. The new jobs — created both directly and indirectly — will be across industries, including IT, skill development, content creation, retail, logistics, and manufacturing.

These jobs are in addition to the seven lakh jobs Amazon's investments have enabled over the last six years in the country.

The statement comes a day after Goyal said the US-based company was not doing a favour to the country by the investments, and questioned how the online retailing major could incur such "big" losses but for its predatory pricing.

Bezos, who is in India this week, had on Wednesday



announced \$1 billion (over ₹7,000 crore) investment in the country to help bring small and medium businesses online and committed to exporting \$10 billion worth of India-made goods by 2025.

"We've seen huge contributions from our employees, extraordinary creativity from the small businesses we've partnered with, and great enthusiasm from the customers who shop with us - and we're excited about what lies ahead," Bezos said in the statement on Friday.

The company noted that the Indian government has prioritised job creation and skilling initiatives — including the training of more than 400 million people by 2022 — in rural and urban areas.

China's economy slumps to 6.1% in 2019; lowest in 29 yrs

PTI ■ BEIJING

China's GDP grew by 6.1 per cent last year, the lowest in 29 years, the Government said on Friday, as sluggish domestic demand and the bruising 18-month trade war with the US seriously impacted the world's second-largest economy.

The new GDP data released by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) comes a day after China and the US signed

a long-awaited phase one deal, marking a ceasefire in the 18-month trade war which saw the world's two largest economies slap 25 per cent tariffs on about half a trillion-dollar worth of each other's exports.

China's economy grew by 6.1 per cent last year, its worst performance since 1990, but it remained above the psychologically important six per cent mark. The GDP growth remained well within the 6 to

6.5 target set by the government, the NBS said. However, significant from the Chinese government's perspective, the GDP expanded to \$14.38 trillion from last year's \$13.1 trillion.

In 2018, China's economy sank to a 28-year low slowing down to 6.6 per cent year on year, lower than the 6.8 per cent growth registered in 2017 as it grappled with the continued slowdown amid the trade war with US and declining

Global equities burst higher on trade deal

AFP ■ LONDON

Global equities rose Friday as investors, still buoyed by a landmark China-US trade deal, turned their focus to the earnings season and the global outlook, while also cheered by Chinese economic data.

In early afternoon European trade, London rose 1.0 per cent, Frankfurt jumped 0.7 per cent and Paris added 0.9 per cent, aided by news that China's economy appears to be stabilising.

"Stock markets in Europe are higher this morning as the bullish move in Asia overnight has influenced traders in this part of the world," said CMC Markets analyst David Madden. "China released some broadly positive economic reports, which has boosted sentiment around the globe."

All three main indexes on Wall Street ended at record highs Thursday, boosted by the Senate's approval of a new North American free-trade deal, while Google parent Alphabet joined Apple and

Microsoft to become a trillion-dollar firm for the first time.

The positive energy funnelled through to Asia, where Hong Kong gained 0.6 per cent, Tokyo ended 0.5 per cent higher, Shanghai rose 0.1 per cent and Sydney added 0.3 per cent. Apart from last week's blip caused by the US assassination of Iran's top general, markets have enjoyed a strong start to the new decade, building on the rally of late 2019.

The gains have been fanned by the "phase one" trade agreement as well as signs of improvement in worldwide economies, lower interest rates, government stimulus and easing Brexit concerns.

And with the prospect of a healthy batch of company reports, there are hopes for further advances.

"It's very hard to be bearish here," Linda Duessell, at Federated Investors Management, told Bloomberg TV. "We could have really good earnings surprises to the upside" as more profit reports roll in, she said.

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that a man namely **Gangan Deep Singh**, S/o Kripal Singh, R/o A-22, Gali No. 07, Sanjay Nagar, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 14/01/2020. In this regard D.D. No. 18-A, dated 14/01/2020 has been registered at P.S. Mahender Park, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped man but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing/kidnapped man is as under:



Gangan Deep Singh

Name: Gangan Deep Singh, **Gender:** Male, **Age:** 21 years, **Height:** 5'7", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Hair:** Black, **Wearing:** Charee colour jacket, black colour shirt, blue colour jeans and blue colour shoes in his feet. If anyone has any information regarding this missing/kidnapped man, kindly inform SHO/Mahender Park, Delhi. E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax : 011-24368639

SHO P.S. Mahender Park, Delhi Ph. No.: 011-27632501, 27630203

DP/9681/NW/2020

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED MALE

General Public is hereby informed that one male (depicted in the photo) namely **Ram Sanjivan S/o Late Sh. Ramdhan R/o H.No.1557/1558, J-Block, Jahangir Puri, Delhi Aged-72** years has been reported missing/kidnapped since 01.12.2019 vide DD No.06A Dated 22.12.2019 registered at Police Station Mahendra Prak, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-



Ram Sanjivan

Complexion: Shallow, **Height:** 5'5", **Face:** Long, **Built:** Thin, **Clothing:** Yellow coloured shirt, Black coloured pajama, sky coloured jacket and slipper in feet. Any person having any information/Clue about this missing/kidnapped male, may inform SHO, Mahendra Park, Delhi at E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in or website : <http://cbi.nic.in>

Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641 Sd/- FAX No. : 011-24368639 SHO, Mahendra Park, Delhi DP/9680/NW/2020 Tel.: 011-27632501, 27632502

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that this person **Name:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** 50-55 Years, **Sex:** Male, **Height:** 5'5", **Face:** Long, **Built:** Thin, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Wearing:** Green Checkard Shirt and blue pant bare footed, Near Power House Pusta Road behind Faridabad Bus stand Yamuna Bazar Kashmere Gate, Delhi In this regard a DD No.06-A, dated 11.01.2020 has been registered at P.S. Kashmere Gate, New Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.



SHO P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi DP/890/N/2020 Ph.: 011-23967889, 8750870123

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

SEE SECTION U/S 82 Cr. P.C. Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Sachin, S/o Singhshen, R/o Jhuggi No. 230, Near Balmiki Mandir, Shahbad Dairy, Delhi** is involved in case FIR No. 433/18 & 437/18, u/s 457/411 IPC & 25 Arms Act, at P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Sachin**, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Sachin**, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant) Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Sachin**, in case FIR No. 433/18 & 437/18, u/s 457/411 IPC & 25 Arms Act, at P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi is required to appear on this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 18.02.2020. By Order **Sh. Vaibhav Mehta Metropolitan Magistrate - 05 (North), Court Room No. 114, 1st Floor Rohini Courts, Delhi**

DP/934/ON/2020-(Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSONS

(See Section 82 Cr.P.C) Whereas complaint has been made before me that **Anuradha W/o Sh. Arjun and Sh. Arjun Mehlawat S/o Sh. Attar Singh R/o Flat No. 10/289, Sai Apartment, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi** have committed (or are suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 2548/15, U/s 354/509/506/323/34 IPC & 2 PCO Act at P.S. Mehrauli, New Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Anuradha and Arjun Mehlawat** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Anuradha and Arjun Mehlawat** have absconded (or are concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Anuradha and Arjun Mehlawat** of FIR No. 2548/15, U/s 354/509/506/323/34 IPC & 2 PCO Act at P.S. Mehrauli, New Delhi are required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 24.02.2020. By Order **Ms. Jyoti Kler, Additional Session Judge-05, Room No. 605, Saket Court Complex, New Delhi**

DP/5918/SD/2020

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P.C. Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Praveen Kumar S/o Satish Kumar, R/o H. No. 164, Devli Village, New Delhi** is involved in case FIR No. 187/16 u/s 420/34 IPC, P.S. Neb Sarai, New Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Praveen Kumar** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Praveen Kumar** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Processing U/s 82 Cr. P.C. has been initiated in the case. Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Praveen Kumar**, case FIR No. 187/16 u/s 420/34 IPC, P.S. Neb Sarai, New Delhi is required to appear in this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 20.02.2020. By Order **Sh. Anuj Kumar Singh Metropolitan Magistrate Saket Court, New Delhi**

DP/5905/SD/2020-(Court Matter)

IRDAI chief cautions insurers against predatory pricing

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) chairman SC Khuntia on Friday cautioned insurers against indulging in predatory pricing, saying it is not a sustainable model while citing examples of airline and telecom sectors. Highlighting that the insurance industry is different from other business, he said if an insurer fails, it has bearing on customers as well.

"I would like to give a word of caution here. Though your (insurance brokers) share is very high in group health insurance, the loss ratio in group health insurance is also very high. Probably, it is not very sustainable at present," he

said at an event organised by Insurance Brokers Association of India here.

"So the insurance companies, intermediaries and policyholders need to unite to create a sustainable atmosphere. In other industries if there is unfair competition, the industry suffers but the clientele don't suffer. While this has happened in airlines and telecom industries but we cannot afford that kind of a situation in the insurance industry because insurance is an industry for protection," he said.

"So if the industry suffers, then clientele also suffers. And as a regulator we should not like that to happen. One should not overcharge and also not undercharge," he said.

Market ends flat; banks slide on NPA concerns after SC's AGR ruling

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Market gauges Sensex and Nifty gave up early gains to close on a flat note on Friday as investors moved to the sidelines amid concerns that the Supreme Court ruling on telecom AGR issue might further aggravate stressed assets problem in the banking sector.

At the closing bell, the BSE benchmark Sensex was up 12.81 points or 0.03 per cent at 41,945.37. The index also marked its new all-time high of 42,063.93 in intraday trading, before surrendering some of its gains.

The broader Nifty, however, settled 3.15 points or 0.025 per cent lower at 12,352.35. The NSE barometer too touched its life-time intraday peak of 12,385.45 in early deals before losing momentum.

During the week, the Sensex advanced 345.65 points or 0.83 per cent; while the Nifty rose 95.55 points or 0.77 per cent.

In a session marked by high volatility, gains in Reliance Industries offset losses in other heavyweights HDFC, ICICI Bank and TCS.

On the Sensex chart, Bharti Airtel was the top gainer, rallying 5.47 per cent, after experts said the Supreme Court's rejec-

tion of a review of its order that put ₹1.47 lakh crore liability of past dues on telcos, will weaken Vodafone Idea's ability to compete in the Indian market; in turn, providing an opportunity for Bharti Airtel and Reliance Jio to gain market share.

Shares of Vodafone Idea plunged 25.21 per cent.

Ahead of their quarterly earnings, Reliance Industries and HCL Tech advanced up to 2.79 per cent, while TCS fell 0.79 per cent.

Heavyweight HDFC dropped 1.23 per cent.

In percentage terms, IndusInd Bank, SBI, HDFC, ICICI Bank and L&T were among the top losers.

On the contrary, Bharti Airtel, Reliance, Sun Pharma, HCL Tech and Maruti Suzuki emerged as major gainers.

Sectorally, BSE bankex, metal, finance, capital goods and IT indices fell up to 0.78 per cent. While energy, telecom, healthcare, consumer durables, power and auto indices rose up to 1.79 per cent.

In the broader market, BSE midcap and smallcap indices rose up to 0.54 per cent.

"As anticipated, mid and small caps are outpacing the broader market... Main indices are impacted by Supreme Court verdict on

AGR, having an effect on telecom and banking sectors which are already facing NPA problem. The pre-budget rally has been very solid on a month-on-month basis, market may consolidate in the short-term and take cues from the actual budget and ongoing results," Vinod Nair, head of research at Geojit Financial Services, said.

The Supreme Court on Thursday dismissed review petitions filed by telecom companies against its October 24, 2019 order that asked for inclusion of non-telecom revenues for calculating statutory dues such as licence fee and spectrum usage charge.

Dues, which total to ₹1.47 lakh crore for 15 telecom companies including Airtel and Vodafone Idea, as per the October order, have to be paid by January 23.

According to traders, domestic investors are awaiting directional cues from key corporate results for cues amid concerns over higher bank non-performing assets and a spike in retail inflation.

"Global markets witnessed a strong rally as easing trade tensions and promising economic data buoyed the sentiments. Indian markets too ended the week with strong gains especially in midcaps

and small caps. Midcap and small caps have significantly outperformed the Nifty... We are seeing strong traction in the broader market with revived risk appetite among investors ahead of Budget," Hemang Kapasi, portfolio manager (equity investment products) at Sanctum Wealth Management, said.

Bourses in Shanghai, Hong Kong, Tokyo and Seoul ended higher. European markets also started on a positive note.

Brent crude oil futures rose 0.36 per cent to USD 64.86 per barrel.

RUPEE DROPS 15 PAISE

The Indian rupee dropped 15 paise to close at 71.08 against the US dollar on Friday amid strengthening of the American currency overseas and rising crude prices.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened lower at 70.98 to the US dollar and lost further momentum to touch a low of 71.10. It finally settled the day at 71.08, showing a fall of 15 paise over its previous close.

The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, fell by 0.17 per cent to 97.48.

During the week the rupee has depreciated by 14 paise.

Vodafone Idea's ability to compete in Indian market may weaken: Moody's

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

With the Supreme Court rejecting a review of its order that put ₹1.47 lakh crore liability of past dues on telecom firms, Vodafone Idea's ability to compete in the Indian market is likely to weaken and this will provide an opportunity for Bharti Airtel and Reliance Jio to gain market share, Moody's Investors Service said on Friday.

"The financial burden will likely further weaken Vodafone Idea's ability to compete in the Indian market, potentially providing an opportunity for competitors Bharti and Jio to gain market share," the US-based agency said.

Moody's further added: "While a fresh blow, the judgment is no real surprise and Bharti had already made provisions to help offset the impact on its balance sheet. Nevertheless, the impact on its credit profile will likely be significant, with both debt and leverage set to rise."

Meanwhile, Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea are evaluating filing a curative petition before the apex court for relaxation on penalties and payment deadline. In a statement, Bharti Airtel, which faces a liability of nearly ₹35,586 crore, said it was disappointed by the order and was now "evaluating filing a

curative petition". Vodafone Idea, which has to pay ₹53,038 crore, said it was also "exploring further options, including filing of a curative petition".

MOODY'S PLACES YES BANK'S RATINGS UNDER REVIEW

Moody's Investors Service has placed Yes Bank's long-term foreign currency issuer rating of B2 under review, with the direction uncertain, citing "slowness in raising new capital".

"The placing of Yes Bank's deposit rating of B2 under review reflects Moody's expectation that the bank's standalone viability is getting increasingly challenged by its slowness in raising new capital," the US-based agency has said in a statement.

It further said the potential credit risk to the bank's senior creditors is uncertain, because there are a number of diverse scenarios that could affect the rating in either positive or negative directions.

Yes Bank is in discussions with a number of investors to raise new equity capital, which would be credit positive if executed successfully, Moody's said adding that "if the bank successfully recapitalises and repairs and cleans its balance sheet, its ratings could stabilise or face upward pressure".

TCS Q3 net profit marginally up

Mumbai (PTI): Country's largest software services major Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) on Friday reported a muted 0.2 per cent growth in consolidated net profit at ₹8,118 crore for the third quarter ended December 2019. This is against a net profit of ₹8,105 crore in the year-ago period, TCS said in a BSE filing.

Revenue of the city-based firm grew 6.7 per cent in the quarter under review to ₹39,854 crore from ₹37,338 crore in the corresponding period of the last fiscal, it added.

"We saw the sectoral trends of the first half of the year continue to play out in the third quarter. Our robust order book during the quarter reflects our ability to pitch innovative technology solutions to address the business needs of different stakeholders in the enterprise, and participate in our customers' enterprise-wide transformation initiatives," TCS CEO and managing director Rajesh Gopinathan said in a statement. This is helping deepen and broaden the company's customer relationships and make the business more resilient, he added.

The TCS board has declared a third interim dividend of ₹5 per equity Share of ₹1 each of the company.

HCL TECH Q3 NET PROFIT RISES 13% TO ₹2,944 CR

New Delhi (PTI): IT major HCL Technologies on Friday posted a 13 per cent rise in its consolidated net profit at ₹2,944 crore for the December 2019 quarter. The company had registered a net profit of ₹2,605 crore in the year-ago period as per Indian Accounting Standards, HCL Technologies said in a statement.

Its revenue from operations grew 15.5 per cent to ₹18,135 crore in the quarter under review, from ₹15,699 crore in the year-ago period. The company has revised its revenue growth outlook to 16.5-17 per cent for 2019-20 from its previous forecast of 15-17 per cent topline growth in constant currency terms.

HCL Technologies' board has declared a dividend of ₹2 per share.

"We continue our stellar performance over the years and have now crossed a revenue run rate of USD 10 billion this quarter. Our revenues have grown 16.4 per cent year-on-year in constant currency and we have delivered a strong 20.2 per cent earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT)," HCL Technologies President and CEO C Vijayakumar said. He added that within two quarters of its inception, HCL Software has already onboarded 4,600 customers. "I am pleased that our results continue to validate and reinforce our growth, profitability and investment strategies," Vijayakumar said.

NIFTY 50

SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY 50	12328.40	12385.45	12321.40	12352.35	-3.15
BHARTIARTL	475.10	503.85	475.10	499.80	25.90
DRREDDY	2944.40	3049.00	2940.00	3026.80	89.35
RELIANCE	1553.50	1584.95	1552.30	1510.00	43.10
GRASIM	715.00	722.00	711.00	767.90	11.85
SUNPHARMA	448.20	456.25	446.00	454.75	5.70
HCLTECH	585.00	602.00	585.00	600.50	7.25
MARUTI	7469.00	7569.90	7432.55	7550.85	88.20
BAJAJFINSV	9614.00	9740.30	9601.00	9725.00	102.85
ONGC	124.55	125.55	124.00	125.40	0.90
HINDUNILVR	2055.00	2063.90	2040.05	2061.95	12.70
ULTRACEMCO	4440.00	4522.40	4411.30	4495.00	22.65
NESTLEIND	15399.00	15600.00	15386.65	15428.20	73.30
HEROMOTOCO	2445.00	2474.90	2421.60	2445.00	10.50
POWERGRID	195.95	197.35	195.65	197.30	0.85
HINDALCO	209.50	212.00	208.15	210.10	1.45
M&M	566.80	574.00	565.15	568.50	1.05
WIPRO	252.00	253.90	249.65	250.80	0.40
BAIFINANCE	4217.00	4242.00	4202.00	4224.15	3.90
INFY	770.70	772.90	762.25	767.45	0.45
AXISBANK	734.85	742.45	730.85	737.70	0.40
ASIANPAINT	1835.60	1838.90	1815.00	1836.00	0.85
TATASTEEL	493.30	498.90	491.00	494.00	0.80
ZEE	279.65	284.25	277.40	279.65	-0.05
BAJAJ-AUTO	3112.00	3138.00	3098.00	3110.50	-1.60
CIPLA	480.00	482.95	476.55	479.95	-0.30
UPL	589.95	597.35	585.90	587.50	-0.60
KOTAKBANK	1703.90	1705.85	1690.10	1699.00	-2.55
NTPC	121.45	121.70	120.60	121.10	-0.35
ITC	240.75	242.10	239.40	239.95	-0.80
TATAMOTORS	197.25	199.45	195.70	196.70	-0.85
TITAN	1194.80	1196.85	1184.00	1186.20	-6.70
TECHM	783.50	786.75	775.50	778.05	-4.80
HDFCBANK	1281.75	1284.90	1271.90	1277.40	-10.25
TCS	2240.75	2253.35	2213.00	2220.00	-18.80
BRITANNIA	3155.00	3169.00	3114.35	3120.00	-30.25
COALINDIA	210.00	210.55	206.10	208.10	-2.15
EICHERMOT	21509.05	21770.00	21103.55	21292.25	-244.00
LT	1320.60	1325.95	1302.00	1304.00	-15.30
HDFC	2467.75	2479.00	2448.25	2452.70	-29.40
ICICIBANK	534.50	538.00	530.60	530.65	-1.50
IOC	124.15	124.25	122.30	122.65	-6.50
ADANIPOR	390.90	392.40	386.00	386.90	-4.95
JSWSTEEL	276.80	279.55	272.85	273.70	-3.75
YESBANK	37.60	39.55	37.00	39.30	-0.65
SBI	313.00	323.50	310.00	318.00	-5.30
BPCL	462.00	462.25	452.00	453.80	-8.00
VEDL	162.70	162.70	159.00	159.35	-2.90
GAIL	126.90	127.40	122.75	126.00	-2.75
INDUSINDBK	1350.00	1377.00	1317.05	1350.55	-35.95
INFRADEL	218.75	228.60	210.25	216.00	-27.05

NIFTY NEXT 50

SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY NEXT 50	28957.30	29083.95	28929.25	29034.85	85.20
PEL	1551.00	1655.00	1550.50	1632.10	56.35
BOSCHLTD	14915.00	15449.95	14858.70	15400.00	574.75
SIEMENS	1537.00	1597.70	1537.00	1586.00	50.55
BERGEPAINT	548.00	566.00	546.00	560.30	15.55
DMART	1948.00	2000.00	1942.00	1997.15	51.10
AUROPHARMA	477.40	489.95	475.95	486.25	10.40
LUPIN	753.00	770.00	751.45	766.35	12.40
PAGEIND	2544.00	2597.00	2524.05	2582.00	351.50
OFSS	2866.05	2956.45	2859.00	2917.00	35.60
INDIGO	1458.00	1480.00	1448.55	1472.10	14.65
BANDHANBANK	477.00	484.90	475.15	480.55	4.70
DLF	257.00	262.00	256.90	260.05	1.90
BIOCON	288.50	291.95	286.00	289.60	1.80
ASHOKLEY	83.35	84.75	83.10	84.05	0.50
PGH	11194.90	11339.95	11194.90	11260.00	65.10
HDFCAMC	3257.90	3270.40	3241.05	3260.80	16.00
DIVSILAB	1899.45	1913.85	1892.05	1908.00	9.00
LATHE	126.80	129.15	123.30	126.55	0.20
HINDZINC	217.00	219.60	216.35	216.05	0.85
UNIL	1293.50	1314.60	1288.90	1310.15	4.55
AMBUJACEM	209.65	212.40	208.60	210.45	0.70
ACC	1594.50	1522.60	1494.05	1509.00	4.20
DABUR	488.00	491.95	486.70	482.25	0.65
COLPAL	151.95	151.80	150.90	151.10	1.65
SHEREENKA	2335.00	2366.40	2320.00	2328.00	-4.85
HINDPETRO	2180.00	252.70	246.85	250.05	-4.15
MARICO	349.00	353.95	348.10	348.85	-3.30
HAVELLS	639.50	651.60	637.70	638.70	-0.80
PNB	62.90	63.90	61.30	62.35	-1.10
HDFCLIFE	607.50	611.55	610.70	606.35	-1.15
NIACL	165.00	168.80	165.45	164.80	-0.40
BAJAJHLING	3416.60	3419.95	3375.95	3387.00	-8.95
BANKBARODA	96.00	98.25	95.10	97.30	-3.35
PIDILITIND	1453.50	1455.20	1434.20	1447.10	-5.55
GODREJCP	746.00	751.00	740.90	743.75	-3.00
ADALHC	271.90	272.80	266.70	269.10	-1.10
ICICI	1415.00	1435.15	1396.00	1407.95	-6.85
SILIFE	999.00	1009.80	985.25	993.10	-6.60
CONCOR	557.90	560.55	552.35	554.40	-4.05
NMDC	130.10	131.25	129.15	129.55	-1.05
MCDOWELL-N	585.50	585.90	579.55	580.25	-4.65
PETRONET	274.95	276.25	270.40	273.30	-2.85
PFC	123.00	123.40	121.60	122.10	-1.25
SRTANSFIN	1099.50	1111.95	1084.65	1087.10	-12.05
IBULHSFIN	306.40	311.00	303.15	303.80	-3.70
NIACL	250.40	246.00	242.40	243.30	-3.00
GICRE	290.40	264.15	256.20	257.30	-3.80
ICICIRULI	490.10	492.70	480.00	481.95	-10.25
MOTHERSUMI	143.20	143.20	139.25	140.05	-3.20
IDEA	5.40	5.40	4.65	4.45	-1.55

BSE 500

Script	Open	High	Low	LTP	TVSMOTOR	782.85	786.75	775.60	778.30
DRREDDY	2943.05	3049.05	2942.00	3033.65	NOCL	125.00	127.50	122.20	123.00
ICICIBANK	537.00	537.90	530.30	530.90	ULTRACEMCO	4445.00	4521.00	4414.90	4488.70
RELIANCE	1553.50	1584.80	1551.15	1580.65	SBLIFE	100.00	100.95	98.80	99.45
BHARTIARTL	470.10	503.60	470.10	500.00	GAIL	127.50	127.50	122.80	126.35
IDEA	5.40	5.43	3.66	4.11	ADANIPOWER	64.50	65.95	64.30	64.60
SBI	313.00	323.50	310.65	318.00	SRF	3579.30	3653.85	3575.00	3624.15
INDUSINDBK	1356.00	1376.50	1314.20	1352.55	TORNPOWER	304.00	311.40	304.00	313.05
YESBANK	37.30	39.55	37.20	39.25	EMAMILTD	322.00	357.00	322.00	351.30
EDELWEISS	104.00	107.30	102.75	105.80	LICHSGFIN				

US PRESIDENT impeachment

AP ■ WASHINGTON

The US Senate opened the impeachment trial of President Donald Trump with quiet ceremony Thursday — senators standing at their desks to swear an oath of “impartial justice” as jurors, House prosecutors formally reciting the charges and Chief Justice John Roberts presiding.

The trial, only the third such undertaking in American history, is unfolding at the start of the election year, a time of deep political division in the nation. Four of the senators sitting in judgment on Trump are running for the Democratic Party's nomination to challenge him in the fall.

“Hear ye, hear ye, hear ye!” intoned the Senate's sergeant at arms, calling the



proceedings to order just past noon. Senators filled the chamber, an unusual sight in itself, sitting silently under strict rules that prohibit talking or cellphones, for a trial that will test not only Trump's presi-

dency but also the nation's three branches of power and its system of checks and balances.

The Constitution mandates the chief justice serve as the presiding officer, and Roberts made the short trip across the

street from the Supreme Court to the Capitol.

He has long insisted judges are not politicians and is expected to serve as a referee for the proceedings. Senators rose quickly when he appeared in his plain black robe.

“Will all senators now stand, and remain standing, and raise their right hand,” Roberts said. “Do you solemnly swear that in all things appertaining to the trial of the impeachment of Donald John Trump, president of the United States, now pending, you will do impartial justice according to the Constitution and laws, so help you God?” The senators responded they would, and then they lined up to sign an oath book.

Trump faces two charges after the House voted to

impeach him last month. One, that he abused his presidential power by pressuring Ukraine to investigate Democratic rival Joe Biden, using military aid to the country as leverage. Trump is also charged with obstructing Congress' ensuing probe.

The President insists he did nothing wrong, and he dismissed the trial anew on Thursday at the White House, “It's totally partisan. It's a hoax.”

Eventual acquittal is expected in the Republican-controlled Senate. However, new revelations are mounting about Trump's actions toward Ukraine. The Government Accountability Office said Thursday that the White House violated federal law in withholding the security assistance to Ukraine, which shares a border with hostile Russia.

At the same time, an indicted associate of Trump's personal lawyer Rudy Giuliani, Lev Parnas, has turned over to prosecutors new documents linking the president to the shadow foreign policy being run by Giuliani.

The developments applied fresh pressure to senators to call more witnesses for the trial, a main source of contention that is still to be resolved. The White House has instructed officials not to comply with subpoenas from Congress requesting witnesses or other information. “What is the president hiding? What is he afraid of?” asked Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer.

“The gravity of these charges is self-evident,” he said. “The House of Representatives has accused

the president of trying to shake down a foreign leader for personal gain.” House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said the new information from Parnas demands an investigation, which she doesn't expect from Trump's attorney general.

“This is an example of all of the president's henchmen, and I hope that the senators do not become part of the president's henchmen.”

Before the swearing-in, House Democrats prosecuting the case stood before the Senate and Rep. Adam Schiff of the Intelligence Committee formally read the articles of impeachment.

Seven lawmakers, led by Schiff and Rep. Jerrold Nadler of the Judiciary Committee, made the solemn walk across the Capitol for a second day.

Trump's trial begins at start of election yr

GLOBE TROTTING

PUTIN TO ATTEND LIBYA PEACE CONFERENCE

Moscow: Russian President Vladimir Putin will take part in a peace conference on Libya in Germany on Sunday, as world powers step up efforts to find a lasting ceasefire. Ahead of the peace conference Libya's military strongman Khalifa Haftar, who Moscow is accused of supporting in Libya's conflict, thanked Putin for his peace efforts, the Kremlin said.

RUSSIA'S FM SLAMS 'AGGRESSIVE' US POLICIES

Moscow: Russia's foreign policy chief on Friday blamed what he described as “aggressive” US policies for growing global tensions, noting Washington's reluctance to extend a key nuclear arms pact. Sergey Lavrov, who serves as acting foreign minister in the wake of Wednesday's resignation of the Russian Cabinet, said this week's meeting of top U.S. and Russian diplomats on strategic stability didn't achieve any immediate results, adding that “dialogue is continuing.” Russia-US relations have been at post-Cold War lows since Moscow's 2014 annexation of Ukraine's Crimea.

US WARSHIP SAILS THROUGH TAIWAN STRAIT

Taipei: A US warship has sailed through the Taiwan Strait, mainland and Taipei officials said Friday, the first such passage since the island resoundingly rejected its independence-leaning president. The warship was on a “routine mission” on Thursday, Taiwan's defence ministry said, as it traversed the stretch of water that divides the self-ruling island from the authoritarian Chinese mainland.

'MORE THAN 9L PEOPLE SPEAK IN HINDI IN US'

Washington: More than nine lakh people speak Hindi in the US, a top Indian diplomat has said, as the Indian Embassy here conducts free Hindi classes for Americans and foreign nationals. Happy to note that Hindi is spoken and taught widely in the US, Amit Kumar, Charge d' Affairs, Indian Embassy here, said in his remarks during the 'Vishva Hindi Divas' celebrations at the Indian Embassy. He also said Hindi is taught in many schools in the US.

CHINA BIRTH RATE HITS LOWEST LEVEL SINCE 1949

Beijing: China's birth rate dropped last year to its lowest level since the Communist country was founded in 1949, adding to concerns that an ageing society and shrinking workforce will pile pressure on a slowing economy.

Ukraine PM offers to resign after leaked recording

AFP ■ KIEV

Ukraine's Prime Minister offered his resignation on Friday after audio was leaked of him questioning President Volodymyr Zelensky's grasp of economics, in the first major political test for the inexperienced leader.

It was unclear whether Zelensky would accept Oleksiy Goncharuk's offer, which came after a recording emerged of him reportedly saying the president had a “primitive understanding” of the economy.

Zelensky, a comedian with no previous political experience, came to power after a landslide election win last year and his “Servant of the People” party later won a strong majority in parliament.

He has been embroiled in the US impeachment process and faced tough talks with Russian President Vladimir

Putin, but had so far managed to avoid any significant domestic political problems.

The audio recording was leaked on social media on Wednesday and reportedly came from an informal December meeting between ministers and senior officials from the National Bank.

According to local media reports, the participants discussed how to explain recent economic developments to Zelensky. “Zelensky has a very primitive understanding of economic processes, or rather a simple understanding,” Goncharuk reportedly said on the recording, adding that he himself was an economic “ignoramus.”

After initially denying reports he would step down, Goncharuk announced on his official Facebook page on Friday that he had offered to resign.

Iran's top leader strikes defiant tone amid month of turmoil

AP ■ TEHRAN

Iran's supreme leader lashed out at Western countries as he led Friday prayers in Tehran for the first time in eight years, dismissing “American clowns” who he said pretend to support the Iranian nation but want to stick their “poisoned dagger” into its back.

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei used his rare appearance at the weekly prayers to deliver a fiery address in which he insisted Iran would not bow to US pressure after months of crushing sanctions and a series of recent crises — from the killing of a top Iranian general to the accidental shooting down of a Ukrainian passenger plane.

Khamenei said the mass funerals for General Qasem Soleimani, who was killed in a US airstrike earlier this month, show that the Iranian people support the Islamic Republic despite its recent trials.

He said the “cowardly” hit on Soleimani had taken out the



In this photo released by the official website of the office of the Iranian supreme leader, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, centre, leads the Friday prayers at Imam Khomeini Grand Mosque in Tehran on Friday.

most effective commander in the battle against the Islamic State group.

In response to Soleimani's killing, Iran launched a barrage of ballistic missiles targeting US troops in Iraq, without causing serious injuries. Khamenei said the strike had dealt a “blow to America's image” as a superpower. In the part of his sermon delivered in Arabic, he said the “real punishment” would be in forcing the US to withdraw from the Middle

East.

After the missile strike, as Iran's Revolutionary Guard braced for an American counterattack that never came, it mistakenly shot down a Ukrainian jetliner shortly after takeoff from Tehran's international airport, killing all 176 passengers on board, mostly Iranians.

Authorities concealed their role in the tragedy for three days, initially blaming the crash on a technical problem. When

it came, their admission of responsibility triggered days of street protests, which security forces dispersed with live ammunition and tear gas.

Khamenei called the shooting down of the plane a “bitter accident” that had saddened Iran as much as it made its enemies happy.

'Bitter plane tragedy should not cloud Soleimani's sacrifice'

AFP ■ TEHRAN

Iran's supreme leader called the accidental downing of a Ukrainian airliner a “bitter” tragedy on Friday but said it should not overshadow the “sacrifice” of a top commander killed in a US drone strike.

“The plane crash was a bitter accident, it burned through our heart,” Khamenei said. “But some tried to... Portray it in a way to forget the great martyrdom and sacrifice” of Major General Qasem Soleimani, the head of the foreign operations arm of Iran's Revolutionary Guards.

“Our enemies were as happy about the plane crash as we were sad... Happy that they found something to question the Guards, the armed forces, the system.”

Rouhani: Iran wants dialogue, working to 'prevent war'

Tehran: Iranian President Hassan Rouhani said on Friday he wants to avoid war after Tehran and Washington appeared on the brink of direct military confrontation in early January for the second time in less than a year. Ahead of parliamentary elections on February 21 — predicted to be a challenge for Rouhani's camp — and amid high tensions between Tehran and the West over Iran's nuclear programme, the president said dialogue with the world was still “possible”.

“The Government is working daily to prevent military confrontation or war,” Rouhani said in a televised speech. The region seemed on the brink of new conflict earlier in January after the US killed top Iranian general Qasem Soleimani in a drone strike in Baghdad, prompting Iran to retaliate against US military targets in Iraq with a volley of missiles days later. AFP

Xi vows ties with Myanmar to new level as China eyes opening into Indian Ocean

PTI ■ NAY PYI TAW

President Xi Jinping on Friday vowed to take China's ties with Myanmar to a “new level” during his maiden visit, which aims at boosting the Communist giant's investments in mammoth infrastructure projects, including a USD 1.3-billion port deal that will provide Beijing a stepping stone to the Indian Ocean.

On his arrival in Myanmar, the first by a Chinese leader in 19 years, President Xi received a royal welcome with two fighter jets escorting his plane after it entered the country's airspace. As his plane touched down in Nay Pyi Taw, children presented him flowers before he was whisked off to a greeting party, China's state-run Xinhua news agency reported.

Huge portraits of the Chinese President and banners celebrating the China-Myanmar friendship and cooperation were put up along Xi's route from the airport to downtown.

According to Xinhua, Xi told Myanmar leaders that he was convinced that his visit will “take the bilateral ties to a new level and into a new era”.

China, which for decades has maintained close ties with Myanmar military even when the Myanmar State Counsellor, Suu Kyi, was incarcerated for years, has again become an important ally to fend off global isolation of Nay Pyi Taw in the wake of the Rohingya crisis.

Once-submerged island ready for Rohingya: B'desh

AP ■ DHAKA

A Bangladeshi island regularly submerged by monsoon rains is ready to house 100,000 Rohingya refugees, but no date has been announced to relocate people from the crowded and squalid camps where they've lived for years, officials said Thursday.

Flood protection embankments, houses, hospitals and mosques have been built on Bhasan Char, or floating island, in the Bay of Bengal, officials said.

“Bhasan Char is ready for habitation. Everything has been put in place,” Bangladesh refugee, relief and repatriation commissioner Mahub Alam Talukder told The Associated Press.

The island is built to accommodate 100,000 people, just a fraction of the million Rohingya Muslims who have fled waves of violent persecution in their native Myanmar.

About 700,000 people came after August 2017, when the military in Buddhist-majority Myanmar began a harsh crackdown against Rohingya in response to an attack by insurgents. Global rights groups and the UN called the campaign ethnic cleansing involving rapes, killings and torching of thousands of homes.

Foreign media have not been permitted to visit the island. Saleh Noman, a Bangladeshi freelance journalist who recently visited, described a community emerging there.

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Whereas the above named applicant(s) has/have instituted a case for recovery of Rs.19,38,246/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Thirty Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Forty Six Only) against you and where as it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in this Tribunal on 20.02.2020 at 10.30 A.M.

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before the mentioned, the case will be heard and determined in your absence.

By Order of this Tribunal,
SECTION OFFICER, DRT-II, DELHI

CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-tenders are invited for and on behalf of the President of India for the following work: **SI.No.;** Tender No.; Name of the work; Tender value (₹); Cost of tender document (₹); Earnest money (₹); Period of completion (in months); [01]; Engg/41/2019-20; Providing colour coated sheet in Indoor Stadium; 27,27,510.30; 3,000.00; 54,600.00; 06 months [02]; Engg/42/2019-20; Making iron fencing wall in front of Environment Park at Chittaranjan; 14,48,509.65; 2,000.00; 29,000.00; 06 months [03]; Engg/43/2019-20; Diversion of water pipeline (loading line) from 'Y' bridge to Fatehpur OH tank; 95,36,070.80; 5,000.00; 1,90,700.00; 12 months [04]; Engg/44/2019-20; Renovation of Staff Quarters (D/S) at Jhlpahari (2nd phase); 38,57,331.45; 3,000.00; 77,200.00; 09 months [05]; Engg/45/2019-20; Construction of pucca drain along the boundary wall side of railway track to avoid water logging on track inside workshop; 15,34,161.10; 2,000.00; 30,700.00; 04 months [06]; Engg/46/2019-20; Construction of Motor Cycle stand (50m x 7m) each near TO Gate, TM Gate & RK Gate; 12,50,031.33; 2,000.00; 25,000.00; 06 months [07]; Engg/47/2019-20; Replacement of damaged slab over trench/ drain inside workshop; 16,51,187.38; 2,000.00; 33,000.00; 06 months [08]; Engg/48/2019-20; Providing, fixing boulder pitching at upstream side of Fatehpur dam and providing proper spillway at Chittaranjan; 19,85,320.83; 2,000.00; 39,700.00; 09 months [09]; Engg/49/2019-20; Providing additional 100 nos. Fire hydrant in fabricating and bogie shop formerly DLFC including office etc. at DKAE; 30,86,845.39; 3,000.00; 61,700.00; 06 months. NOTE: (i) Date of closing-20.02.2020 at 13.00 hrs. (ii) Complete details can be seen in the Railways website: www.irps.gov.in & www.cw.indianrailways.gov.in (iii) [05]; Engg/45/2019-20; Construction of pucca drain along the boundary wall side of railway track to avoid water logging on track inside

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SHORT CIRCUITS



MALLIKA SHERAWAT

The stay on hanging of Nirbhaya convicts is demoralising. No one can imagine what her parents must be going through. Earlier, for saying this, media said I'm tarnishing our country's image. But I love my country, which is why I draw attention to this issue. Nothing can be more important than women.



JUHI CHAWLA

I recall he (son) had mentioned to me that 500 million animals have been killed in the Australian bushfires and asked me 'What are you doing about it?' I said I'm helping plant trees in our country in the Cauvery Calling project. That was it. A day later he said 'I've sent 300 pounds from my pocket money. I hope it goes to right place.'



RASIKA DUGAL

I am the happiest when I am working and there is no better way to celebrate my birthday than doing what I love the most. *Delhi Crime* is a project which has been special in many ways. It makes me very happy to start the second season right after my birthday.



IMTIAZ ALI

I don't know what the relevance of love is, but I feel everything in the universe somehow moves because of it. If a man and a woman are in love, it is through it that the universe is moving around. I want to explore these things more. It's not easy to explain the knowledge of love that you had when you are young.

EMMA WATSON

Our closets impact the planet more than you can imagine, which is why I am proud to partner with ThredUP to launch new Fashion Footprint Calculator. They've created an easy-to-use tool. I'm so excited to help people discover the carbon impact of wardrobes and how many pounds of CO2 it produces.



ENCOUNTER 30 MINUTES

RHYTHM IS A DANCER

Indian contemporary choreographer ASTAD DEBOO talks about how his travels across the world have shaped his unique artform. By TEAM VIVA

◆ You were born in the same year as India. How have you seen it change?

Yes, 1947. But by the time I came back to India to introduce a new dance form, there was a lot of resentment in government cultural institutions, Ministry of Culture and even from classical gurus. As if what I did was perfidy. Not that people themselves weren't receptive to my experimental workshops, they were afraid that their gurus would get upset. I won't take any names but there were a lot of cases. It was my determination and perseverance that kept me going and I am grateful to the media as they spoke about my work.

Still the peer criticism was all around. A very established dancer once said that if somebody works once in a year, it is obvious that everyone will talk about it considering the big names did 30 to 40 shows in a year. Yet I derived much of my thematic strength from the many interpretations of Krishna or Shiva. In the beginning, few people in the audience and the ones who came were writers or musicians. Slowly, word got around. The best form of publicity is word-of-mouth. Everybody went happy and I stuck to my guns. In those early days, I spent six months here and six overseas. Though I have studied kathak and kathakali, there is not one complete *tukda* in the Indian classical style in my work. But I am using the technique.

Earlier I was a solo dancer and very energetic. But doing a slow movement and being in sync is more difficult than doing something fast. When I collaborate with somebody, something sparks during the process that I have never tried before. Because you need someone to trigger that. I worked with Bahauddin Dagar recently. We were talking. And he is a great artist. He said, "It is not just your show but our show. You are not accompanying me. We are working together to create something good."

◆ Talking about Jose Limon technique and the way it seems to defy gravity, how difficult is it to perfect, especially when you are using it in conjunction with Martha Graham?

I took these classes when I was already 24. When you are young, your body is supple. I imbibed only those things which my body could accept. So I cannot claim perfection in them. All that experience of how these school's practitioners worked with their bodies and their breath control influenced me deeply. This was a whole new teaching process. I studied a lot of dance forms and ended up using a lot of Balinese movements in my work. Then there is the Japanese *butoh*. All this experience has enriched me as an individual. When I start creating, I figure out which of my inspirations work or not.

◆ Mukhabhinay is an important part of your dance technique...

Mukhabhinay is something that is ingrained in me as I learnt it for 16 years. It comes naturally. *Abhinay* is used a lot but not all the time.

◆ You hitchhiked to the US. What made you do that? How have your travels contributed to your art?

I left the country in 1969 on a cargo ship with goats, sheep and other workers who would get off at Dubai or Bahrain. Eventually the voyage ended at Khorramshah in Iran. Till then I had had studied Indian classical dance, beginning with kathak. And then my father put the brakes. After all, he had at least let a Parsi person take dancing lessons in the first place. I then took up economics at Bombay University. Destiny called again as it was at this point of time that I watched an American dance company perform in the city. A new dimension of dancers as a collective using a defined space opened up before me. Nothing like that existed in India and my father didn't have the means to invest in my passion. The spirit of adventure was there and I just set off.

I hadn't considered hitch-hiking as rare because it was a part of the youth culture then. Nobody thought anything about travelling with strangers. But then there were robberies and murders, too. My magic trail took me from Iran, through Turkey, Greece, Italy, Austria, Belgium, Germany... till I took the ferry across to Dover. And then hitchhiked to London.

There was so much of living colour and monuments that I could have written a journal like the famous travellers have documented in history. A friend's daughter said she was so much in awe of my experience. But now many young people are doing it. But in a much different form. It is more hiking rather than hitchhiking.

I also wanted to study the piano but my father refused, saying if at all I wanted to master music, I could only play Indian classical instruments. Those days, it was hard and frus-



trating to be accepted as a liberal artiste but I had the support and blessings of my parents. I could come back to a happy home and that was a big blessing. Even today, many boys find it hard to rationalise their choice as performers. My father, on the other hand, said, "I am sorry we do not have enough connections to help you out" Had it been an unhappy home, I would not have been able to handle the rejections which I faced constantly.

My original plan was to go to the US but my papers were not in order. I travelled the world and explored different cultures for seven and a half years instead. I travelled to Canada and hitchhiked from Montreal to Vancouver. Then went east, crossed the ocean, went to Japan and stayed there for a year. I just hitchhiked, studied, absorbed and learnt. I went to Australia and New Zealand on a cheap budget. I looked at each day as a gift of meeting people. I stayed in a youth hostel picking up tips to survive.

◆ Is that why you connect to young people from varied backgrounds? You've also worked with hearing-impaired children and those from the Salaam Baalak Trust...

I worked with children of Salaam Baalak Trust and the drummers of Manipur. They wait for me to take them out, they are survivors and they have the instinct to explore.

I have worked with the deaf after I came across a friend who was working with a deaf theatre company in Kolkata. I was frustrated that I couldn't get enough dancers to do a workshop and then I thought why not try something new? I was not trained to work with them but learnt on the job. After a three-week workshop, it was possible to create an entire experience with them able to express themselves. I learnt so much from them like lip-reading and sign language. I use myself as a catalyst and then mentor and nurture them. They get confidence and become role models. All these kids were excited because they got a sense of achievement as they saw their photos. There was a sense of pride. I am not doing it for my glorification, am doing it so that I can demonstrate what can be done with hard work and perseverance.

◆ What keeps you young? While dancers half your age follow the set patterns, you keep extending your boundaries. Add to it Kathak and Kathakali.

I keep pushing myself physically and also picking up projects through which I can create awareness. I have been working for 14 years in Manipur. And Kathakali was always a group performance. Earlier, it was the martial arts and now it is the drummers. They just did their own demonstration. It wasn't really a full performance but it was all very fragmented. However, I brought them into my work while keeping their tradition intact. I still feel tradition is very important and it gives you grounding.

When something has a strong foundation, only then it can grow. One should be open to absorbing and looking at things with an open eye. In my new routine, two new boys who haven't worked with me before have been trained in *chhau*. It was a whole new process and experience for them since they had to sustain that position. But they have been open to it, because then you feel like you are wasting your time and also that of the person who wants you to be a part of the project.

◆ Your choice of venues have been eclectic to say the least, for instance, The Great Wall of China, amid artefacts in a museum and more...

People are used to watching a performance in a theatre. But when I select a space, it has to speak to me. For example, at Triveni I will have people sitting around me in an open air amphitheatre and I will perform within them. Some performances work better in an enclosed environment.

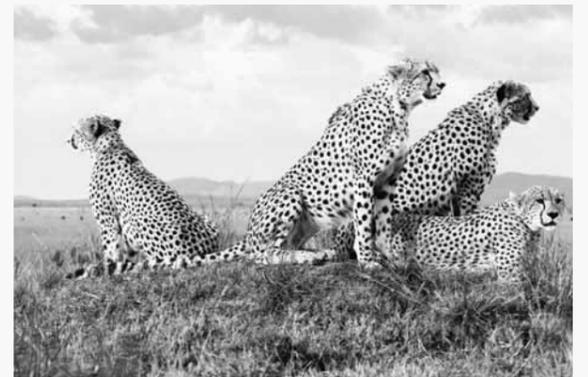
◆ What is your credo?

My movements must hypnotise you. I must be able to push my body and not do just what people do. I am doing a lot of work with my back. A lot of movement that involves just holding back and not falling. That becomes a new form of movement.

Photo: Pankaj Kumar

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STUDIO CHAT 15 MINUTES



It's a wild wild world

Wildlife photographer VIKRAM POTDAR says that the places with civilisations look more or less similar but nature is always different in different parts of the world. By TEAM VIVA

□ Share with us your insights on witnessing the wildlife across seven continents.

My insight in witnessing the world across seven continents is that if you visit any European city, you will find that the interiors of the city is similar to Helsinki or Berlin or Frankfurt, even Vienna, the inner city has cobblestone streets, Roman Gothic architecture and town halls. And if you go to the newly developed cities, you see glass facade, aluminum composite panel and contemporary styled buildings. But if you visit the flora and fauna, the forest and the countryside, those are unique. So I have found that the places with civilisations look more or less similar. But nature is always different in different parts of the world.

□ What has been your biggest takeaway from your journey around the world?

I have witnessed and observed habitat loss and melting of ice in polar regions. So the best way to preserve this natural wealth is to leave it alone. If we leave the nature as it is, it will certainly take its own course. That is the best way to preserve the wildlife.

□ How relevant do you find Sony BBC Earth's show *Seven Worlds, One Planet*?

I have earlier highlighted the similarity in urban areas and uniqueness in forests and jungles. So the variety of nature is a binding thread in all the seven worlds, or rather, I would say, wildlife binds all the continents together. This show on Sony BBC Earth aptly named as *Seven Worlds, One Planet* does justice to the natural wealth, surroundings, flora and fauna around us.

□ How has climate change affected the natural world around each of the continent?

The climate change has affected natural world quite a lot over the last 40 years, almost 30 to 40 per cent of bird and mammal population is wiped out. It is further going down due to the constant pressure on the habitats and natural resources. So the climate change effects are at an alarming rate.

□ What drove you to the world of wildlife? Tell us about your very first experience as a wildlife photographer?

Since childhood, I was very much fond of nature. But I seldom took out time to pursue my hobby as I was busy with nature of living, jobs, marriage and settlement. So I never really cared about my passion and what I really wanted to do. I was engrossed in daily chores of life. It was in 2006 when I visited Nagarhole National Park in South India, where I witnessed wild animals



— deers, elephants, Indian gaurs for the first time. That's when I realised that this is my destiny. This is what I wanted to do. And thereby wildlife photography started actually.

□ Have you watched any shows on Sony BBC Earth? If given an opportunity, would you be interested in being a part of any locally produced show?

I don't watch television much, but yes if opportunity is given, I would like to be a part of the show.

□ Can you share any memorable stories from any of the continents? Some anecdotes or incident you remember.

I went to Churchill in Northern Canada, Manitoba province to photograph polar bear mother and cub in the Dane. The temperature was minus 40 degree celsius. As I come from the tropical climate area, it was really difficult for me to stay in such a cold weather. But somehow, I managed by wearing six layers of heavy clothing and two layers of hand gloves. Even photography was quite a challenge there.

□ What do you think makes for a perfect wildlife shot?

Well, the taste of each photographer varies, but according to me, the best wildlife shot is the one which depicts the habitat. Over the years my signature style of photography has transformed into habitat sort, it means that the animal will be small in the frame. Suppose I'm shooting a tiger in the forest of Tadoba, then maybe 90 per cent of the frame will be the forest and 10 per cent will be tiger. So it will show the habitat of the Tiger. I don't like shooting tight frames, and portraits of animals which shows nothing but the animal. I like to show the habitat, the animal and the trees of the surrounding. So the best ever wildlife photography image is one depicts habitat and has some story in it.

(*Seven Worlds, One Planet* premieres on January 20, 9 pm on Sony BBC Earth.)

CONVERSATION 45 MINUTES

LIGHTS, CAMERA, TRAVEL

ZAREEN KHAN's TV debut show, *Jeep Bollywood Trails*, is your chance at reliving Bollywood blockbusters through the locales they were shot at. By CHAHAK MITTAL



Did you feel like going on a trekking trip to Manali after watching *Yeh Jawaani Hai Diwani*? Or going on a family vacation to Kolkata after watching *Piku*? Or perhaps taking a trip to Leh Ladakh and visit the famous Pangong Lake after watching *3 Idiots*? Bollywood films have also been about their exotic shooting locations as much as they have been about their actors and dreamy plots. Remember the Swarovski Kristallwelten in Wattens, Austria, in *Chal Mere Bhai* where Salman Khan and Karishma Kapoor take a short detour? Also, Indian tourists flocking to Switzerland after watching the 1995 blockbuster *DDLJ (Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge)* is yet another example of how people have associated their aspirations with film locales. However, ever heard of the background stories of what went into the making of the film at such spots?

Actor Zareen Khan, who is set to make her small screen debut, will bring all such locations under one roof and meet the Bollywood directors of the films that have been shot there in AXN's *Jeep Bollywood Trails*. Hosting the show, she will travel across the length and breadth of India in a Jeep revisiting the exact locations where films like *3 Idiots*, *Jab We Met*, *Dhadak* and more were shot.

"I am so excited for the show to go on air since it's my TV debut and I have been a passionate traveller. I am going to relive the iconic locations featured in blockbuster films. It would be a delight for the audience to see

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how film directors think of a certain location and make them part of their stories. It's exciting for me to weave together these stories for the audience. What more could I have asked for?" she says and laughs.

Discussing more about the show has to offer, she tells us that the series begins with her driving to Ladakh to revisit the Chail Palace, the Druk School and Pangong Lake, where *3 Idiots* was extensively shot. It features a discussion between her and director Rajkumar Hirani who talks about his early life and his love for mountains which inspired him to pick Ladakh as one of the locations for the film.

She adds, "From eating their favourite to going to their favourite spots in that city, the directors explore a lot more than just the film background in the show. And we are doing it all on wheels, while driving. I drive all over the country and when you are doing that, you get an even better experience of the location you're in."

The other locations and directors covered in the series are Manali for *Jab We Met* featuring Imtiaz Ali, Shimla for *Bang Bang* featuring Siddharth Anand, Varanasi for *Raanjhanaa* featuring Anand L Rai and Udaipur for *Dhadak* featuring Shashank Khaitan.

In a way, the show also aims at reviving the essence of a particular film through the location it was shot at. However, since old time classics have been a huge mirror to tourists making their way to such locations, shouldn't they have been included too? These are all recent contemporary films, Zareen agrees. She says, "Of course, but this is what the makers of the show decided as of now. But I am also sure that once it clicks with the audience, they are going to look into the past. Maybe when we get into the second season of the show, then they might choose some classics. Currently, we are aiming at

showcasing how these Bollywood directors have taken inspiration from the rich history, culture, people and natural landscapes to make all these destinations worth a visit. These films have in a way given a special identity to these places as well."

Travelling with a crew comes with its own challenges. On one hand, where Ladakh is about adventure and thrill, Udaipur, on the other, is more about history, heritage and culture. So how challenging it was to get accustomed to different places, varying in temperatures as well as ethnicity? Zareen says, "I think challenges double up for people when they are not frequent travellers. And if somebody who hasn't explored much was made a part of this show, s/he would have faced a lot of difficulty. But I have been an avid traveller and I am very well aware how different places have different joys to offer. And I just cherish that rather than looking at it as a challenge."

However, there was one time when it all seemed too difficult for Zareen.

She shares an anecdote, "When you are travelling to different places, there are so many things happening on the go. I remember that in Ladakh, it was a very challenging drive. We hadn't realised that while driving up the hill pass, we'll have to be really prepared for it. None of us were, neither with clothes nor with the vehicles. Of course, Jeep was head on but other cars weren't.

The more they went up, the more they started slipping back since the roads were on a slope and there was snow. Even though you have known that it's a difficult terrain, driving and experiencing it yourself makes you believe it. It was very difficult. We were freezing and almost exhausted while driving up the slopes for three hours. But then, finally, the moment we reached the Pangong Lake, we forgot all about it. It was worth all the hassle! And I think that's the beauty of travelling."

(The show will air every Saturday at 8 pm from January 25 on AXN.)



CELEB TALK 30 MINUTES

The strangers' secrets

Actor CHRIS HEMSWORTH says that through his role in *Bad Times at the El Royale*, he wanted to highlight toxic masculinity in the world. Hence, there was something sexist about the character addicted to power and control. By TEAM VIVA

Set in the year 1969, *Bad Times at the El Royale*, revolves around the seven strangers and their seven secrets in search of their own identity or either running away from something. Each living in their own universe ends up to El Royale hotel near the California-Nevada border that carries a dark past. A series of events unfold at the hotel, the strangers become acquaintances by sharing their shady secrets. What happens next is robbery, surveillance, death, revenge, defiance, and survival.

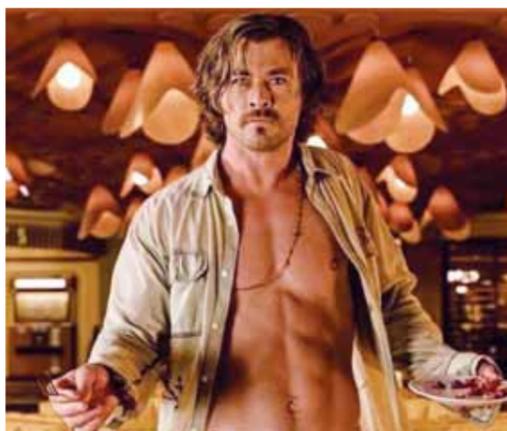
Chris Hemsworth views on his experience of working in this neo-noir thriller:

♦ **How did you land up with this role?**

I have known Drew Goddard from *The Cabin in the Woods*. We worked together years ago. One day when I contacted him, this film was in process. As I got to know about it, I immediately rang him and said, 'why you haven't offered this film to me?' I then read the script and right away said yes, lets go and never looked back. This was an opportunity for me to work with him again.

♦ **How was your experience working in the *Bad Times at the El Royale*?**

Before signing up for this film, I had a detailed look at the script. The idea of a neo-noir thriller film with such a storyline made me readily agree for a role. The whole shooting sequence went like bliss and was enjoyable due to the immense hard work put in by the entire team. The script is one of the best things I have ever read, the cast was incredible. I heard great things about the script and saw amazing work by the



cast. Everybody was in an integral place in this puzzle. Even if one person did not drop the ball or did not show up, it seemed as if there was something missing on the sets. I am very happy that everyone just put in so much for their roles. It is one of the most collaborated and enjoyable film set I have ever been on.

♦ **Tell us about your character and its challenges.**

I felt everything very different from what I have done before. Surprisingly, the role was easy may be due to such an amazing script. It signalled that you can't go anywhere else but on this terrain you got to roll the dice and take that kind of risk. Yes, it was very satisfying. Billy Lee, my character is a coke leader who is manipulative, and charismatic, which is kind of essential for the script. There had to be a sense of humour but also true set of manip-

♦ **What time is the film set in?**

The film is set in a hotel, where seven strangers have seven secrets, all searching for something, maybe an answer or object, trying to find who they are and what is their place in the world. But at the same time, they all collide which pretty much ends as a chaotic situation at the El Royale. The film is a beautiful shot with amazing soundtrack.
(The film is set to be previewed on Sunday, January 19 on Star Movies.)

American singer Gloria Gaynor sees the hand of god in every aspect of her life, particularly when it comes to the tune that may be the most famous disco song ever created.

She recalls when she first was presented with *I Will Survive*, it was intended to be the B-side of another song, meaning it wasn't the one that was promoted to be a hit. She clearly remembers calling it a stupid decision, and lobbied for *I Will Survive* to get top billing, which won over the songwriters of the now classic song. "I've always believed that god told them, 'Look, sit down, write a song, hold onto it, I'm going to send you somebody,'" she said. "Another divine appointment... it was meant to be the core of my purpose," she added.

Gaynor won her first and only Grammy for *I Will Survive* in 1980. Now, 40 years later, she has a chance to add two more trophies to her collection, thanks to her first gospel album *Testimony*, which is nominated for best roots gospel album, and *Talking About Jesus*, which is up for best gospel performance. She's giddy to get back in the Grammy mix.

"I'm waiting to see the fashions, of course, everybody all dressed and looking wonderful and feeling good and happy and all of that," she said of the January 26 ceremony, "and hoping, of course, that I win at least one Grammy. It will be awesome if I could win them both."

Gaynor shared recently about her nominations, persevering in the music industry despite health challenges and her divine connection to her most famous song.

♦ **What made you want to do a gospel album?**

I just wanted to share the love and the knowledge of Christ through my music. I felt that that was what I was called to do.

♦ **This album comprises of new material, some which you co-wrote; even the song *Amazing Grace* is a new tune. What made you decide to go that route?**

Well, I feel I've always been a bit innovative. I mean, if somebody writes a song that I want to sing and

'Well with my soul'

Singer GLORIA GAYNOR says that she always leaves the stage hoping that the audience has had as good a time as she did



they've put something in it with bad grammar, I can't sing it. I just have to fix it. I just do it. And I wasn't trying to fix *Amazing Grace* except that I was trying to make it fit into my life. And the more it is about my story than the original, the better it is. That's why we went that way with it.

♦ **What has it been like to not only have the Grammy nominations but also have this type of success?**

Well, I did an album some time ago and felt that I kind of ran out ahead of god. And, when you do that, you find yourself out there by yourself. So it didn't do well at all. And then when this album happened, it was successful and was quickly received by people. They were writing to me that they not only

enjoyed the music, but that the songs were ministering to them ... this was my purpose to do through the music. So I felt like I was right this time. This is God's timing and I'm on point.

♦ **What has *I Will Survive* meant to you over the years?**

At first it was something that I was singing for other people. And then as time went on, different things happened to me and it became my mantra as well. And through the death of my mother, my siblings, through my divorce, I mean, when I did my divorce, I did a marathon version ... So the song has really meant a lot to me as well as to other people. I fully understand because I've experienced what the song can do for you.

♦ **This song has endured for so long, but have you ever been frustrated that this was your biggest song?**

At first I thought that this is a double-edged sword. People think I'm not able to sing anything else except *I Will Survive*. They don't want to hear anything else ... I'm not sick of the song, but I wish they would recognise that I could do something else, that I've recorded so many other great songs. And then when I came to the understanding that it was the core of my purpose, I kind of settled in and was okay with it. As the song says, *It is well with my soul*.

♦ **You've faced a lot physically, with several back surgeries. How are you doing today?**

I've had five back surgeries and each one has stopped me for a minute ... The last one threatened to stop me for good ... With a lot of prayer and faith, we found a doctor in California who did this wonderful surgery, two surgeries on me, two totaling 18 hours and put 12 rods in my back. And now I'm pain free ... I'm still performing. I do better on stage and in everyday life. That is why I give credit to god and the audience because the love that comes from them really sustains me during that period of time when I'm on stage. And it's just a wonderful time for me. I always leave the stage hoping that the audience has had as good a time as I did.

♦ **Could you see yourself making more dance music?**

Well, the only dance music I'm planning is music on which you can dance like David danced, dance unto the Lord.

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India launch Olympic bid with pro opener

Manpreet led side host the Netherlands in FIH pro league game today

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The Olympics-bound Indian men's hockey team will kick-start its preparations for the quadrennial showpiece when it debuts in the FIH Pro League against world No.3 the Netherlands here on Saturday.

After having missed the first edition of the event, India will take on the 2019 Pro League and European Bronze medal winners, the Netherlands, in two matches in their opening tie at the Kalinga Stadium here. The second match will be played on Sunday.

With all the top teams of the world in fray, the home-and-away Pro League will be ideal preparation for world No 5 India ahead of the Summer Games later this year.

After the Dutch side, India will host world champions Belgium on February 8 and 9 followed by two more home fixtures against Australia on February 22 and 23.

The Indian team will then leave for the away games in Germany (April 25 and 26) and Great Britain (May 2 and 3).

India will return to play on home soil on May 23 and 24 against New Zealand before travelling to Argentina to play

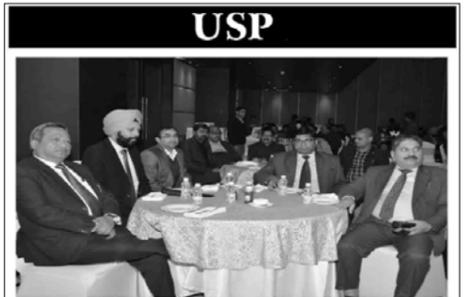
on June 5 and 6.

The Manpreet Singh-led side will play the last leg of the Pro League round-robin matches in Spain on June 13 and 14.

India's head coach Graham Reid will be aware of the challenges that await his team in the Pro League opener.

Having served as a former assistant coach to the Dutch, Reid knows exactly what to expect from Netherlands in the double header.

The matches will also provide India a chance to avenge their heart-breaking 1-2 loss in the quarter-final of the 2018 World Cup.



Bank of Baroda Organises NRI Customer Meet
Jalandhar: Bank of Baroda, Regional Office Jalandhar and Regional Office, Ludhiana had organised an NRI Customer Meet of Branches from both the Regions. The Meeting was attended by elite NRI customers from their Branches. The Meeting was headed by M.S. Hyankey, G.M & Head-NRI Business, M.L. Rohilla, Zonal Head, Chandigarh Zone, Inder Mohan Singh, Regional Head, Bank of Baroda, Jalandhar Region, Y.K. Gupta, Regional Head, Ludhiana Region, accompanied by Arvind Kumar, Dy. Regional Head, Jalandhar Region & Ashish Kumar, RBDM, Jalandhar Region.

Inter School Painting Competition organised by SBI to Commemorate Republic Day
Chandigarh: State Bank of India, organised an 'Inter school Painting Competition' event at Bal Bhawan, Sector-23, Chandigarh today, to commemorate the 71st Republic Day of India. More than 700 students from 70 schools in Chandigarh, Panchkula, Mohali and neighbouring towns participated in the competition. While giving details of the event, Naval Kishore, event coordinator, said, "The SBI Inter School Painting Competition, received a tremendous response from the schools across tricity and the participants were energized too. I am glad that the idea of giving a platform to the students to colour their imagination was executed well and children explored their creative side in a productive manner."

The organization celebrates and organizes a weeklong festival called "THAI TRIUVIZHA" PONGAL
Festival in association with "South Zone Cultural Centre, Thanjavur, Ministry of Culture, Government of India, which will conclude and end up with a grand cultural fest on 19/01/2020, Sunday at Bharathi Bhawan, sector-30B, Chandigarh. On the day Members of the Tamil Sangam dressed up in traditional manner, cooked Sweet Pongal (Mitta Chawal) on Mud Pot (Earthen pot) and offered it to Sun God chanting "Pongaloo Pongal". Tamil folk Artist from Thanjavur including local classical dancers soon caused their talents presenting and performing various forms of folk dance, Bharatanatyam, Kathak, etc as a cultural treat. The audiences were elated with the visual treat on a day long cultural programmes. The Sangam also invited Members from other communities through the areas of Tri City to visualize the cultural fest organized by Members of the Tamil Sangam, each and every member of the Sangam took part to felicitate the whole program with enthusiasm in traditional attire. At the end of the program a Traditional Pongal Lunch, items around sixteen were served on Plantain leaf to everyone who attended the extravaganza program.

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LOST AND FOUND

It is notified for the information that my original qualifying examination passing Certificate main secondary 10th Roll No 2151744 Year 20009 issued by CBSE Board Has been actually Lost. Amrita Vpo Madina Teh. Gohana distt. Sonepat 8396066397.

It is notified for the information that my original qualifying examination certificate of Main Secondary Examination (10th-Marksheet, Board certificate) year 2003 Roll No. 2135900 and certificate of Senior Secondary (10+2 - Marksheet, Board certificate) year 2005 Roll No. 2263398 issued by CBSE and B.Sc certificate has been lost. Anju Devi R/o Kangra HP. 8972715477

I, Harbhajan Singh Kalkat and my wife Maikheet Kaur Kalkat have lost our Canada PR Card on way from Delhi to Hoshiarpur. If anybody find contact to Hoshiarpur, 9878345282

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Hiherto known as Ravinder alias Ravinder Khatkar S/o Pratap Singh R/o VPO Barsola, Haryana, Chandigarh, 126102, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Ravinder Khatkar.

श्री इकबाल सिंह पुत्र मुखन सिंह निवासी उकलाना गांव जिला हिसार अपने हल्क के बयान करता हूँ कि मेरा नाम इकबाल सिंह (Iqbal Singh) से बदलकर इकबाल सिंह (Iqbal Singh) रख लिया है। भविष्य मुझे इकबाल सिंह (Iqbal Singh) के नाम से जाना जाए।

श्री कवलजीत पत्नी इकबाल सिंह निवासी उकलाना उप हरीली उकलाना जिला हिसार की निवासी और अपने हल्क से बयान करती हूँ कि मेरा नाम कवलजीत (Kawaljit Kaur) से बदलकर कवलजीत कौर (Kawaljit Kaur) रख लिया है। भविष्य मुझे (Kawaljit Kaur) कवलजीत कौर के नाम से जाना जाए।

I, Neeru Khurana W/o Parveen Khurana R/o 476, Shiv Shakti Nagar, Meerut City do have change after Marriage my name Neeru Khurana to Jyoti Khurana

I, Mrs Raj Gurdeep Singh W/o Lt Gen Gurdeep Singh R/O 1585 Sector 33-D Chandigarh want to be known by my full name as Mrs Raj Mohinder in all records. Please Note.

I, TINU S/O Raj Kumar House - 2518, Sector 25, Chandigarh have changed my name to Tarun Birla.

I, No. 15129343A Hav Mandeep Singh S/o Late Mukhla Singh Unit 113 Fd Regt c/o 56 APO R/O Village Nawana Naushera Distt Gurdaspur declare that in my service record, name of my daughter is wrongly recorded as Dhyia Singh. Her correct name is Diya Singh. Concerned note.

I, Mr. Sunil Kumar Nishad S/o Ram Naval R/O 31/3 Abrol Nagar, Pathankot Tehsil & District Pathankot (Punjab). In my service record my wife name wrongly recorded as Siya Sundari instead of Siya Sundari.

I, Sumit Jaglan S/o Shri Hawa Singh R/O 950/31E, Malik Colony, Near police line, Gohana road, Sonapat have changed my name from Sumit to Sumit Jaglan for all future purposes.

I, No JC 273971K Sub Ashok Raj S/o Gurdas Ram R/O Village Kotla Gouspur Tehsil & District Hoshiarpur Punjab. Declare that My Army Record is My wife Name Surinder Kaur DOB is wrongly Entered 12/12/1967, but My wife All Documents Correct DOB is 27/09/1967 concerned note.

I, No JC 273971K Sub Ashok Raj S/o Gurdas Ram R/O Village Kotla Gouspur Tehsil & District Hoshiarpur Punjab. Declare that My Army Record is My Mother Name is wrongly Entered Ram Rakhi but my Mother is Correct Name is Kushila Devi. Concerned note.

I, Renu Bala W/o Balinder Kumar R/O Vill. Jaipur, P.O. Nagal, Distt. Yamunanagar declares that Renu Bala and Renu Devi both are my name, one of the same lady.

I, Rakesh Kumar S/o Amrit Lal Khetarpal R/O 82, New Hamida Colony, Yamunanagar have changed my name to Rakesh Khetarpal.

I, Anubhav S/o Vinay Aggarwal R/O 1372, Yamuna Gali, Yamunanagar have changed my name to Anubhav Aggarwal.

I, Kumari Mohini W/O Niket Khanduja R/O #1223, Sector-9, Huda, Ambala City declare that I have changed my name from Kumari Mohini to Mohini Khanduja. Concerned please note.

I, Pardeep Kumar S/o Shri Birbal Singh R/O Village Gondar, Sub-Teh. Nissing District Karnal, Haryana the following declare that I have changed the name of my son from Charan Singh to Aakash. In future he will be known in the government institution / school by the name of Aakash.

I, No. JC-286966L Rank Nib Sub (DMT) Name Dayanand Unit 338 Med Regt, C/O 56 APO correct date of birth of my wife Pratibha is 11-07-1979 instead of 05-12-1983.

I, No.14631492Y Rank Hav (Tech OE)Rajmukh Singh S/o Gurdial Singh R/O Village Harival p.o Kotla power house Tehsil Shri Anandpur Sahib Distt Rupnagar(Punjab) declare that the correct Date of birth of my wife Kulveer kaur is 29-03-1980.

I, Sapna Alias Sapna Kumari Alias Kumari Sapna Alias Sapna Wasan W/o Lovkesh Wasan # 195 Sector 38-A, Chandigarh have changed my name to Sapna Rajesha Wasan.

I, No. 86009008A Inspector Tseywang Narbu S/O Tashi Yangjor R/O Sakti Leh Ladakh ITBP, TPT Bn-Behilana Chandigarh, have changed my name to Tseywang Narbuo.

I, Anita D/o Ram Kumar W/o Pankaj Mohan Kansal # 405 Sector 30-A, Chandigarh have changed my name to Tamanna Kansal.

I, Smt Neelam Rani W/o JC-367460M Nub Sub Raj Singh R/O Vill Sadulpur Kalota, PO Naushera, The Mukerian Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Neelam Rani to Neelam Minhas vide affidavit dated 18-01-20 before Notary at Hoshiarpur.

I, No 14920549F RANK HAV name Nirmal Ram posted at 11 MECH INF C/O 56 APO hereby declare that I have changed the name of my daughter from Urvasi to Urvasi in My Army record.

I, Sasibala Devi spouse of No JC 246148F Rank RIS Name Mahesh R/O Laxmipuram Colony, P A C Gate No 1 Sultanpur Kalan, Distt Etawah, State UP hereby declare that I have changed my name from Sasibala Devi to Shashi Bala vide affidavit dated 17/01/2020 before Session Court, Hissar.

I, Surekha spouse of No 15489601X Rank LD Name Bachav Bhagawan Bhagirath R/O Vill PO Mahalpatne, Tehsil Deola, Distt Nasik, State Maharashtra hereby declare that I have changed my name from Surekha to Surekha Bhagwan Bachhav vide affidavit dated 18/11/2019 before Session Court, Hissar.

I, Amit Aggarwal S/o Late Sh. Sushil Kumar R/O H. No. 41-D, Ward No. 2, Devi Bhawan Road, Ganesh Colony, Hissar (Haryana) hereby declare that I have change my name from Amit Aggarwal to Amit Kumar Aggarwal for all future purposes.

I, Renu Rani Aggarwal D/o Sh. Ram Niwas R/O H. No. 41-D, Ward No. 2, Devi Bhawan Road, Ganesh Colony, Hissar (Haryana) hereby declare that I have change my name from Renu Rani Aggarwal to Renu for all future purposes.

I, Kapil Bhatnagar S/o Ved Parkash Bhatnagar, R/O H. No. 2149-2150, HBC, Sec-17, Panipat. Kapil Bhatnagar & Kapil Kumar Both are the name of same person.

I, Irasad S/o Yakoob, House - 123, Khuda Lahora, Chandigarh have changed my minor son name from Aman to Suheil.

I, Sahil S/O Sher Singh Of Service No. Jc404937W, Rank Sub Presently Residing At Village Gopalwas, Post Badrai, Tehsil Badhara, District Charhki Dadr, State Haryana. Have Changed My Name From Shahil To Sahil Vide Affidavit Dated 10-01-2020 Before Notary, Gurdaspur.

I, Gurmit W/O Subhash R/O H.No-56, Ward No-07 Shiv Shakti Nagar, Gurdaspur Tehsil/Distt Gurdaspur. Have Changed My Name To Gurmeet.

I, Reeta Spouse Of No.13697177M Rank Hav Ravindra Singh Of Unit 19 Guards C/O 56 APO. Have Changed My Name From Reeta To Reeta Devi Vide Affidavit Dated 17-01-2020 Before Notary Public Gurdaspur (Pb) India.

I, No.15620027H Nk Amit Kumar Dicit 19 Guards C/O 56 APO Inform That The Name Of My Mother Mentioned In My Army Record As Mithlesh Dixit Which is Wrong His Actual Name is Mithlesh Dixit.

I, Reeta Spouse Of No.13697177M Rank Hav Ravindra Singh Of Unit 19 Guards C/O 56 APO. Have Changed My Name From Reeta To Reeta Devi Vide Affidavit Dated 17-01-2020 Before Notary Public Gurdaspur (Pb) India.

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I, No.13697177M Rank Hav Ravindra Singh S/O Ant Ram Singh Of Unit 19 Guards C/O 56 APO. Declare That in My Service Documents My Daughter Name Daulee Is Wrong But Correct My Daughter Name Is Dolly Kumari. Vide Affidavit Dated 17-01-2020 Before Notary Public Gurdaspur (Pb) India.

I, Charanjit S/o Lal Singh R/O VPO.Malupur, Distt.Jalandhar Have Changed My Name To Charanjit Singh.

I, No.2690102 Y Rank Hav Juman Sheikh S/o Ismail Sheikh R/O Unit 22, Gdrs. C/O 56 APO, Jalandhar Cantt. Jalandhar have changed my son name from Samir Sheikh to Sameer Sheikh.

I, Monika Kumari W/O Rajnesh Kumar Motten R/O H.No.F9-1782,Gali No.7,Tandon Nagar, Batala Road, Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Monika Kumari To Monika Rani.

I, Rimpy Sehgal Alias R/o Malhotra D/O Vijay Sehgal R/O H.No.103, St. No.1, Dharampara, Jaura Phatak, Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Rimpy Sehgal Alias R/o Malhotra To Rimpy Sehgal Alias R/a.

I, Sarajit Kaur W/O Rajender Singh R/O Guru Nanak Colony, Hamidpur, Chheharta Bye Pass, Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Sarjit Kaur.

I, Bhajan Kaur W/o Harbans Singh, Village Acharwal, Tehsil Raikot, Distt. Ludhiana, have changed my name Bhajan Kaur to Harbhajan Kaur Rai.

I, Pargat Singh S/O Hari Singh R/O Village Karodian Tehsil Payal (Ludhiana) Changed My Name To Pargat Singh Sohalp.

I, Harbinder Kaur W/O Harjinder Singh V+PO. Vain Poin Have Changed My Name From Harbinder Kaur To Harbinder Kaur.

I, 15232736W, GRN, (DS), Mempel, Unit Of 10 Medium Regiment C/O 56 APO Declare That My Brother Kaushik Correct Date Of Birth 01-08-1998 & Incorrect 03-09-1998.

I, Sukhpreet Kaur Wife Of Gundeep Singh Punjab R/O H.No.372 Near Bus Stand Ranjit Avenue Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Change My Name Sukhpreet Kaur Punjab.

I, Param W/O Shamsher Singh Bhullar R/O St. No. 02 Opposite Govt College Kotkapura Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Change My Name Parmjit Kaur Bhullar.

I, Gagandeep Kaur Khara W/O Bohar Singh Sidhu R/O Village Khai Pheme Ki District Ferozepur Have Changed My Name To Gagandeep Kaur Sidhu After Marriage.

I, Kamaljit Kaur D/O Dilbag Singh R/O Patti Dhuni Ki Vpo. Jandiala Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) changed my name to Razmeen Akhtar.

I, Ravinder Kaur W/o Sukhdev Singh Cheema R/O Vill: Bhardwajan Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) changed my name to Ravinder Kaur Cheema.

I, Sukhdev Singh S/o Tara Singh R/O Vill: Bhardwajan Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) changed my name to Sukhdev Singh Cheema.

I, Sukhdev Singh S/o Tara Singh R/O Vill: Bhardwajan Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) changed my name to Anureet Kaur Cheema.

I, Sukhvair Kaur D/O Tarsem Singh R/O Village Hussainpur Guru P.O. Kotla Naudh Singh Tehsil & District Hoshiarpur 144208 Punjab Have Changed My Name To Sukhvair Kaur Saini.

I, Kulwinder Singh Brar S/O Balwant Singh R/O Vpo, Siryewala Distt. Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Kulwinder Singh.

I, Shinder Paul Singh S/O Bawa Singh R/O Vill: Shakor Distt. Ferozepur Have Changed My Name To Shinderpal Singh.

I, Nishan Singh S/O Sukhbir Singh R/O Vpo. Vain Poin Tehsil Khadoor Sahib Distt Tarn Taran Have Changed Name To Nishan Singh Gill.

I, Ramandeep Kaur W/O Jagtar Singh Sran R/O Vpo. Panj Grain Kalan Tehsil Kotkapura, Distt. Fardikot Have Changed My Name To Ramandeep Kaur Sran.

I, Jagtar Singh S/O Balwinder Singh R/O Vpo. Panj Grain Kalan Tehsil Kotkapura, Distt. Fardikot Have Changed My Name To Jagtar Singh Sran.

I, Raj Rani W/o Raj Kumar R/o 35, Subhash Nagar, Manimajra, Chandigarh declare that my Son Vinay Mann & his wife Sonu are out of my control I disown them from my moveable/immovable property If any body deals with them will do so on his/her own risk and responsibility.

We, Surinder Singh Sodhi S/o Bhagwant Singh Sodhi and Surjit Kaur W/o Surinder Singh Sodhi, R/o # 3356, Sector 50D, Chandigarh declare that my son Jaiveer Singh Sodhi his wife Gauri Puja Sodhi are out of our control. We disown them from our moveable/immovable property Anybody dealing with them shall do so at their own risk.

I, Rajo W/o Late Sh. Kishan Lal R/o #600, Phase-1, Ram Darbar, Chandigarh inform that my son Monty and his wife Chinuka are out of my control. I disown them and their daughter and debar them from all my moveable/ immovable properties. I will not be responsible for any of their act. Anybody dealing with them will do so at their risk and responsibility.

I, Bhagwan Dass S/O Chajju Ram R/O Village Ladana post office Jalbera, Ambala City declares that my son Rakesh Kumar and his wife Geeta Rani are out of my control. So I disown them from my moveable and immovable properties. Anybody deals with them at their own risk.

I, Om Prakash S/O Gyani Ram R/O Patti Afgan Tehsil and District Kathal (Haryana) declare that my daughter Kajal out of my control so I disown her from my all moveable/immovable properties. In future I am not responsible for any act done by her. Deal with her at your own risk. All concerned please note.

I, Kamlesh W/o Sh. Balkishan R/O No. 761 Bada Halwai Hattat, Near Bada Jain Mandir, Sonapat declare that I lives with my daughter. My son Amrit and his wife Yogita and grand son Aditya are out of my control. So I disown them from my moveable/ Immoveable property. Any body deals with them at their own risk.

I, Kunj Bihari S/o Anil Kumar holder of India passport no T0457134 issued at Jalandhar on 15-03-2019 R/O B-25/244 Deep Nagar ward no 17, Phagwara Road Hoshiarpur 146001 Punjab India and Presently Residing at Brunnieku IEA 111 K-2, 28 Riga LV-1009, Latvia do hereby changed my name from Kunj Bihari to Kunj Bihani Sharma with Immediate effect.

I, No.2690102 Y Rank Hav Juman Sheikh S/o Ismail Sheikh R/O Unit 22, Gdrs. C/O 56 APO, Jalandhar Cantt. Jalandhar declare that date of birth of my father name Ismail Sheikh mentioned in my Army record as 02-07-1948 which is wrong. The actual date of birth of my father is 01-07-1952.

I, Anil Kumar father of Paavani Verma holder of Indian Passport No. N7853892 issued at Chandigarh on 25-02-2016 permanent R/O H.No. 3210/2, Sector 41D Chandigarh presently residing 107, 12130 80A/E Surrey BC Canada do hereby change the name of my minor daughter Paavani Verma to Paavni Verma.

I, Suhagwanti W/o Arjan Singh R/O Chahla Sahib (Tarn Taran) hereby confirm that I am also known by the name of Bachan Kaur W/O Arjan Singh for all banking related transaction Aadhar Card 5160 6285 8152.

I, No.2690102 Y Rank Hav Juman Sheikh S/o Ismail Sheikh R/O Unit 22, Gdrs. C/O 56 APO, Jalandhar Cantt. Jalandhar declare that date of birth of my father name Ismail Sheikh mentioned in my Army record as 02-07-1948 which is wrong. The actual date of birth of my father is 01-07-1952.

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Sania Mirza in action during Hobart International Hobart International/Twitter

Sania storms into Hobart final

PTI ■ HOBART

Indian tennis ace Sania Mirza cruised into the women's doubles final of the Hobart International with her Ukrainian partner Nadiia Kichenok here on Friday.

Sania and Kichenok sailed past the Slovenian-Czech pair of Tamara Zidansek and Marie Bouzkova 7-6 (3) 6-2 in the semi-final contest that lasted one hour and 24 minutes.

The fifth-seeded Indo-Ukrainian combination will lock horns with second seeds Shuai Peng and Shuai Zhang of China. The Chinese pair got a walkover after Belgium's Kirsten Flipkens and Alison Van Uytvanck conceded the other semifinal match because of injury.

While Sania and Kichenok had to fight hard in the opening set, the second set was a cakewalk for the combination.

The first set was a tough contest between the two pairs, bringing the tie-breaker into the equation after it was level at 6-6.

In the tie-breaker, Sania and Kichenok tipped their game by a few notches to outsmart their opponents and take the lead.

The second set was a no contest as Saina and Kichenok broke their opponents thrice -- in the second, sixth and eighth game --

Prajnesh out of Australian Open



Prajnesh Gunneswaran plays a return shot AFP

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

India's top-ranked player Prajnesh Gunneswaran failed to make the main draw of the Australian Open men's singles event after going down in straight sets to Ernests Gulbis of Latvia in the final round of the qualifiers here on Friday.

Prajnesh, ranked 122nd in the world and seeded 17th in the qualifiers, lost 6-7 (2) 2-6 to Gulbis in his final round qualifying match.

Prajnesh had earlier defeated local wildcard Harry Bouchier and Germany's Yannick Hanfmann.

It was a close first set which went into tie-break, where Prajnesh faltered to hand early advantage to his opponent.

In the second set, Gulbis broke Prajnesh in the first and third games to race to a 3-0 lead.

INDIA HUNT KANGAROOOS IN RAJKOT

Top order's show complimented by bowlers help Men in Blue level series

PTI ■ RAJKOT

Kuldeep Yadav bowled a game-changing 38th over to complement a KL Rahul blinder as India levelled the series with a comfortable 36-run victory over Australia in second ODI here on Friday.

Put into bat, India put up a much-improved batting performance with Rahul's blistering 52-ball-80 taking India to 340 for six after Shikhar Dhawan (96 off 90 balls) and skipper Virat Kohli (78 off 76 balls) laid the foundation.

Australia were in the game till Steven Smith (98) carried the battle back to the enemy camp but Kuldeep's ninth over turned out to be a game-changer as he first dismissed wicketkeeper Alex Carey and then had a delivery that bounced extra to have Smith played on. The visitors were all-out for 304 in 49.1 overs.

Kuldeep's final figures of 2 for 65 may not be mind-blowing but did just enough damage to see that the third ODI in Bengaluru doesn't lose context.

Mohammed Shami (3/77 in 10 overs) and Navdeep Saini (2/62 in 10 overs) then bowled some exquisite toe-crushers to put an end to the contest. Jasprit Bumrah (1/32



Indian players celebrate the dismissal of Australia's Steve Smith in Rajkot



Ravindra Jadeja (2/58 in 9.1 overs) was economical as ever and his contribution cannot be overlooked.

However on a placid track, Smith, a proverbial thorn in India's flesh was again proving to be dangerous along with Marnus Labuschagne (44) as they added 96 in quick time.

K S Bharat named cover for Pant

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Andhra Pradesh wicket-keeper-batsman K S Bharat was on Friday called in as back-up for Rishabh Pant, who was ruled out of India's second ODI against Australia due to a concussion.

The 26-year-old Bharat is uncapped and has an experience of 74 first-class matches with 4143 runs. He has a strike rate of over 100 in T20s.

"The All-India Senior Selection Committee has named K S Bharat as the back-up wicket-keeper for the 2nd ODI in Rajkot against Australia" BCCI Secretary Jay Shah said in a statement.

"With Sanju Samson and Ishan Kishan being a part of the India A side in New Zealand, the selection committee decided to name K S Bharat as back-up wicket-keeper," he added.

The call was taken after Pant flew to Bengaluru to undergo his rehabilitation in the National Cricket Academy. The wicket-keeper batsman was hit on the helmet while batting in the first ODI in Mumbai and was ruled out of the game in Rajkot on Friday.

"His recovery is being monitored and a call on his availability for the final ODI in Bengaluru will be taken accordingly," the BCCI said.

10 overs) steady spell and got rid of Labuschagne in nick of time to upset Smith's rhythm after he had hit nine fours and a six off 102 balls.

However this match also brings to fore Rahul's emergence as proper keeper-batsman option for white-ball cricket as his extra runs coming in at No 5, proving to be valuable in the end.

Not to forget his reasonably decent keeping effecting a stumping and also took two catches. More importantly, his keeping down the leg-side was far better than Rishabh Pant, who is currently recovering

from concussion.

Earlier, it was Dhawan, who missed a well-deserved ton by a whisker but laid a solid platform for the aggressive duo of skipper Kohli and Rahul to ensure a commanding total.

Back in form since the last T20 encounter against Sri Lanka, the senior opener looked solid in his 90-ball-96 while Kohli, back at his familiar one drop position, held the middle-order with a 78 off 76 balls and Rahul (80 off 52 balls) provided the final flourish in what was much improved batting performance from the hosts.

Hafeez to retire after Twenty20 WC

AFP ■ LAHORE

Recalled Pakistan allrounder Mohammad Hafeez Friday said he will retire from international cricket after the Twenty20 World Cup later this year, vowing to end his career on a positive note.

The 38-year-old was Thursday recalled to Pakistan's Twenty20 series against Bangladesh starting in Lahore from January 24.

Hafeez has been one of Pakistan's key players — in all three formats, as a top order batsman and a handy off-spinner — since making his debut during an England tour in 2003.

But his career was dogged by questions over the legality of his bowling action, reported on three occasions during international matches. He was also



Mohammad Hafeez in a file picture

Hafeez retired from Tests in December 2018 after playing 55 Tests. He was more successful in limited over formats, scoring 6,614 runs and took 139 wickets in 218 one-day internationals.

His last ODI was during the World Cup (50 overs) in England last year, and he has not been selected for that format since then.

His tally in 89 Twenty20 internationals stands at 54 wickets and 1,908 runs.

"I have played 17 years for Pakistan and tried my level best. At times I missed my bowling," said Hafeez, who also captained Pakistan in 29 Twenty20 internationals, winning 17 and losing 11 with one ending in a tie.

The Twenty20 World Cup will be held in Australia in October-November this year.

banned from bowling for 12 months in 2015.

Hafeez, dubbed the "professor" for his knowledge of the game, said he enjoyed playing for Pakistan.

"It has been a privilege," he told media.

"I want to play the Twenty20 World Cup and then exit from Pakistan's international team."

'No rustiness as Dhoni looks in complete control'

IAN S ■ NEW DELHI

Former India skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni has stunned Jharkhand coach Rajiv Kumar with his fluent batting even as the stumper started training for the first time since India's loss in the semifinal of the 2019 World Cup against New Zealand in July last year.

Speaking to IANS, Kumar said that he was expecting a little rustiness from the batsman, but the balls seemed to be hitting the middle of the bat. The coach went on to add that the Chennai Super Kings skipper's preparations have begun for the 2020 edition of the Indian Premier League.

"I will be honest... I thought there will be a bit of rustiness as Dhoni has not trained for quite some time. The last time we had spoken, he had said that he would start in January and here you go. He is a man of his words and it came as no surprise that he was out there training with the guys just like any other regular Jharkhand player. But what surprised me most was how he muddled almost every ball, be it in the pacer's net or the spinner's net. He even took throwdowns just like a player going through



MS Dhoni chats with Rishabh Pant

the batting drills does.

"I haven't had any talks with him with regards to the national team and him donning the India jersey again. But, his preparations for the next edition of the IPL has begun and while the senior team will be busy playing the Ranji Trophy game from Sunday, Dhoni will continue training till the time he is in Ranchi," the coach pointed.

Asked if Dhoni did anything specific in the two day

that he has trained so far, Kumar said the former skipper spent a lot of time talking to the bowlers.

"He is such a professional and has been going on spending time with the youngsters, especially the bowlers. He is discussing the line and length that they should target and the ways to fox the opposition batsmen. He has been as vocal as can be expected from a senior player like Dhoni," Kumar said.

HARYANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION BAYS NO 1-10, BLOCK-B, SECTOR 4, PANCHKULA

RESULT
The Haryana Public Service Commission has finalized the result for recommendation of the candidates for the posts of Assistant Professor (College Cadre) in Higher Education Department in the subject of Economics, History & Political Science against Advertisement No. 01 of 2019 published on 08.03.2019 published in various newspapers. The result is category-wise. The Roll Numbers shown below are in ascending order and not in order of merit.

Economics					
Category: General (No. of posts - 24)					
50070	50145	50382	50529	50543	50631
51057	51134	51217	51312	51341	51366
51448	51679	51765	51820	51858	ESM
52021	52025	52100	52157		51953

Category: SC of Haryana (No. of posts - 09)			
50057	50306	50607	50930
51841	51939	DESM	50966
			51599

Category: BCA of Haryana (No. of posts - 04)		
50201	50945	50959
		51935

Category: BCB of Haryana (No. of posts - 02)	
50460	52176 - PH(VH)

Category: GEN-ESM of Haryana (No. of posts - 01)	
Considered in their own category.	

Category: SC-ESM/DESM of Haryana (No. of posts - 01)	
Considered in their own category.	

Category: PH (VH) of Haryana (No. of posts - 01)	
Considered in their own category.	

Category: ESP of Haryana (No. of posts - 01)	
No Candidate is Available.	

History					
Category: General (No. of posts - 22)					
40040	40293	40365	40463	40723	40754-PH OH
40848	41145	41245	41492	41501	41841
41971	42222	42338	42394	42403	42433
42746	42889	43021 - PH-VH			42648 ESM

Category: SC of Haryana (No. of posts - 08)			
40030	40781-DESM	41443	41976
42646	42687	42245	42634

Category: BCA of Haryana (No. of posts - 03)		
41454	41651	42650

Category: BCB of Haryana (No. of posts - 02)	
42015	43030

Category: GEN-ESM of Haryana (No. of posts - 01)	
Considered in their own category.	

Category: SC-ESM/DESM of Haryana (No. of posts - 01)	
Considered in their own category.	

Category: PH (VH) of Haryana (No. of posts 01)	
Considered in their own category.	

Category: PH (OH) of Haryana (No. of posts - 01)	
Considered in their own category.	

Category: ESP of Haryana (No. of posts - 01)	
No Candidate is Available.	

Political Science					
Category: General (No. of posts - 19)					
10072	10111- ESM	10506	10742	10807	10960
10984	11107	11144	11203	11454	11552
11879	12130	12248	12253	12570	12580

Category: SC of Haryana (No. of posts - 08)			
10183	10292	11556	11740
12199	12244	12388	12448

Category: BCA of Haryana (No. of posts - 04)		
10731	11391	12611-PH (VH)
		12624-PH (OH)

Category: BCB of Haryana (No. of posts - 02)	
10642	11908

Category: GEN-ESM of Haryana (No. of posts - 01)	
Considered in their own category.	

Category: BCA-ESM of Haryana (No. of posts - 01)	
No Candidate is Available.	

Category: PH (VH) of Haryana (No. of posts - 01)	
Considered in their own category.	

Category: PH (OH) of Haryana (No. of posts - 01)	
Considered in their own category.	

Category: ESP of Haryana (No. of posts - 01)	
No Candidate is Available.	

Note:
1. While preparing the result due care has been taken. However, any inadvertent error cannot be ruled out. The Commission reserves its right to rectify any error at a later stage.
2. The above result is subject to the final outcome of CWP Nos. 113/2020 in the subject of Economics, CWP Nos. 171/2020, 281/2020 & 10060/2019 in the subject of History, CWP Nos. 1/2020, 31/2020, 196/2020 & 12552/2019 in the subject of Political Science pending before the Hon Mc Punjab & Haryana High Court.
3. This result is also available on Commission's website <http://hpsc.gov.in>

Dated: _____
Dy. Secretary
Haryana Public Service Commission,
Panchkula

HARYANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION BAYS NO 1-10, BLOCK-B, SECTOR 4, PANCHKULA

RESULT
The Haryana Public Service Commission has finalized the result for recommendation of the candidates for the posts of Assistant Architect in Architecture Department as published vide Advertisement No. 5(1)/2018 followed by Corrigendum dated 01.07.2019 published in various newspapers. The result is category-wise. The Roll Numbers shown below are in ascending order and not in order of merit.

Category: General (No. of posts - 05)			
30252	30269	30416	31040
			31250

Category: SC of Haryana (No. of posts - 02)	
30025	31514

Category: BCA of Haryana (No. of posts - 01)	
30672	

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2. This result is also available on Commission's website <http://hpsc.gov.in>

Dated: _____
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HARYANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION BAYS NO 1-10, BLOCK-B, SECTOR 4, PANCHKULA

RESULT
The Haryana Public Service Commission has finalized the result for recommendation of the candidates for the posts of Accounts Officer in HVPNL as published vide Advertisement No. 3(11)/2017 published in various newspapers. The result is category-wise. The Roll Numbers shown below are in ascending order and not in order of merit.

Category: General (No. of posts - 02)	
25	99

Category: SC of Haryana (No. of posts - 01)	
No candidate is available.	

Note:
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2. This result is also available on Commission's website <http://hpsc.gov.in>

Dated: _____
Dy. Secretary
Haryana Public Service Commission,
Panchkula

HARYANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION BAYS NO 1-10, BLOCK-B, SECTOR 4, PANCHKULA

RESULT
The Haryana Public Service Commission has finalized the result for recommendation of the candidates for the posts of Company Secretary in HVPNL as published vide Advertisement No. 3(12)/2017 published in various newspapers.

Category: General (No. of post - 01)	
27	

Note:
1. While preparing the result due care has been taken. However, any inadvertent error cannot be ruled out. The Commission reserves its right to rectify any error at a later stage.
2. This result is also available on Commission's website <http://hpsc.gov.in>

Dated: _____
Dy. Secretary
Haryana Public Service Commission,
Panchkula

Ruturaj, Shubman, Surya shine for Ind A

PTI ■ LINCOLN (NEW ZEALAND)

India A top-order warmed-up nicely for their upcoming one-day series with a 92-run win against New Zealand XI in the first of the two practise games here on Friday.

Batting first, India A scored 279 for 8 in 50 overs and then

dismissed New Zealand XI for 187 in 41.1 overs with left-arm pacer Khaled Ahmed getting four wickets.

Batting first, skipper Gill (50 off 66 balls) hit a half-century adding 89 runs for the second wicket with another specialist opener Ruturaj Gaikwad (93 off 103 balls), who came in at one

drop to accommodate senior team player Mayank Agarwal (8).

Once Gill was out hitting seven fours, Gaikwad was joined by Suryakumar Yadav, who hit a 48-ball-50 with four fours and two sixes as the duo added 89 runs. As Surya attacked, Gaikwad held anchor at one end.