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BIG B UNVEILS FIRST LOOK OF JHUND 13 VIVACITY

Nadda takes up BJP reins

New chief first task is to galvanise party in Delhi polls next month

DEEPAK K UPRETI ■ NEW DELHI

BJP working president Jagat Prakash Nadda on Monday took over the reins of the party from Amit Shah and is faced with several tough electoral and organisational challenges in the days ahead. Nadda's first task will be to galvanise the party to take on Kejriwal-led AAP Government in the next month's Delhi Assembly polls. The AAP is seen as a clear favourite and Nadda would require all his skills to make it an even contest. His other challenges are Assembly elections of Bihar, West Bengal, Assam, Kerala and Tamil Nadu, all scheduled within one year or so.

The reverses faced by the party in Jharkhand and loss of power in a big State, like Maharashtra, have made Nadda's task all the more difficult. Nadda would be required to revamp party organisation in several States and also step up the BJP's pro-CAA (Citizenship Amendment Act) campaign across the country.

Enjoying the confidence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Shah, the new head of the BJP is largely expected to continue with the course it took under Shah with Modi looking out the broader agenda. Considered an affable and accessible politician, Nadda strikes good rapport with all top party leaders and is seen as seasoned organisation man.



Union Home Minister Amit Shah with newly elected BJP national president Jagat Prakash Nadda at BJP headquarters in New Delhi on Monday. Veteran party leader LK Advani and Prime Minister Narendra Modi are also seen

Nadda, with parental roots in Bihar, was associated with the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) from his college days before joining the youth wing of the BJP and rising through its ranks.

Nadda has also served as a Minister in the BJP Governments in Himachal Pradesh, his home State, and at the Centre. He has also been in charge of his party's campaigns in a number of States, including in Uttar Pradesh, during the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

Nadda was unanimously elected as BJP president in party headquarters here at a function in the presence of Shah and all top Central leaders, Ministers and Chief Ministers of the BJP-ruled States. The PM, who later joined party leaders in felicitating Nadda, said he is sure that the party will scale new heights during his presidency.

The PM also praised Shah for his contribution, describing

him as "an outstanding karyakarta (worker)". "I do not think words can do justice to the rich contribution of Shah as the BJP president. During his presidency, the BJP got opportunities to serve in several parts of India," Modi said in a series of tweets.

New president is quintessential organisation man

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Soft-spoken, affable and low-key, the newly elected BJP president Jagat Prakash Nadda is a quintessential organisation man who is expected to consolidate the rapid gains the party has made under his predecessor Amit Shah.

He takes over at a time when the BJP is witnessing vigorous challenge from a united opposition in assembly elections amid signs that it needs to rejig its electoral strategy following a string of losses in state polls.

If a relatively inexperienced Shah in 2014 was seen as Prime Minister Narendra Modi's hand-picked man to shake up the saffron organisation by easing out veterans and infusing young blood to galvanise party cadres and fuel its expansion drive, Nadda is considered a seasoned hand who will build on these gains without causing too many disruptions.

His immediate challenge is the February 8 Delhi Assembly polls where the BJP is locked in a tough fight with Aam Aadmi Party, followed by year-end elections in Bihar.

SAD won't contest polls in Delhi

Cites differences with BJP on CAA, NRC; offered less seats: Sources

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Citing differences on Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and National Register of Citizens (NRC), BJP's old ally Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) Badal, on Monday announced that the party will not contest Delhi Assembly polls. However, well placed sources in the BJP said that the SAD wanted to contest elections on six seats whereas they were offered three seats.

SAD was also not very keen to contest on BJP's 'lotus symbol' as it wanted to contest on its own party symbol of "weighing scale". BJP leaders tried to convince SAD leadership to let its candidate contest on its symbol as they have won while going with this symbol during past elections. SAD president was not very keen to forego his party's identity and decided not to field its candidates on the seats being offered by the BJP.

Importantly, the SAD will keep its alliance with the BJP intact and remain in the National Democratic Alliance (NDA).



Incidentally, SAD leader Maninder Singh Sirsa, the sitting MLA from Rajouri Garden Assembly constituency who had won on BJP symbol said, "SAD and BJP have an old relationship but SAD's stand has been quite clear on CAA and NRC. The SAD president has welcomed the CAA which was supposed to include people from all religions but we never demanded that any one religion should be excluded from the list."

Stuck in rally, Kejriwal to file papers today

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI



AP national convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, who missed filing his nomination due to the delay in rally, will file it on Tuesday.

Kejriwal said he will file his nomination on Tuesday. "I was supposed to file my nomination today but the office closes at 3 pm. I was asked to go in between and file the nomination but I said how can I leave people at the road show and go? I will go to file nomination tomorrow with my family," he said.

Thousands of AAP supporters gathered in Central Delhi on Monday to take part in Kejriwal's mega road show called 'Walk With Kejriwal' which was followed by him filing his nomination but was postponed till Tuesday owing to the delay in the rally.

The rally started at Valmiki Mandir near RK Ashram Marg metro station to the Hanuman Mandir near Connaught Place traversing around 2.2 kilometres in over two hours and dancing to the tunes of the party's anthem 'Acche Beete Paanch Saal, Lage Raho Kejriwal'.

CAPSULE

IMF CUTS INDIA'S GROWTH FORECAST TO 4.8%

Davos: The IMF on Monday lowered India's economic growth estimate for the current fiscal to 4.8 per cent and listed the country's much lower-than-expected GDP numbers as the single biggest drag on its global growth forecast for 2 years. PTI

PM, PARTIES REJECTED BY PEOPLE SPREADING LIES

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday hit out at Opposition parties, saying those rejected by people in elections have been left with few weapons and were spreading confusion and lies. Without naming his rivals, Modi also targeted the "echo system" backing them.

UPSC ASPIRANT ATTEMPTS SUICIDE AT METRO STN

New Delhi: A young UPSC services aspirant, who had failed UPSC preliminary examination last year, on Monday allegedly attempted suicide by jumping in front of a moving train at a Delhi Metro station, police said.

SARS-LIKE VIRUS SPREADS IN CHINA

Beijing: A mysterious SARS-like virus has spread around China authorities said, fueling fears of a major outbreak as millions begin travelling for the Lunar New Year in humanity's biggest migration.

Relief for 12K homebuyers as SC allows Centre to run Unitech management

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

In a respite to over 12,000 harassed homebuyers of Unitech Ltd, the Supreme Court on Monday allowed the Centre to take total management control of the embattled realty firm and appoint a new board of nominee directors.

The top court approved the name of retired Haryana cadre IAS officer Yuvraj Singh Malik as chairman and managing director (CMD) of the new board and directed that the existing board of directors of the company would stand superseded.

It also refused to appoint Unitech Group founder Ramesh Chandra, a member of the new board saying that it would not be appropriate at this stage.

A Bench of Justices DY Chandrachud and MR Shah asked the new board to submit its report in two months on the resolution framework of the company.

It also approved the names of members of the board which include AK Mittal, ex-CMD of National Buildings



Construction Corporation (NIBC), Renu Sud Karnad, Chairman of HDFC Credila Finance Service Pvt Ltd; Jitu Virwani, CMD of Embassy Group; and Niranjani Hiranandani, Managing Director of Mumbai-based Hiranandani Group.

"The idea of a professional board is to allow them to take control of the company and complete the pending projects in the interest of homebuyers," the bench said and indicated that the court would stop monitoring the Unitech matter once everything falls in place.

Brajesh, 18 convicted in Bihar's shelter home case

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A Delhi court Monday convicted key accused Brajesh Thakur and 18 others for sexually assaulting several girls in a shelter home run by him in Muzaffarpur, Bihar.

Additional Sessions Judge Saurabh Kulshrestha convicted Thakur, who once unsuccessfully contested assembly polls on Bihar People's Party (BPP) ticket, for several offences including the aggravated penetrative sexual assault under section 6 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, and offences of rape and gang rape under the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

In its bulky judgement running into 1,546 pages, the court also convicted Thakur for the offences under sections 120-B (criminal conspiracy), 324 (causing hurt by dangerous weapons or means), 323 (voluntarily causing hurt) and abetment under IPC, section 21 (failure to report commission of an offence) of the POCSO Act section 75 (cruelty to child) of Juvenile Justice Act.

Apex court junks Nirbhaya convict's juvenility excuse

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday dismissed the plea of Pawan Kumar Gupta, a death row convict in the Nirbhaya gang rape and murder case, to be declared a juvenile at the time of the commission of offence.

A bench comprising justices R Banumathi, Ashok Bhushan and A S Bopanna said there was no ground to interfere with the Delhi High court order that rejected Pawan's plea. The trial court had also rejected Pawan's claim of being a juvenile.

Advocate A P Singh, appearing for Pawan, said as per his school leaving certificate he was a minor at the time of the offence and none of the courts, including trial court and High Court, ever considered his documents.

But, solicitor general Tushar Mehta, appearing for Delhi police, said that his claim of juvenility was considered at each and every judicial forum and it will be a travesty of justice if the convict is allowed to raise the claim of juvenility repeatedly and at this point of time.



He said the convict was 19 years old at the time of offence and there is a certified copy of his birth certificate as well as school leaving certificate which was taken on record by each and every judicial forum. Pawan had moved the apex court on Friday. He had also sought a direction restraining

the authorities from executing the death penalty, scheduled for February 1.

A Delhi court on Friday issued fresh death warrants for February 1 against the four — Vinay Sharma (26), Akshay Kumar Singh (31), Mukesh Kumar Singh (32) and Pawan (25) — in the case.

Climate change to impact India's GDP, reveals report

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Climate change hazards could impact India's Gross Domestic Products (GDP) in a "non-linear" way by 2030, a McKinsey Global Institute report has maintained. Extreme heat wave and humid conditions could potentially cause a reduction in the GDP between 2.5 and 4.5 per cent, the report stated as it highlighted the unrecognised non-linear aspects of climate change.

The report attributes the GDP reduction to lethal heat wave that would drastically bring down working hours and lead to decline in labour productivity by as much as 15 per cent during days by 2030. The report further estimated by 2050, both the intensity and exposure to lethal

heat waves, as well as the impact on outdoor work could continue to increase in a non-linear way.

"The number of people living in areas with some likelihood of experiencing a lethal heat wave could rise from zero today to 250 million to 360 million by 2030, with a 9 per cent annual probability of occurring, and to 700 million to 1.2 billion by 2050 with a 14 per cent annual probability of occurring (under an RCP (Representative Concentration Pathway) 8.5 scenario and not factoring in air conditioner penetration). Knock-on impacts from climate hazards could affect employment, incomes, and connected sectors," the report stated. "The report warns that cities and systems most at risk



are close to physical and biological thresholds. "Once thresholds are breached, impacts could be non-linear," it stated.

The report estimates that addressing some of the risk of lethal heat waves by 2030, using air conditioning, could cost up to \$110 billion. "India

will need to adapt through capacity and knowledge building, investment in adaptive technology and infrastructure, and supporting the economy's

transition away from outdoor work," the report stated.

The report finds that all 105 countries examined could experience an increase in at least one type of risk to their stock of human, physical and natural capital by 2030. The share of annual outdoor working hours lost due to extreme heat and humidity in exposed regions would double from 10 per cent today to 15 to 20 per cent by 2030.

According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), July 2019 was the hottest July ever in recorded Indian meteorological history and 65.12 per cent of India's population was exposed to temperatures of over 40 deg C between May and June, 2019, the most widespread over four years. In 2016, 59.32 per cent

of India's population faced a heat wave, the number rose to 61.4 per cent in 2017 and fell to 52.94 per cent in 2018. "Global temperature records were broken during the summer of 2019, with the July temperature 1.2 deg C above the pre-industrial era," it said.

A study by Indian Institute of Technology-Gandhinagar says India will see a four-fold rise in heat waves if global temperature rise is restricted to 1.5 degree Celsius by the turn of this century. "If the world fails to contain global temperature rise, India could see an eight-fold rise in heat waves," it said. The Lancet report 2019 has stated 153 billion hours of labour were lost globally in 2017 due to heat, an increase of 62 billion hours relative to year 2000. Between 2000 and

2017, the report says, labour hours lost in agriculture rose from about 40,000 million hours in 2000 to about 60,000 million hours in 2017. "Similar trends, although of smaller magnitude, affect the industrial and service sectors, where the effect of climatic conditions is reduced due to less physically strenuous work condition," it stated.

"Overall, India lost nearly 75,000 million hours of labour in 2017, relative to about 43,000 million hours in 2000, an increase of over 30,000 million hours over two decades. For a developing economy like India, this represents a substantial impact on individual, household and national budgets, necessitating urgent national and regional adaptation plans," the report said.

Punjab CM Capt meets NHAI chairman

Agrees on expeditious commencement of work on Delhi-Amritsar-Katra expressway project



PNS ■ NEW DELHI / CHANDIGARH

Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh and National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) chairman Dr. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu on Monday agreed to expeditiously start work on the prestigious Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway project.

Acquisition of land for the Rs 30,000 crore project, of which Rs 10,000 crore will be spent by the NHAI on 300 km stretch in Punjab, will commence soon, said an official spokesperson after a meeting between the Chief Minister and the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) chairman on Monday afternoon.

The NHAI chairman informed the Chief Minister that checks for the project had been cleared since the shorter alignment proposed by the Authority had now been finalized.

During the meeting, Capt Amarinder also sought early execution of Shambhu Jalandhar (old NH-1), Ludhiana-Talwandi Bhai Section of NH 95, and demanded termination of toll collection on NH 44 as work on the same had not yet been completed.

Referring to four-laning of Kharar-Banur-Tepla road on NH 205A, the Chief Minister pointed out that despite the road having been transferred to NHAI since May 2017, work on its four-

laning project had not commenced till date. He urged the NHAI to get work on the project initiated without further delay.

Demanding a comprehensive review of the toll road in Zirakpur town by NHAI, along with GMADA and local Municipal Council, the Chief Minister pointed out that as a result of the road currently being a toll road, there were frequent and major traffic bottlenecks in Zirakpur town on the existing NH 22 section.

As a result of the dense residential or commercial activity on both sides of the road, severe traffic jams were witnessed there, necessitating a relook at the toll arrangement, he added.

Cong leader Shamsher Surjewala passes away

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Veteran Congress leader Shamsher Singh Surjewala passed away in Delhi on Monday following prolonged illness. He was 87. Surjewala, father of party leader Randeep Surjewala, breathed his last at the AIIMS hospital in New Delhi.

He was a five-time MLA and one-time Rajya Sabha MP from Haryana and also the former president of Haryana Congress and a former Minister. He was president of the Haryana Krishak Samaj and fought for the rights of farmers.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi visited AIIMS and met Randeep Surjewala to convey his condolences on Monday morning. In the passing of Shri Shamsher Singh Surjewala, we have lost a popular & respect-

ed Congressman who worked tirelessly in the service of India's farmers & the development of Haryana. My condolences to his family & friends. Om Shanti, Gandhi tweeted.

Former Haryana chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda also applauded his demise and said he was sad on hearing the news. "My tribute to the departed soul. May God give peace to his soul and strength to the family to bear this grief," he said.

Haryana Congress chief Kumari Selja said, "Deeply pained at the demise of former Haryana Congress chief, former Rajya Sabha MP and former Haryana Minister Shamsher Singh Surjewala. His passing away is a big loss and it will be difficult to fill the void. The State has lost an able politician, an icon of development and a great public servant."

Gov declares Friday as 'Single use plastic free day'

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Governor and UT Administrator VP Singh Badnore on Monday declared every Friday as 'Single use plastic free day' in city schools.

This was declared in a programme named 'Climategiri' organized by the Municipal Corporation Chandigarh in association by city schools here.

While addressing the gathering, the Governor said that this step has been taken to encourage the public to avoid the usage of single use plastic not only on Fridays but on all days of the week and to motivate the youth to stop their family members from using single use plastic.

The main aim of this step is to completely eliminate the problem of plastic from Chandigarh, he said. Badnore said that this new

step of declaring Fridays as single-use plastic free days will prove to be both a platform for general awareness of the citizens as well as help in changing our behavior and push us towards a healthy lifestyle.

The Governor appreciated the efforts of Municipal Corporation for conducting good awareness programmes

besides engaging general public to save the environment.

Earlier, the MC Commissioner KK Yadav said that a large number of government and private schools have come forth in support of the MCC as more than 140 schools have joined this mega event against the elimination of single use plastic in the city.

Notably, the

Administration had in September imposed a complete ban on several single-use plastic products in the city. Industrial packaging of less than 50 microns, single use plastic containers of less than 250 microns used for dairy items, plastic sticks among others are banned in the urban territory of Chandigarh.



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POSSESSION NOTICE (Under Rule 8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Indian Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 04/11/2019 calling upon the Borrower, **M/s Hand Enterprises, Basement 3553/S, Sheeta Mata Road, Gurgaon, through sole proprietor Mr. Sanjay Rana, S/O Mr. Uday Singh, R/O 10688/1 Dayanand Colony, Gurgaon and guarantor Mrs. Maya Devi w/o Mr. Uday Singh, R/O 10688/1 Dayanand Colony, Gurgaon**, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 68,51,805/- (Rupees Sixty-eight Lakhs Fifty-one Thousand Eight Hundred and Five only)** together with agreed interest from 01/11/2019 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein being in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on this 15th January, 2020.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Indian Bank for an amount of **Rs. 68,51,805/- (Rupees Sixty-eight Lakhs Fifty-one Thousand Eight Hundred and Five only)** together with agreed interest from 01/11/2019.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of 85 Square yards of Land and the residential building with no 10688 J/1 (MC ID NO. 73029/1/1004/Jalling in Khata No. 1384 Situated at Dayanand Colony, Gurgaon in the name of Mrs. Maya Devi w/o Mr. Uday Singh, Bounded by NORTH-House of Narash Pal (1068 K/1), SOUTH- Others owner, EAST - Plot of Mini Ram, WEST - Road

Date: 20/01/2020 Place: Gurgaon Authorised Officer, Indian Bank

HP-PWD KANGRA NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed item rate tenders on form 5 & 8 are invited by the Executive Engineer, Kangra Division, HP-PWD, Kangra on behalf of the Governor of Himachal Pradesh from the approved and eligible contractors/firms enlisted in HP-PWD in the appropriate scale for the work mentioned below on 13-02-2020 up to 11-04-5A.M. and will be opened on the same day at 11-00 A.M. in the presence of intending contractors or their authorized representatives. The tender forms can be obtained from his office on cash payment (non-refundable) on any working day from 09-02-2020 to 12-02-2020. The applications for the issue of tender forms will be received latest by 07-02-2020 up to 12:00 Noon. The applications for issue of tender forms accompanied with entitlement letter/renewal letter and the earnest money in the shape of National Saving Certificates/Saving Account/Time deposit Account in any of the Post Office in Himachal Pradesh duly pledged in favour of Executive Engineer, Kangra Division, HP-PWD, Kangra.

The conditions of tender and the tenders, received without earnest money will summarily be rejected. The offer of the tender shall be kept open for 120 days.

Work No.1:- C/O Harnera Branj Shapur Sathpur Salwana road km. 0/0 to 8/700 (SH- C/O R/Wall and wire crate in various reaches in km. 0/0 to 8/700) Estimated cost: Rs. 4,95,500/- Earnest Money Rs. 9,950/- Time Limit Three Months Cost of tender 350/-

Work No.2:- C/O Harnera Branj Shapur Sathpur Salwana road km. 0/0 to 8/700 (SH- P/L wire crate Protection in km. 5/850 to 6/020 and 7/850 to 8/150) Estimated cost: Rs. 4,96,235/- Earnest Money Rs. 9,950/- Time Limit Two Months Cost of tender 350/-

Work No.3:- C/O Jeppable road from Dehliyan up main Kunal ward No-1Khasra No-25 Village in G.P. Rehlu (SH- C/O R/Wall at RD 0/010 to 0/065/Usida) (Deposit work) Estimated cost: Rs. 2,91,490/- Earnest Money Rs. 5,850/- Time Limit Three Months Cost of tender 350/-

Work No.4:- C/O Jeppable road from Dehliyan up main Kunal ward No-1Khasra No-25 Village in G.P. Rehlu (SH- C/O R/Wall at RD 0/005 to 0/102 and P/L Cement concrete pavement at RD 0/0 to 0/102) (Deposit work) Estimated cost: Rs. 3,39,985/- Earnest Money Rs. 6,800/- Time Limit Three Months Cost of tender 350/-

TERMS & CONDITIONS:-

- The contractors/firms should be registered as dealer under GST Act 2017.
- The intending contractors/firms shall have to produce the copy of latest entitlement and renewal enlisted in HP-PWD.
- The contractors are required to submit an affidavit for not having more than two works in hand in the shape of affidavit duly attested by the competent authority.
- If any of the date mentioned above happened to be a Gazetted Holiday the same shall be processed on next working day.
- The contractor should quote the rates of all the items in the tender both in figures and in words failing which tender is likely to be rejected.
- The copy of Employees Provident Funds (EPF Number) should be attached with the application.
- Minimum one similar work done of amount not less than 40% (forty percent) of the estimated cost (without Liquidated Damage or compensation) in last five years.
- The Earnest Money for the above works should be required at the time of sale of tender forms.
- All the required document should be submitted with the application otherwise single application may be rejected.
- The Executive Engineer reserves the right to accept/reject any tender/application or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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RO NO. 417219-20 Dt. 20-01-20

Haryana to hold National Voters' Day on Jan 25

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Government will inaugurate a State-Level program on January 25 in Panchkuha to mark the celebrations of National Voters' Day on Election Commission's Foundation Day.

Haryana Chief Electoral Officer Anurag Agrawal said that the theme of the State Level function is 'Electoral Literacy for Strong Democracy'. He appealed to all the citizens of the states to participate in this National Voters' Day programs at the State Level, District Level, or at the Polling Station Level. He added that participation will help to make the program successful and of national interest. He asked the people to support the event.

Agrawal said this time officers and employees who have

done excellent work in Lok Sabha General Election and Haryana Assembly General Election - 2019 will also be honored.

The foundation day of the Commission, January 25, 1950, was declared as 'National Voters' Day' and is celebrated on 25th January every year at the Polling Station Level, Assembly Level, Constituency Level, District Level, State Level, and National Level.

The Chief Electoral Officer informed that considering January 1, 2020, as the qualifying date, a summary revision of electoral voter lists is going to start from February 10. Under this revision, people can register names in the voter list, correct the error in the voter card and the voter list, as well as the removal of names, will also be undertaken.

UT Admn notifies restriction on heavy vechiles

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The Chandigarh Administration on Monday notified restrictions on entry of heavy vehicles in the city.

According to the notification, which will come into effect from February 1, heavy vehicles on the inter-state routes will be banned on four major city entry and exit points from 8.30 am to 10.30 am and 5 pm to 8 pm, which are peak traffic hours.

On inter-state entry exit, restriction timings are applicable to and fro Zirakpur to

IN BRIEF

TWO ARRESTED IN HARYANA FOR PEDDLING DRUGS

Chandigarh: In yet another anti-narcotic drive, Haryana Police have arrested two women on the charges of drug-peddling in Karnal district and recovered 24 kg 200 gram of ganja leaf from their possession. A spokesperson said, arrested accused revealed that they had brought the seized consignment from India's Gurgaon district and planned to sell it in small quantities on higher prices. Anti Narcotic Cell had got a tip off about drug peddling, accordingly police team had conducted a raid in Daba Basi and nabbed the duo along with 24 kg 200 gram ganja leaf. A case under the provisions of NDPS Act has been registered.

HP GOVERNOR WATCHES 'PRIKSHA PE CHARCHA'

Shimla: Himachal Governor Bandaru Dattatraya visited Government Senior Secondary School, Dargi of Gurgaon Tehsil in Shimla district and watched the Prime Minister's Pariksha Pe Charcha' programme on television. The Governor also interacted with the students and encouraged them for better results in the examinations.

IIT ROPAR ORGANISES CERTIFICATE COURSE

Ropar: IIT Ropar's Indo-Taiwan Joint Research Centre on Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning organized certification course on "Introduction to Deep Learning". This course is being offered by Prof. Ren-Song Ko, from National Chung Cheng University, Taiwan who is visiting IIT Ropar as part of an exchange visit. The course is being conducted from January 18 to February 15 as weekend classes. The course has seen more than 40 registered candidates from nearby institutes and industry including Senior-Consultant Lab, Mohali, Punjab Engineering College, NITTT, Chandigarh, NITIT, Chandigarh, Taru Institute of Engineering and Technology, Patiala and Chandigarh University.

CHB RELEASES LIST OF CANCELLED DWELLING UNITS

Chandigarh: Chandigarh Housing Board on Monday has so far issued cancellation order of 404 dwelling units in payments including cancellation of 24 units in the form of refunding among others. "A list of the dwelling units, which have been cancelled from time to time, has been compiled and uploaded on the website of CHB," said a spokesman. He said, in case any mistake, discrepancy and error is noticed in the list, same may be brought in the notice of the CHB for necessary corrective measures. Efforts will be made to keep on updating the list of cancelled units at regular intervals, he added.

343 NIRANKARI DEVOTEES DONATE BLOOD

Chandigarh: The 26th blood donation camp of Chandigarh zone was organized by Sant Nirankari Charitable Foundation at Sant Nirankari Satnag Bhawan, Sector 15-D. In this camp 343 Nirankari devotees donated blood in which 74 women also participated enthusiastically. In this camp, devotees and Sewadai of Sector 40 area donated blood.

YOUTH CONGRESS APPROACHES ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD

Chandigarh: Following the death of cattle at the Gaushtala located near the CTU workshop in Industrial Area Phase 1 here, the Chandigarh Youth Congress has approached the Animal Welfare Board. The Youth Congress wrote to the Board asking for time to apprise them about the current situation. The leaders said, there is a severe shortage of basic facilities in the Gaushtala of Industrial Area Phase 1. The condition of the bovine is worsening due to cold conditions, shortage of staff, they said.

FIRST NATIONAL ROUNDTABLE CONSULTATION

Chandigarh: A two-day national roundtable consultation on best practices of tobacco control organized by Department of Community Medicine and School of Public Health, PDMER in collaboration with The International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease, New Delhi kick started at Hotel Shivkalyan, Sector 17 here. Prof. Sonu Goel, chief organizer of the event welcomed the experts from 10 organisations working on tobacco control in India to first such consultation in the country and apprised about the aim of consultation to highlight best practices of tobacco control over last 15 years.

PU BEGINS ONLINE FEE FOR MESS

Chandigarh: In an attempt to move to online payments for the ease of students, on trial basis, online payments of mess/canteen dues have been started for residents of Girls Hostel No. 4 and 10, Panjab University, informed Prof. Neena Capalash, Dean Student Welfare (Women), PU. She informed, there are more than 450 residing in Girls (Sector No. 4 and 350 in Girls Hostel no. 10). The students will no longer have to stand in line for the mess payment. The fee will be collected online on instanshi.com. constabankcollect is made effective for the same. This facility can be availed by use of any ATM/Debit Cards/Prepaid Cards/Net Banking/other bank Debit Cards including Foreign Cards also.

HIMACHAL CM CONGRATULATES NADDA

Shimla: Himachal Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur on Monday congratulated Jagat Prakash Nadda on becoming President of BJP at New Delhi. He wished him a successful tenure and said that it was a proud moment for Himachal when a leader of the state attains the topmost position in party organization. State BJP President Rajeev Bindal, Cabinet Ministers, MPs, MLAs and party leaders from the state also congratulated Nadda on the occasion.

Tribune Chowk, Transport Light point to Fun Republic light point, Transport light point to Tribune Chowk, Khuda Lahora side to junction 30 (Sector 25/58 light point) and junction 35 (Sector 39/40/55/56 Chowk).

Within the city, there will be a ban on heavy vehicle movement from 6 am to 11 pm on all internal roads (V-2, V-3, V-4, V-5, V-6) within Sectors 1 to 56 (entire area bound by Uttar Marg and Chandigarh-Mohali border).

No wonder the Governor and UT Administrator VP Singh Badnore had recently approved the restrictions on heavy traffic. The move is aimed at decongesting the city roads.

Heavy vehicles include trucks, private buses and tractor-trailers carrying non-agricultural products. The vehicles exempted from the ban included vehicles used for emergency services, school buses, vehicles of police, fire services, paramilitary forces, hospitals and government departments.

JP Nadda, quintessential organisation man from HP

KISHORI LAL M WANDI

Jagat Prakash Nadda, who took charge as BJP President on Monday, always maintained a low profile before coming close to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Born on December 2, 1960 at Patna, Bihar and son of Dr Narain Lal and Krishna Nadda, he is married to Malika Nadda. He got his earlier education at St. Xavier's School, Patna and did his graduation from Patna University and later a Law degree from HP University



Shimla. Nadda entered the political arena in the year 1975 during the on going Sampurna Kranti movement launched

by Jayaprakash Narayan against the autocratic and dictatorial rule of the then Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi.

He later joined ABVP, the student wing of a student union coming close to Prime Minister's father was a Vice Chancellor. He won several elections as a student union leader and remained at various top positions in ABVP. He became politically active as a youth leader during his college days.

In 1989, he was assigned a major responsibility as election-in-charge of the BJP Youth Wing when he was just

29 years old. He also remained in jail for 45 days for organizing Rashtriya Sangharsh Morcha. In 1991 he was made the National President of the BJP Youth Morcha, at 31.

He fought three assembly elections from his home state Himachal Pradesh - 1993, 1998, and 2007 and won all three. He has been a cabinet minister in Himachal Pradesh for three terms and held various important portfolios.

While he was still a Cabinet Minister in the BJP government in Himachal Pradesh, Nadda decided to

take bigger responsibilities in the cabinet and resigned from the centre.

It goes to his credit that he soon made a place in the central core group of the BJP as a master strategist on the foot steps of Amit Shah and gained the reputation of a quintessential organizational man. He had been instrumental in taking several major decisions of the party.

No wonder he was included in the Union Cabinet as Health Minister when BJP came into power under the leadership of Modi.

Haryana Assembly ratifies SC, ST Bill, pays tributes to leaders

MANOJ KUMAR ■ CHANDIGARH

The Haryana Assembly on Monday ratified a bill to extend reservation to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe communities in Lok Sabha and state assemblies for another 10 years.

In a special session of the state Assembly, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar moved an official resolution in the House to ratify the Constitution (126th Amendment) Bill 2019 extending reservation for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe communities in Lok Sabha and state assemblies by another 10 years.

The House unanimously passed the resolution. The Assembly session had been specially convened to ratify the bill during the previous session and the beginning of the current session.

Khattar, who is also the Leader of the House, paid tribute to the departed souls and read out the obituary resolu-

tion. The Parliament recently passed a constitution amendment bill in this regard and it has to be ratified by at least 50 per cent of the assemblies before it becomes a law.

TRIBUTES PAID TO DEPARTED LEADERS

Members paid tributes to former Union minister I D Swami, veteran Congress leader Shamsheer Singh Surjewala, senior journalist and former BJP MP Ashwini Kumar Chopra among others from the state.

The House also condoned the deaths of security forces hailing from the state, who had laid down their lives while on duty. Tributes were paid to those who passed away during the end of the previous session and the beginning of the current session.

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Haryana Governor Satyadeo Narain Arya, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and Speaker Gian Chand Gupta on their way to the Haryana Vidhan Sabha in Chandigarh on Monday. Pioneer Photo

tions. Leader of Opposition and Congress leader Bhupinder Singh Hooda also read obituary resolutions on behalf of his party and paid tributes to the departed souls.

Paying tributes to Swami, the chief minister said the country has lost a seasoned parliamentarian and an able administrator. Both Khattar and Hooda described Surjewala, a former Haryana minister as an able and experienced leader.

Paying his tributes, Hooda said, "Surjewala was a five-time MLA and long-time Rajya Sabha member. He was president of Haryana Krishak Samaj. He made great contribution for the Congress party. He served as Haryana Congress president and also served as Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha."

Honouring Chopra, who died last week following prolonged illness, Khattar said the senior journalist was a committed social worker and had great love for sports. "In his

death, the country has lost an able parliamentarian," he added. Hooda said Chopra came from a prominent family of freedom fighters.

Earlier, the sitting began with Haryana Governor Satyadeo Narain Arya making a brief address to the members.

While extending New Year greetings to the members, the governor informed the House that since it was a special session to ratify the Constitution amendment Bill, he would deliver the full address during the Assembly's budget session, which was likely to be held next month.

HOODA MIFFED ON ABSENCE OF QUESTION HOUR

Leader of Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda expressed his dissatisfaction with the special session as inadequate. After the session, Hooda said that during the session there were many issues on which the government had to give a reply. But this could not happen. "If

the special session of the legislative Assembly had been of long duration, all the legislators would have had an opportunity to raise problems of their respective constituencies. At the same time, many burning issues would also be discussed which would solve people's problems," he said.

Former Education Minister and Congress leader Gita Bhukhal said, "This was the first session of the newly constituted Vidhan Sabha which was held without a question hour and a zero hour. In the first session, MLAs were administered oath of office while the second was a special session to mark Constitution Day. I wanted to raise crucial questions of my constituency as well as issues related to people of the State like sugarcane, chase, crime against women, lack of irrigation and an ailing hospital among others. Legislators of other parties would also have raised the issues of their constituency."

SAD demands murder case be filed against Minister Kangar, MLA Dhillon

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) on Monday demanded that Punjab Revenue Minister Gurbpreet Singh Kangar and Faridkot legislator Kushaldeep Singh Kiki Dhillon be booked for murder of the former Sarpanch of Behbal Kalan following disclosures by the victims' family that the Congress leaders had caused the death of the prime witness in the Behbal Kalan police firing case.

"The family of former Sarpanch Surjit Singh has made it clear that the two Congress leaders were responsible for the death of the hero of the case. They misled the police as well as the Electricity Department to force him not to give witness against police personnel who fired and killed innocent Sikhs protesters at Behbal Kalan in Faridkot district 30 months ago," SAD spokesperson Parambans Singh Romana said.

The party demanded an independent probe into Surjit Singh's death and prompt dismissal of the police personnel involved in the case. He also demanded him besides registration of a criminal case against both Kangar and Dhillon.

Gurbpreet Kangar should

be thrown out of the State ministry also for conspiring to eliminate the lone witness in the Behbal Kalan firing case," he said.

Condemning the heinous conduct of both Kangar and Dhillon, which he also termed as inhuman, Romana asked the Congress led Punjab Government to act immediately and register a case under Section 302 Code of Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) against both of them.

The two Congress leaders should also be arrested and interrogated to expose the conspiracy behind Surjit's death, he added.

Romana said that Gurbpreet Kangar, who then held the Power portfolio, was accused by the victim family with sending repeated teams to Surjit's house to check his electricity meter. He demanded a sum of Rs 55,000 on the family.

He said that Kangar's complicity in the conspiracy to silence Surjit could also be seen from the fact that when he appeared in court, he threatened an appeal against him besides registration of a criminal case against both Kangar and Dhillon.

on deaf ears due to pressure being wielded on the officer by the two Congress leaders," he added.

SAD leader said that at the village level, Bargari police station in-charge threatened Surjit's wife with physical harm when she protested against the injustice being meted out to her husband. "All this proves that the Congress leaders were trying to protect the police personnel responsible for firing on innocent Sikhs," he said.

He said that Surjit's plight was such that an hour before his death he told his wife that his decision to give witness against police personnel had ruined his family.

"The recent events have proved SAD's contention that the Congress party is only interested in doing politics on the issue of sacrifice of Guru Granth Sahib. It is now clear that the Congress is least interested in exposing and bringing the culprits behind this heinous crime to book," he said.

SAD demands an inquiry by a sitting judge of the Supreme Court to fulfill the Sikh community's quest for justice in the case, he demanded.

Hry Assembly to hold two-day orientation programme for MLAs

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Vidhan Sabha will organize a two-day orientation program for the training of the newly elected Members on January 21 and 22 in the Vidhan Sabha.

On the opening day on Tuesday, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, Vidhan Sabha Speaker, Gian Chand Gupta, Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala, Leader of the Opposition, Bhupinder Singh Hooda, and Deputy Speaker, Vidhan Sabha, Ranbir Gangwa will address the first session.

Apart from this, an introductory lecture on the training program will be given by the officers of the Lok Sabha Secretariat. The spokesman said that during the second session on the same day Director, Lok Sabha, Secretariat, Vinay Kumar Mohan will deliver a lecture on the topic 'Legislative Business: Government and Private Members Business'.

During the third session on the second day on January 22, Directors, Lok Sabha Secretariat Jaya Kumar T and Pulin B. Bhutta will deliver a lecture on the topics Parliamentary Questions, Zero Hour, Importance of Discussion on President or Governor Address and Committee System in Parliament Legislative Assembly. In the same session Director, Lok Sabha, Secretariat, Vinay Kumar Mohan will also deliver a lecture on Budgetary Process.

During the fourth and last session, Lok Sabha Speaker, Om Birla, Haryana Chief Minister, Khattar, Vidhan Sabha Speaker, Gupta and leader of Opposition, Hooda and others will address those present.

Policy for holistic development of children up to 6 yrs on the anvil

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

To ensure the holistic and integrated development of children up to six years, Punjab Government will soon formulate a Punjab State Early Childhood Care and Education Policy.

Announcing this, the state Social Security, Women and Child Development Minister Aruna Chaudhary on Monday said that the Government has sought suggestions and recommendations of the members of State Early Childhood Care and Education (ECEC) Council up till February 1 to achieve this target.

The Social Security Department would endeavor to implement the policy after the Punjab Cabinet approval, she said while presiding over the State Early Childhood Care and Education (ECEC) Council's maiden meeting.

Chaudhary said that all government and non-government play-way schools in the State are registered with the State to ensure safety and inclusive development of the children under the new policy.

"The syllabus of playschools and Anganwaris would be set in such a manner as to ensure consistent development of the children, for framing that besides imparting training to the children on communication skills, the emphasis will be laid on teaching English apart from the mother tongue



Punjab.

Among other things, the policy will set minimum educational qualification of professional teachers for play-way schools, besides slaying down the criteria and standards of play materials for children, places in schools under the dedicated area, literature, buildings and facilities in the premises and training for teachers.

Chaudhary said that the purpose of this policy is to bring all government and non-government play-way schools under the dedicated area.

Looking forward to suggestions and recommendations from the concerned departments, she said that the people of the State would also be asked for suggestions on the Department's website.

Chaudhary said that the policy would be disabled-friendly, and

there will also be focus on ensuring nutritional food for the intellectual and physical development of the children. "Emphasis to be laid on moral education instead of traditional education, so that the children could be able to address social issues as well as issues of environmental protection and water conservation," she said.

Similarly, girls will be apprised about bad and good touch, said the Minister, adding that the State Council will take into account the recommendations of the National Early Childhood Care and Education Council, while devising the policy.

The Minister asked the Education Department officials to play an active role as it is already dealing with the policies related to the children. She asked the official of the Punjab Agricultural University to brief them on their study on Anganwaris to the State Education Department so that it could also be taken into consideration.

Punjab, DGP Gupta move HC against CAT order

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The State of Punjab on Monday approached the Punjab and Haryana High Court against the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) order that set aside the appointment of senior IPS officer Dinkar Gupta as the state police chief.

A division bench of justices Rajiv Sharma and Harinder Singh Sidhu allowed the hearing of the matter on Tuesday.

Senior advocate Puneet Bali, on behalf of DGP Gupta, also moved the high court against the order of the CAT. On January 17, the CAT had set aside the appointment of Gupta as the state police chief.

A two-member bench of CAT chairman L Narsimha Reddy and M Jamshed had pronounced the order on an appeal by senior IPS officers Mohammad Mustafa and Siddharth Chattopadhyaya, who had challenged Gupta's appointment on the grounds that they were "ignored despite being senior to Gupta."

The petitioners also opposed the contention of the empanelment committee, which had sent a report to the UPSC saying the officers lacked experience in core policing areas. While Mustafa is a 1985-batch officer, Chattopadhyaya is a 1986-batch officer. Gupta is a 1987-batch officer.

ILLEGAL SEX DETERMINATION TESTS

₹1 lakh reward for informers in Chandigarh

NISHU MAHAJAN ■ CHANDIGARH

Taking a cue from neighboring states of Punjab and Haryana, the Chandigarh Administration on Monday announced to reward informers who alert UT officials about illegal sex determination tests and help in cracking down on illegal centres.

The Administration has announced a reward of Rs one lakh to informers, in a bid to check a check on those involved in sex selective abortions.

According to the Civil Registration System report (2007-2016), Chandigarh's sex ratio at birth (SRB) was 901 in 2016, 898 in 2015, 870 in 2014, 904 in 2013, 887 in 2012, 835 in 2011, 878 in 2010, 867 in 2009, 872 in 2008 and 860 in 2007.

To keep a check on female foeticide, the Administration had made it mandatory for ultrasound centres to take photographs of identity cards and address proof of couples going in for ultrasound test for any reason, including determining the general health of the foetus.

The activities will be organized in coordination with various UT Departments. Police Department will launch a campaign against eve-teasing, 450 anganwadi workers will hold a door to door campaign for gender sensitization, signature campaign on BBBP will be held at Sector 17 plaza, talk shows and rallies on gender sensitization across the city and BBBP pledge will be taken in schools and colleges, Bar said.



per 1000 males (2011 census) in the country.

Apart from this, Chandigarh has the second lowest sex ratio nationally after Daman and Diu, which has 619 females per 1,000 males, the worst in the country. As against the national average of 943, Chandigarh had sex ratio of 818, the NHP-2019 stated.

On the implementation of BBBP in the city, Bar said that the sex ratio has improved in Chandigarh. The sex ratio was 818 as per census 2011. As per the Civil Registration System, the sex ratio was recorded at 945 in Chandigarh, he said.

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Punjab reduces livestock semen rates by four times

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Government has reduced livestock semen rates by four times to promote dairy farming in the State. The State Government has taken this historic step to improve the breed of the cattle and increase milk production which would enhance the income of dairy farmers of the State, said the state Animal Husbandry, Dairy and Fisheries Minister Tripti Rajinder Singh Bajwa, while adding that the notification in this regard has also been issued.

As per the new rates, the price for semen, imported by the State Department for better breeding of cows, has been reduced from Rs 1,000 to Rs 300.

Fee of imported Holstein Friesian (HF) or Jersey semen has been reduced from Rs 200 to Rs 50 and fee for semen of imported bulls and bulls born through embryo transfer technology (ETT) with imported embryos has been reduced from Rs 150 to Rs 35. The rates of conventional semen (non-ETT, non-imported or unsexed) have been reduced from Rs 75 to Rs 25.

"The dairy farmers should get benefit from this facility as on very nominal rates have been implemented across the State. This would also provide Rs 10 crore annual relief to the dairy farmers for improving the quality of livestock," said the Minister.

Apart from this, the state's Animal Husbandry Department, under the 'National AI Programme' of the Central Government has launched a campaign to provide free breeding to 20,000 livestock of 300 villages in every district.

Punjab CM meets Sonia

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh met Sonia Gandhi on Monday, "attack" by party colleague Partap Singh Bajwa, state's move on Citizenship Amendment Act, impending Cabinet rejig, among others, met the Congress national President Sonia Gandhi on Monday.

Accompanied by Punjab Congress president Sunil Jakhar and state party affairs in-charge Asha Kumari, Capt Amarinder discussed a slew of issues with the party chief during an hour-long meeting.

Even as the Chief Minister and other leaders chose to maintain a strategic silence over what transpired in the meeting, it has been learnt that the Chief Minister expressed his utter displeasure over the stance adopted by the party's Rajya Sabha MP Partap Singh Bajwa, his known detractor.

Notably, a war of words had erupted between Capt Amarinder and Bajwa past week after the latter launched a series of scathing attacks on the Congress Government for its failure to fulfil its pre-poll promises while maintaining silence on the issue of the Patila Royal for another term.

Bajwa, who had headed the state Congress unit and enjoys close proximity with Rahul Gandhi, has reportedly met Sonia Gandhi a few days back. Sources informed that the Chief Minister and Bajwa past week after the latter launched a series of scathing attacks on the Congress Government for its failure to fulfil its pre-poll promises while maintaining silence on the issue of the Patila Royal for another term.



the leaders have all along been reminding the Government for its promises, made to the people ahead 2017 elections, to act against those guilty of sacking ministers, cancelling power purchase agreements (PPAs) with private thermal plants and reducing power tariffs, checking mafia raj, mobile phones, eliminating drugs, among others.

They have been arguing that the people question them on these promises, and with what face they would go back to them to seek votes in another two years to meet.

In fact, a few days ago, Capt Amarinder's loyalist Jakhar had lashed out at the state Advocate-General for allegedly not watching the state's interests in legal matters, besides seeking a strong action in the case of PPAs to give relief to the consumers.

The Monday's meeting also assumes significance as the Chief Minister had made clear its stand of approaching the Supreme Court to challenge the CAA and National Register of Citizens (NRC).

During the meeting, the Chief Minister shared his plans of approaching the Supreme Court over the CAA.

Only past week, the Punjab Vidhan Sabha has passed a resolution seeking repealing of the controversial CAA and amendments in the documentation required for the National Population Register (NPR).

"I have sworn on the Constitution and I will continue to fulfil my duty as a loyal soldier. Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji had said, 'Na kol Hindu, Na Mussalman' (not one Hindu or Muslim) and it is in this spirit, Punjab Vidhan Sabha passed the resolution to appeal to central government to repeal CAA for India's interest," Capt Amarinder had posted on Twitter after the Vidhan Sabha passed the resolution.

Capt Amarinder had also declared that Punjab will join Kerala in challenging the newly-amended law in the Apex Court. "Like Kerala, the Government will also approach the Supreme Court on the issue," Capt Amarinder had stated while talking with the media after the conclusion of the two-day special assembly session.

He had stated 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.

PM interacts with students at 'Pariksha Pe Charcha'

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Technology-free room in the house and keeping oneself away from gadgets for some time everyday were the two big takeaways for the students from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' on Monday.

Modi used examples from cricket to the Chandrayaan 2 mission besides experiences of his personal life to reach out to the students, teachers and parents on a range of issues, including exam stress and time management.

Through the third edition of the programme in the national Capital, while Modi asked the examinees not to get demotivated by temporary setbacks, he also urged over 10 crore students across 31 countries not to become slaves of technology.

But the most talked about topic among the students after the two-hour-session was his idea of keeping away from the technological conveniences like

smart phones, computers and televisions daily for some time besides a technology-free room.

"Good marks in exams are not everything. We have to come out of the thinking that exams are everything," Modi said.

In the event organised by HRD Ministry for which preparations went on for a month, was telecast and streamed live, Modi said everyone should keep abreast of the latest technology but stressed that it should not be allowed to govern lives.

"Technological trends are changing quickly. It is essential to stay updated with these trends. Fear of technology is not good. Technology is a friend. Mere knowledge of technology isn't enough. Its application is as important as the knowledge."

"We should have the strength to keep technology under our control and ensure it does not waste our time. One room in our homes should be technology free. Whoever enters will not carry any gad-

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaks during an interactive session — Pariksha Pe Charcha 2020 with school and college students at Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi. PTI

gets," he said. The Prime Minister asked students to spend their spare time with the elderly.

The Prime Minister appealed to students to not be

demotivated if they face temporary setbacks and take failures in their stride. "We can add enthusiasm to every aspect of life. A temporary setback doesn't mean success is not

waiting. In fact, a setback may mean the best is yet to come. Motivation, demotivation are very common. Everyone goes through these feelings," he said. "In this regard, I can never

forget my visit to ISRO during Chandrayaan and the time spent with our hardworking scientists. It was told I shouldn't attend Chandrayaan landing as there was no guarantee of success but I needed to be there," he added, recalling the failed landing of the Chandrayaan-2 mission's Vikram lander.

The PM sought to speak to the students in their own language and said his conversations with them will be "hashtag without filter".

During the free-wheeling course, the PM also asked students to remember the India-Australia test series in 2001 to emphasise his message about positive thinking. "Our cricket team was facing setbacks. The mood was not very good. But in those moments when we ever forget what Rahul Dravid and V. S. Laxman did? They turned the match around. Similarly, who can forget Anil Kumble bowling with an injury. This is the power of motivation and positive thinking," he said to the much-inter-

ested of the youngsters at the jam-packed Talkatora Stadium.

The Prime Minister also highlighted the importance of taking on extra-curricular activities and said there is a growing tendency among parents to push their children into activities considered "glamorous" which they can discuss in their conversations with their friends. "Parents should instead take time out to find out what their children want to do," he said.

Asserting that children should be "pursued not pressured into studies", he recommended that students read his book "Exam Warriors" to get over the stress of appearing for exams. He urged students to be confident about their own preparation.

Students who got to ask questions to the Prime Minister were short-listed on the basis of essays submitted on five subjects — Gratitude is Great, Your Future Depends on Your Aspirations, Examining Exams, Our Duties, Your Take, and Balance is Beneficial.

Centre rejigs senior officials, appoints 31 at joint secy level

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre on Monday approved a major bureaucratic reshuffle involving 31 officers as joint secretaries including Rajeev Singh Thakur and Shantanu in the newly-created department of military affairs.

Thakur, a 1995 batch IAS officer of Rajasthan cadre, will have a tenure till December 3, 2022. Shantanu, a 1997 batch Tripura cadre IAS officer, has been appointed to the post till March 27, 2024, an order issued by the personnel ministry said.

The government had last month created the department of military affairs, which is headed by Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Gen Bipin Rawat.

Odisha cadre IAS officer Vishal Gagan will be joint secretary, department of defence for a tenure of five years, it said. Suresh Kumar and Anand Patwardhan, an officer in Indian Audit and Accounts Service, has been named as joint secretary and financial adviser in ministry of civil aviation, and IAS officer Nagaraju Maddirala will be joint secretary in the coal ministry.

S Suresh Kumar and Puneet Agarwal have been appointed as joint secretaries in department of commerce and department of defence production respectively.

Vineet Mathur, a 1994 batch officer of Indian Postal Service, will be JS, department of consumer affairs and Indian Forest Service (IFS) officer Sanjukta Mudgal has been appointed as joint secretary in culture ministry.

IAS officer Tanmay Kumar has been appointed joint secretary in the power ministry. Madhya Pradesh cadre IAS officer Hari Ranjan Rao will be joint secretary, department of telecommunications for five years.

IN A FIRST AT R-DAY PARADE

Women CRPF bikers to display daredevilry

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Women daredevilry will be on full display on Rajpath in the Republic Day, as an all-women bikers' contingent of the CRPF will make its debut and showcase its nail-biting stunts.

The 65-member team of women will display its acrobatic skills on 350 cc Royal Enfield Bullet motorcycles towards the end of the over 90-minute-long parade.

It will be the first time that the women bikers will perform in the Republic Day parade. This squad was raised in 2014 to involve women in the entire spectrum of roles performed by the Force.

The contingent will be led by Inspector Seema Nag, who is



depended with the Rapid Action Force (RAF), a special anti-riots combat unit of the CRPF.

The Central Reserve Police Force is the world's largest paramilitary force with about 3.25 lakh personnel in its ranks. The members of the squad have been specially chosen from various combat units of the Force and are in the age group of 25 to 30, officials said.

This contingent had earlier performed at the birth anniversary celebrations of country's first Home Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on October 31 last year at Kevadia in Gujarat, an event that saw Prime Minister Narendra Modi in attendance.

In 1986, the CRPF had raised the first armed women's battalion in the Asia region. Presently, the CRPF has six Mahila Battalions (6,000 personnel).

The all-women bikers contingent is slated to perform as many as nine acts of daring bike riding and conclude by forming a human pyramid on multiple occasions that will be expected to fly the tricolor and the CRPF flag on the top.

At the 2018 Republic Day parade, a women bikers contingent of the Border Security Force (BSF) had debuted on the occasion that year.

In 2015, women marching contingents of Army, Navy and Air Force had debuted in the national parade. According to tradition, the BSF and the Army's bike-borne daredevils end the parade with their roaring bikes. This year, the opportunity has been given to the CRPF women personnel, officials said.

Yechury slams Govt on economy slowdown

Says it not just 'mismanagement' but 'destruction of lives'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Citing slowdown in economy, CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury on Monday slammed the Government saying this was not just "mismanagement" but "destruction of lives". Reacting to reports that the Government's tax collection is likely to fall short of its estimate by Rs 2.5 lakh crore or 1.2 per cent of GDP in 2019-20, Yechury said that the Centre will be made accountable.

"This is not mere mismanagement of the economy. It is the destruction of lives and livelihoods of millions of Indians, while Modi's rich cronies continue to benefit and fund the BJP. The people on the streets have taken note, accountability will be fixed," he tweeted.

Quoting an Oxfam study which said that India's richest one per cent hold more than four-times the wealth held by 953 million people who make up the bottom 70 per cent of the country's population,

while the total wealth of all Indian billionaires is more than the full-year budget, Yechury said that this is the reason

Prime Minister Narendra Modi doesn't want people to know who funds the BJP.

"The whole electoral bond scheme is opaque and points to a collusion between the BJP and those who have become richer as a majority of Indians become poorer," he claimed.

POLNET 2.0 armed with multi-media facility launched

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Jai Prakash Singh on Monday inaugurated revamped police communication services — POLNET 2.0. The new platform is armed with a robust multi-media facility and is a captive satellite-based network that provides video, audio and data connectivity across the country,

especially in times of disasters when regular communication either gets jammed or crashes. The operationalisation of POLNET 2.0 is a big achievement for the country and the DCPW is to be complimented for rendering this task. This system will work in any weather. Rai said while launching the facility in Viswan Bhawan here.

The Directorate of Coordination Police Wireless (DCPW) that operates POLNET of the police network services in the country has brought out an enhanced communication platform for police and security forces to communicate better during law and order problems and disasters, including linkup from remote border and coastal areas. The DCPW was set up in 1946 and it was placed under the

Ministry of Home Affairs in 1950 with the primary mandate of coordination between state and central police and security agencies for radio communication and frequency allocation. It has been operating POLNET since 2006.

The new platform is named POLNET 2.0 and for the first time it will provide video conferencing facility to four entities

sitting at different locations in the country with Internet-enabled multimedia services.

As a senior official said. From its control room in Delhi, it can host 40 people talking at one point of time, the official added. POLNET 2.0 will also have a phone calling facility for personnel of police and paramilitary forces deployed in remote areas to talk to their families.

Modi extracts wealth from poor, gives it to capitalist friend: Rahul

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi extracts wealth from India's poor and gives it to his "crony capitalist friends" and the big power brokers he is dependent on.

Rahul Gandhi's attack on the prime minister came over an Oxfam report which claimed that India's richest 1 per cent hold more than four-times the wealth held by 953 million people who make up the bottom 70 per cent of the country's population.

"Modi extracts wealth from India's poor and gives it to his crony capitalist friends & the big power brokers he's dependent on. 1% of India's super rich, now own 4 times more wealth than 1 billion of India's

poor," the former Congress president said in a tweet.

The total wealth of all Indian billionaires is more than the full-year budget, said the study titled "Time to Care" which was taken up by Rahul Gandhi Oxfam also said the world's 2,153 billionaires have more wealth than the 4.6 billion people who make up 60 per cent of the planet's population.

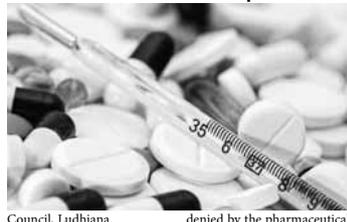
The Gandhi scion has often used the term "crony capitalism" to attack Modi. He first used the term post-demonetization when he alleged that Prime Minister's demonetisation decision was a "huge scam" and its objective was to rob from the common people of India to benefit his crony capitalist friends. He again used the same terminology during the Rafale scam controversy.

Doctors want standardised pharma marketing

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Amid the controversy over pharma firms allegedly bribing medical professionals, the Alliance of Doctors for Ethical Healthcare (ADEH), a network of doctors from across the country has demanded that the Uniform Code of Pharmaceutical Marketing Practices (UCPMP) framed five years ago be made mandatory.

"Presently, even after five years the code remains voluntary. This is despite the fact that several medical organisations have demanded this repeatedly from the Government. The global experience also shows that voluntary code does not work," said Dr GS Grewal, one of the ADEH members and former president- Punjab Medical



Council, Ludhiana.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, as published in a section of the media has warned pharmaceutical companies not to indulge in unethical practices and stop giving freebies to the doctors with a purpose to procure business. However, that any such deliberations occurred in the meeting with the Prime Minister has been

denied by the pharmaceutical companies, said Dr Grewal. He alleged that the companies spend crores of rupees through associations by sponsoring the medical conferences.

"The doctors spend huge amount on travel, accommodation and other expenditures on the doctors for lavish arrangements of the conferences."

As per the clause 7.2 of the UCPMP "companies or their associations/representatives shall not extend any hospitality like hotel accommodation to healthcare practitioners and their family members under any pretext."

The implied meaning of this is that even extending benefits to the doctors through associations is unethical. But this is being flouted with impunity, alleged Dr Arun Mitra, ENT specialist and former Chairperson, Ethics Committee of the PMC, Ludhiana.

It is also equally important that the freebies from the pharmaceutical companies be made taxable. These were made earlier but the decision was reversed later by the Pune Bench of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal, said the doctor.

Study reveals Sepsis linked to 1-in-5 deaths worldwide

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Though preventable and treatable, sepsis — a life threatening complication of an infection — claimed about 11 million lives worldwide in 2017, almost twice as high as previously estimated.

According to a study published in the latest edition of The Lancet, among the victims are a disproportionately high number of children in poor areas. Sepsis is caused by the body's defense system (immune system) working overtime to fight infection. The large number of chemicals released into the blood during

this process triggers widespread inflammation. Blood clotting during sepsis reduces blood flow to limbs and internal organs.

This deprives them of nutrients and oxygen. In severe cases, one or more organs may fail.

Blood clotting is also facing tremendous sepsis burden. At least, 34 per cent of sepsis patients died in the intensive care unit (ICU) in 2016, as per another study.

The Lancet study, which is led by researchers at the University of Pittsburgh and University of Washington schools of medicine, revealed 48.9 million global cases of

sepsis in 2017 and 11 million deaths, representing 1 in 5 deaths worldwide.

The large majority of sepsis cases — 85 per cent in 2017 — occurred in low- or middle-income countries, higher among females than males. By age, the incidence of sepsis peaks in early childhood with more than 40 per cent of all cases occurring in children under 5.

"I've worked in rural Uganda, and sepsis is what we saw every single day. Watching a baby die of a disease that could have been prevented with basic public health measures really sticks with you," said lead author Kristina E



Rudd, assistant professor in Pitt's Department of Critical Care Medicine.

For their analysis, Rudd and colleagues leveraged the Global Burden of Disease Study, a comprehensive epidemiological analysis coordinated by the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) at the University of Washington School of Medicine.

The study findings are unprecedented as they represent mortality both in and out of the hospital.

"We are alarmed to find sepsis deaths are much higher than previously estimated, especially as the condition is

both preventable and treatable," said senior author Moten Naghavi, professor of health metrics sciences at IHME at the University of Washington School of Medicine. "We need renewed focus on sepsis prevention among newborns and on tackling antimicrobial resistance, an important driver of the condition."

The study authors analyzed annual sepsis incidence and mortality trends from 1990 through 2017 and found rates are improving.

In 1990, there were an estimated 60.2 million sepsis cases and 15.7 million deaths; by 2017, incidence had

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ED ARRESTS NRI BUSINESSMAN C C THAMPI

New Delhi: The ED has arrested NRI businessman C C Thampi, being probed for alleged forex violations of over 1,000 crore and other charges, under the anti-money laundering law. The central agency has been probing Thampi in a case of purchase of property in Kerala in alleged contravention of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA). A show-cause notice of over Rs 1,000 crore was slapped by the ED against him in 2017.

SONIA MOURNS DEMISE OF SHAMSHER SURJEWALA

New Delhi: Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Monday condoled the demise of veteran party leader from Haryana Shamsher Singh Surjewala, father of party's chief spokesperson Randeep Singh Surjewala. In her condolence letter to Vidya, the wife of Surjewala, Sonia said the departed leader's legacy will continue to inspire and guide those serving their communities. Surjewala passed away in Delhi on Monday following prolonged illness. He was 87.

PM, NEPAL PREMIER TO JOINTLY OPEN PROJECTS

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Nepalese counterpart K P Sharma Oli will on Tuesday jointly inaugurate the second integrated check post at Jogbani-Biratnagar, built with Indian assistance to facilitate trade and people's movement between the two nations. Both the prime ministers will also witness the remarkable progress in Indian-assisted post-earthquake housing reconstruction projects in Nepal, the Prime Ministers' Office said in a tweet.

EC ADJOURNS KC (M) DISPUTE HEARING TO FEB 5

New Delhi: The Election Commission on Monday extended its order to temporarily freeze the 'two leaves' (Tamil) of the Kerala Congress (M) for a period of five days to resolve the dispute between the two factions claiming ownership of the party.

AWARD GIVEN TO MARIAM SHEKH

New Delhi: Dr Mariam Shekh, President of the President of the University Dubai was awarded the "Life-Time Achievement Award for Women in Non-Profit" by Dr. DS Chauhan, Former President, Association of Indian Universities at the International National Women Awards (INWA) 2020. She was amongst 81 other women achievers that were recognized for their contributions towards the society. Also present on the occasion was Ashwini Sharma, Mayor, Ghazabad, Dr. Balvinder Shukla, Vice-Chancellor, Amity University.

ABP UNVEILS NEW SEASON OF 'PRADHANMANTRI'

New Delhi: ABP News has unveiled the second season of its highly-acclaimed show, Pradhanmantri. Set to be hosted by the internationally acclaimed director, producer, and actor, Shekhar Kapur, oblivious about.

JASPAL SONI, LOIS DRAKE'S BOOK RELEASED

New Delhi: Jaspreet Singh and Lois Drake's new book titled 'You Are Kalki Avatar To The Rescue' released by BlueRose Publishers on Monday. This book is also available at Amazon bookstore. The book also describes about the powers of Kalki, Reality of the universe and the hands of Kalki in its divine existence. The captivating story is about how six ordinary people from different religious backgrounds find ways to make a difference through a common spiritual thread.

ASI E-GOVANCE WITH CSI

New Delhi: Archaeological Survey of India's e-governance system has been awarded with Computer Society of India's (CSI) - Special Interest Group (SIG) Award of Excellence in the category of Projects. The Central Government in recognition of #DigitalIndia initiative by the ASI at Computer Society of India's Annual Convention 2020 held at Bhubaneswar in Odisha.

CITIZENSHIP AMENDMENT ACT

No explanation can satisfy me, says Ker Guv

PTI ■ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala Governor Arif Mohammad Khan said on Monday that he was not satisfied with the explanation given by the Chief Secretary on the Left Government moving the Supreme Court against the Citizenship law without informing him.

needed. They have gone to the Supreme Court without informing me. That is an unlawful act. Not legally correct. Hence it is neither a clash of egos or personal differences," he said.

Chief Secretary Tom Jose met the Governor on Monday, a day after the latter sought a report from the Left government over moving the apex court against the Citizenship Amendment Act without informing him.

Mamata to pass anti-CAA resolution in House

SAUGUR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

After Kerala and Punjab it is Bengal's turn to pass resolution rejecting the Citizenship Amendment Act. Accusing the BJP of playing a "dangerous game" by forcibly imposing CAA and National Population Register Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday said the Trinamool Congress too will pass a resolution against the CAA soon.

Moments before leaving for North Bengal where he subsequently told an audience that her Government would never allow either CAA or NPR to take place in Bengal, Banerjee said "the NPR is a very dangerous game... it is National Citizenship Register in disguise and is being pushed through in the name of NPR. We condemn the Centre's move for NPR."

Accusing BJP for trying to squeeze out absurd information from the citizens in the name of NPR so as to use it against them in future, Banerjee said CAA, NRC and NPR are multiple sides of the same act adding her Government would soon pass a resolution rejecting CAA.

"We passed a resolution against NRC and CAB—which was only a bill then — a few months ago. Now as it has become a law will pass a resolution against CAA and demand its withdrawal," Banerjee said adding the resolution will be passed within 4-5 days.



Chief Minister for "making volte-face too often." Opposition Leader Abdul Mannan and Left Legislature Party Leader Sujan Chakrabarty said: "only a few days we had brought the proposal in the State Assembly but the government stopped the Congress and the Left from bringing a resolution against the CAA like Kerala and Punjab... now finding that the

public opinion is going against her she has hurriedly decided to pass the resolution."

On NPR Banerjee said, "I have come to know from media reports that they are demanding absurd information about the parents of a person in the NPR format. There is a column

seeking information about parents, their birth place and birth certificate. How can anyone provide such information..."

"They say that the column is optional. Have you seen any blank column in the mark sheet when you appear for an examination. This is a mischievous column. I want to know that if this column is not mandatory then why they have put it there? Again where is a

guarantee that if you do not provide the information your name will not be marked for future reference in NRC or things like that? We have passed a resolution against NPR and request all the States including the BJP-ruled states of the North East to follow suit."

State BJP leader JP Majumdar said such resolutions are of little value in the face of a parliamentary law. In a public meeting at Darjeeling, she said, "Even I will not be able to provide these documents," adding how the other parties were acting hypocritically by making loud comments in the media against the CAA but joining the meeting in Delhi on NPR.

Meanwhile, BJP leader Chandra Bose on Monday wondered whether imposing any law on the people without their consent was the right way of doing things. The grand nephew of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose said, "you cannot impose a law. You cannot threaten the people to follow some law. This is not fare in democracy."



Protesters display placards and raise slogans during a rally against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), National Register of Citizenship (NRC) and National Population Register (NPR), in Karad on Monday

Missionary school principals, church priests rally against it

Kolkata: Principals of missionary schools and church priests on Monday took out a rally to register their protest against the Citizenship Amendment Act and the National Register of Citizens.

The participants walked a 1.5-km distance from St Paul's Cathedral to the Gandhi statue in the city, holding placards that read "No division among people", "We are all children of Jesus" and "No CAA." They also chanted hymns in English and Bengali.

"We only wanted to drive home the message that all are equal and we should not discriminate between religions and communities," said the principals of a renowned missionary school, The Kolkata Diocese of the Church of North India (CNI) also urged other protestant churches to join the rally.

"This was the first time the CNI, Kolkata Diocese, convened such a large anti-CAA rally here. We chose two points for the march — St Paul's Cathedral, that is part of the heritage of the city, and the statue of Mahatma, an apostle of non-violence and harmony," a spokesman said.



Muslim women stage a protest against CAA and NRC near Ghantaghar in old city area of Lucknow on Monday

Seers to 'clear confusion' over citizenship law: VHP

Allahabad: The Vishva Hindu Parishad on Monday said seers will travel to villages to dispel the "confusion" being created over the Citizenship Amendment Act. The decision was taken at a meeting here of the VHP "margdarshak mandal". Mandal member Akhileshwaranand told reporters that the "sadhus" will go from village to village and tell people, especially Muslims, that the new law does not take away anyone's citizenship.

and thanked the Union Government for "removing hurdles" in the way of national unity.

On the construction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya, Akhileshwaranand said the VHP will declare a date after the Centre sets up the trust for that.

In a landmark judgment on November 9 last year, the Supreme Court had directed the Centre to set up a trust in three months to formulate a scheme for the construction of a Ram temple at the site where the Babri mosque was demolished.

He said the seers also expressed happiness over the abrogation of the special status of Jammu & Kashmir

Akhilesh pitches for caste census; criticises NRC, NPR

Lucknow: Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav on Monday called the Centre's plans on NPR and NRC "anti-poor" and pitched for conducting a caste census. Yadav has made the suggestion in the past as well. His demand now comes days after the Odisha Cabinet adopted a resolution seeking revelation of caste details in the next Census.

Referring to an earlier Census, he said, "We all wanted a caste census but the Congress did not let that happen and the numbers did not come out."

He said the Census is going to take place again. "But again we are

not going to be counted." The reason is that the day the caste census takes place, the Hindu-Muslim conflict will come to an end," he said without elaborating. He added that once this happens "nobody will be upset with Yadav brothers". Yadav was addressing party workers at an evening meeting to welcome new members to the SP. They included leaders at the block panchayat level and those who had fought elections in the past.

Criticising the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Assam, he said it had created a rift in that state.

Lakhs of people in Assam had

found themselves excluded from the NRC at the end of the exercise to weed out illegal migrants. The SP chief claimed that the NRC and the recently enacted Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) are "anti-poor". In an apparent reference to the recent criticism of the NRC and the National Population Register (NPR), he said the poor will find it difficult to get their date of birth certificates.

"Earlier there were no calendars and the birthdays of most people in villages were based on festivals," he said. He compared this to the inconvenience people went through when the Narendra Modi govern-

ment demonised high-value currency notes.

The BJP created a rift between the rich and poor through demonetisation. All of us stood in queues. Tell me how many farmers benefited. And the dream that corruption and terrorism will be eradicated, what happened to it?" he said.

Hitting out at the BJP Government in Uttar Pradesh, the former chief minister claimed that the state has now become "number one in cybercrime, crime against women and children, bad quality midday meals, fake encounters, unemployment and farmer suicides."



Protesters hold placards during a rally against CAA and NRC, in Kolkata on Monday

Assam's prominent personalities write to CJJ

Guwahati: Ten prominent personalities of Assam, including Sahitya Akademi awardees Hiren Gohain and Homen Borgohain and eminent filmmaker Jahnu Barua, have written to Chief Justice of India Sharad Arvind Bobde urging him to deliberate on the prevailing "public outrage and anger in the country".

The letter, made available to the media on Monday, stated that the Government has characterised the ongoing protests across in the country as being organised by "mischievous elements" whereas the "reaction of thousands of people has earned the sympathy of all right thinking sections of the society".

"It is quite possible that there may have been certain excesses, as mentioned in some press reports, and these are to be deplored but the public discontent and unrest can hardly be dismissed as willful violence as being currently done by the Government," the letter said.

Signatories to the letter include Sahitya Akademi awardee Nagen Saikia, scientist Dinesh Chandra Goswami, former Gauhati University vice-chancellor Gajendra Nath Talukdar and ex-principals of Cotton College and Gauhati Medical College, Udayaditya Bharali and N N Barman respectively.

"The younger generation as admitted by all impartial observers is particularly aggrieved and agitated by certain issues that have cast a dark shadow on their lives."

In Assam, the threat of unchecked migration from neighbouring countries like Bangladesh had been compared by the Supreme Court to a silent invasion and the NRC for Assam was expeditiously prepared under the monitoring of the highest Court," it said. The letter also said that at this juncture, granting citizenship to a large number of foreigners will put immense pressure on scant resources of the state and its native population.

CDS Rawat says difficult to predict war scenario with Pak

PTI ■ THANJAVUR (TN)

Chief of Defence Staff Gen Bipin Rawat on Monday said it was very difficult to predict if a scenario of a war with Pakistan would emerge or not but all the defence services were prepared to take on any challenge.

The top general, who was inducted into the Sukhoi-30 MKI squadron here, was responding to a question about any possibility of a war emerging between India and Pakistan.

"All the defence services are tasked to be prepared for any option that may emerge. It is very difficult to predict a scenario. But, we are always prepared for any task that may

be assigned to us," Gen Rawat said.

The Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) said his new role was aimed at integrating defence systems and the three services (the Army, the Navy and the Indian Air Force).

It was for this reason the post of CDS was created, he said.

"We will be getting moving towards better integration and jointness," Rawat, who was appointed the country's first Chief of Defence Staff on December 30 last year, added.

On strengthening the Air base here, Air Chief Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria said it will undertake the role of the southern penin-

sula's air defence.

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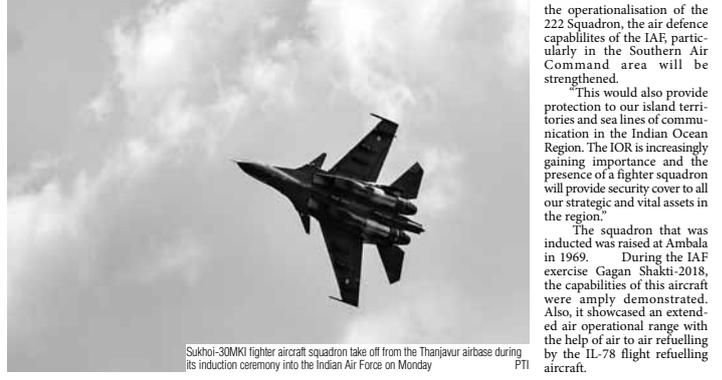
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Sukhoi-30MKI fighter aircraft squadron take off from the Thanjavur airbase during its induction ceremony into the Indian Air Force on Monday

BJP's new chief

JP Nadda is being considered a proxy for Shah but has organisational strengths of his own. Will he be allowed to rise?



When LK Advani was the BJP president and clearly the more "seen" face of a resurgent Right, having steered the Rathayatra and the temple campaign in Ayodhya, he stepped back and proposed the name of the moderate and avuncular Atal Bihari Vajpayee as the party's prime ministerial candidate. That was in 1995 and Advani's wisdom lay in understanding why governance needed a softer, inclusive and acceptable face and a broader alliance with other parties. He had the foresight to set the foundation upon

which a winning formula could be built. In that sense, the BJP president's post became important in carving out a legitimate space for the Right within the coalition template of the times and ensuring that it emerged as a sound electoral alternative to the Left of Centre Congress-dominated narrative. That was a tough time of building and managing the party, assuring that the Congress was fast-losing — a credible organisational decorum, regular elections, fair processes and an inner-party democracy. To that extent, the party president's post was originally intended to be sacred. The arrival of Narendra Modi and Amit Shah clearly changed all that, the two building the BJP's base not so much by processes but the weight of their persona. While Modi concentrated on building a pan-India image as a trusted leader, deputy Shah took up backroom mathematics and personally weighed in on even the microscopic, unit-level decisions of the party. During his tenure of over five-and-a-half years, Shah's focused aggression strengthened the BJP's matrix and ensured its political conversion as the party's best ever electoral performance. Barring a few setbacks in State polls, the party has managed to become the single-largest in the Lok Sabha. That gave him more than stature, the cadres held him in awe. And he revelled in the arrogance of that absolutism, pushing most contentious issues in the BJP manifesto as Home Minister in the Government, a man in a hurry to prove his heft in the party than in people's minds. And now that he is the Home Minister, he is duty-bound to honour the party's "one person, one post" formula and has handed over its reins to Jagat Prakash Nadda, a loyalist and a low-key worker of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), the BJP's ideological anchor that, at this point of time, has complete hold of policies and deliverance, and cares not much about realpolitik. In many ways, therefore, Nadda is being considered a proxy for Shah, who would like to be remembered as the usherer of Right wing legacies and a neo-cultural revolution, one that seeks to overturn liberalism as an imposition and Hindu theocracy as the natural evolution of history — the Ram temple, the abrogation of Article 370 and the review of citizenship based on ancestry. Shah wouldn't want to relinquish this helmship of BJP's transitional moment. The ascension of Nadda, therefore, seems to be about ticking off the right boxes. Besides, it also allows Shah to escape the heat arising from the citizenship row at the moment. Seen as the architect of the otherisation politics in the country and linking the party's agenda to Government policy, the delegation of party responsibilities to Nadda is an attempt to seemingly dilute this autocracy.

Nadda may be following Shah's footsteps but in the end will have to be the media face and explain the BJP's most difficult phase — keeping the faith of the Lok Sabha verdict and presiding over the social unrest over citizenship. The extent of civil society protests proves that it is fast losing hope in the BJP as a "party with a difference." If the States the BJP lost after the general election are any indication, then the people now want it to account for its non-performance on the economy and jobs crisis and subversion of social equilibrium through religious polemics. Nadda, while continuing the existing party's agenda, can do so subtly and use his newness to soothe anxieties through sensible outreach programmes. There are pearls to Nadda that the BJP can use smartly to change perceptions before the next round of general elections. A student leader, who has plodded his way up the ranks, he has a grasp on grassroots, having been in-charge of the BJP's Lok Sabha campaign in Uttar Pradesh and the Maharashtra polls. He has to deliver Delhi and Bihar, the former quite a difficult challenge. But going by the speeches of the Modi-Shah duo at his appointment, it seemed the election of the BJP president was another missile aimed at the Congress which is yet to hold the most basic of organisational elections. Nadda may appear to be gifting BJP a "lit" moment but that will have little value if he is a cipher.

Flying kites

The Government may be testing waters with silly proposals. But this points to a lack of creativity in policy-making



The bureaucrat, who thought about the preposterous suggestion to limit duty-free alcohol purchases to a single bottle, will one day head the entire department. And that frankly is more worrying than the proposal itself because such ideas can come only from the heads of narrow-minded individuals with a puritanical sense of morality. Of course, one is not encouraging alcoholism or smoking. It remains unlikely that the Government will ever go down the route of prohibition, although given some previous illogical decisions taken by it and the fact that the ruling BJP is an ally of arch-prohibitionist Nitiush Kumar, nothing can ever be ruled out. That said, drinkers and smokers are a rich source of funds for the Government and Bihar is still reeling from the after effects of Kumar's bizarre decision. In addition, the Commerce and Industry Ministry led by Piyush Goyal wants to restrict the volume of goods Indians can bring into the country while coming back. The decision that these decisions have been met by is completely justified. But what boggles one's mind is that the Government is looking at such minor issues when it should be thinking about ways and means of reviving the economy. If the thinking is that Indians will suddenly quit their Scotch whisky and start buying the *shudh desi* molasses-derived liquid that masquerades as "whisky", then one can safely assume the powers that be that it won't happen. Such thinking will only take us back to the command and control economy of Indira Gandhi when smuggling and bootlegging ruled. Ironically then that the BJP is trying to highlight India's links with Mumbai's most notorious smuggler of that era, Karim Lala.

The simple fact is that to get the economy going again, the Government needs a whole new thinking, the concept of wealth transfer from the very rich being impractical. The Modi Government, despite such schemes as Digital India and Start-up India, hasn't been able to spur entrepreneurial growth. Job creation is at its lowest and India risks turning its demographic dividend into a time bomb. The greatest advantage this country has is being squandered with a pliant Opposition, which has sought to focus on issues that do not have large-scale appeal. But the Government is more keen on looking at silly minutiae than the bigger picture. At the end of the day, a masterpiece not only has fabulous details but looks appealing overall. This Government is concentrating on trying hard to choose the colour for a dull, monochromatic image of modern India.

A new lurking danger

The three-day *Ijtima* organised by the Tablighi Jamaat last year points towards a larger trend of home-grown radicalism within the country. Radicalisation of the vulnerable must end



SANDHYA JAIN

Few would have missed the videos of children (under 10 years of age) chanting *azadi* and abusing the Prime Minister and Home Minister for their gross animosity and evil intent towards one community. Since one cannot expect children of such tender age to have knowledge or understanding of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and the National Population Register (NPR), it is safe to conclude that family elders forced them to express such visceral anger towards the Government.

A dangerous radicalisation of the Muslim community is being fostered — with deliberate intent — the consequences of which are yet to unravel. Barring perhaps Saudi Arabia, it is doubtful if even Islamic countries make girls of such tender age wear full *abaya* (head and neck covering). Certainly, it has not been seen in India before. This points to deep indoctrination of every family within a targeted area and does not bode well for the future.

On the one hand, it will intensify the ghetto mentality within the community. On the other, it will make other citizens wary of dealing with those who wish to leave or avoid the ghetto. This is a double-edged sword that can only harm the Muslim community in the long and short run.

Doubtless, a powerful section of the community is behind the radicalisation agenda, for reasons unknown. The first indication of this phenomenon came during the three-day *Ijtima* (religious gathering) organised by Tablighi Jamaat (November 30 to December 2, 2018), when 15 lakh Muslims gathered at Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh, though the permission was given for only two lakh people. Many guests came from abroad.

The proceedings of this gathering are not known. It attracted national attention when some cows were killed in a village on the road to Bulandshahr. Police Inspector Subodh Kumar Singh died in the violence that followed but manages to contain the situation within the affected village. The *Ijtima* concluded peacefully but analysts said such a large gathering should not have been permitted in such a sensitive State and by such an orthodox body. Tablighi Jamaat exhorts Muslims to strictly follow practices adhered to during the lifetime of the Prophet, especially in matters of dress and ritual. All traces of non-Islamic (syncretic) behaviour are to be erased.

This converges with a larger trend of home-grown radicalism within the country. The Students Islamic Movements of India (SIMI) and the Indian Mujahideen (IM) were banned, the Kerala-based Popular Front of India (PFI) emerged as the successor militant body and spread to Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Telangana, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar.



Experts expect the Islamic State (IS) to formally tie up with the PFI to trench itself in India and reach Nepal, Bangladesh and Myanmar. Sri Lanka has already been radicalised by people who visited southern India before the Easter blasts in 2019. Several youth from Kerala have travelled to Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan to join the IS; others have been caught doing online propaganda for it. Intelligence agencies are aware that the IS is attracting youth in India and in May 2019, it announced a new "Wilayah of Hind" (Hind Province) without specifying its geographical limits.

The Counterterrorism Group (CTG) Analysis & Intelligence Report (November 2019) states that after being driven out of Syria and the Middle East, the IS asked its leaders to move to South-east Asia as almost every country in this region has deep ties to the Middle East. Its focus is on female domestic workers in Hong Kong and Singapore, who are vulnerable on various counts; Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines are next.

Female migrant workers are chosen because of their low (but stable) incomes, familiarity with English and wide network of international connections. Typically, they earn around \$100 to \$150 per hour and are often in need of financial help, for which they agree to join the Caliphate. English-speaking workers help

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the IS reach other demographics and regions. They help to acquire resources and intelligence from areas its members normally do not frequent.

Migrant workers are easy to manipulate as they are poorly educated, live in an alien environment and are lonely. Radicalisation usually begins after a traumatic event such as divorce, financial hardship or culture shock. The recruiter contacts the most vulnerable and offers a secure, romantic, and loving relationship; soon the migrant is invited for training via online chat rooms. Often migrants are recruited by fellow workers at a prayer group or social gathering on their day off. Some workers have been known to reach out to militants; they are quickly inducted into radical groups and groomed to become militants.

In a survey of radicalised domestic workers, the Institute for Policy Analysis of Conflict (IPAC) found that at least 50 Indonesian women working overseas as maids, nannies and caretakers for the elderly were radicalised by the IS and its affiliates. A study between 2013 and 2018 found that around 800 domestic workers from South-east Asia tried to enter Syria or Iraq to join the IS after being radicalised abroad. This shows the efficacy of the IS' recruitment methods. IPAC has asked Governments to create mandatory training modules to educate migrant workers about the

signs of exploitation and to help exploited victims.

In September 2019, Singapore arrested three Indonesian women domestic workers who promoted the IS online in their spare time, donated money to militants overseas and became so committed that at least one was ready to die as a suicide bomber in Syria. One Indonesian maid revealed that she listened to Salafi podcasts while working and an Indonesian butcher she met online encouraged her to go to Syria to join the IS. However, the Singapore authorities discovered her plans and deported her back to Indonesia in 2017.

Zachary Abuza, expert on IS in South-east Asia at the National War College, Washington, says the real stuff happens in dedicated chat rooms on encrypted apps — from bomb designs to active coordination. The female recruits serve as financiers, recruiters and coordinators; they collect funds from radicalised maids overseas and send them to domestic *jihadi* groups. India is sitting on a tinderbox. When elementary school children chant obnoxious slogans against the nation and its top leadership, the masterminds behind the scenes should ponder what poison harvest they will reap from these toxic seeds. *Azadi* cannot hide behind the *itrangis*; India will never submit to further loss of territory.

(The author is a senior journalist)

SOUNDBITE

This is not mere mismanagement of the economy. It is the destruction of lives and livelihoods of millions of Indians while Modi's rich cronies continue to benefit and fund BJP.

CPI(M) general secretary
—Sitaram Yechury

The world is respectful; there's a lot to do and give. And for the first time, I can see a little self-centered and enjoy what I have earned.

Actor
—Kangana Ranaut

We will not take retaliatory action against India over its boycott of palm oil purchases between the two nations. We are too small to take action.

Malaysian Prime Minister
—Mahathir Mohamad

Our job is to explain to people that we are right and they are wrong. Just because we have terror politics today we can't do terror politics. Let's go to people explaining benefits of CAA.

WB BJP vice president
—Chandra Kumar Bose

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Whose sentence?

Sir — One fails to understand why so many chances are being given to depraved humans indulging in heinous acts. Why do we need to empathise with an undeserving handful of the worst behaved citizens? It is time to change the thinking. There is worldwide debate on whether the death penalty stands scrutiny. There have been strong arguments for and against. Suffice it to say that our legal system currently allows death penalty to be prescribed only for the rarest of rare cases.

Rather than discussing this aspect, I would like to draw attention to the "sentence" meted out by criminals to innocent citizens for no fault of theirs. The relatives of the accused, sometimes abetted by the local officials, put pressure on the victim to withdraw the case. The victim and her family thus live under fear and dread constantly. Now activists have joined the bandwagon. Instead of focusing on the human rights of the criminals, why do we not vociferously argue about the right to life and liberty of the victim as guaranteed by Article 21 of our

Nation at the cusp of political extremes

The nation is passing through trying times with the Modi Government at its nadir of popularity. Its reputation as the architect of "modern" India has taken a sound beating. The nation-wide protests over the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) has doused all intentions of the Modi-Shah duo to usher the country into a "golden" period. Branded as "dictatorial", the BJP's rule has only created a wedge between communities. Every decision of the Government that was flung at the people has been met with "distrust" and "apprehension". A slew of laws that have been passed in recent times have had a debilitating effect on the secular fabric of the country. The ruling dispensation's agenda, which is to alienate the masses, is not difficult to understand.

Nevertheless, one would certainly not want to believe in "hearsay" and rather expect the Government to come clean on its will and intention on issues that matter to the country. By allowing "misinformation" and "rumours" to dwell in the minds of the people, the saffron party is doing a disservice to its own image. The highly-hyped "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas" slogan sounds all but hollow now. A massive public mandate does not give the Government the right to push through with its agenda at the cost of public sentiments.

Constitution? Or the human right against cruelty in the Universal Declaration?

It is ironical how those, who brutally violate the rights of another, clamour for their own rights to be protected and are listened to



Agreed, every Government is well within its right to frame legislations. But shouldn't they be implemented after proper deliberations? More importantly, after taking the people into confidence? What we see now is that a "popular" Government installed at the Centre is hell-bent to dislodge its predecessor but has earned the wrath of the countryside for "authoritarianism" and "evasiveness" that has become its "virtue." Will the citizenship imbroglio make the people of the country seek a change of guard at the Centre? In any case, oscillating between the Congress and the BJP is the only answer right now.

Pachai Menon
—Margarjo

Stop interfering

Sir — US President Donald Trump and Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg are both attending the ongoing World

Economic Forum (WEF) meet. For sure, Trump will renew his running battle with the young climate campaigner while the young A-list movers and shakers attending the 50th anniversary of the Davos conclave this week. Thunberg has already made her message clear. Put an end to the fossil fuel "madness." That her massive is aimed at Trump, among others, would be anybody's guess.

Thunberg began the lime-light when she began a grassroots campaign at the age of 15 by skipping school every Friday to demonstrate outside the Swedish Parliament. The protests had inspired millions of young people to take action against climate change. Her meteoric rise from an ordinary school-going child to becoming a world-renowned climate campaigner must be appreciated. If Trump and other leaders cannot appreciate her efforts to fight climate change, then we can only pity them. If they can't help her cause, they must at least not throw a spanner in her efforts to fight climate change.

TK Nandanani
—Chennai

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FIRST COLUMN

Centre must not lose the vision

Nobody would like solar and wind power generators also to turn into NPAs with the key parameters being compromised



AMIT KUMAR

The national vision of infrastructure services, which raises the quality of life and ease of living in India to global standards, sets the context of the recently-unveiled National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) for the next five years. Projects in energy, roads, railways, urban, rural and social infrastructure constitute the NIP of the ₹102 lakh crore outlay of the NIP energy takes the lion's share at 24 per cent of the total investment. Within the energy sector, the share of conventional power, renewable and nuclear energy is 48 per cent, 38 per cent and six per cent respectively. About 42 per cent of the projects are already under implementation whereas 19 per cent are under development and 31 per cent are in the conceptual stage. In both the latter categories, key projects are in the renewable energy sector. According to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, the Central and State Governments would have an equal share of 39 per cent each in the NIP. The private sector, on the other hand, would have a 22 per cent share, which the Government expects to increase to 30 per cent by 2025.

Elaborating on the energy sector vision 2025, the NIP Task Force envisages an increase in the total installed capacity from the present 356 GW to 619 GW. Furthermore, it expects the share of thermal power to come down from 66 per cent to 50 per cent while the share of renewables rises from 22 per cent to 39 per cent in 2025. Indeed, renewable energy's share in consumption is envisioned to reach 19 per cent from the present nine per cent. The continued thrust on energy transition is certainly encouraging. Interestingly, unlike the conventional power sector where only six per cent of the NIP is implemented by the private sector, in the renewable energy sector, 100 per cent of implementation would be by the private sector.

Without going into the merits of the projected capacity of 619 GW in a decelerating economy at a time when the existing capacity is either severely underutilised or stressed, the private sector's appetite to reach 241 GW in five years has to be viewed critically. Reasons for slippages in the 12th Five Year Plan outlined in India's National Electricity Plan, 2018 include problems in acquisition of land, issues in timely completion of power evacuation systems plus capacity of the transmission system and issues in availability of adequate finances from banks and financial institutions.

In fact, even now, the challenges pertaining to land availability, transmission infrastructure/connectivity, inordinate payment delays, and discoms' disinclination to sign Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) for renewable energy continue to act as roadblocks to the sector's growth. On top of it is the tendency of some discoms to renegotiate the existing PPAs because of an excessive obsession with low tariffs elsewhere without understanding the dynamics of renewable energy technologies. All these factors ultimately have to dampen on the sentiments of private players. The state of tender cancellations or multiple rounds of re-bidding is a testimony to this troubling trend.

This in turn has resulted in a perception of political peril among the renewable energy industry, something that would have been unimaginable earlier. Couple it with the risk-averse approach of financial institutions on one hand and a general lack of appetite for new investments by the private sector on the other, and we have a scenario not exactly conducive to implementation of renewable energy projects.

While several Government initiatives such as reverse auctions and ultra-mega solar parks successfully catapulted this sector to commendable heights, it is time for the Government to provide another push by working proactively to remove already well-recognised bottlenecks. A consistent policy regime with long-term visibility is a prerequisite to encourage private sector investments, whether domestic or foreign. Unfortunately, even at the Central level, lack of clarity on various aspects such as applicable GST and self-generation duty has actually disrupted the pace that the industry had gathered. As electricity is a concurrent subject between the Centre and States it adds another layer of complexity. A conducive policy environment at the Centre alone is not sufficient unless it is backed by an equally supportive State-level policy framework. Discoms being the primary buyers of renewable electricity, whether from large plants or from distributed solar energy, their financial health and willingness to purchase renewable electricity play a crucial role. Curialism from renewable energy generators, overdue payments and reluctance in adopting solar energy are not only indicators of archaic mindsets but are roadblocks. This reinforces the urgent need for reforms in the power sector — much more fundamental and structural than the ones undertaken so far, backed by strong political will. It is equally important to recognise the risks associated with unviable tariffs. No one would like solar and wind power generators also to turn into NPAs with the key parameters being compromised for the sake of artificial created tariff caps. Against this background, it would be crucial for the Centre to seize the initiative to take along the States, bringing them on board for effective delivery through the infrastructure pipeline.

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ALMOST 50 LAKH MUSLIM INFILTRATORS WILL BE IDENTIFIED AND CHASED OUT OF THE COUNTRY IF NEEDED.

—WEST BENGAL BJP CHIEF DILIP GHOSH

POINT COUNTERPOINT



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE ARE SAFE BECAUSE THEY HAVE MAMATA. WE ARE IN A POSITION TO FIGHT AGAINST NPR AND CAA TO RETAIN THEIR CITIZENSHIP

—WEST BENGAL EDUCATION MINISTER PARTHA CHATTERJEE

Social experiment gone awry

Because of CAA, even the NRC exercise gets debunked. This gives a further jolt to ethnonationalist identities, who take CAA to be a bigger threat than illegal immigration



PRASENJIT BISWAS

Those among the linguistic and religious minorities of Assam, who failed the test of citizenship in the recently-concluded updation of the National Register of Citizens (NRC), become the soft target of the heightened cry for protection of indigenous identity in Assam and North-east India. With the passage of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), one section of those left out of the NRC now gets an opportunity to be citizens, solely on the basis of religion, while another section remains ignored. Does such a contrived outcome make anyone happy in Assam?

Assam's Bengali-origin religious minorities, popularly called *Miyas* or *Bhatiyas* in Brahmaputra Valley and *Bangals* in Barak Valley face the biggest threat of proving their credentials after being left out of the NRC. Those excluded will now have to prepare for a complicated legal battle to prove their citizenship through the Foreigners' Tribunals. These tribunals are supposed to decide the fate of an estimated five lakh presumed illegals and how many would succeed in such a trial is anyone's guess. The tribunals, governed by the Foreigners Act, 1946, place the 'onus of proof' on the suspect and not on the prosecution, making it difficult for a 'suspect' to get natural justice. As citizenship is considered the most basic right to have or not to have all other rights, the shifting of the 'onus of proof' makes it extremely difficult for anyone to prove credentials. Worse is the case when the tribunals at random examine declare to many people foreigners. For those people who have been put in inhuman detention camps in six places, numbering about a thousand, of which 23 had already died in custody.

The protest against the CAA remains silent on this humanitarian crisis and the ignominy of public discourse. With the coming of CAA, a section of these excluded people now wait for some redemption, while another section silently prepares for a long and uncertain legal battle that lies ahead. Both the sections, however, face another cultural test of proving their antecedents, which could be satisfied only by accepting the dominant language of the State.

Any democratic movement against the CAA, currently against the CAA, should have taken into account the plight of these people. But they are looked upon as 'foreigners' and 'illegal immigrants' whose very presence threatens indigenous language and culture. This is how, much of the protesters favour the NRC to weed them out while they reject the CAA. The CAA bears the signature of sheltering 'persecuted religious minorities from three neighbouring countries' and thereby changes the rules of the game with which the NRC was carried out. Because of CAA, even the NRC exercise gets automatically debunked. This gives a further jolt to ethnonationalist identities, who take CAA to be a bigger threat than illegal immigration. The layered and nuanced ideas of citizens as indigenous and not on to granting citizenship to a section of illegal immigrants on the basis of religion. In effect, old faultlines between indigenous ethnic identity and non-indigenous Indian citizens is reinvoked, turning both the CAA and NRC exercise as detrimental to the language, land and culture of the people. The question is no longer just about the indigenous habitats of North-east from illegals but it is also a question of 'protective discrimination' for the native and the indigenous from non-indigenous Indian citizens. The land policy of the Government of Assam

“ THE FEAR AND ANXIETY SURROUNDING THE NEW ENTRIES RELATING TO FATHER'S BIRTHPLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH IN THE NPR FORMAT AND DROPPING OF ALL MUSLIM FESTIVALS FROM THE LIST OF HOLIDAYS SUGGESTED IN THE NPR CREATE A BIGGER SENSE OF DISCRIMINATION. THE SENSE OF PROTECTION GENERATED OUT OF FEAR OF BEING OUTNUMBERED IN THE NORTH-EAST FEEDS THIS FEAR OF DISCRIMINATION AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL AND VICE-VERSA. ALTHOUGH FEAR TRANSMITS EASILY, YET THE CAUSE AND PURPOSE OF ANTI-CAA REMAIN DIFFERENT BETWEEN THE NORTH-EAST AND THE REST OF INDIA ”



stated clearly why non-indigenous citizens, being settlers cannot buy/own land.

CAA's exclusion of the Sixth Schedule tribal States from its ambit created a sense of heightened anxiety in Assam and Tripura for being forced to accept those non-indigenous settler immigrants who would be legalised by the CAA. The possible demographic impact and squeeze on language and culture has reinvoked the fear of getting outnumbered. To rein in such a majoritarian impact of the CAA, there are rising demands for introduction of an Inner Line Permit (ILP) system to physically restrict the movement of other citizens from outside the State.

In a sense, the CAA meets its toughest resistance from such demands of protective discrimination, as it would further heighten the North-east and its people from the mainstream while ensuring their specific rights. Certainly this would negatively impact economic transaction between the North-east and the rest of India and as a corollary bear the idea of seamless economic connections with South and South-east Asian countries, as mooted in the Act East Policy of the Centre.

The governance structure of States in the North-east seemingly is not able to face the implosion of sentiments of ethnic and indigenous groups against the CAA and is also unable to contain the fight against the CAA from relapsing into a full fight against the State and the Government. In an Assam-specific way, a slew of measures like amendment to Article 345, 347 and Article 371B to ensure protection of Ahomias as the State language, culture and identity of the people of Assam has been announced by the State Government neutralising the anti-CAA protests, but social organisations are not convinced of some measures. They argued that if protective measures had preceded CAA, probably it would not have become such a big

protest. The shift of focus in the protest from illegal immigrants to strict measures of protection in Assam and Tripura not only created an alternative political discourse of pre-colonial identity assertion and securing of homelands, but it also harmed those who are supposed to benefit from the CAA, notably the Hindu Bengalis. This change into community affirmation rigidly redraws several boundaries, creates a reverse discrimination towards the beneficiaries of the CAA by uniting everyone.

The announcement of the National Population Register (NPR) at the national level and much of the resistance to the idea that the NPR and National Register of Indian Citizens (NRIC) are the same arose from transmission of Northeastern reactions to the mainland due to greater visibility of protests in the North-east. After the first wave of protests in the North-east, major Indian cities witnessed a stir against the NPR and NRC exercise that are supposed to supplement CAA by separating the infiltrators from persecuted religious minorities. This inherently differentiating tenor of CAA made a nationwide resurgence of demands for a caste census and rejection of any test of citizenship. The dystopic Assam experience occupied much of the national imagination in calling for a boycott of NPR cum NRIC, especially when CAA makes it clear for whom the bell will toll.

The fear and anxiety surrounding the new entries relating to father's birthplace and date of birth in the NPR format and dropping of all Muslim festivals from the list of holidays, as suggested in the NPR, create a bigger sense of discrimination. The sense of protection generated out of fear of being outnumbered in the North-east feeds this fear of discrimination at the national level and vice-versa. Although fear transmits easily, yet the cause and pur-

pose of anti-CAA protests also remain different between North-east and the rest of India. The question of defending the Constitution, an essential part of the pan-Indian discourse of resistance to CAA finds very little speck in the North-east where the it is more about protection from the non-indigenous and the illegals. The convergences and the divergences are both ingenious as they promise to set up new equations and alliances between social identities. The beauty of such disjointed resistance to the CAA is that it gives rise to a new form of federal relations. How the Government manages it will decide the future course of politics in India.

It is also worth nothing the debates centering around some of the States opposing implementation of the CAA and their moves by filing cases against it in the Supreme Court. Interestingly enough, Arunachal Pradesh, being a State with ILP is exempted from CAA, yet it has decided to file a petition in the apex court opposing any procedure to grant citizenship to Chakma and Hajong refugees. It is also widely contended that the CAA might lead to exodus of tribal refugees from CAA-exempted tribal States of the North-east to Tripura and Assam, where they can apply for citizenship through CAA. The case of Bengali Hindu refugees in Bodoland Territorial Council of Assam is even more dismal, as they have to move out of areas falling under the council and resettle in a neighbouring district within Assam to become eligible to apply under CAA. While these anomalies continue, the lived reality of 'illegal immigrants' continues to be difficult, as they try to survive through double-edged laws granting benefit and withholding them at the same time.

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Let religion lead to peace, prosperity

Religious leaders and theologians from across the country should come together to review the different faiths from the perspective of pluralism and social justice



EDUARDO FALEIRO

Religion has emerged as a major source of conflict across the globe. Ideological strife has now given place to the 'clash of civilisations' and it is felt that in the foreseeable future, religion will be a major source of conflict within and among nations. The possibilities of conflict are greater in countries such as India where different cultures and religions meet. However, such clashes can be prevented if appropriate strategies are formulated and implemented at an early stage so as to ensure religious harmony.

The United Nations (UN) designates the first week of February every year as the World Interfaith Harmony Week. All religions lead to the same God and differences among them are not essential. Indeed, the goal of every religion is the same. The spir-

it of the founders of the different religions was the same though rituals differ. All religions proclaim similar principles.

Mahatma Gandhi, who devoted a large part of his life to the study of religion and discussions with religious leaders of all faiths, affirmed that every scripture should be treated equally, that there is no justification for the claim of supremacy of any one religion and that we are all children of the same God. He said, "What is needed is a living religion — contact among the followers of the religions of the world and not a dash among them in the fruitless attempt on the part of each community to show the supremacy of its faith over the rest."

Swami Vivekananda asserted that all religions preach ethics, virtues and good character. Yet, all major religions, instead of uniting people often divide them due to the lack of understanding of the purpose of religion by their followers.

India has the largest number of religions and religious people in the world. In our country, we have millions of Hindus, Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Jains and Buddhists. There are also Parsis and Jews. We have eight religions in India, the maximum number of religions and religious people anywhere in the world. Communal har-

mony is essential for peace and stability in the country.

Article 51A of the Constitution affirms that it is the fundamental duty of every citizen to promote harmony among the people of the nation transcending religious, linguistic and regional or sectional diversities. Respect for religious diversity and interfaith dialogue are an essential and urgent need.

Some years ago, I decided to study the issues that affect inter-religious peace and harmony in the country. In this connection, I visited several States and held meetings with leaders and organisations of different religions. I spent the whole of September 2004 in the villages of Odisha, in the districts of Kandhamal and Mayurbhanj, where Graham Staines and his two sons were killed some years earlier.

The purpose of my visit was to study and understand the open confrontation that has existed for long in that State between Christian and Hindu missionaries for conversion and re-conversion (*ghar vapsi*) respectively. I informed Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik of what I had observed in those areas and he promised to take necessary action. Mainline Christian theologians see both the Sangh Parivar's Hindutva ideology and Christian campaigns for evangeli-

zation as having a fundamentalist attitude and an aggressive methodology to achieve their respective goals.

Proselytism is opposed on several grounds to awaken the most resentment among practices and asserts that its own religion is the only way to *moksha* (salvation). It is often supported by financial resources and marketing techniques that make local religious activities seem shabby.

The Federation of Asian Bishops Conferences (FABC) articulates its theological vision thus, "Asia is the womb of the great world religions. All great scriptural religions were born on Asian soil. The Church has to be in constant dialogue with the religions of Asia and to embark on this with great seriousness... There may be more truth about God and life than is made known to us through the Church. As such, Christians who take Jesus Christ's injunction seriously must search for his truth in the various religions of the world."

On the question of proselytism, the FABC says, "A phenomenon which continues to awaken the most resentment among the peoples of Asia is that of proselytism and conversion. In the minds of Asians, the Church's primary objective seems to be to convert as many people as she can so as to

increase her little flock. The Church's expansion is also seen as a Western extension. The increase in the number of Church movements engaged in aggressive evangelising religions from the very narrow sense of the word) is certainly a cause for concern for our brothers and sisters of other faiths. Perhaps, it might be good to be reminded of the golden rule which nearly all religions speak of: Do not do to others what you do not want done to yourself."

The traditional way of teaching religion puts emphasis on theology and rituals ignoring the social dimension, namely the need for interaction and tolerance among the followers of different religions. Religious leaders and theologians from across the country should come together to review the different religions from the perspective of pluralism and social justice.

The following steps ought to be taken to ensure peace and harmony in India: Organised drives for conversion and reconversion should stop. They violate the Constitution. The Government should promote an agreement among the religious heads of all the major faiths in the country to stop proselytism. Given the positive mindset of theologians belonging to different religions, this is possible.

Combat all forms of expression which incite sectarian hatred and take action against dissemination of such material in the media.

Adequate training and awareness programmes about religion and religious harmony for young leaders at all levels and Government officials, particularly the police and other law enforcement agencies, judges, teachers and social workers must be held. Introduce inter-religious education in schools as part of the curriculum so as to promote communal harmony.

Assure all victims of religious intolerance adequate support and speedy administrative and judicial remedies.

Provide effective access to all citizens, including religious minorities, to the decision-making process in society. Counter social exclusion and marginalisation in particular by providing adequate access to all to education, health and employment. Pay specific attention to development of vulnerable groups such as tribals and other weaker sections and those who suffer discrimination on different grounds.

With this we will ensure peace that fosters inclusive development. (The writer is a former Union Minister)

IMF cuts India's growth forecast to 4.8%

PTI ■ DAVOS

The IMF on Monday lowered India's economic growth estimate for the current fiscal to 4.8 per cent and listed the country's much lower-than-expected GDP numbers as the single biggest drag on its global growth forecast for two years.

In October, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) had pegged India economic growth at 6.1 per cent for 2019.

Listing decline in rural demand growth and an overall credit sluggishness for lowering of India forecasts, IMF Chief Economist Gita Gopinath however said the growth momentum should improve next year.

due to factors like positive impact of corporate tax rate reduction.

"Global growth, estimated at 2.9 per cent in 2019, is projected to increase to 3.3 per cent in 2020 and inch up further to 3.4 per cent in 2021," the IMF said while releasing an update to its World Economic Outlook (WEO).

Compared to the October WEO forecast, the estimate for 2019 and the projection for 2020 represent 0.1 percentage point reductions for each year while that for 2021 is 0.2 percentage point lower which is "A more subdued growth forecast for India... Accounts for the lion's share of the downward revisions," the IMF said ahead of the start of the World



Economic Forum (WEF) summit here. India-born IMF Chief Economist Gita Gopinath said growth in India slowed sharply owing to stress in the non-bank financial sector and weak rural

the October WEO), supported by monetary and fiscal stimulus as well as subdued oil prices it added.

2019 refers to fiscal year 2019-20. India's economy grew just 4.5 per cent in July-September 2019 period --- the weakest pace in nearly six years. The Indian government has been taking various measures to bolster growth.

For the emerging market and developing economy group, the IMF said growth is expected to increase to 4.4 per cent in 2020 and 4.6 per cent in 2021 (0.2 percentage point lower for both years than in the October WEO) from an estimated 3.7 per cent in 2019. "The growth profile for

the group reflects a combination of projected recovery from deep downturns for stressed and underperforming emerging market economies and an ongoing structural slowdown in China," it noted.

Gopinath also said the pickup in global growth for 2020 remains highly uncertain as it relies on improved growth outcomes for stressed economies like Argentina, Iran and Turkey, and for underperforming emerging and developing economies such as Brazil, India and Mexico.

Further, the IMF said the balance of risks to the global outlook remains on the downside, but less skewed toward adverse outcomes than in the October WEO.

Taking earnest attempt to decriminalise Companies Law: FM

PTI ■ CHENNAI

(Narendra Modi) keeps talking," she said.

Sitharaman said in Companies Law, there are a number of provisions leading to a criminal approach and penalties of even jail terms. "I had gone through this with a tooth comb. Decriminalising Companies Law ensuring no other act of Government whether it is Income Tax or your PMLA (Prevention of Money Laundering Act) will have such an impact.

We are making sure that aspect will be addressed," she said. Elaborating, she said "we do not want a law which is going to treat every business house with suspicion. That is not the intent of this government at all".

She said it was one of the initiatives the government had taken as part of its push towards taking the country to a USD 5 trillion economy, ensuring trust between the government and businesses.

"My first attempt and also an earnest attempt which continues today is to decriminalise everything to do with Companies law or related laws. The very point Prime Minister

Govt begins probe into deposits of unaccounted cash by jewellers during DeMo: Sources

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Armed with information from its data analytics, the finance ministry has initiated enquiry into huge amount of cash deposited by jewellers, disproportionate to their known sources of income, during the demonetisation period.

These jewellers under scrutiny have also not reflected such transactions in their return of income for the Assessment Year 2017-18, sources said.

It has been found that huge amount of unaccounted cash was deposited by a number of jewellers during the demonetisation period which it could not explain or justify as sale proceeds and which in one of the case was almost 93,648 per cent of the cash deposited by him vis-a-vis the corresponding period of earlier year, sources said.

India among top 10 FDI recipients, attracts \$49 bn inflows in 2019, says UN report

PTI ■ UNITED NATIONS

India was among the top 10 recipients of Foreign Direct Investment in 2019, attracting \$49 billion in inflows, a 16 per cent increase over the previous year, driving the FDI growth in South Asia, according to a UN report released on Monday.

The Global Investment Trend Monitor report compiled by United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) states that the global foreign direct investment remained flat in 2019 at \$1.39 trillion, a 1 per cent decline from a revised \$1.41 trillion in 2018.

This is against the backdrop of weaker macroeconomic performance and policy uncertainty for investors, including trade tensions, it said.

Developing economies continued to absorb more than half of global FDI flows. South Asia recorded a 10 per cent increase in FDI to \$60 billion and "this growth was driven by India, with a 16 per cent

increase in inflows to an estimated \$49 billion. The majority went into services industries, including information technology," the report said.

India attracted an estimated \$16 billion dollars of FDI in 2019, a 16 per cent increase from the 42 billion dollars recorded in 2018, it said.

The FDI flows to developed countries remained at a historically low level, decreasing by a further 6 per cent to an estimated \$643 billion.

The FDI to the European Union (EU) fell by 15 per cent to \$305 billion, while there was zero-growth of flows to United States, which received \$251 billion FDI in 2019, as compared to \$254 billion in 2018, the report said.

Despite this, the United States remained the largest recipient of FDI, followed by China with flows of \$140 billion and Singapore with USD 110 billion. The report also saw zero-growth in FDI inflows. Its FDI inflows in 2018 were \$139 billion and stood at \$140 billion in 2019. The FDI in the UK was

down 6 per cent as Brexit unfolded.

The report added that cross-border M&As decreased by 40 per cent in 2019 to USD 490 billion --- the lowest level since 2014.

Slowed down by sluggish Eurozone growth and Brexit, European M&A sales halved to \$190 billion. Deals targeting United States companies remained significant --- accounting for 31 per cent of total M&As.

The fall in global cross-border M&As sales was deep in the services sector (a 56 per cent decline to \$207 billion), followed by manufacturing (a 19 per cent decline to \$240 billion) and primary sector (14 per cent decline to \$34 billion), the report said.

In particular, sales of assets related to financial and insurance activities and chemicals fell sharply. The decline in M&A was driven also by a lower number of megadeals. In 2019, there were 30 megadeals above \$5 billion compared to 39 in 2018, it said.

Sensex slumps 416 pts on profit-booking

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Mumbai: Market benchmarks tumbled from record highs to close deep in the red on Monday as investors booked profits in index heavyweights Reliance Industries, Kotak Bank, HDFC Bank and TCS following their quarterly results.

After hitting a record intra-day high of 42,273.87, the 30-share BSE Sensex gave up all gains to settle 416.46 points, or 0.99 per cent, lower at 41,528.91.

Likewise, the broader NSE Nifty sank 127.80 points, or 1.03 per cent, to 12,245.55. It hit a record intra-day high of 12,430.50 in early session. PTI

₹ settles 3 paise down at 71.11 against \$

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee slipped 3 paise to close at 71.11 against the US dollar on Monday, tracking a steady rise in crude oil prices and weakness in domestic equity. Forex traders said the drop in the rupee was largely due to a spurt in crude oil prices following rising tensions in the Middle East and North Africa.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local currency opened on a weak note at 71.07 and fell further to a low of 71.15. It finally settled at 71.11, lower by 3 paise against its previous close.

ITI to raise ₹1,600 crore for part-debt repayment, working capital needs

PTI ■ MUMBAI

State-run electronics and telecom gear manufacturer Indian Telephone Industries (ITI) plans to raise ₹1,600 crore through a follow-on public offer which will be utilised for part-debt repayment as well as to meet working capital requirements.

The issue will open on January 24 and close on January 28. The price band for the offer will be announced on January 22, a top official of the company said.

"A significant part of this issue, around ₹607 crore, will

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PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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BUSINESS CORNER

FUEL CONSERVATION DRIVE OF PCRA SAKSHAM

New Delhi: 'Saksham', an annual one-month long fuel conservation mega campaign of Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) under the aegis of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas was launched on 16th January by MM Kuty, Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas in a function held in Delhi. MM Kuty during his address emphasized the importance of petroleum products for our country and the dire need for actions leading towards fuel conservation. He stressed upon the importance of programs like Saksham wherein general public is involved in various activities. He gave away the prizes to the winners of Essay, quiz and painting competitions for the National Level Competition-2019 which has seen a phenomenal record participation of more than 1.48 crore students from schools of all education boards of the country.

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION ON 70 GLORIOUS YR OF CLW

Chittaranjan: The PR department has organised a Photography Exhibition from 20th to 26th January 2020 at Technical Training centre on 70 glorious years of CLW. Shri Praven Kumar Mishra, General Manager visited the photography exhibition & also an Exhibition on CLW along with senior officers of CLW. The photographs shot by CLW employees and their wards are put on display in the photography exhibition. General Manager took keen interest in the photographs taken by the CLW employees and their wards. Later, Praven Kumar Mishra visited the Exhibition on CLW besides the photography exhibition which was organised from 13th Jan 2020. General Manager appreciated the efforts of Public Relations dept for organising these exhibitions.

DG, SCOPE BAGS MOST ADMIRER LEADER AWARD

New Delhi: Director General, SCOPE, Atul Sobti has been conferred with the coveted "Most Admirer Leader Award 2020" for his outstanding contribution as a leader in developing people and organisational capability. The award has been instituted jointly by the Indian Institute of Public Administration and Forum for Emotional Intelligence Learning.

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ASCI announces new code for brands to claim awards, rankings in ads

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Advertisement Standards Council of India (ASCI) on Monday announced to introduce guidelines for awards and rankings in advertisements.

Now, brands and services need to ensure that the accrediting bodies involved in disseminating or presenting awards or rankings are authentic and credible, while validating their claims in advertisements.

The new guidelines, which would be effective from February 1, 2020, aim to curb the "superiority" claims in ads and around the national Capital.

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NOTICE OF POSTAL BALLOT AND E-VOTING
Members are hereby informed that the Shareholders Act, 2013 read with Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, the Company has on January 20, 2020, completed the dispatch of Postal Ballot Notice along with the Postal Ballot Form through a) E-mail to members (as on 10th January 2020, being the cutoff date) whose email addresses are registered in the records of the depository participants viz. National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) and Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL); and b) Physical mode, along with the postage prepaid self-addressed Business Reply Envelope to other members who have not registered their email id. To seek the approval of members by passing the following resolution by way of Postal Ballot Voting: 1. Special Resolution u/s 180(1)(a) of the Companies Act, 2013 authorizing Board to create charge on assets/underliabilities of the Company to secure borrowing. The Company has engaged services of NSDL for providing remote e-voting facility to its members. Further, the Board of Directors of the Company has appointed Ms. Sonali Prasad, Company Secretary as the scrutinizer for conducting the postal ballot and e-voting process in a fair and transparent manner. All the members are informed that: 1. Date of completion of dispatch of Notice of Postal Ballot is Monday, January 20, 2020. 2. The voting through postal ballot and remote e-voting shall commence from Tuesday, 21st January, 2020 at 9.00 a.m. and end on Wednesday, 19th February, 2020 at 5.00 p.m. 3. Members are requested to note that duly completed Postal Ballot Forms should reach the scrutinizer not later than Wednesday, 19th February, 2020 at 5.00 p.m. Any response received after this date will be treated as if the same has not been received. Members can opt for only one mode of voting, i.e. either by physical ballot or remote e-voting. In case Shareholders cast their votes through both the modes, voting done by remote e-voting shall prevail and votes cast through postal ballot will be treated as void. 4. The voting rights of the members shall be reckoned on the equity shares held by them as on the close of business hours on Friday, 10th January 2020, being the cutoff date for this purpose. 5. In case a member is desirous of obtaining a printed Postal Ballot Form or a duplicate thereof, he/she may send an email to the Company Secretary at rathibars@hotmail.com. 6. For details related to e-voting, please refer to the postal ballot notice. In case you have any queries or issues regarding e-voting, you may refer to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for members and remote e-voting user manual for Members available at the download section of www.evotingindia.com or call on the toll free number 1800 22 2233. 7. The Postal Ballot Notice and the Postal Ballot Form are available on the company's website www.rathibars.com. The results of the Postal Ballot (including remote e-voting) along with the Scrutinizer report shall be declared on Friday, 21st February, 2020 at the Registered Office of the Company i.e. A-247, Mohan Co-operative Industrial Estate, Mathura Road, New Delhi-110044 and also on the website of the Company www.rathibars.com besides being sent to the Stock Exchange on the said date and also on the website of NSDL. The results will also be displayed at the Registered Office after the declaration of results by the Chairman or any Director of the Company.

By order of the Board
P. RATHI BARS LIMITED
Place: New Delhi Date: 21-01-2020
Sd/-
Anil Kumar Mangla
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

World's 22 richest men have more than all women in Africa: Oxfam

Davos: The number of billionaires has doubled in the past decade and the world's 22 richest men now have more wealth than all the women in Africa, Oxfam said Monday in an appeal to the Davos elite to get serious about inequality. "Our broken economies are lining the pockets of billionaires and big business at the expense of ordinary men and women. No wonder people are starting to question whether the billionaires should even exist," Oxfam's India head Amitabh Behar said. "Women and girls are among those who benefit least from today's economic system," Behar said ahead of the annual World Economic Forum in Davos, where he will represent Oxfam. "The very top of the economic pyramid sees trillions of dollars of wealth in the hands of a very small group of people, predominantly men," the Oxfam report said. AFP

BATTLE FOR MIAL Arbitration tribunal restrains Adanis from buying Bidvest stake

Mumbai: In a major setback to the Adani group bid to take hold on Mumbai airport, an arbitration tribunal has restrained it from going ahead with buying out the 13.5 per cent stake of South African partner Bidvest Services in the country's second largest airport. The tribunal has also asked Bidvest to maintain status quo on its stake but asked GVK, which owns 50.5 per cent in the airport, to compensate it for the delay by way of paying interest on the agreed share purchase agreement (₹1,248 crore) till the pendency of the case. "It is directed that pending the final disposal of the arbitration proceedings, Bid Services or anyone acting for and on behalf of it is restrained from alienating in any manner its 16.20 crore (13.5 per cent) equity shares in Mumbai international airport" the tribunal said. PTI

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Pradeep S/o Om Prakash R/o H.No. 311 Block, Gali No. 16, Kaalish Vihar, Pransali, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence F.I.R. No. 874/14 U/s 354/457 IPC P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Pradeep cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Pradeep absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said Pradeep accused of F.I.R. No. 874/14 U/s 354/457 IPC is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 06.03.2020.

By Order: Ms. Swati Sharma
Metropolitan Magistrate-02 (Mahila Court),
Room No. 104, 1st Floor (North Distt.),
Rohini Courts, Delhi

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that a girl (depicted in the photo), Namely: Pooja Di Amer R/o Gali No. 08, Swaroop Vihar, New Colony Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 02.01.2020 from the area of P.S. Swaroop Nagar, Delhi. In this regard a case vide DD No. 16-A, dated 03.01.2020 has been lodged at Police Station Swaroop Nagar, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-
Age: 20 Years, Height: 4'5"; Complexion: Shallow, Built: Medium, Face: Round, Wearing: Blue colour Kurta Red Colour Leggery.
Any person having any information/Clue about this missing/kidnapped girl, may inform SHO, Swaroop Nagar, Delhi at E-mail-ld - c/o@cbi.gov.in or Website: http://cbi.nic.in/ Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 S/O P.S. Swaroop Nagar, Delhi Fax No. 011-24368639 Outer North Distt., Delhi Ph. No. 011-27811415, 27811738 DP/933/ON/2020

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one boy namely Rohit S/o Sh. Sachin R/o Jhuggi No. 55/155, U3V block, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped from the area of P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi since 29.12.2019. In this regard, a case vide DD No. 020/2020 U/s 363 IPC dated 03.01.2020 has been registered at P.S. Shalimar Bagh. The description of the missing boy is as under.
Age: 15 Years Complexion: Fair, Height: 4'9". Face: Round, Built: Thin, Wearing: White Colour Sweater and black Pajama, shoes in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out him but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing boy then please inform P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi at following Tel. No. / e-mail: c/o@cbi.gov.in and Website: http://cbi.nic.in Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 Sd/- S/O P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi Ph: 011-27495198 DP/9674/NW/2020

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON See Section 82 Cr. PC

Whereas complaint has been made before me that Pal Singh @ Pali S/o Sh. Sn. Sobha Singh R/o: H. No.22 Gali No.-8, F Block Gurudwara Road, Mansarovar, P.S. New Delhi has committed (or are suspected to have committed) case F.I.R. No. 080/18, Dt. 27.01.18U/s 379/411 IPC has been registered at P.S. Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi punishable and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused person Pal Singh @ Pali cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person Pal Singh @ Pali absconded (or are concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Pal Singh @ Pali of case F.I.R. No.080/18, Dt. 27.01.18U/s 379/411 IPC, at P.S. Safdarjung are required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before 23.02.2020.

By Order
Mr. Anuj Kumar Singh,
Court No. 212, Saket
Metropolitan Magistrate,
Saket Court Complex, New Delhi
DP/7203/SWD/2020



HEALTH

Predict TB

Researchers have revealed a blood test could predict the onset of TB three to six months before people become unwell, a finding which could help better target antibiotics and save lives. The accuracy was achieved by revealing the patients' immune responses to bacteria before the symptoms of the disease develop



DOCYARD DR VIJAY JANAGAMA

Director, New Initiatives

SUVITAS HOLISTIC HEALTHCARE
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Exercise the pain away

Wear and tear is a natural and inevitable damage that affects not just machines, but human beings too. As we age and constantly keep up with the activities of everyday lives, our bodies might show fatigue and degeneration. Thankfully, advances in medical sciences have helped us cope better. Human body parts can be repaired, refurbished or replaced. Knee replacement surgery is an elective clinical procedure performed to resurface a damaged knee. Metal and plastic parts along with the knee cap are used to top the ends of the knee joint bone. However, not everyone resumes to their normal pain-free lifestyle after the surgery. Pre-rehabilitation or rehabilitation before the knee replacement surgery has been a respite for many since it has been proven to bring considerable difference in patient's quality and pace of recovery.

A fit body always recovers first is a no-brainer. Yet most patients undergoing knee replacement surgery consider rehabilitation only after the procedure. After the surgery, in most cases, patient receives physiotherapy sessions in the hospital for only a couple of days until discharge. Normally, physiotherapist will advise exercises which should be followed at home for up to three months to improve balance, strength and movement. However, patients who followed an active lifestyle and performed pre-rehabilitation tactics including performing of exercises for up to eight weeks until the surgery, recover faster.

Exercising before the surgery can be painful since it involves the movement of the damaged joint. Therefore only light impact exercises are recommended during this time. Activities like swimming, walking and cycling can help in keeping one to stay active without laying much stress on the knee. It is important to warm up before any exercise and only gradually move to vigorous movements. The following set of knee exercises will help you recover to optimum function and activities soon after a knee replacement surgery.

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- **Knee Straightening:** Place a rolled towel under the knees and another between the thighs. Squeeze the thighs inward while lifting one foot to straighten the knee. Hold for five to 10 seconds. Repeat eight to 15 times. You can do this exercise for three to five days a week.
- **Ankle activities:** Lie on your back keeping legs straight. Now pull your ankle up towards you and push back the opposite way. Repeat six times.
- **Heel slides:** Pull your knee to your chest using a towel under the thigh and slide heel towards the buttocks. Hold it for five to 10 seconds and repeat at least 10 times.
- **Sitting knee bend and straighten:** Sitting on the edge of a chair, move your heel backward to bend the knee and forward to straighten it.
- **Hamstring stretch:** Sitting up tall on the edge of the chair, pull your lower belly to the spine. Now bend forward from your hips until you feel the stretch at the back of the thigh.
- **Arm chair push ups:** Strengthen the muscles under your arms called triceps through this exercise. Sit in a chair with arm rest with hands on it, elbows bent. Now try to lift your body by straightening the elbows. Hold for five to 10 seconds and repeat for at least eight to 15 times per day.

All the above are indicative and actual exercises shall be personalised based on your existing condition. Pre-rehabilitation before knee replacement surgery comprises of several components beyond exercises including diet adjustment, pain management, counseling and lifestyle modifications. This systematic way of preparing the body for the surgery reaps significant results in the recovery.

WARMFOODS

BROCCOLI: Broccoli is an edible green plant in the cabbage family whose large flowering head and stalk is eaten as a vegetable. It is rich in many vitamins and minerals, including folate, potassium, manganese, iron, and Vitamins C and K1 which may help promote skin and bone health. It also helps in preventing heart disease and cancer. Two of the main carotenoids in broccoli, lutein and zeaxanthin, are associated with a decreased risk of age-related eye disorders. It is also known to have a warm *taasir* (nature) which makes it a great option for winters. It also contains numerous other vitamins and minerals in smaller amounts. In fact, it provides a little bit of almost every nutrient that your body needs.



NOT SO SWEET

Winters can take a toll on the health of people having Diabetes. ARCHANA JYOTI speaks with doctors to tell you what one can do to stay safe

With no let-up in the extreme cold, health experts have advised the people with Diabetes to be extra careful as their well-being in many ways given their weak immune system.

They warn that fluctuating sugar levels often stemming from a weaker immune system and slower circulation during the winter months reduces the effectiveness of insulin. They can be prone to stroke, hypertension and heart-attacks. Elderly people report low blood sugar levels with disturbed gaits. Type II Diabetes is a chronic disease that can cause blood sugar (glucose) to be higher than normal. Dr V Mohan Chairman and Chief Diabetologist from Chennai based Dr Mohan's Diabetes Specialist Centre explains that due to the cold weather, their walking schedule is affected. "It means that their blood sugar can go out of control because the dose of medicines may not be sufficient to control their Diabetes minus their usual exercise schedule," he tells you.

It is known that cold weather can aggravate chest pain related to heart or angina. But people with Diabetes need not have the usual symptoms of chest pain because of autonomic neuropathy which affects the nerves which produce pain.

Hence they should be careful when walking or doing exercise in cold weather specially when walking up a slope or a hill, he warns. Besides these, extreme cold weather can lead to frostbites which in a person with Diabetes can lead to gangrene. Hence, proper

footwear and gloves have to be used by people with Diabetes. "While frigid weather by itself may not increase the blood sugar levels, during the winter people are more prone to cold cough, throat infections bronchitis and pneumonia. If they develop upper or lower respiratory infections, this can profoundly affect the blood sugar level. An increase in medicines may be required, hence more frequent sugar level check-up should be done," Dr Mohan says.

Dr AK Jhingani, Diabetologist and chairman of Delhi Diabetes Research Centre warns that sudden exposure to extreme cold can result in high blood sugar due to constricted blood vessels. There are chances of getting stroke, heart attacks and accelerated hypertension, hence one should be extra careful while going out in the cold. High blood glucose levels make it hard to fight infections. Smokers, alcohol consumers, or those sick or with asthma and elderly ones are more vulnerable. Even just a little physical activity each day can help your glucose levels in a number of supporting

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KEEP WINTER BLUES AT BAY

- Check your feet regularly, at least twice a day.
- Test your blood sugar regularly to keep your sugar levels under control.
- Be particularly mindful of what you eat.
- A little exercise will keep you warmer and increase your body's ability to use insulin better.
- Stay hydrated and use moisturisers to fight dry skin problem.



Besides, this is also a festive and marriage season so people tend to eat more. So "no fast no feast" policy should be followed. Studies have revealed that herbs and supplements have shown promise in lowering blood sugar, boosting insulin sensitivity and reducing high blood pressure and cholesterol. For instance, there are anti-diabetic herbal drugs like BGR-34, developed by the scientists from prominent research institutes like Central of Science and Industrial Research (CSIR) scientists. Formulation of time-tested herbs like *gudmar*, *jamon*, *vijayar* and *fengru* have properties to enhance immunity level and lowering blood sugar level, said former senior scientist with CSIR who had helped developed the drug. Dr Jhingani sums up saying that never leave the medicine and don't ignore the symptoms of feeling suffocation or pain. With some adjustments during winters, one can lead a healthy life.

DadiKaKehna

With kids at home, especially boys, minor injuries — cuts and scrapes — are common. There are a few home remedies that moms can do for healing that are natural and easy to follow, says ROSHANI DEVI



Almost all of us have got cut and scrapes and bruises while playing or just falling down. A visit to a doctor for many kids can be harrowing. However, the wound has to be treated. Here are a few quick tips that moms can follow. The most important and basic rule — clean the wound properly to remove any dirty with a clean water. Be gentle while doing so. One can always use also vera. The gel is soothing and improves healing. In most homes there is honey, especially in winters. Natural honey has great healing power. Apply this on the

wound and put it on the wound and wrap it with a clean cloth. Coconut oil is an effective healer. It has anti-bacterial, anti-inflammatory, moisturising and healing properties. The oil keeps the infection at bay and prevents scarring. Apply pure coconut oil. Put a bandage over the cut. Do this two-three times a day and change the bandage each time. Do this for a week. One should not forget the turmeric, a natural antiseptic and anti-biotic agent. Mix half a tablespoon of turmeric in flaxseed oil and make a paste. Apply it on the wound two-three times a day to prevent infection.

Heal the soul & mind

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A report by the World Health Organisation (WHO) revealed that 7.5 per cent of the Indians suffer from some form of mental disorder. It predicts that by 2020, roughly 20 per cent of India will suffer from mental illnesses. What is worrying is that to treat these, we only have 4,000 mental professionals. In such a scenario, the book *When The Soul Heals: Explorations in Spiritual Psychology* by Dr Pulkit Sharma, a practicing clinical psychologist since 2005 makes for not just an interesting read but can be of great help who are looking for self-help. We are living in a world where we are at the peak as achievers but when it comes to peace and happiness, it is way beyond our reach. Why? The answer according to Sharma's book

stand that the author is trying to say, the issues dealt with here stress, grief, anxiety, obsessive compulsions, addictions and caregiver burden — start with an example of the author's patients (names have been changed). This gives the reader an insight into the real life cases and how they felt and dealt with the situation. It then talks about present psychological understanding, treatment and how it finally had an impact on the subject. Then there are the practice sessions — breathing exercises — that will make the person introspect and see the real cause of the problem, take a corrective route, heal the shoulder and the mind and move forward with a positive step in life. All this an much more forms the bases of a book that looks at psychology from a different perspective, interprets it and puts it out in a language that is easy to understand without diluting the subject matter.

BE GENTLE WITH BABY'S SKIN

New born babies tend to develop myriad skin conditions. Therefore, it is extremely important to take extra care of the little ones, says DR AJAY RANA



A baby's skin is much thinner and sensitive than an adult's and needs special care and protection. Because they have a higher chance to get infected by some infection or disease. New born babies can develop many types of skin conditions shortly after their birth. A lot of these conditions last only a period of time after the birth and get cured as they grow. Babies develop a myriad of skin conditions during the first few months of life. Cradle cap, diaper rash, eczema, milia, infantile acne, and others are common among them. Some of these conditions are caused by normal hormonal changes or immature pores, while others are caused by inflammation or, rarely, an infection.

Some of the common skin problems in new born babies are: ■ Diaper rash is one of the most common skin problems in new born babies. It is often caused by irritation to the skin due to contact with urine and stool. Sometimes it is caused by yeast infections, bacterial infections, or even due to an allergy to diaper material. ■ Baby acne is also common among babies and it is caused by maternal hormones called estrogens. Estrogens are involved in causing acne in adolescents also. ■ Eczema, also known as atopic dermatitis, is a itchy rash that occurs in response to a specific exposure or allergy of the skin. It is generally seen in children over three months of age and appears most commonly on the scalp, face, trunk, elbows and knees and even in the diaper area. ■ Babies have dry peeling skin in the initial period after birth. Because the infant exists in a fluid environment for several months and after birth, the skin cells start to regenerate, which results in the peeling of the skin. ■ Cradle cap is a one of the common rash seen in newborns. These rashes are usually seen in the first month of life, starts on the scalp and has a red, waxy, and scaly appearance. Sometimes these rashes can extend to the face and neck. ■ Most of the healthy newborns develop milia, which are tiny white or yellow bumps about one-three mm in size. Milia is caused from blocked pores and typically develop on the face, often around the eye and nose. These bumps can appear in large numbers, and usually a roughly equal number form on each side of the face. In new born babies, milia can also develop in the mouth.

Some tips to avoid skin problems in new born babies: ■ Use a gentle shampoo/soap to massage the baby, which is rich in herbs. ■ Choose a moisturiser for children that contain olive oil and almond oil, which improves the softness of the skin. ■ In the sticky skin which becomes dry, and chapped where the skin rubs, such as wrinkles on the wrists. In such a situation, using a moisturiser such as aspirin, aquaphor, or petroleum jelly on the baby's cheeks increases natural blackage and helps treat any already scorched skin. ■ The problem of red patches in the cheeks of infants due to UV rays is common. In this case, do not forget to use sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher. ■ Avoid products with dyes and fragrances in them because these may result in allergic reactions to babies. ■ Skin of new born babies is sensitive and can easily burn from sun exposure, even causing permanent damage. So it is important to avoid direct sunlight. The writer is Dermatologist & Aesthetic Physician, Founder-Director of ILAEMD

STUDYCENTRE

Researchers have revealed that less active infants may accumulate more fat, which in turn may put the child at risk for obesity later in life. For the study, published in the journal *Obesity*, researchers tracked the physical activity levels of 506 infants using small ankle-worn accelerometers for four days per tracking period at ages three, six, nine and 12 months. For each tracking period after three, average physical activity increased by about four per cent, in line with infants becoming generally more mobile and active over the course of their first year. Among infants, higher physical activity measured by the accelerometer was associated with lower central adiposity, a measure of lower-torso fat accumulation, the study said. "This is the first study to demonstrate an association over time between higher levels of objectively measured physical activity and lower central adiposity in infants," said the study's lead author Sara Benjamin-Neelon from Johns Hopkins University in US. Of this group, the research team were able to get adequate accelerometer data for 506 infants. The researcher noted that larger, longer-term studies will be necessary to determine the sustained effect of infant physical activity, but that preventing extended periods of inactivity for infants will almost certainly be good for them. — IANS

US PRESIDENT impeachment Crimes? Prosecutors, defence lay out arguments

AP ■ WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump's defence team and the prosecutors of his impeachment are laying out their arguments over whether his conduct toward Ukraine warrants his removal from office.

then, both sides will have submitted briefs and four Democratic presidential candidates will have been invited to Washington to join every other senator in silence, sans phones, on the Senate floor.

the impeachment articles are invalid and he's the victim of Democrats who want to overturn his election.

called Trump's behaviour the "worst nightmare" of the country's founders. In their view, the standard of "high crimes and misdemeanors" is vague and open-ended in the Constitution

the White House is pushing an "absurdist position," said Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., the lead Democratic prosecutor of the impeachment case.

During the trial, Sanders and other senators are required to sit for perhaps six grueling hours of proceedings daily, except Sundays, per Senate rules — in pursuit of the "impartial justice" they pledged to pursue.

"The President deserves a fair trial. The American people deserve a fair trial. So let's have that fair trial," said Democratic Rep. Jason Crow of Colorado, one of the seven impeachment prosecutors.

Whatever happens in the Senate, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said California's House of Representatives will be impeached for ever. Members of Trump's team countered that if they win a vindication for Trump, it means "there will be an acquittal forever as well."

5 former police officials sentenced to death over attack on Hasina's motorcade in 1988

PTI ■ DHAKA

The former police officials were sentenced to death by a Bangladesh court on Monday for opening fire on a motorcade led by then Opposition leader Sheikh Hasina in 1988 that killed her 24 supporters during an anti-government rally.

May pull out of N treaty over Europe dispute: Iran

AP ■ TEHRAN

Iran said on Monday it will consider withdrawing from the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and its atomic programme, says before the UN Security Council.

landmark accord in 2018. The European union "has no legal basis" and if they take further measures "Iran's withdrawal from the NPT will be considered," Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif was quoted as saying by the Iranian parliament's website.

party to the JCPOA for failing to live up to their promises to ease the impact of US sanctions on its oil-based economy.

before that we can consider other (options)," he said. European officials have made it clear that the decision to trigger the dispute resolution mechanism was made in a bid to bring Iran back into compliance and save the accord.

Iran's foreign ministry on Monday warned more sanctions could be taken in retaliation for the European move.

GLOBE TROTTER

WORLD POWERS AGREE NEW PUSH FOR LIBYA PEACE. NATO leaders committed to ending all foreign meddling in Libya's civil war at a Berlin summit on Sunday, and to uphold a weapons embargo as part of a broader plan to end the long-running conflict.

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Evacuation crackdown ordered as Philippine volcano 'recharges'

Tanauan (Philippines)

Philippine authorities ordered the evacuation of all nearby residents' daily visits to their homes in the danger zone around Taal volcano as scientists warned it could be "recharging" for a more powerful explosion.

Irqi protesters ramp up pressure as deadline expires

Baghdad: Thousands of Iraqi anti-government protesters grappled with security forces in a bid to shut streets across the country as a deadline for the government to implement long-awaited reforms.

Xi orders resolute efforts to contain new virus as China reports 3rd death

PTI ■ BEIJING

Chinese President Xi Jinping on Monday ordered resolute efforts to curb the spread of a new coronavirus that has infected more than 200 people and resulted in the death of three persons in the country as an expert warned that the virus is contagious between people.

3 Sikhs stabbed to death in east London in clash within community

London: Three persons were stabbed to death after a clash between two groups within the Sikh community in east London, police said on Monday.

FM cancels attendance at Davos summit

Tehran: Iran's top diplomat has cancelled his trip and will not be attending the Davos Forum, the Iranian Foreign Ministry said on Monday amid a crisis with Washington and disputes with the United States over Iran's nuclear programme.

Spain walloped by heavy snow, rain, gales

Madrid: Heavy snow, rain and gale-force winds lashed many parts of Spain on Monday, killing at least two people and prompting five provinces to go on top emergency alert.

UK looks to Africa for trade ties after Brexit

London: British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and Prince Harry touted the UK as an ideal business partner for Africa on Monday as they country prepares for post-Brexit dealings with the world.

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WESTERN RAILWAY E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No. S02/2020 Date 20.01.2020 S.N Short Description of Item Quantity T.O.D. 13 Anchor Link filament Bolt 6000 Sets 04.02.2020 14 Dual flush Valve (3/6 TRS) Size 93 Nos 05.02.2020 15 Gear Case Assembly 274 Nos 11.02.2020 16 Various chkt parts of AC-AC traction control system 6 items 11.02.2020 17 Dynamic Braking Grid Non-Farm Tap Grid 12 Nos 11.02.2020 18 Insulating Hose (PTFE TUBE) 36 Nos 12.02.2020 19 Un-insulated Cadmium copper catenary wire 125 sq. mm 20 Kms. 12.02.2020 20 Hot Rolled Round steel Bar ISRO 45' 1000 Kgs 12.02.2020 21 M.S. Flat Steel size 50 x 6 mm 2300 Kgs 12.02.2020 22 Various chkt parts of AC-AC traction control system 8 items 12.02.2020 23 Various chkt parts of AC-AC traction control system for HHP Locomotives 8 items 12.02.2020 24 Chkt parts of AC-AC traction control system for HHP Locomotives 2 items 12.02.2020 25 Various chkt parts of AC-AC traction control system for HHP Locomotives 8 items 13.02.2020 26 Chkt parts of AC-AC traction control system for HHP Locomotives 2 items 13.02.2020 27 Chkt part of AC-AC traction control system 2 items 13.02.2020 28 Chkt part of AC-AC traction control system 2 items 13.02.2020 29 Clean silica sand free from 508.52 MTs 13.02.2020 30 Pressure Saver CS-320 04 Nos 14.02.2020 31 Wire Steel mill Galvanized 1.60MM 337 Kgs 14.02.2020 32 Chkt parts of Microprocessor controlled Air Brake System 4 items 14.02.2020 33 RAL-9018 Papyrus white metallic finish 27000 Ltrs 15.02.2020 34 Complete Brake gear arrangement 60 Sets 17.02.2020 35 Various chkt parts of AC-AC traction control system for HHP Locomotives 2 items 17.02.2020 36 Duct Air Flexible 350 Nos 17.02.2020 37 Complete Brake gear arrangement 2 items 19.02.2020

Kansas City: Police in Kansas City, Missouri, say at least two people are dead and 15 people were reportedly injured in a shooting.

2 dead, 15 injured in Missouri shooting The shooting took place shortly before midnight Sunday, Kansas City police said in a press conference at the scene. A police spokesman said responding officers found "a chaotic scene" and had to call in help from around the city. Two people were found dead, including a woman in the APF.

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Amitabh unveils first look of Jhund

Actor **AMITABH BACHCHAN** treated off fans by sharing the first official poster of his forthcoming film *Jhund*.

First glimpse of #Jhund," Big B wrote on Instagram.

In the poster, Amitabh can be seen showing his back to the camera as he stares into what appears to be a dilapidated football field.

Directed by Nagraj Manjule, *Jhund* is reportedly based on the life of Vijay Barse, who is the founder of Slum Soccer.

Amitabh plays the role of a professor who channels the street children to build a soccer team.

The look of Big B has left his fans in awe of him.



'I have been making films based on horror and paranormal. But this time I chose to use a subject very

close to reality by showcasing the real horror of matters in daily lives. In this age of social media, everybody is vulnerable to being hacked and nobody knows about it. It would just take one clever hacker to ruin our lives.'

—Vikram Bhatt

Actor **RAVEENA TANDON** will be writing and producing a web series on multiple personality disorder.

The web-show will be in the psychological space and is based on the concept of split-personality.

"I am really excited for the world to see a story that I have worked very hard for. This web-series is a gripping story that I have written and it will surely keep the viewers on the edge of their seat. Concept-wise, this web-series is something very different I have tried. I just hope that people love it," Raveena said.



'My kids are sad that I didn't win'

Actor **CHARLIZE THERON**'s children are not hopeful when it comes to her chances of winning at the 2020 Oscars.

Theron was nominated for the "Best Actress" prize for her role in *Bombshell*. But after already losing out at the Golden Globes and Critics' Choice Awards, her children aren't getting their hopes up for success. "It's been a thrilling couple of weeks. I was nominated for a Golden Globe. I was nominated for a Critics' Choice... Spoiler alert: I didn't win," she said.

She shared that her children were sad and angry when they found out that she lost at both awards shows.



A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR...

While *Parasite* made for a historic win and Robert De Niro talked against the blatant abuse of power, the 26th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards made way for new faces and opinions to emerge and take the limelight

Off-camera and during commercials, the stars at the 26th annual Screen Actors Guild Awards got to rub shoulders, give congratulatory kisses, and meet for the first or the 50th time. Here are some of the more memorable moments from the Sunday night's ceremony

Party time for Parasite

The *Parasite* tab was one of the happier places in the Shrine ballroom — and that was before its cast won the night's biggest award. Song Kang Ho and the film's other stars got whoops, whistles and a standing ovation from much of the room of mostly American actors early in the show, when they took the stage to present their nominated film. That was followed by a full-blown ovation at the end, when theirs became the first foreign-language film to win the best ensemble SAG Award. In between the two hours, the gleeful cast and director Bong Joon Ho, savoured the moment on the stage to present their nominated film. That was followed by a full-blown ovation at the end, when theirs became the first foreign-language film to win the best ensemble SAG Award. In between the two hours, the gleeful cast and director Bong Joon Ho, savoured the moment on the stage to present their nominated film. That was followed by a full-blown ovation at the end, when theirs became the first foreign-language film to win the best ensemble SAG Award.



Parasite cast

You could be excused for thinking it is even taller than Driver, and is nearly 40 years older, but it was Lithgow doing the looking up when the two met for the first time during a commercial break. Lithgow, nominated along with the rest of the cast of *Bombshell*, smiled and gushed to Driver, nominated for best actor for *Marriage Story*, expressing his admiration for Driver's run of recent performances. "Great to meet you Adam," Lithgow said with enthusiasm as the SAG Awards telecast returned from commercial and Lithgow rejoined Charlize Theron, Margot Robbie and his other cast mates at the neighbouring table.

Some SAG stars loom larger than others

TV and film screens tend to obscure actors' heights, but when they're all in a room together it's very clear who looms over whom. The first two of the Hollywood first two awards for actresses, Phoebe Waller-Bridge and Laura Dern, both reportedly five-foot-10, made it seem like the night was going to be dominated by the tallest nominees, but the trend ended there. The win of a much shorter Joaquin Phoenix — for *Joker* — over a reportedly 6-foot-3 Adam Driver for best actor in a film was more typical of the night. And the tallest actor in a film was more typical of the night. And the tallest actor in a film was more typical of the night. And the tallest actor in a film was more typical of the night.

Lithgow visits driver's seat

John Lithgow

Small stars scramble for SAG selfies

You could be excused for thinking it was "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day" for the professional actors of the SAG Awards. Actually, the wee ones running around the ballroom were acting pros, too, on a night where children abounded among the nominees. The kid actors from *Big Little Lies*, including brothers Cameron and Nicholas Crovetti, were all over the ballroom during commercial breaks, taking photos with stars including their cast mates Nicole Kidman and Reese Witherspoon. Twelve-year-old Roman Griffin Davis sat proudly at his table like he utterly belonged alongside his fellow *Jojo Rabbit* cast members, who include Scarlett Johansson. Leonardo DiCaprio politely spoke to a steady stream of people excited to meet him during commercial breaks, but he positively beamed when his 10-year-old *Once Upon a Time... in Hollywood* co-star Julia Butters, in a shiny silver suit, brought three young friends to meet him. He greeted each of them with a huge grin just moments before he lost out on best actor to Phoenix.

De Niro and Streep make SAG crowd swoon

If anyone inspired more awe in the ballroom than DiCaprio it was Robert



Robert De Niro

De Niro, to whom DiCaprio presented the "SAG Life Achievement Award" during the ceremony. Many major stars came to pay tribute to De Niro as he sat at a table that included his *The Irishman* co-stars Al Pacino and Harvey Keitel. But when Meryl Streep — his co-star in *The Deer Hunter* more than 40 years ago — stopped by to exchange kisses and kudos, photographers descended in droves and phone cameras came out on all sides to capture the meet-up of the pair that many regard as the greatest actor and actress of their generation.

Telling teleprompters

Virtually the entire ballroom can see the SAG Awards telecast's teleprompters if they look over their shoulder, and can see who's going off-script. When Ray Romano said while introducing the best ensemble nomination for *The Irishman* that he still couldn't believe he played a mob lawyer opposite De Niro and Keitel, Keitel roared him by responding "I can't believe it either," Romano replied, "Hey, that's not there," pointing at the teleprompter. Romano was right. It wasn't.

Rogers, Judy Garland are neighbours

Actors usually sit with their cast



Brad Pitt



Jennifer Aniston

mates at SAG Awards tables, but sometimes the seating chart yields more novel pairings, like the adjacent placement of Tom Hanks, nominated for *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*, and Renée Zellweger, nominated for *Judy*. The pairing made theirs a popular table for fans and cameras, and it proved prescient. They met up again onstage late in the show, when Hanks handed Zellweger the trophy for best actress in a film.

De Niro gets political as he accepts SAG Awards honour

De Niro received the "Screen Actors Guild lifetime achievement Award" to

LIST OF AWARDEES

- FILM**
Address: Renée Zellweger, *Judy*
Actor: Joaquin Phoenix, *Joker*
Ensemble: *Parasite*
Actress in a supporting role: Laura Dern, *Marriage Story*
Actor in a supporting role: Brad Pitt, *Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood*
Stunt ensemble: *Avengers: Endgame*
- TELEVISION**
Actor in a comedy series: Tony Shalhoub, *The Marvelous Mrs Maisel*
Actress in a comedy series: Phoebe Waller-Bridge, *Flack*
Comedy series ensemble: *The Marvelous Mrs Maisel*
Actor in a drama series: Peter Dinklage, *Game of Thrones*
Actress in a drama series: Jennifer Aniston, *The Morning Show*
Drama series ensemble: *The Crown*
Actor in a TV movie or limited series: Sam Rockwell, *Fosse/Verdon*
Actress in a limited TV movie or series: Michelle Williams, *Fosse/Verdon*
TV stunt ensemble: *Game of Thrones*

praise for his illustrious career and thunderous applause from his fellow performers, but spent much of his acceptance speech on politics.

"There's right and there's wrong, and there's common sense and there's abuse of power," said De Niro, who received a standing ovation that lasted nearly a minute after Leonardo DiCaprio presented him with the award. About half of the room stood and applauded when the actor said it was his responsibility to speak about politics and seemingly took aim at President Donald Trump, whose name he didn't mention. "As a citizen, I have as much right as anybody — an actor, an athlete, anybody else — to voice my opinion. And if I have a bigger voice because of my situation, I'm going to use it whenever I see a blatant abuse of power," he added.

Revenge or money?

Actor **ASIA KATE DILLON** talks about the conflict between preserving an ethical centre and keeping a strong sense of identity in *Billions* Season 4. By TEAM VIVA

On you give us a rundown of how things were left in season 3 and what's new this season?

The scene where the third season left and the fourth picks up is that Taylor has left Axe capital, he is on the odds with not only Bobby but with Wendy and Ben Kim as well. The only person Taylor has on their side is the loyal Mafese, who as we know was the first person we saw Taylor with in season 2. So it's been quite an evolution for Taylor in particular.

What motivated Taylor's decision to pull the Axe capital?

At the beginning of season 3, Taylor was put in charge of Axe capital, while Bobby sorts out all his problems. They handle the ups and downs quite well. And we also see that Bobby becomes obsessed with saving his money and reputation. I also think Taylor gets swapped to their side because when he asks how to help Mafese, Axe tells him that they didn't need his help right now. Hence, Taylor starts feeling left out. Taylor is too smart to not see the moves ahead more than Axe does. Moreover, once Axe stepped in and ruined Taylor's relationship with Oscar for the sake of the business, that broke the trust and loyalty between Taylor and Axe.

It seems as if this season is about shifting loyalty. Who is loyal to Taylor? Whose loyalty did he break?

Loyalty is a huge theme in every season of *Billions* and particularly the fourth one. There are things from Taylor's past that are going to come up. I don't want to spoil anything but I think Taylor would like to be out of access line of fire.

Where do we pick up with Taylor at the beginning of this season?

At the beginning of season 4, Taylor runs his own company, dealing with the ups and downs of what it means to be in-charge of his own ship for the first time. So, during season 3 there is a scene between the two where Taylor really comes down hard on Axe about the money move that he wanted to make.

Taylor is playing a big game this season. I think he is the type of person who functions at their best when put under pressure. The pressure that comes from Axe and Axe Capital is just fuelling Taylor to work even more efficiently than ever. This time we get to see more about Taylor's past, special-



ly, in relation to his family.

What do you feel about the script of the show and what excites you the most?

Working in this show was really the best. The scripts are incredible, unexpected, exciting, entertaining and socially relevant. Though I work in the show, but as its fan I would say it makes for a great drama, which is exciting and entertaining.

What is Taylor's biggest conflict during this season?

I think Taylor's biggest conflict during season 4 is figuring out how to maintain moral ethical centre and a really strong sense of identity.

What motivates Taylor the most in season 4?

I'm weary of naming it, but I certainly think revenge or money. Also just wanting to be the best at what he does, which is trading since he is a mathematical genius. I think that's just the world that they live in and the only way that they know themselves.

(The show airs on AXN on every Saturday and Sunday at 10 pm.)



'Filmmakers not valued enough'

Actor Kangana Ranaut says being an actor is the most privileged job in our country while filmmakers are not as valued as they should be. Kangana's observation came while she was commenting on the controversy that erupted when she took over the directorial reins of her 2019 release, *Manikarnika: The Queen Of Jhansi*. She was in the capital to promote her forthcoming film *Panga*, directed by Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari.

"There was no *panga*. The director left the film and I completed it. It was just that. If I helped my producer and studio, *toh us cheez ke liye mera sammaan hona chahiye* (I should be revered for that). People should see I am so responsible. I got many brackets and I am shocked," she said. She then added: "I think being an actor on set is the most



privileged job. (Being) a director, if I am sorry to say, and even Ashwiny will agree with me, is not as valued as it should be. Filmmakers in our country, unlike America, are literally de-valued. This industry is also of the actors." Kangana also said that she wants to pursue her filmmaking ambitions. "There is a part of me that wants to pursue my filmmaking ambitions but if you ask me, it is a privilege to be an actor on the set — especially if your director is sorted," she added. *Panga* also features Neena Gupta, Richa Chadha and Jassie Gill. The film, slated to hit screens on January 24, revolves around a kabaddi player, played by Kangana, who wants to make a comeback in the game after marriage and motherhood.

Photo: Pankaj Kumar —IANS



From grandma's stories to canvas

Ten works of GANESH PYNE, which will be showcased at the India Art Fair, revolve around his memories of Kolkata in the 1940s. By UMA NAIR

Recreating the anthologies written by iconic writers of Bengali literature, Kolkata-based Aakriti Art Gallery brings artist Ganesh Pyne's 10 drawings to the year's India Art Fair, setting a tone of 'less is more'. He showcases the 1982 illustrations for *Shoborsher Roopkatha* — 100 years of fairy tales. The authors include the Tagores to Ishwar Chandra Vidya Sagar to Sunil Gangopadhyay.

ROMANTICISM AND PLAY OF LIGHT

The 10 pen and ink works are not just about drawing but also the art of concealing rather than revealing. Pyne, the foremost exponent of the Bengal School of Art, was known for his ability to blend fantasy and romanticism along with an inventive play of light and dark. In *Mone*, we look at the labyrinths

of the subconscious in the imagery of the young prince smelling the flowers. The expression of solitude and the narrative of simplicity both come together in the fine litho detailing that he creates without being oppressive or overt.

SAAT BHAI CHAMPA

Pyne shapes his signature style of drawings with dulcet ease and effortlessness. The piece de resistance of the suite of works belongs to *Saat Bhai Champa*, the famous Bengali fairytale, which translates to *Seven Champak flower brothers*. Originally collected in the *Thakurmar Jhuli (Grandmother's Bag of Stories)*, it received a detailed update in 1944.

The King gazing at the seven flowers offers us a scent of the story and we can imagine him in his garden. The

king's robes, head dress, almond-shaped oriental eyes and the cross-hatching of the skies make us think of the sun leaning across his windows and sentient shadows nestling in its deep recesses, a spectacle of light and darkness enacted every day. As the king gazes at the seven flowers that finally become his seven sons, you can feel a hint of the radiation of a subtle magnetism. Pyne takes us back to the world of grandmother's tales which stimulated the wide-eyed wonder of children.

ENCHANTING ALLURE

Porir Golpo is absolutely captivating for its compositional control and the strokes are as enchanting as the story. It makes one go back to the stories of how Pyne's grandmother narrated tales to him on the verandah of his home during the evenings in the 1940s. Pyne's imagination and sensitivity both come into play when you look closely at these drawings. It is said that as a result of listening to the stories, Pyne as a child artist was able to invent his own private mythology and familiar kingdom.

Questions come to our minds when we look at the drawings — What tales would a Bengali Hindu grandmother narrate in the early 1940s to her grandson? Epics, religious fables, folktales, and stories of valour and bravery and that of victory of the good over evil?

PYNE, THE PERSON

Essayist and critic Nanak Ganguly states, "Pyne's fascination with the fables and mythology in various settings depict not only a reality but primeval values about what an artist chooses to look at and his strong and subliminal feelings about it."

The beauty of these drawings is the fact that it gives us a window into the meticulous working of Pyne's hand and mind as in Rajkumar Poncho and Maniraj. We are also compelled to recall that Pyne as a painter worked mostly in tempera. His paintings were rich in imagery and symbolism.

One also recalls Pyne talking about his early life in a crumbling Kolkata mansion, his evenings in smoky cafes discussing communism and Picasso with friends. "My childhood memories revolve around

Kolkata. The sounds and smells of this city fill my being. I love Kolkata," said Pyne in one of his exhibitions.

SOLITUDE AND STRUCTURE

Pyne's signature style has shaped from his own experiences of solitude, sight of sorrow, pathos of pain, heartened horror and tenderness and tranquility. At times, in these drawings, we see a minimalist resonance with poetic and lyrical annotations.

The contours and lines alternate between bold and soft, loose and controlled to give us a series that emerge in potency both in context and content. Stripped of colour, their monochromatic mood has about it an architectonic quality in the structuring of the imagery and the weaving in of the tale.

Equally enticing is the suggestion of his life's leanings—we recall how Pyne had drawn inspiration from movies made by Fellini and Ingmar Bergman. This booth is bound to ensnare you in the ambience of nostalgia.

(The fair starts from January 30 to February 2.)

Lost and found

A portrait, hidden in an Italian art gallery's walls, is now verified as Gustav Klimt's which went missing 23 years ago

Art experts have confirmed that a painting discovered hidden inside an Italian art gallery's walls last month is Gustav Klimt's *Portrait of a Lady*, which was stolen from the gallery nearly 23 years ago.

The authentication of the painting solved one of the art world's enduring mysteries — Where did the missing work end up? It was left several questions unanswered, including who had taken it and whether it ever left the museum's property.

A gardener at the Ricci Oddi Modern Art Gallery in the northern city of Piacenza who was clearing away ivy noticed a small panel door on a wall outside and opened it. Inside the space, he found a plastic bag containing a painting that appeared to be the missing masterpiece. "It's with no small emotion that I can tell you the work is authentic," Piacenza Prosecutor Ornella Chicca said.

Portrait of a Lady depicts a young woman sensually glancing over her shoulder against a dreamy moss green background. Klimt finished the painting in 1917, the year before he died. The Ricci Oddi gallery acquired it in 1925 and reported it missing in February 1997. Since the gardener's discovery on December 10, the canvas had been kept in a vault of a local branch of Italy's central bank while experts used infrared radiation and other non-invasive techniques to determine if it was the original *Portrait of a Lady*.

Experts said the painting was in remarkably good condition. One of the few signs of damage was a scratch near the edge of the canvas that may have resulted "from a clumsy effort to remove the portrait from its frame," said Anna Sella, an art restorer from the National Gallery in Bologna. The experts who did the verification work found persuasive evidence in the work of their peers more than two decades ago.

An Italian high school student, preparing for her graduation exams in 1996, noticed striking similarities between the painting that would go missing a year later and an earlier Klimt work of a woman with a similar posture and gaze but wearing a hat and scarf, accessories that the artist didn't include in *Portrait of a Lady*.

Intrigued by the observations of the student — who went on to become an art researcher herself — experts back then examined the artwork in the Piacenza gallery's collection and found that Klimt had painted it on top of an earlier portrait of a woman.

Those studying the work in recent weeks, with the aid of X-rays, saw the earlier portrait. Sella said the radiation analysis revealed that while painting the later portrait, Klimt did not redo the face but used a whitish pigment from the earlier version for the skin. *Portrait of a Lady* was officially listed as missing on February 22, 1997 but might have been snatched from a gallery wall a few days earlier, during the exhibit preparation work.

So who stole the painting? Chicca said that police were studying some traces of organic material on the recovered canvas in hopes they might provide leads. Asked if authorities knew whether the piece had ever left the gallery's grounds, investigators said that something else they hope to find out.

As for why and when the painting ended up stashed behind a wall, journalist Anne-Marie O'Connor, the author of a book about the dramatic fortunes of Klimt's *Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer* has an educated theory. Before the 1990s, Klimt was largely "considered an Austrian painter, but his stature really grew at this point," O'Connor said. When *Portrait of a Lady* was taken, the value of the art nouveau artist's paintings was "soaring," she said.

O'Connor ventured that perhaps whoever took the painting stashed it behind the gallery's wall while waiting for news about the heist to die down but the stolen work proved "too hot to handle." "It would have been hard to sell it to a private buyer" on the so-called gray market, O'Connor noted. Some of Klimt's works have experienced stunning turns of fortune. O'Connor's 2012 book *The Lady In Gold* chronicled the ultimately successful effort by a woman to gain back Klimt's *Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer*.

That portrait was snatched from the Bloch-Bauer home in Vienna in 1941 by a Nazi officer. The woman, Bloch-Bauer's niece, later sold the painting to cosmetics mogul Ronald Lauder in 2006 for \$135 million. Another celebrity Klimt piece was a second portrait of the woman, *Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer II*. Oprah Winfrey eventually purchased that painting and reportedly sold it a few years ago for \$150 million.

—AP

A confluence of ideas

Artists from India and Bangladesh, through a range of printmaking creations, argue why the project needs to be promoted through education, experimentation and patronage. By TEAM VIVA

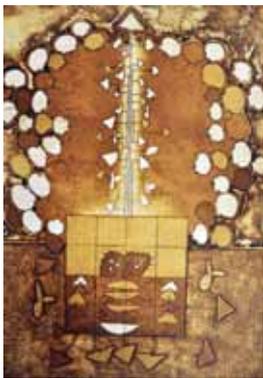
mere survival of the art is not the aim. The mission is to promote artists and their various art forms for the years to come and make them popular among the global audience.

Confluence: Celebrating India-Bangladesh Printmaking, organised by The Art Route, features a group of printmakers from both the nations who aim to promote the medium of creative expression, which has survived the test of time even after current technological advancements.

Lubna Sen, co-curator and organiser, says, "It has always been our endeavour to promote art forms which deserve a broader platform of recognition. The value of this art needs to be promoted through a framework of education, experimentation and patronage. *Confluence* was born out of this mission to create something collectively for printmaking to promote a deeper appreciation among the collectors and to extend its scope."

Artist Ananda Moy Banerji says that the artists will present a confluence of body, mind and soul. "Art, culture and sports are the three major wings of a great flight between any two borders and our 'confluence' of prints will certainly open up a pragmatic and broader perspective."

Another main objective of the exhibition is to educate and inform connoisseurs and the public in general about printmaking. The term 'print' provides limited understanding for a generation, which is mostly used to the concept of digital



prints. The team wants to educate art collectors on the merit of buying prints as an accessible way to start a collection of mature and talented artists.

Nisar Hossain, dean, faculty of Fine Arts, University of

Dhaka and co-curator, talks about printmaking in Bangladesh. "It is marked by the contribution of several globally-acclaimed Bangladeshi artists who have brought in the aesthetics from countries like Spain,

Greece, Germany, and Japan. The development is further getting deepened now by the commitment of several talented young artists. The show will give the viewers an opportunity to witness the contribution of this

ings and broken forms for woodcut to depict the subject of the design while keeping the wood's fibres and textures to give it a more meaningful look."

At the end of the festival, the team hopes to have generated appropriate value to the fine art printmaking through a framework of experimentation, promotion and patronage. There will be a display of portfolio prints, history of printmaking in India. Participants will also organise a curated walk of 24 contemporary artists from India and Bangladesh who established a niche of their own with their virtuosity and commitment to the medium. Artists from India are Ajit Seal, Ananda Moy Banerji, Anant Nikam, Dattatreya Apte, Kavita Nayyar, Mott Chatteria, Salil Sahni, Sukhvinder Singh, Surender K Mishra, Sushanta Guha, Vijay Bagodi and Walter D Souza. Artists from Bangladesh are Abul Barq Alvi, Anisuzzaman, Mahmudul Haque, Monirul Islam, Nagarbasi Barman, Rafiqun Nabi, Rashid Amin, Rokeya Sultana, SM Rokuzzaman, Saiful Haque Juse, Shahid Kabir and Wakilur Rahman.

(The show begins from January 22 and goes on till 31 at the Visual Art Gallery & Open Palm Court, India Habitat Centre.)

Gallery Latitude 28 presents The Exodus of Eternal Wanderers, a solo show of Sudipta Das, who, through her works, interrogate the realities of climate change and appeals to humanity about its most important outcomes, human migration.

TIME: 11 am to 7 pm **WHEN:** Till February 28 **WHERE:** Gallery Latitude 28, Lado Sarai.

Triveni Kala Sangam presents Mitti De Bawa, a solo exhibition of rare drawings and paintings by artist Manjit Bawa, which showcases how he has been passionate about Sufi music and used to play the *ghazals*.

WHEN: Till January 28 **TIME:** 11 am to 8 pm **WHERE:** Shridharani Gallery.

Shrine Empire presents Burukuwa Ovan, a solo exhibition of recent works by Shambhavi, which explores the subtle interplay between man, nature and art and a duality where everything is connected, yet nothing is complete in its original form.

WHEN: January 25 to February 24 **TIME:** 11 am to 7 pm **WHERE:** Shrine Empire Gallery and Gallery Espace.

Gallery 1000A presents Miscellaneous and the Mute, a solo art show by Josh PS, whose works offer a means of reading between the strokes and speak the language of exploitation and resistance, non-violence and bondage and the righteous desire for freedom.

WHEN: Till February 29 **WHERE:** Gallery 1000A, Lado Sarai.

Gandhara Art Gallery and Dhoomimal Art Centre presents Art: Bengal Now, an art exhibition that showcases contemporary artworks from Bengal which have inherited a significant historical language from its modern past.

WHEN: Till February 7 **TIME:** 11 am to 7 pm **WHERE:** Dhoomimal Art Centre.

WATCH OUT

NOVAK SURVIVES TOUGH STRUFF

AFP ■ MELBOURNE

Novak Djokovic survived a scare to join Roger Federer and Serena Williams in the Australian Open second round as heavy downpours caused chaos on Monday, forcing organisers to postpone a swathe of matches.

Defending champion Djokovic was made to sweat before beating Germany's Jan-Lennard Struff in four sets on the first day, when fears over air pollution were replaced by disruption caused by rain.

While play continued at the three stadiums with retractable roofs, half of the 64 scheduled matches were postponed, ensuring a big backlog for Tuesday.

Wet conditions are unusual for the Australian Open, which is more used to extreme heat and was plagued by smog from bushfires during qualifying, when players suffered coughing fits and breathing problems.

Air quality was rated 'good' as the first round started on Monday but about four hours later play was suspended on outside courts when the heavens opened in Melbourne.

World number three Federer was briefly halted off court while the roof was closed on Rod Laver Arena before returning to complete a routine 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 victory over American Steve Johnson.

Williams, on the hunt for a record-equaling 24th Grand Slam title, won the first set against Anastasia Potapova in just 19 minutes as she cruised to a 6-0, 6-3 win in less than an hour.

"I feel like I can still improve and get better throughout this tournament, for sure. This is a good stepping stone for right now," Williams said.

However, Williams' elder sister Venus was ousted in stunning fashion by 15-year-old Coco Gauff, who won 7-6



Novak Djokovic celebrates after defeating Germany's Jan-Lennard Struff in their first round

(7/5), 6-3 in a repeat of her first-round upset at Wimbledon last year. In the late match, defending champion Djokovic dropped his first set since 2006 in the opening round before recovering to beat Jan-Lennard Struff 7-6 (7/5), 6-2, 6-6, 6-3.

"There is a lot of pressure and a lot of different emotions involved. I definitely try to remind myself to stay present and really enjoy," said the seven-time Melbourne winner, who brought up his 900th Tour-level victory.

Former US Open champion Sloane Stephens was the biggest women's casualty on day one when she crashed out in three sets to Zhang Shuai of China — her fourth first-round exit in Melbourne.

SHAPOVALOV RACQUET ROW

Defending champion Naomi Osaka was done before the downpour as she dismissed Marie Bouzkova of the Czech Republic 6-2, 6-4 in 80 minutes, smashing one powerful serve that broke a net fastening.

"It was really tough for me trying to control my nerves," said Osaka. "It's tough to play someone you've never played before in the first round of a Grand Slam."

Later on the covered centre court, Australian world number one Ashley Barty recovered strongly from a set down to beat Lesia Tsurenko 5-7, 6-1, 6-1.

In the men's draw, Greek sixth seed Stefanos Tsitsipas, who beat Federer en route to last year's

semis, crushed Salvatore Caruso 6-0, 6-2, 6-3.

Player anger over smog dominated the final days before the tournament, which is taking place after

bushfires ravaged large parts of Australia, destroying thousands of homes and killing 29 people. Tournament officials are closely monitoring pollution and will close play and close the three main stadiums' roofs if air quality matter suspended in its parts PM2.5 200.

In other news, Canadian 13th seed Denis Shapovalov argued furiously with umpire over a code violation for throwing his racket as he lost in four sets to Maroon Fucovsky.

Croatian 25th seed Borna Coric was another first-round loser as he went down to experienced American Sam Querrey, while Australia's Sam Stosur bombed out against Caty McNally. But former champion Caroline Wozniacki, playing her last tournament before retiring, safely reached the second round as she beat Kristie Ahn 6-1, 6-3.

PSG see off plucky Lorient to reach French Cup last 16



Pablo Sarabia celebrates after scoring for PSG

AFP ■ LORIENT (FRANCE)

Pablo Sarabia put Paris Saint-Germain into the last 16 of the French Cup on Sunday with the late winner in a tight 1-0 win over spirited Lorient.

Spain's Sarabia headed home the only goal with 10 minutes remaining to put Thomas Tuchel's match-changed side into the next round after struggling to break Ligue 2 leaders Lorient down in an underwhelming contest.

They have been rewarded with a tie at third-tier Pau, who knocked out Ligue 1 side Bordeaux on Thursday. PSG came into the match missing a host of injured stars including Edinson Cavani, Marco Verratti, Juan Bernat and Marquinhos, and with both Neymar and Kylian

Mbappe on the bench the away side lacked creative spark despite the presence of interim manager Mauro Icardi. The French champions were lucky to go into the break after Yoane Wissa somehow managed to head Jimmy Cabot's pinpoint cross well from just a couple of yards out.

The second half continued to lack clear chances for either side, with Paul Nardi doing well to charge down Icardi's close range header in the 68th minute before pushing Pablo Sarabia's shot wide 11 minutes later.

However the 25-year-old could do nothing about Sarabia's header seconds later, the Spaniard beautifully guiding home Thiago Silva's cross to squeeze the top flight outfit into the next round.

Tai leads Raptors defence against NEW

PTI ■ CHENNAI

It'll be a win on world No. 2 Tai Tzu Ying when Bengaluru Raptors begin their title defence against New Taipei Dragons in the fifth season of the Premier Badminton League (PBL) here on Tuesday.

The clash between Tai Tzu Ying, the former World No. 1, and 2014 Commonwealth Games champion Michelle Li of North Eastern Warriors will be the highlight of the best of five match to be played at the Nehru Indoor Stadium.

The North Eastern Warriors team also includes the legendary Lee Yong Dae and

Guwahati's rising star Ashmita Chahla. Li has two career wins over the Chinese Taipei ace with her last victory coming at the 2019 Japan Open and the North Eastern Warriors shuttler would aim for an encore against PBL's joint-costliest player, Tai.

Sai Praneeth, who has been retained by the Bengaluru franchise, will be coming to the league fresh from his historic Bronze medal win at the World Championships.

With former World No. 19 Brice Leverdez in the squad as well as promising talent Ansal Yadav, the Raptors boasts of a strong men's singles line-up.

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Authorized Officer Andhra Bank under ACT 54 OF 2002

To: Borrower:-

M/s Davendra Feeds India Private Limited, Plot No 198 210, Near Bhandari Hatchery, Safidon Road, Vpo Budhakhara, Tehsil Safidon Jind.

Directors:-

1) Mr. Narinder Singh s/o Late. Mr. Prithvi Singh, H No 1379, URBAN ESTATE, JIND - 126102. Mobile Number- 9996768000.

2) Mr. Jitender Kumar S/o Late. Mr. Prithvi Singh, H No 1379, URBAN ESTATE, JIND - 126102.

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1) Mr. Sudhir Kumar s/o Sh. Subhash, village Khanpur Kalan, Tehsil Gohana, Distt. Sonapat.

2) Mrs. Rajrani w/o Sh Ravinder Singh, House No 1379, Urban Estate, Jind.

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Whereas you have defaulted to pay the amount due from you in spite of demand made by me/ Bank through Demand Notice U/s. 13(2) dated 01-05-2019.

I, in exercise of the powers conferred under the above Act, took possession of the below mentioned property on 14-11-2019.

Even after taking possession of the property, you have not paid the amount due from you to Andhra Bank. As such, it has become necessary to sell the below mentioned property above the reserve price of Rs. 5,00,00,000 (Rupees Five Crores Zero Lakhs Only) by inviting tenders/ by public auction/ e-auction/ by private treaty (strike off inapplicable portion) after 30 days from the date of this notice.

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Failing which it will be construed that you have no such proposal and I will proceed forthwith, with sale of property by inviting tenders/public auction/e-auction/Private Treaty.

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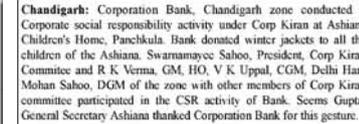
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Chandigarh: Corporation Bank, Chandigarh zone conducted a Corporate social responsibility activity under Corp Kiran at Ashiana Children's Home, Panchkula. Bank donated winter jackets to all the children of the Ashiana. Swaramayee Sahoo, President, Corp Kiran Committee and R. K. Verma, GM, HO, V. K. Uppal, CGM, Delhi Haran Mohan Sahoo, DGM of the zone with other members of Corp Kiran Committee participated in the CSR activity of Bank. Seema Gupta, General Secretary Ashiana thanked Corporation Bank for this gesture.



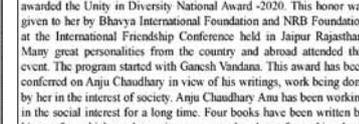
Anju Chaudhary Ann won the National Award for Unity in Diversity

Karnal: Renowned writer Anju Chaudhary Am of Karnal city was awarded the Unity in Diversity National Award-2020. This honor was given to her by Bhavya International Foundation and NRB Foundation at the International Friendship Conference held in Jaipur Rajasthan. Many great personalities from the country and abroad attended this event. The program started with Ganesh Vandana. This award has been conferred on Anju Chaudhary in view of his writings, work being done by her in the interest of society. Anju Chaudhary Am has been working in the social interest for a long time. Four books have been written by him so far, which are becoming very popular. Apart from this, she is associated with many social institutions. From time to time, she keeps working for the betterment of society by connecting with social organizations. In this program, literary, poetry, writer, painter, artist, literary arts, education, journalism, agriculture, military, film industry, science, social service and astrology etc. were awarded to those who have done commendable work.

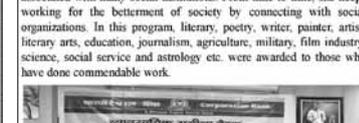


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THE BORROWERS ATTENTION IS INVITED TO PROVISIONS OF SUB-SECTION (8) OF SECTION 13 OF THE ACT, IN RESPECT OF TIME AVAILABLE TO REDEEM THE SECURITY ASSET.

FOR ANY QUERY PLEASE CONTACT Mr. Sanjay Saxena - 987139777 or Mr. Naval Kishore: 769442330. HDB Financial Services Limited, 188-A, Landmark Building, 2ND Floor Main Market, Model Town, Above Kaya Skin Care Centre, Opposite Nikku Park, Jalandhar-144001

Place: Mumbai, Date: 18.01.2020 Sd/- For HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED (Authorized Officer)

ANDHRA BANK

JIND BRANCH, SCO 23, DISTRICT SHOPPING CENTRE JIND - 126102, HARTIANA.

NOTICE TO THE BORROWER INFORMING ABOUT THE SALE (30 DAYS NOTICE) (S. 13(2) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002)

From: SRINIVASA RAO BATTU JIND Branch

Authorized Officer Andhra Bank under ACT 54 OF 2002

To: Borrower:-

M/S VEER HATCHERIES (A PARTNERSHIP FIRM), VILLAGE PADA, TEHSIL ASSAND.

Partners:-

1) SMT RAJBALA W/O LATE SH. PRITHVI SINGH, H NO 1379, URBAN ESTATE, JIND.

2) SH. RAMESH KUMAR S/O LATE SH. SHER SINGH, VPO SINDHVI KHATA, JIND

Guarantors:-

1. Mr. Narender Singh S/o Prithvi Singh No. 1379, Urban Estate, Jind.

2. Mr. Jitender Singh S/o Prithvi Singh H No. 1379, Urban Estate, Jind.

3. Mrs. Sunita W/o Suresh Kumar Devital Nagar, Jind.

4. Mrs. Santosh W/o Ramesh Kumar Devital Nagar, Jind.

Sub: Sale of property belonging to you for realization of amount due to Andhra Bank under the SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT (ACT 54 OF 2002).

Whereas you have defaulted to pay the amount due from you in spite of demand made by me/ Bank through Demand Notice U/s. 13(2) dated 01-05-2019.

I, in exercise of the powers conferred under the above Act, took possession of the below mentioned property on 14-11-2019.

Even after taking possession of the property, you have not paid the amount due from you to Andhra Bank. As such, it has become necessary to sell the below mentioned property above the reserve price of Rs. 9,85,00,000 (Rupees Nine Crores Sixty Five Lakhs Only) by inviting tenders/ by public auction/ e-auction/ by private treaty (strike off inapplicable portion) after 30 days from the date of this notice.

The date and time of auction and the details of the service provider shall be informed through a Sale Notice which shall be issued separately, and the property would be sold to the person who offers highest price.

Since, the property may be sold by private Sale also or obtaining quotations from the persons also, subject to terms and conditions acceptable to Bank.

If you have any such proposal of selling the property to any person by private sale or by getting quotation, the same may be communicated to me within 30 days from date of receipt of this letter/Notice.

Failing which it will be construed that you have no such proposal and I will proceed forthwith, with sale of property by inviting tenders/public auction/e-auction/Private Treaty.

Please take notice that if you pay the amount due as specified in the Demand Notice dated 01-05-2019 with subsequent interest thereon along with cost and expenses incurred by the bank till date before the date of publication of notice for public auction or inviting quotations or tender from public or private treaty for transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale of secured assets, no further action shall be taken for sale of the property mentioned in the schedule.

SCHEDULE OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Reserve Price: Rs. 4,00,00,000.00 (Rupees Four Crore only)

Poultry Farm unit and building - Belonging to Ms. Rajpala W/o Late Sh. Prithvi Singh, measuring 49K-2M or 6.01 acres situated in Khatwa No. 558 min/527, Khatoni no. 786min, rect. No. 10, killa no. 21(7-7), rect. No. 11, killa no. 22(10-9), 24(6-7), 25(7-0), rect. No. 16, killa no. 22(2(3-6), 7(8-0), 8(11-12), 9(12-2), rect. No. 17, killa no. 11(6-11) in 10 Kattas Situated within revenue estate of village Pada, Tehsil Balah Distt. Karnal vide Registered Sale Deed Vaska No 1422 of 15.01.2013 Regd in the Office of S. R. Balah Mutation No 3724 sanctioned on 12.02.2013 by A.C II Grade and Jambabandi for the year 2004-05.

Reserve Price: Rs. 2,00,00,000.00 (Rupees Two Crore only)

Poultry Farm unit and building - Belonging to Ms. Rajpala W/o Late Sh. Prithvi Singh, measuring 25 K 14 M or 3.21 acres comprising in Khatwa No 558 min/527 Khatoni no 786min, Rect. No 11Killa No 23(2(4-8), 16 rect 16 Killa No 3(8-0) 4(6-0) 5(1-6) in 4 kattas situated within the revenue estate of village Pada, Tehsil Balah, Distt. Karnal vide registered sale deed Vaska no 1422 of 15.01.2013 regd in the office of S. R. Balah Mutation no 3724 sanctioned on 12.02.2013 by A.C II Grade and Jambabandi for the year 2004-05.

Reserve Price: Rs. 3,00,00,000.00 (Rupees Three Crore only)

Non-agricultural Land Belonging to Mr. Narender Singh S/o Late Sh. Prithvi Singh, measuring 11 Kanal 1 Marla or 1.38 acres as follows:-

1) Land measuring 06K-05M being 3/10 shares out of land measuring 200K-18M comprising in khatwa no 173/163 Khatoni no 196 Rect no 34 Killa No 21(1-12) 11(1(6-13) Rect no 35 Killa No 6(2 min/6-0) 15(1(6-13) in 4 kattas

And measuring 4K-16M being 3/10 shares out of land measuring 9K-0M Comprised in Khatwa No. 242/1895 Khatoni No 108 Rect no 34 Killa No 1(8-0) 10(1(6-0) Khatoni No 1082 Rect no 34 Killa No 10(2(2-0) in 3 kattas situated within revenue estate of village Safidon, Tehsil Safidon Distt. Jind within the limits of Municipal committee Safidon. Distt. Jind vide Regd sale Deed Vaska No 2675 of 17.08.2011 Regd in the office of S. R. Safidon Mutation no 13383 sanctioned on 30.08.2011 by A.C II Grade and Jambabandi for the year 2009-10.

Reserve Price: Rs. 65,00,000.00 (Rupees Sixty five Lakh only)

Residential land and Double storey building - belonging to Ms. Santosh W/o Ramesh & Ms. Sunita W/o Suresh, situated at residential building measuring 300 sq yards at Devital Nagar, Jind

Date: 20.01.2020 Andhra Bank (SRINIVASA RAO BATTU)

Place: Jind Authorized Officer Chief Manager

Virat confident of good show in NZ

Citing recent result Indian skipper says his team will try to put Black Caps under pressure from start

PTI ■ BENGALURU

A series win against a strong Australia and the performance in New Zealand last year gives India a lot of confidence ahead of a fresh tour beginning on January 24, said skipper Virat Kohli whose team will be aiming to put the Black Caps under pressure from the word go.

India will be playing five T20s, three ODIs and two Tests in New Zealand. They had beaten the hosts 4-1 in ODIs before losing the T20 series 1-2.

"We are taking a lot of confidence from our performance (in NZ) last year. We were very positive in how we played, very sure of what we wanted to do. The thing about playing away is if you're able to put the same team in the middle overs, picked up wickets, spinners were outstanding. Looking forward to take that same intensity into the series."

Ahead of the New Zealand tour, Kohli said it became even more important to win the home series against Australia here on Sunday. The team leaves for New Zealand on Monday night.

"We spoke of that at the huddle, that this is the last game we're playing in the series and if we win, you go on a tour on a happy note. If you lose, it can go under the radar, you can brush it aside as 'oh it's just one loss'."

"But when you win and under pressure, the last two games were tough wins, it boosts your confidence which we're carrying forward," he said.

On the limited overs leg of the New Zealand tour, Kohli picked out the areas of improvement.

"Again, we want to bat well when



Virat Kohli bats during the third one-day international cricket match between India and Australia

we bat first and in case we're defending a low total, we should be able to do that as well. We can't afford to ease into the series after two games, because then it keeps getting tougher and tougher, so we'll look to make a mark in the first game that we play," he said.

The skipper loves playing against Australia as it brings the best out of him. He explained why he relishes the Australian challenge.

"Last year (at home) after 2-0 up, we thought we're definitely going to win one of the three at home, but they showed us that they understand these conditions very well now (to win 3-2), having played here a lot in the IPL, and so many tours over the years," Kohli said.

"So, although they had a stronger side (with Steve Smith and David Warner back) than last time, we thought if we play good enough, we can beat this team. The only thing we needed to be wary of was our body language and intent because that's Australia's strongest point."

All the teams in the world are skilled but these guys play with the intent of making things happen every over you play against them. So you can't take your foot off the pedal at all, that's what we've done in the last two games. The partnerships that I mentioned today, even the singles were taken with intent," said Kohli.

India raced to victory in the series-deciding third ODI against Australia, courtesy fine knocks from Kohli himself and Rohit Sharma. They both could not stay till the end but the finishing touches were provided by Shreyas Iyer, who remained unbeaten on 44. And the skipper was all praise for Iyer.

"I don't think he's (Iyer) going to have any issues anymore because he really went after their best bowlers and got the results. It took pressure off of me as well not having to take risks and the other guy striking at 140-145. I think it was really smart how we went about it," Kohli added.

Kohli, Rohit consolidate top batting positions

PTI ■ DUBAI

India captain Virat Kohli and his deputy Rohit Sharma consolidated their top two positions in the batting chart, while pace ace Jasprit Bumrah continued to lead among bowlers in the ICC ODI Rankings issued on Monday.

Following their stellar performances against Australia in the just-concluded series, which India won 2-1, Kohli (No.1) and Rohit (No.2) have strengthened their positions.

With 183 runs under his belt against Australia, Kohli was the player-of-the-series while Rohit was a close second, garnering 171 runs in the rubber. Kohli (886 points) and Rohit (868 points) have gained two and three ratings points, respectively to occupy the top two positions in the batting rankings.

Left-handed opener Shikhar Dhawan has also gained seven slots to reach 15th position with 170 runs in two innings, missing a chance to bat in Bengaluru after injuring his shoulder while fielding.

KL Rahul, who opened in his place in the final ODI, has gained 21 slots to reach 50th position with an aggregate of 146 runs.

Bumrah, who returned from injury in the Australia series, is atop the bowlers chart with 764 points, ahead of New Zealand left-arm pacer Trent Boult and Afghanistan's Muejib Ur Rahman. South Africa's Kagiso Rabada and Australian Pat Cummins complete the top five.

India all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja has moved up two slots to be 27th among bowlers after finishing with four wickets in the series.

He also scored 45 runs in two innings and has gained four places in the all-arounders list to be ranked 10th.

Australian Steve Smith, who topped the series with an aggregate of 229 runs in the first two innings, has moved up one place to sixth while captain Aaron Finch has moved up one place to 10th.

Wicketkeeper Alex Carey is in 31st position after gaining two slots.

Leg-spinner Adam Zampa's five wickets in the series saw him advance 20 places to reach 37th position, while the right-hander Richard Haslewood has moved from 77th to 65th.



Kohli greatest ODI player of all-time: Finch

PTI ■ BENGALURU

Australian captain Aaron Finch has rated his Indian counterpart Virat Kohli as "probably" the greatest ODI player of all-time, while picking Rohit Sharma in the top-five.

Rohit (119) scored his 29th ODI hundred and Kohli made 89 off 91 balls as they shared a match-winning stand of 137 in the decisive third game against Australia here on Sunday.

For Finch, what stood out was that India overhauled the 287-run target with ease despite opener Shikhar Dhawan not coming out to bat due to a shoulder injury.

"They've got Virat who is probably the greatest ODI player of all-time, and Rohit would probably be in the top five batters of all time. They're exceptional, and the thing with the Indian side at the moment is their experienced players are getting the job done in the big games," Finch said.

"Rohit's 100, especially without Shikhar, has been tonight, for them to shuffle and their two most dominant players to still get majority of the runs is a sign of a really settled and

really quality top-order," said Finch.

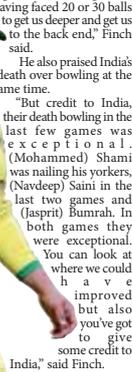
Australia could not get the final flourish they were looking for, mustering only 63 runs in the last 10 overs at the loss of five wickets, far too many in Finch's view.

"In the last two games we have had the bowlers batting for the majority of the last few overs. Which we saw in Rajkot the damage that KL (Rahul) could do in the back end because he was a settled batter. I think that's an area we just missed a couple of tricks."

"Just not having an in batter being in and having faced 20 or 30 balls to get us deeper and get us to the back end," Finch said.

He also praised India's death over bowling at the same time.

"But credit to India, their death bowling in the last few games was exceptional. You can look at where we could have improved but also you've got to give some credit to India," said Finch.



Eng celebrate innings win over SA

MOST RUNS IN A SINGLE OVER IN TESTS				
Runs	Batsman	Bowler	Venue	Season
28	Brian Lara (West India)	Robin Peterson	Johannesburg	2003-04
28	George Bailey (Australia)	James Anderson	Perth	2013-14
28	Keshav Maharaj (S.Africa)	Joe Root	Port Elizabeth	2019-20
27	Shahid Afridi (Pakistan)	Harbhajan Singh	Lahore	2005-06

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England team celebrate taking the wicket of Rassie van der Dussen

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Maharaj hit Root for three fours and two sixes in an over which ended with four byes, costing 28 in total.

Despite the late face-saving flourish for the hosts, it was a result which was a triumph for England's youth policy, while the way South Africa were outplayed was a devastating blow for captain Faf du Plessis and new coach Mark Boucher.

Even before Monday's last rites there was speculation about Du Plessis's future. He has expressed his desire to lead South Africa in the T20 World Cup in Australia in October and November, by which time he will be 36.

It seems possible that the fourth Test in Johannesburg from Friday could be his last home series in charge.

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The 34-year-old progressed comfortably to 85 until pace

Tripiano strikes early to give Zimbabwe edge

AFP ■ HARARE



Donald Tripiano struck early to remove Oshada Fernando and complete an excellent second day of the first Test for Zimbabwe against Sri Lanka in Harare.

The 31-year-old seamer had earlier made a handy 44 not out batting at number eight as Zimbabwe advanced from their overnight 189 to two to 358 all out.

Left-arm spinner Lasith Embuldeniya, playing in his sixth Test, was the stand-out bowler with five for 114.

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Simmons blasts 10 sixes as WI rout Ireland

AFP ■ BASSETTERRE (SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS)

Opening batsman Lendl Simmons blasted 10 sixes in an undefeated 91 as West Indies routed Ireland by nine wickets in the third and final Twenty20 International at Warner Park here on Sunday.

Simmons, the nephew of West Indies coach Phil Simmons, also hit five boundaries in his 40-ball blitz. It was his highest score in the format and came just five days before his 35th birthday.

Chasing a modest 139 to win, Simmons won the match in style with a six over midwicket off spinner Simi Singh whose last over cost 41 runs.

Fellow opener Evris Lewis made 46 with four boundaries and three sixes as West Indies raced to victory with 54 balls remaining.

The three-match series ended 1-1 after Ireland edged a first-game thriller by four runs in Grenada before Sunday's match at Warner Park was abandoned due to rain. Earlier, veteran all-rounders Kieron Pollard and Dwayne Bravo shared six wickets as West Indies restricted Ireland to 138 all out. Captain Pollard, who produced the best bowling spell by a West Indian in T20 internationals (4-25) in Saturday's abandoned game, claimed 3-17.

Bravo finished with 3-19 to become the West Indies' leading all-time wicket-taker in the format with 57 victims in his 69th game. That beat the previous best of 54 by leg-spinner Samuel Badree.

Punjab's previous best was 267 as he just 3.5 overs with opener Kevin O'Brien (top scoring with 36) and Paul Stirling again getting their team off to a storming start. However, Pollard dismissed O'Brien after the Irishman hit his runs off only 18 balls with Bravo then accounting for Stirling (11).

Ishant's injury adds to Delhi woes as Vidarbha take complete control

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi's miserable season just got worse as premier speedster Ishant Sharma twisted his ankle after another woeful outing with the bat against defending champions Vidarbha in a Ranji Trophy Group A encounter on Monday.

On a helpful track, former India U-19 seamer Aditya Thakare's career-best 7 for 55 restricted Delhi to 163 in reply to visitors' first innings score of 179.

By the time, play was called off due to bad light, Vidarbha were 35 for no loss as the track got easier for batting.

Vidarbha now have an overall lead of 51 but more importantly, the pitch has eased out. With a bowler short and the wily artist Wasim Jaffer longing for an easy second innings pitch, Delhi at the moment is looking down the barrel.

And it didn't help Delhi's cause



that Ishant's 15th delivery saw him sustain a freak injury while appealing for a leg before against rival skipper Fazal beaten by a fuller delivery. The senior speedster twisted his ankle while back pedalling and was seen writhing in pain.

The first two sessions belonged to Vidarbha as Delhi's youngsters inept technique against incisive swing

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bowling was exposed again.

IPL specialist Nitish Rana became Thakare's fifth victim of the innings giving a catch to skipper Fazal.

Only keeper Anuj Rawat (37 off 101 balls) showed some stomach for fight adding 36 for the ninth wicket

with Srimarjet Singh (23) even as Umesh Yadav (2/45) removed all-rounder Lalit Yadav (7) and Kumar Bidhuri (19).

YADAV'S DOUBLE TON FLOODS MUMBAI

Mumbai's batsman-wicketkeeper Upendra Yadav's maiden double ton propelled Uttar Pradesh to a mammoth 625/8 declared on the second day of their Elite Group B Ranji Trophy game against Mumbai on Monday.

Twenty-three-year-old Yadav was the cynosure of all eyes at Wankhede Stadium as he took a listless Mumbai attack to the cleaners first in the company of Saurabh Kumar (44 off 47 balls; 8x4) and then with skipper Ankit Rappoo (32 off 63 balls; 5x4) and Yash Doyal (41 not out).

Yadav (203 not out off 239 balls) conjured 72 runs for the seventh wicket with Saurabh to take the game away from Mumbai, and then

forged a 119-run eight-wicket stand with Rajput, as Uttar Pradesh took complete control.

Adding to Mumbai's woes, Yadav and Doyal put up an unbroken 131-run stand for the ninth wicket.

Yadav, who registered the highest score by a number 7 batsman against Mumbai, smashed 27 fours and one six in his 239 balls unbeaten and knock.

TIWARY TRIPLE TON TO PUT BENGAL ON TOP

Kolkata (WB) Senior batsman Manoj Tiwary cracked his maiden first class triple century to put Bengal in the driver's seat against Hyderabad in their Ranji Trophy Group A clash here on Monday.

The 34-year-old, who has played 140 international matches, was at his sublime best, smashing 30 fours and five sixes, en route to his unbeaten 303 from 414 balls at a strike rate of 73.19. His marathon

knock lasted 10 hours and 30 minutes.

His final 50 came off just 37 balls as he got to the landmark in the fourth ball of the final session of the second day, gliding past-timer Buddhi Rahul through covers boundary.

Bengal immediately declared their first innings at 635 for seven.

Tiwary, who last played for India in 2015, also became the only second batsman from Bengal to hit a triple ton — after Devang Gandhi's 323 versus Assam at Guwahati in 1998-99.

Bengal skipper against Madhya Pradesh in a drawn encounter in Kolkata in 2011-12 season. After Tiwary's sensational innings, it was time for Bengal pace duo of Akash Deep (3/46) and Mukesh Kumar (2/29) to wreak havoc as they reduced Hyderabad to 83 for five in the final session. Hyderabad still trail Bengal by 552 runs with two days left.