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'Yedi' installs BSY on CM chair

Week after spelling change, Yediyurappa takes up K'tata reins for 4th time

PNS ■ BENGALURU

Seeking his political future in realms of numerology, Karnataka BJP president BS Yeddyurappa changed his last name to Yediyurappa a few weeks ago. The stars did smile on him and on Friday he took oath as Chief Minister of Karnataka for the fourth time on Friday.

Governor Vajubhai Vala administered the oath of office and secrecy to the 76-year-old Yediyurappa at a ceremony at the Raj Bhavan. Only Yediyurappa was sworn in.

BSY, as he is popularly called, carried the last name of Yediyurappa till 2007 when he became the Chief Minister for the first time in 2007. Then he changed his name to "Yeddyurappa" on the advice of numerologists.

The name change then wasn't of much help as the coalition with the JD(S) Government survived for only a week.

Sources said acting on the advice of a numerologist, BSY has reverted to older spelling. Sources said BSY had got his name changed in State Assembly records a few weeks ago.

Yediyurappa-led BJP Ministry is assuming office three days after the collapse of the Congress-JD(S) Government with the defeat of the motion of confidence moved by HD Kumaraswamy in by 99-105 votes.

Yediyurappa met the



Karnataka Governor Vajubhai Vala administers the oath of office to BS Yediyurappa as Karnataka Chief Minister during the swearing-in ceremony at Raj Bhavan in Bengaluru on Friday

Governor to stake the claim for Government formation and requested him to administer the oath of office and secrecy on Friday itself. Before the swearing in, Yediyurappa said he would decide on members to be inducted into the ministry after consulting party president

Amit Shah. This is the fourth times Yediyurappa will occupy the chair of the Chief Minister — the last one was after the May 2018 Assembly polls, when he barely lasted three days after being sworn in. In Delhi, BJP working pres-

ident JP Nadda said the Congress-JD(S) coalition Government fell due to internal reasons and asserted that his party would provide a stable Government in the State. "They (Congress-JD-S) fell under their own weight due to internal reasons...The BJP is

synonymous with stability. Wherever we go, we bring stability," Nadda told reporters at his maiden Press conference where he also shared the Narendra Modi Government's achievements in its first 50 days.

Nadda played down queries about the fact that Yediyurappa is over 75-year age bar the party has stipulated for its leaders holding any Government position.

Yediyurappa was the leader of the BJP legislature party in the State and it was natural for him to be the party's choice for the Chief Minister's post, he said.

"It depends," he said when quizzed about the party's age-bar and then added, "you see, first of all he is a leader, he is an elected leader of the legislature party. Accordingly, he is taking oath. It is a continuous process and the party takes note of ongoing developments from time to time."

As the leader of Opposition he is alright and the day he takes oath the question is asked about his age, he said, adding that it does not work like that.

The BJP under Prime Minister Narendra Modi and its president Amit Shah has introduced the 75 years limit for Ministers in the party-run Governments as well as for its candidates in the recent Lok Sabha election to ease out many veterans, including LK Advani, Murli Manohar Joshi and Sumitra Mahajan among others.

Opp questions passage of Bills in tearing hurry

17 parties write to RS chairman, protest giving scrutiny a miss

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Opposition parties on Friday strongly protested to Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu over the hurried passage of Bills in Parliament without requisite scrutiny and in breach of convention.

Leaders of 17 parties, including Congress, Samajwadi Party, Trinamool Congress, Bahujan Samaj Party, Rashtriya Janata Dal, Telugu Desam Party, Communist Party of India and CPI(M) urged Naidu to ensure that the voice of the Opposition is not "smothered". "We, the undersigned parties, wish to register our anguish and serious concern over the manner in which the Government is hurriedly passing legislations without any scrutiny by Parliamentary Standing or Select Committees. This is a fundamental departure from the established practice and healthy traditions of enacting legislations," the letter said.

It said that in the 14th Lok Sabha, 60 per cent of Bills were sent for scrutiny to Parliamentary Committees while in the 15th Lok Sabha, 71 per cent of Bills were sent for



scrutiny. However, the letter said, in the 16th Lok Sabha, only 26 per cent of Bills were sent for scrutiny.

"Now, in the 17th Lok Sabha, 14 Bills have already been passed in the first session. None of these Bills has been referred to a Standing Committee or Select Committee for legislative scrutiny. Public consultation is a long established practice where parliamentary committees scrutinise Bills, deliberate, engage and work towards improving the content and quality of the legislation," the letter stated.

The parties also asked Naidu, the Vice President, to intervene in the matter. The letter further said the ongoing Lok Sabha Session has the "dubious" record of passing 14 Bills, none of which has been scrutinised by any Parliamentary Committee.

Further, 11 more Bills have been listed for introduction, consideration and passing, it said. The parties said that the first sessions of the 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th Lok Sabha had about 10 sittings each and during that time only a handful of Bills that had undergone parliamentary scrutiny were passed.

The Opposition parties also demanded that short duration appeals should be allowed in the House. "We urge you to ensure that the voice of the Opposition is not smothered in the Rajya Sabha. While we understand our responsibility and the need to enact legislation, any attempt by the Government to undermine the privileges of members, the rules and established conventions will diminish the role of the Council of States as envisaged by our founding fathers," the letter stated.

CAPSULE

62 CELEBRITIES SLAM 'SELECTIVE OUTRAGE'

Mumbai: Three days after a group of eminent citizens wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the lynching of minorities and hate crimes, 62 high profile personalities from various fields on Friday responded with a counter statement against "selective outrage and false narratives".

RETURN RTI BILL, FORMER CIG URGES PRESIDENT

New Delhi: Former Information Commissioner Shallesh Gandhi has urged President Ram Nath Kovind to return the Right to Information Amendment Bill to the Parliament for reconsideration to "defend the citizen's fundamental right".

MODI GOVT'S FIRST 50 DAYS EXEMPLARY: BJP

New Delhi: BJP working president JP Nadda on Friday presented a report card of Modi 2.0 Government and said its first 50 days have been exemplary and it has taken several steps to improve the lives of people.

COW EXHALES OXYGEN, SAYS UTTARAKHAND CM

Dehradun: Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat has kicked up a controversy by saying that the cow exhales oxygen.

Delhi Cabinet OK's 18 fast-track, 22 commercial courts

SAPNA SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

Day after the Supreme Court directed setting up of a centrally-funded designated court in each district having more than 100 FIRs under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act to deal exclusively with cases of sexual offences against children, the Delhi Cabinet approved the proposal of the Law Department to set up 18 permanent fast-track courts and 22 new commercial courts.

According to the CrPC, cases of rape and incidents of sexual assault against minors under the POCSO Act should be decided in two months after the filing of the chargesheet. Such trials necessitate the existence of fast-track courts.

The Cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal also approved a proposal of creation of 22 posts of Delhi Higher Judicial Services (DHJS) in super time scale for



Commercial Court judges along with ancillary staff.

A total 212 posts, requested by the Delhi High Court in January, have been approved. The Government decision will have the annual financial implication of ₹13,55,90,280.

When it comes to fast-track courts, Delhi already has 20 of them, all set up in 2005, but they operate entirely with ad-hoc staff.

Act against Azam for sexist remark, MPs urge Speaker

OM Birla says he will decide on it after consulting all-party leaders

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Lok Sabha on Friday saw a massive uproar over Samajwadi Party MP Azam Khan's "sexiest" comment against BJP woman MP Rama Devi with members of the House authorising Speaker Om Birla to seek an apology from the lawmaker.

MPs cutting across party lines condemned Azam's remark in strong terms with some saying that if such sexist behavior prevailed in the august house against women that what is to be expected elsewhere.

After hearing out the House for one hour, the Speaker said he would decide on the issue after consulting all leaders. According to sources, the Speaker may ask the SP to tender an unconditional apol-

ogy to resolve the issue.

Azam's remarks to Rama Devi when she was in the Chair during a discussion on the triple talaq Bill on Thursday were slammed as malicious, utterly condemnable and a blot on all legislators by the Ministers and MPs who spoke after BJP's Sanghmitra Maurya raised the issue during the Zero Hour.

Several women MPs, including Central Ministers, TMC, NCP, DMK and BJP, vociferously demanded strongest possible action against the SP MP as the Speaker opened the floor and allowed all to speak during the Zero Hour.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi said the Speaker was the custodian he could take strong action against the MP. He said all MPs have to maintain decorum in the House and asked the Speaker to take "most exemplary punishment" in the case.

Other Central Ministers, including Ravishankar Prasad, Nirmala Sitharaman, Smriti Irani and Anurag Thakur, vociferously condemned the



Azam's remark.

Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said his party does not approve of such behaviour and Privilege or Ethics Committee should look into the issue. He, however, also said that at times a Congress leader was also referred as "daughter of Italy, Italy ki kath-putti".

This evoked protests from the Treasury Benches which demanded the Congress to come clean on its stand on the current issue. Chowdhury later agreed with the prevailing view that the Speaker should take a call on punishing Azam.

Marriott faces ₹25K penalty for charging ₹442 for 2 bananas

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Chandigarh's JW Marriott Hotel may have to cough up a penalty of ₹25,000 for charging an exorbitant amount for two bananas served to Bollywood actor Rahul Bose during his stay at the luxury hotel.

The actor was charged ₹442.50 for two bananas at the hotel which is located in Sector 35 here.

A team headed by RK Chaudhary, Assistant Excise and Taxation Commissioner, Chandigarh, has already begun probe into the levying of tax on fresh fruits and other items at JW Marriott and the hotel authorities have been asked to submit a reply by Saturday.

A senior officer of UT Excise and Taxation Department said under the GST regime, fresh fruits are tax-free items and this is a clear violation by the hotel authorities. While the hotel is expected to submit its reply by Saturday, under the Section 125

of CGST Act 2017, any person who contravenes the provisions of this Act is liable to a penalty which may extend to ₹25,000.

"A day before, the team of UT Excise and Taxation Department had also seized documents related to the sale in the hotel to check whether they have been depositing regularly the relevant tax to the department or not. We are checking the violations from all angles and will act against the hotel authorities accordingly," the officer said.

Bose had posted a video on Twitter expressing shock over being charged ₹442.50 for two bananas at the hotel in which he is seen explaining how he was charged ₹442 (including GST) for two bananas.

"You have to see this to believe it. Who said fruit wasn't harmful to your existence? Ask the wonderful folks at JW Marriott Chandigarh," the actor, captioned the video, adding "bananas are just too good for me."

Next Kargil will give Pak bloodier nose: Army chief

Modi shares photos of his visit to Kargil during war, Rajnath says Pak can't fight full-fledged war with India

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

As India commemorated 20 years of Kargil war, Army chief General Bipin Rawat on Friday warned Pakistan against attempting another Kargil-like "misadventure".

General Rawat was asked by a reporter at a Press conference to share his message for Pakistan on the 20th anniversary of India's victory in the Kargil war.

Earlier on Thursday, while interacting with the media-persons in Drass, the Army chief had said, "The enemy would never be allowed to succeed. No matter what heights they capture, we will always get back to them and



this was evident during the Kargil war in 1999. They will not dare to repeat it."

"Don't do it. This was a misadventure. Misadventures are normally not repeated. You will get a bloodier nose next

time," the Army chief reacted firmly standing tall in the backdrop of a war memorial located at the foothills of the Tololing feature.

bravery and sacrifice of soldiers cannot be forgotten.

To commemorate the 20 years of the Kargil War, Prime Minister Narendra Modi shared pictures of his visit to the area during the conflict and his interaction with the soldiers. "During the Kargil War in 1999, I had the opportunity to go to Kargil and show solidarity with our brave soldiers," he said on Twitter.

The Prime Minister said that in 1999, he was working for the BJP in Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh.

"The visit to Kargil and interactions with soldiers are unforgettable," Modi said.

In the photographs, he is seen interacting with Army men and meeting wounded soldiers.

Meanwhile, bad weather prevented President Ram Nath Kovind from visiting the Drass

war memorial to attend the 'Kargil Diwas'.

He landed in Srinagar and participated in the Vijay Diwas function at Badami Bagh

Cantonment.

In Drass, Navy chief Admiral Karambir Singh, Air Force chief BS Dhanoa both accompanied by Army chief

General Bipin Rawat paid tributes wearing their respective forces' combat fatigues.

GoC-in-C, Northern Command, Lt-Gen Ranbir

Singh, Lt Gen YK Joshi, GOC Fire and Fury Corps, former Army Chief (Retd) Gen VP Malik too were present on the occasion.

Capt gifts war hero double promotion

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

In an apt celebration of Kargil Vijay Diwas, Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh came as a saviour for a Kargil War hero on Friday ordering double promotion for Vir Chakra awardee Satpal Singh after learning that he was managing traffic after being re-employed as a senior police constable — a rank below his stature — in Sangrur district of the State.

The CM, himself a former



Vir Chakra awardee Satpal Singh

Army man, accused the previous SAD-BJP Government of ignoring the credentials of Satpal at the time of his recruitment in 2010.

"Satpal, who joined the Punjab Police after his discharge from the Army, has been awarded a double promotion to the rank of Assistant Sub-Inspector following direct orders from the Chief Minister in recognition of his valiant contribution during the Kargil War," a Punjab Government spokesperson said.

As a special case, he will be recruited as an Assistant Sub-Inspector, in relaxation of Rule 12.3 of the Punjab Police Rules by the DGP, who has been so authorised by the Chief Minister, he said.

Satpal was posted in Drass Sector during Operation Vijay and was part of the team that helped the Indian Army capture Tiger Hill. He killed Pakistani Captain Karnal Sher Khan of the Northern Light Infantry and three others.

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Himachal CM reviews progress on Him Pragati portal

PRESS NOTE TO BE ISSUED FOR PUBLICATION IN NEWS PAPERS

The Executive Engineer IPH Division Nohradhar invites following e-tenders on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from eligible Contractors for the following work through offline process:-

S.N	Description	E/Cost	E/Money	Time	Cost of From
1.	Providing GWSS to various PC habitations of CV Drains in GP NeriKotl Tehsil Rajgarh Dist. Simour (SH) - Laying & Joining of GMS pipe line from source to main storage tank.	197243/-	3950/-	2 Months	250/-
2.	Providing LWSS to Panjrah and adjoining villages in GP Badol and BeongTawa Tehsil Sangrah Dist. Simour (SH) - C.O RCC Sector storage tank 2000, 2600, 3000, 15000 litres capacity and laying and joining of GMS pipe line for connectivity from tank to tank.	454688	9300	3 months	250/-

The application for purchase of tender documents shall be entertained up to 4.00 PM dated 07/08/2019, non-refundable, in cash or by money order as per cost shown above. The tenders shall be received in the office of the Executive Engineer IPH Division Nohradhar up to 2.00 PM dated 08/08/2019 and shall be opened on the same day at 3.00 PM in the presence of intending contractors or their authorized representatives if any.

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PNS ■ SHIMLA

Himachal Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur on Friday said the State Government has launched a special campaign to attract investors and it is expected that as a result of initiative to organise first ever global investors meet, the state would be able to achieve the target of attracting investment of Rs. 85 thousand crores.

He said the state government has signed memorandums of understanding (MoUs) for 228 projects in the state during the past few months with investment of over Rs. 27,515 crores.

Reviewing the progress on Him Pragati portal to fast track clearances and approval of various developmental projects, Thakur said effective and

regular monitoring of on-going projects is vital for time bound and quality completion of various infrastructural developmental projects being executed by various agencies in the state and Him Pragati portal started in the state is proving to be very effective in redressing the concerns of the investors.

He reviewed the progress made on the MoUs signed by the state government for various projects in the state and instructed the departments concerned to speed up all the required clearances in a time bound manner.

Thakur said that all the MoUs will be brought under Him Pragati portal to monitor their progress in a better manner. Besides, the user name and password would be provided to all the investors so that they can raise their concerns and check the action taken by the departments concerned.



He also advised the revenue department to hold meetings with the property dealers for identifying the available land.

He directed the Town and Country Planning department to forward the case to the government for removing all kinds of no objection certificates (NOC) for land development

already taken permission from the Defence Ministry. He said the state government has also planned to starting joy ride from SASE helipad, Manali to Rohtang Pass which would be an added priority to the tourists for which helicopters have also been purchased. He stressed that government would also consider to do away with the practice of obtaining NOCs from Gram Panchayats as most of them are unnecessary and create hindrance for the development projects.

Chief Secretary B.K. Agarwal said that the Industries department has signed MoUs for 122 projects so far out of which work on 57 projects has already been started. He assured the investors that the state government would provide them all assistance in executing their projects and all the concerns raised by them would be resolved on top priority.

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

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31 new HVAC long route buses of CTU flagged off

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Governor and Chandigarh Administrator VP Singh Badnore on Friday flagged off 31 HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) long route buses at ISBT, Sector 17 here.

"These 31 HVAC buses will ply on long routes to Shimla, Manali, Dehradun, Amritsar, Hissar, Haridwar, Delhi, Hansi, Harnipur, Jawala Ji, Baijnath," a spokesperson said.

The spokesperson said that these buses have latest technology, panic button for women safety and electronically controlled diesel engines. All buses are equipped with cameras, LED Destination boards, and GPS Devices for tracking of buses in real time. Each row of seat is equipped with reading lights, mobile charging points, A.C. Louvers among other facilities.

For the first time, the Chandigarh Transport Undertaking (CTU) has introduced the panic button in these 31 HVAC long route buses to

Himachal CM pays homage to brave soldiers of Kargil aggression

PNS ■ SHIMLA

Himachal Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur on Friday paid homage to the brave soldiers of the country, who made supreme sacrifice in the Kargil aggression for safeguarding the frontiers of the nation during a function organised here in the Gaity Theatre by the Army Training Command (ARTC), Shimla to mark the 20th anniversary of 'Kargil Vijay Diwas'.

"People of the country would always remain indebted to our brave soldiers, who laid down their lives for our security and pride of the nation," he said.

The CM said we are proud that despite a small state, Himachal has always made big contributions for the nation and our soldiers have led from the front. He said that 52 soldiers from Himachal attained martyrdom during this operation and it is a matter of utmost pride for every citizen of Himachal Pradesh that out of total four Param Vir Chakra, two were conferred upon the valiant soldiers from the state besides six Vir Chakra and six Sena Medals.

3 PERSONS ARRESTED AFTER INTERVENTION OF SC Chandigarh

After the intervention of Punjab SC Commission in the issue of chaining and beating an old Dalit man in Moga's Revda village, the Police has arrested three persons involved in this incident. Member of the SC Commission, Gian Chand Diwali said, the Commission had taken suo motu of a viral video in which a man was chained and thrashed besides seeking a detailed report from SSP Moga. He said, Moga Police submitted a report in this regard and apprised the Commission that three persons namely Mahinder Singh and Shinder Singh both of Revda village and Gurmit Singh of large Jalalpur village were arrested while Mangat Singh was still at large.

PUNJAB VIGILANCE NABS CONSTABLE FOR TAKING BRIBE

Punjab State Vigilance Bureau nabbed head constable (HC) of Manjit Singh red handed while accepting bribe Rs 3,000. A spokesperson said, HC Manjit Singh posted at Sadar police station, Fazilka was nabbed red handed on the complaint of Surta Singh of village Rana, Fazilka district. The complainant had approached the VB and alleged that the accused police official was demanding Rs 3,000 to favor him in a complaint case. He informed that a case under different sections of prevention of corruption act has been registered against him at VB police station Ferozpur and further investigation was under progress.

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Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount With NPA date	Description of secured asset (Immovable property)
(LC No. 0000635 of Karnal Branch) Jaipal J (Borrower) Mausam M (Co Borrower 1)	18-02-2019/ ₹ 1,69,988/- (Sixteen lakh Ninety Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Five) NPA (01-01-2019)	Khatta No 99 Rampura Ganaur Sonepat Sonepat Sonipat Haryana- 131001
(LC No. 0000591 of Karnal Branch) Sudarshan Lal (Borrower)	18-02-2019/ ₹ 66,441/- (Six lakh Sixty Four Thousand Four Hundred Fourteen) NPA (01-01-2019)	Plot No. 1 (Part Of South East Corner) Moja Chandpur, Mousama Veena Ngr. Ward No 17, Jagadhari Yamuna Nagar Yamunanagar Haryana- 135001
(LC No. 0000664 of Karnal Branch) Anu Sharma (Borrower)	18-02-2019/ ₹ 1,07,755/- (Ten lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Four) NPA (01-01-2019)	Khevat No.382, Khatoni No.439 Khasra No. 37/23/1/2, H B 23 Kashyap Chopal, Indri Indri Karnal Haryana- 132041
(LC No. 00001158 of Karnal Branch) Satpal Dendoria (Borrower)	18-02-2019/ ₹ 37,23,127/- (Thirty Seven lakh Twenty Three Thousand One Hundred Twenty Seven) NPA (01-01-2019)	Khasra No. 225, Mauja Gobindpura Hb No. 407, Plot No. 20 Yamunanagar Yamunanagar Yamunanagar Haryana- 135001
(LC No. 00001653 of Patiala Branch) Shamsheer Singh (Borrower) Jagdeesh Kaur (Co Borrower 1)	18-02-2019/ ₹ 22,26,275/- (Twenty Two lakh Twenty Six Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Five) NPA (01-01-2019)	Khevat No 85/80 Khatoni No 338 Khasra No Vill Behar Jach The. Patran, Samana Samana Patiala Punjab- 147101
(LC No. 00001357 of Karnal Branch) Ashok Kumar (Borrower)	18-02-2019/ ₹ 1,64,833/- (Sixteen lakh Forty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Three) NPA (01-01-2019)	Khevat No- 1399 Kitta 4 Vaka Pundri Pundri Karnal Haryana- 136026
(LC No. 00001777 of Karnal Branch) Narendar Balyan (Borrower)	18-02-2019/ ₹ 24,30,555/- (Twenty Four lakh Thirty Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Five) NPA (01-01-2019)	Vaka, Ander Abadi, Mayur Vihar, Ander Rakba, Garhi Brahmanan, Killa No. 31,30,14,15,24,30,13 Sonipat Sonipat Haryana- 131001
(LC No. 00001945 of Karnal Branch) Sunil Kumar (Borrower) Anju A (Co Borrower 1)	18-02-2019/ ₹ 14,60,274/- (Fourteen lakh Sixty Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Four) NPA (01-01-2019)	Waka Ward No. 1 Abadi Devinagar Dewipura Distt Sonipat Haryana- 131301
(LC No. 0000907 of Haridwar Branch) Sonu So Dharam Pal (Borrower)	18-02-2019/ ₹ 97,26,57/- (Nine lakh Seventy Two Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Seven) NPA (01-01-2019)	Property Id No. 332c221u185b Khasra No 5/8, Mouja Mamdi Ranjit Colony, Palam Vihar Yamunanagar Yamunanagar Haryana - 135001
(LC No. 00002197 of Karnal Branch) Shakti Kumar (Borrower)	18-02-2019/ ₹ 1,98,967/- (One lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Seven) NPA (01-01-2019)	M C No. 4489 Shiv Colony Gali No. 09 Karnal Karnal Haryana- 132001
(LC No. 00002484 of Karnal Branch) Raj Kumar Sharma (Borrower) Kavita Sharma (Co Borrower 1)	18-02-2019/ ₹ 10,24,057/- (Ten lakh Twenty Four Thousand Fifty Seven) NPA (01-01-2019)	Khevat No 562, Khatta No 718, Killa No 28/25-8-0, Neelkanth Dharam Kanta Kundli Kundli Sonipat Haryana- 131028
(LC No. 00002525 of Karnal Branch) M/S. R P L Industries (Borrower) Mr. Ashish Rishi Parkash (Co Borrower 1) Mrs. Sonika Karambir Singh (Co Borrower 2) M/S. R P L Industry (Guarantor 1) Mrs. Shakuntla Chandan Singh (Guarantor 2)	18-02-2019/ ₹ 32,63,083/- (Thirty Two lakh Sixty Three Thousand Eighty Three) NPA (01-01-2019)	M MACHINE_NAME- FABRIC BAG MAKING MACHINES, AP_MODEL_NO- F800 MODEL
(LC No. 00003079 of Patiala Branch) Sunil Kumar (Borrower) Chanchal Rani (Co Borrower 1) Pardeep Kumar (Co Borrower 2)	18-02-2019/ ₹ 16,45,058/- (Sixteen lakh Forty Five Thousand Fifty Eight) NPA (01-01-2019)	Vill. Ajeemgarh Tehsil Guhla Khe No. 86 Kailthal Kailthal Haryana- 136027
(LC No. 00002831 of Karnal Branch) Dinesh Kumar (Borrower)	18-02-2019/ ₹ 78,867/- (Seventy Eight Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Seven) NPA (01-01-2019)	Khawat No 234/1, Kt No 260/1, M No 61, Kll 61,15/1, 2-4, To 25/2/6-6, Karnal, Karnal Karnal Haryana- 132001
(LC No. 00002724 of Karnal Branch) Anil Kumar (Borrower)	18-02-2019/ ₹ 11,74,656/- (Eleven lakh Seventy Four Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Six) NPA (01-01-2019)	Farakpur Road Prithvi Nagar- A, Sasoli, Jagadhri Workshop Yamunanagar Yamunanagar Haryana- 135001

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to DHFL as aforesaid, DHFL shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of DHFL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Sd/-
(Authorized Officer)
Date : 27-July-2019
Place: Haryana
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Bank of Maharashtra

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Branch Office: Modella Woolen Mills Building, M.M. Malviya Road, Amritsar - 143001, Ph: 0183-2212437, 2210438, 2228205, E-mail: brmgr442@mahabank.co.in

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Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Bank of Maharashtra under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of the powers conferred under Sub-Section (12) of section 13 read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002, issued a Demand Notice calling upon the Borrower / Guarantor to repay within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice. The notice was sent by Registered AD Post / Courier/Dasti/Speed Post.

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 Symbolic Possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the respective days as mentioned before the borrowers. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Bank of Maharashtra for an amount herein above mentioned.

Name of the Branch & Borrower / Guarantor	Description of Properties	Demand Notice / Possession Date	Amount due plus interest & other expenses
BRANCH-AMRITSAR Borrower(s)- (1) Smt. Sarita Datta W/o Sh. Revati Raman Datta (2) Smt. Gopika Datta W/o Sh. Ritesh Datta (3) Sh. Ritesh Datta S/o Sh. Revati Raman Datta. Guarantor- Sh. Revati Raman Datta S/o Sh. Kashmir Lal Datta, all R/o Rakba Naushehra, Abadi, R.B. Plot No. 37; North: Plot No. 49; South: Plot No. 51.	Equitable mortgage of House Property measuring 210 Sq. Yards, Khasra No. 18/1, 18/2 min, Khata / Khatoni No. 526646, Plot No. 50, Rakba - Naushehra, Abadi - R.B. Garden, Patnagarh Churian Road, Amritsar owned by Smt. Sarita Datta W/o Sh. Revati Raman Datta vide Sale Deed No. 8237 dated 28.08.2012 and bounded by:- East: Road 35 ft. wide; West: Garden, Tehsil & District Amritsar - 143001.	08.05.2019 / 22.07.2019	Rs. 18,00,734/- plus unapplied interest thereon w.e.f. 22.07.2019.

Dated: 26.07.2019
Place: Amritsar
Authorized Officer & Chief Manager
Chandigarh Zone

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Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 2nd Floor Videocon Tower Jhandewalan Ext. New Delhi - 110055

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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 below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. 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 ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice(Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Gurdeep Singh & Ranjeet Kaur LBAMT00002439078 & LBAMT0 0002438945	Plot No-31 & 32, Khasra No-1269, 1270, Sultan Wind Urban, Kot Atma Ram, Amritsar Punjab 23-july-2019	08-Feb-2019 Rs. 21,90,365/-	Punjab

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

Date : 26-07-2019
Place: Punjab
Sd/-
Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

IN BRIEF

BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION MET WITH CEO, CSCL Chandigarh: British High Commission (BHC) alongwith the Department for International Development (DFID) met Commissioner Cum CEO, Chandigarh Smart City Ltd., Kamal Kishore Yadav with the Deloitte team members for discussing the way forward to identify another intervention under smart urban development of Indian states (SmUDI). The emphasis during discussion was on possibilities of improvement in traffic management and to review the existing scenario for the purpose of implementation of NMT and pedestrianisation in Chandigarh and identifying the potential interventions that may be taken up during next phase of this programme.

ORIENTAL BANK OF COMMERCE HOLDS MSME CAMP Chandigarh: To support and participate in government initiative to promote MSME growth, Oriental Bank of Commerce, Circle Office Chandigarh, organized "MSME: Support & Outreach" camp at Industrial Area, Phase-2. Bank created awareness on various micro, small & medium enterprise loan schemes to encourage and promote the MSME industry. DGM Subhash Gupta (Circle Head, Chandigarh), AGM Ram Savroop Singh Salaria, AGM Bobby Tanwar along with various bank employees were present to interact with the entrepreneurs who participated at the camp.

ICICI BANK LAUNCHES 'INSTABIZ'
Chandigarh: ICICI Bank has announced the launch of a new digital platform curated specially for MSMEs and self-employed customers to enable them to undertake their business banking transactions digitally and instantly. Called, 'InstaBIZ', it allows customers to avail as many as over 115 products and services in a digital and secure manner on their mobile phone or internet banking platform. Many of the services are first-in-the-industry and are available instantly, a spokesman said.

IIT ROPAR ORGANISES METRIX-2019
Chandigarh: The Department of Mechanical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Ropar organized the event METRIX (Mechanical Engineering Time for Research Ideas Exchange). The event provided a platform for exchange of research ideas not only among the peers of the Mechanical Engineering Department, but also with the outside world. Students of class 11 from Government Boys and Girls Schools of Ropar were invited and given the opportunity to explore the kind of research undergoing in the department.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND INDUSTRIES MEET
Shimla: Himachal Industries Minister Bikram Singh has stressed the need of implementing the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Program effectively to enable villagers to get more employment opportunities. Presiding over the 234th meeting of Board of Directors of Khadi and Village Industries here, he directed all the district officials to review the works of the ongoing units under the program and asked to prepare the report so that the number of persons who got employment in these units could be known.

ELANTE CELEBRATES CRPF'S 81ST RAISING DAY
Chandigarh: Elante mall on Friday marked the 81st Raising Day with the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) by setting up a spectacular display of weapons within the mall premises. The shoppers got to see the exclusive weaponry displayed at Central Atrium of the mall by CRPF. Later in the evening the CRPF brass band performed live in the mall, with shoppers enjoying the patriotic musical delight. In 2015, the CRPF changed the Raising Day Date to July 27 to mark the historic day when its first battalion was raised in Neemuch in Madhya Pradesh on the same date in 1939, as the Crown Representatives Police (CRP) under the British rule.



'Top 100 schools to be upgraded to model schools'

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Friday announced that top 100 schools of 10th and 12th standard in the State would be developed as Model School on the basis of evaluation of their results and infrastructure for the academic session 2019-20.

Besides, new Super 100 Centres (in addition to the existing 2) would be opened in for government school students where top performing students would be provided coaching in competitive examinations like JEE Mains, National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET), CLAT etc. for admission into engineering, medical and law colleges.

Khattar made this announcement while speaking at the State Level Saksham Samman Samaroh in Panchkula.

Moreover, over 200 district and block education officers along with over 500 best performing principals attended the function while all 22 Deputy Commissioners and 10,000 schools in the State were also connected to the



programme through video conferencing.

Khattar also announced that to ensure employment to the skilled students, career counseling would be started in the schools. Apart from this, arrangement of vocational training would also be made for them. He said that programme would also be organised after regular intervals for honouring the teachers in recognition of their contribution in the field of education.

He also launched Saksham CM Scholarship under which more than 8000 meritorious students of 6th to 12th standard would be given scholarship.

He also launched online service book under which service book of 1.15 lakh employees of the education department would be made available online, Saksham Adhyapak App, a mobile App which would have question banks, videos and other teaching training material, Saksham

Samiksha app - a GIS based application for the effective monitoring of 15,000 schools and Saksham District Dashboard to see the key performance indicators of all districts online. On this occasion, 640 Board toppers of class 10th were given away laptops. While Chief Minister presented laptops to 23 students, laptops to the remaining 617 students were given away by the respective Deputy Commissioners.

He said that the State has witnessed a revolutionary change in the field of education during the last few years. He said that 107 out of 119 blocks are Saksham and 14 out of total 22 districts have become fully Saksham.

State Education Minister Ram Bilas Sharma said that the State Government has implemented the teachers transfer policy and 13 states including Punjab is following our education policy in their States. He

400 PHYSICS TEACHERS TO BE RECRUITED SOON

Reacting to a question of Ra government school principal over unavailability of physics teacher in her school, chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar admitted that there was a shortage of physics teacher in the state.

Though steps have been taken in regard to setting up new schools and colleges, providing better infrastructure facilities but quality of education is pivotal for the overall development of children, he said. Taking serious note of the issue, he said 400 physics teachers will be recruited soon.

said that as a result of various initiatives taken to improve the quality of education in the State, about 56,000 students have migrated from private schools to government schools last year and this figure would be increased further in the time to come.

Punjab CM pays tributes to Kargil War heroes

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Friday paid floral tributes to the martyrs of the Kargil war on the 20th anniversary of the event.

The Chief Minister laid the wreath at the War Memorial at the Bougainvillea Garden here, with glowing tributes to the heroic acts of the soldiers, including the 54 brave sons of Punjab, who laid their lives during the Kargil Operations.

Remembering their sacrifices on the Kargil Vijay Divas, Capt Amarinder exhorted the youth to follow their ideals to uphold the country's sovereignty and integration, besides imbuing themselves with a spirit of patriotism and nationalism.

Capt Amarinder said the heroes of the Indian Army soldiers will remain etched as defining moments in the nation's history. In a tweet, the Punjab chief minister said, "I salute our Bravehearts, who made the ultimate sacrifice protecting the sanctity of our nation". At the wreath laying ceremony, Director, Defence



Services Welfare, Brigadier Satinder Singh apprised Capt Amarinder that such commemorative functions were also being simultaneously held at Amritsar, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Hoshiarpur and Sangrur, to honour the next of kin of the 54 Kargil heroes of Punjab. July 26 is celebrated as Kargil Vijay Divas every year to mark India's triumph over Pakistan in Operation Vijay. The Indian soldiers recaptured the mountain heights in Kargil sector on this day in 1999 from intruders backed by the Pakistani army, after an armed conflict that lasted a little over two months.

On the occasion, the Chief Minister also interacted with the young cadets of Mai Bhago Armed Forces Preparatory Institute, Mohali.

Special campaign to enroll as voters ahead of Assembly polls in Haryana

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Ahead of the Assembly elections in Haryana, a special campaign will be organized in the state on July 27 and 28 for making votes.

Joint Chief Electoral Officer, Haryana, Dr Inder Jeet on Friday said that eligible persons, who are 18 years old or above as on January 1, 2019 and have not been able to register their name in the voters list due to any reason, they can all register their names during this campaign.

He said that during the campaign, all the BLOs will remain available at their polling booths to get the forms filled of

The integrated draft of photo electoral rolls was published on July 15 and the final publication will be done on August 19

new voters. Apart from this, the existing voters can also check their names in the list. He said that no voter may face any problem in the upcoming General Election of the Haryana Legislative Assembly in view of not getting registered in the voters' list or incorrect description, therefore all eligible persons must get their names registered.

The official said that according to the Commission's instructions, the integrated draft of photo electoral rolls was published on July 15 and the final publication will be done on August 19.

The Joint CEO said that if there is any error in the details of the voter or his or her name could not be added to the list though he or she is eligible, then the person will immediately go through this procedure by filling the concerned form and submit the form with the BLO and get the receipt from the recipient.

Assembly election in Haryana is expected to be held in October this year.

KARGIL VIJAY DIWAS

Haryana CM pays tributes to martyrs



PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Friday paid tributes to the Kargil martyrs at War Memorial, Panchkula.

He said that the debt of the martyrs, who sacrificed their lives for safeguarding of the motherland, can never be paid and the people of the country will always remember their

martyrdom. He said that 527 brave soldiers of the country had sacrificed their lives in Kargil. Paying glowing tributes, the Haryana Chief Minister said the heroes would never die and "if they do, they will live in the hearts of the people."

"Let's honour and salute the victorious Kargil heroes who sacrificed their lives for the motherland's peace and prosperity," Khattar tweeted.

Earlier, a police contin-

gent paid homage to the martyrs and the Chief Minister bowed down to pay homage to the sacrifice of the martyrs. He said that the forces of the country are fully capable to face any challenge of the enemy and our Armed forces are world famous for their bravery.

On this occasion, the Chief Minister also interacted with ex-servicemen and prayed for their better health.

Bindra to help budding athletes in new sports varsity

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Government would use the talent and expertise of Olympic Gold medalist Abhinav Bindra to guide budding athletes in the new Sports University coming up in Patiala.

After meeting Bindra here, Sports and Youth Affairs Minister, Rana Gurmit Singh Sodhi said that the Sports landscape in Punjab is set to witness a transition with new initiatives being undertaken in Sports Science and Technology, facilitated by Abhinav Bindra Targeting Performance, India's leading High-Performance Centre.

"The brand, an initiative by Beijing Olympic Games Gold Medalist Abhinav Bindra, makes use of the technology that was used by him during his training," the minister said.

The Olympic Champion on the occasion also saw the gallery of photographs of eminent sportspersons, including his, displayed at the minister's room, who have carved out a niche for themselves as well as brought laurels to Punjab.

The minister also recalled the memories of Beijing Olympics (2008) in which Bindra won India's first Gold Medal in Individual category and where the minister was also present. Sodhi also recalled the journey of Bindra



from his days at the Doon School right till his becoming Olympic Champion.

On the arrangement with 'Abhinav Bindra Targeting Performance', Sodhi said that proposals have been made to establish a new High-Performance Centre that can assess and Train the Physical

Parameters of an Athlete using Data, and Real-Time Visual Feedback.

The Technology would enable athletes to access Sport-Specific training routines customized for them by a team of Sports Medicine Consultants Physiotherapists, Sports Scientists, and Data

Analysts. The Minister further added that the State Government will be looking to support the Plan with the help of a Corporate Sponsor. Such initiatives, he added would certainly steer Punjab towards glory in the sporting arena.

PSPCL gets two arrested for power theft

PNS ■ PATIALA

PSPCL on Friday said its team conducted a raid and got arrested two anti-social elements who were indulging in power theft by replacing the energy meters by fake meters.

Baldev Singh Sran, CMD, said both these consumers have been sent to Central Jail Patiala and further investigation are on.

Moreover, PSPCL's anti-theft police cell also nabbed a person Harbans Singh, resident of Anand Nagar-B, Patiala from Rajpura along with his car, which was fully

equipped with a variety of meter tampering instruments. A statement said he was trying to flee from the state and was nabbed with a well laid off trap.

He has also given some vital inputs, about where he was enabling power theft and such other persons, who are also involved in this act. Anti theft Police will obtain the remand of Harbans Singh for further investigation and to unearth the whole scam, the statement said. The CMD appreciated the efforts of its West Division Patiala Team and also of Team of Anti



Power Theft Police Station. Sran said that PSPCL will be able to further identify & understand the modus

operandi being used by these power thieves, who are using quite diverse methods to steal power.

Haryana offers Nepal to be the partner country for Gita Jayanti

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister, Manohar Lal Khattar on Friday offered Nepal to be the partner Country for the International Gita Jayanti Mahotsav scheduled to be held at Kurukshetra this year from December 3 to December 8.

He made this offer when Ambassador of Nepal to India Nilamber Acharya called on him here.

Khattar said that Haryana has been celebrating Gita Jayanti Mahotsav of International Level for the last three years and every year a country is invited to become a partner country for the event. This year, Nepal is invited to be a partner country. He said that an International Seminar on Shrimad Bhagwad Gita would also be organized as part of the celebrations on December 6 and the devotees and scholars from Nepal could participate in it.

He said as a result of efforts made by Haryana for the promotion of Shrimad Bhagwad Gita at a grand scale, many other countries have also started celebrating Gita Jayanti in their countries.

"Mauritius organized Gita Mahotsav in the month of February 2019 and now it is being organized in United Kingdom (UK) from August 7 to August 9, 2019. Canada

has also proposed to organize similar Mahotsav in their country," he added.

Ambassador of Nepal to India Nilamber Acharya said that India and Nepal has lot of similarities though Nepal is a small country. He said that both Haryana and Nepal could collaborate in the fields of agriculture, agro industry and industrialization and share their best practices thus contribute significantly in the development of India and Nepal, he added



Gita Jayanti

Priyanka to move into her Shimla dream cottage soon

IANS ■ SHIMLA.

Even as the Congress General Secretary turns on the heat in the plains with her political posturing, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra has reached herself a place in the cool climes of Shimla and is all set to move into her dream house set amid cherry, peach and apple trees.

Currently, the five-room cottage -- with wooden frames and shingled exteriors and a sloping tiled roof -- is being refurbished with interiors at a height of more than 8,000 feet amid thick forests of pine and cedar in Charabra, some 15 km uphill from the Himachal Pradesh capital.

A state Congress leader said the earlier house had less space in its backyard and that

it was not secure from the security point of view. Moreover, the cottage had a seepage problem in the slate roof.

Priyanka Gandhi along with her children and mother Sonia Gandhi are regularly visiting to inspect the construction work of the two-storey house on a four-bigha plus agricultural plot that was purchased in 2007.

"We are getting the best possible wood for the interior work," an official supervising the cottage construction told IANS.

He said the walnut wood is being mainly used for carvings, ceiling designing and for some daily use furniture items. The main furniture has already been purchased from the designer.

"After the monsoon rains, the polish work of the wood will begin. The entire interior work is likely to be over by October and will be ready for possession too," he added.

Congress leader and former Cabinet Minister Vidya Stokes had played an important role in helping Priyanka Gandhi buy a three-and-a-half bigha (one bigha is 0.4 hectare) agricultural plot for around Rs 47 lakh in 2007. The then Congress government in the state had relaxed norms to let the Vadras buy the land.

The plot is close to The Retreat, the summer holiday resort of the Indian President. Oberoi Group's luxury spa Wildflower Hall also lies close to Priyanka Gandhi's cottage.

The Congress leader is one of the most high-profile people to build a house in Himachal Pradesh years after former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee chose Kullu Valley for a cottage.

The work for the cottage was initially handed over to Delhi-based architects in 2008. In 2011 the entire building was pulled down -- not because of any dispute -- but apparently the Gandhi scion was unhappy with the size of the rooms and the building design, leaders privy to the Gandhi family said.

Later, it was re-constructed and redesigned by renowned Shimla-based builder Tenzin in the hill architecture style with strong foundation, an open terrace at

the top, bigger rooms and drive-in.

Already the planted cherry trees in the lawns are bearing fruits. Last month some cherry boxes were sent to Priyanka in New Delhi, a caretaker said.

He said some saplings of almond were also planted in the lawns. The then Himachal Pradesh government had relaxed land rules under Section 118 of the Land Reforms and Tenancy Act to facilitate the sale for the Gandhi family.

The law prohibits outsiders from buying land in the hilly state and those who wish to buy land for non-agricultural purposes have to seek a relaxation from the Government.

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Amarinder orders...

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Khan was later conferred the Nishan-e-Haider, Pakistan's highest gallantry award, on the recommendation of an Indian brigade commander who vouched for his bravery on the

icy heights. Capt Amarinder authorised the DGP to grant the required relaxation in age November 7, 1973, for the recruitment of senior constable Satpal as an ASI in the Punjab Police, the spokesperson said. Satpal was recruited into the Punjab Police as senior constable and is presently discharg-

ing his duties in an outstanding manner in Bhaniganh town of Sangru District, Director General of Police Dinkar Gupta said. He said ex-post facto approval of the Council of Ministers will be obtained subsequently for the required relaxation in rules.

Classifieds

LOST AND FOUND

It is notified for the information that my original qualifying examination Passing Certificate secondary secondary 12th Roll No 2602696 year 2010 issued by CBSE Board has been actually lost. Devang Kaushik Ambla.

It is notified for the information that my Original qualifying Examination Certificate of Secondary Examination of year 2017 bearing Roll No 2328688, issued by the CBSE has been actually lost. Ms Vanisha D/o Shazad Ali. House No 385 Sector 45, Burali Chandigarh.

It is notified for the information that my original qualifying examination Marksheet of main 10th examination of year 2016-17 and Roll No. 2327503 issued by CBSE has been actually lost. Name: Shubham Jaggi. S/o Yash Paul Jaggi. R/o H.No. 3084 Sector 20-D, Chandigarh. Mob. 7380030750.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Baby W/o Late Sh. Dinesh Kumar R/o House No.1110, Sector 20-B, Chandigarh, have changed my name to Meenakshi.

I, Vanita Devi W/o Shiv Dev Singh R/O Vill-Tarwara, P/O Haryal, Teh/Distt Pathankot declare that I have changed my name, and younger daughter Shagun school record my name wrongly written Vandana please correct it Vanita Devi.

I, Joginder Kaur W/O Man Singh Resi #780, Sector-77, Mohali Punjab Have Changed My Name To Joginder Kaur.

I, Sanamdeep Singh S/O Gurtej Singh Resi #48, Phase-8, Mohali Punjab Have Changed My Name To Sanamdeep Singh Dhindsa.

I, Sourav Balu S/O Gian Chand R/o House No. 1359, Sector 20-B, Chandigarh have changed my name from Sourav Balu to Rajveer Singh.

I, Parveen Kumar S/o Sh. Sukh Ram R/O # 3533/46 Adarsh Nagar, Ropar have changed my minor son's name from Shubham to Shubham Sharma.

I, Shivani Gaur W/o Yogesh Kumar R/O 82/KH-107, Ibrahimpur North West Delhi have change my name to Shivani.

I, Army No.4570358X Hav. Rajpal, inform that in my service record the date of birth of my wife Babli Devi has been mistakenly mentioned 01.07.1983. But her actual date of birth is 01.01.1987.

I, Navin Kumar S/o Puroshotam R/O 71/22 Gandhi Nagar, Khat Mandi, Sonapat have changed my name and my father name to Navin Jindal S/o Puroshotam Jindal for all future purposes.

I, Sucha Singh S/o Sh. Avtar Singh R/o working in coy. Unit-2 Sikh Regt. C/o. 56 APO, Chandimandir Cantt. hereby solemnly affirm and declare that in Army record my daughter's name is wrongly entered as Suksharan Kour but her correct name is Suksharan Kaur.

I, Manjeet Singh S/o Puroshotam Dass R/O H.No. 7737/4 Nadi Mohalla Ambala City have changed my name from Manjeet Saini to Manjeet Singh.

I, No. 1492169W, Hav Shanti Singh, Unit 65 Engr Br Regt (PMS) C/o 56 APO, Chandimandir Cantt. Panchkula has changed my wife name in my service record from Machlia Kathait to Machhia Devi.

I, Suman Kumari W/o Late Rajinder Kumar R/O #639-A, Sector-46/A, Chandigarh have changed my name from Suman Kumari to Manju Kumari.

I, Davinder Singh S/o Nachhater Singh R/O 13, Kesar Nagar, Jagadhri declares that in my Son Paramvir Singh Dhalwara's School record/ Certificate, his name wrongly enter as Paramvir Singh Dhalwari, but his correct name is Paramvir Singh Dhalwai and my name wrongly entered as Dawinder Singh Dhalwai but my correct name is Davinder Singh.

I, Gurpreet Singh S/O Gurbax Singh R/O H.N. 302/22, New model town tohanna, tehsil tohanna distt, Fatehabad have changed my name from Gurpreet Singh Kinra to Gurpreet Singh.

I, No14672069N Sep Devkate Shankar Wamanrao S/o Wamanrao Shivaji Devkate of unit 2535 FD WKSP C/o 56 APO (629 EME Bn) declare that in my service record my wife name wrongly written Sangita Devkate please correct it Sangita Shankar Devkate.

I, Sunil Tuteja S/o Tara Chand Tuteja R/O 863 New Brahm Colony, Near Bangali Depo, Sonapat declare that in my 10th class Marksheet my name written as Sunil Kumar but in my other documents my name is written as Sunil Tuteja. Sunil Kumar and Sunil Tuteja both name are same and one person.

I, Gunish S/o Bajinder Kumar R/O H.No. 241/41-C Mathura Enclave Police Line Ambala City have changed my Name to Gunish Sood.

I, Army No. 1601913L, Rank NK Naveen Datta S/o Sh. Badan Singh, Posted at Unit 11 Raj Ref. C/o 56 APO R/O H.No. 1083/16, Shiv Colony, Jind (Hry) have changed the name of my wife in my record from Geeta Devi to Geeta Kandola vide affidavit dated 25/07/2019 before Hsar Court.

I, Pankaj Dua S/o Krishan Dua # 1 Kartar Singh Nagar Near Bal Vikas School Panipat declared change my minor son name from Aseem Dua to Aseem Aditya Dua

I, Sushila Kumari W/o Sh. Surajmal R/O Vill Baas Badshahpur, Teh. Baas, Distt. Hisar declare that in my husband army service record my name is Sushila Devi, which is wrong. My correct name is Sushila Kumari for all future purposes.

I, Prianka (Priyanka) W/o Sh. Parveen Kumar R/O Vill. Nabol, Teh. Swami, Distt. Bhiwani declare that in my school record my name is Prianka D/o Rakesh Kumar After marriage my correct name is Priyanka W/o Parveen Kumar for all future purposes.

I, Atul S/O Kasturi Lal. R/O House No. 1770/8, Vishnu Colony, Distt. Kurukshetra have changed my name Atul to Atul Arora. Noted all Concerned.

I, Satish S/O Suraj Mal, VPO: Jajpur Kalan, Tehsil & Distt. Jind, inform that the date of birth of my son Sahil in ICSE has been wrongly recorded 20.07.2002 His correct date of birth is 20.06.2002 as per his Aadhar Card and birth certificate.

I, Anil Kumar S/o Piara Ram R/O H. No. 691/19, Rulla Ram Colony, Jait Road, Gurdaspur, Tehsil/Distt-Gurdaspur. Have changed my name to Anil Kumar Manchanda.

I, Usha Rani W/O Anil Kumar Manchanda. R/O H. No-691/19 Rulla Ram Colony, Jait Road, Gurdaspur. Have changed my name to Usha Manchanda.

I, Pargat Singh S/O Kashmir Singh Gora/R/O Village Fauzla Chak, Po-N. M. Singh, Tehsil/Distt-Gurdaspur. Have changed my name to Pargat Singh Gora.

I, Rajwinder Kaur W/o Surjan Singh Village Sathiala (Amritsar) have changed my name from Bholi to Rajwinder Kaur all note.

I, Gaurav Wadhwa S/O Sh. Radha Krishan R/O H. No.260 Sector 14 Hisar Haryana hereby declare that I have changed my name from Gaurav to Gaurav Wadhwa for all future purposes.

I, hitherto known as Sumeer S/O Narinder Kumar R/O Vill Gulabgarh, Po.Chak Prema, Teh. Phagwara, Distt. Kapurthala, Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sumeer Dadra.

I, hitherto known as Rahul Kumar S/O Narinder Kumar R/O Vill Gulabgarh, Po.Chak Prema, Teh. Phagwara, Distt.Kapurthala, Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Rahul Kumar Dadra.

I, Puran S/o Boota R/O Vill.Gadani, Po.Dhilian, Distt. Kapurthala, Punjab have changed my name from Puran to Puran Singh.

I, Charanjit S/O Darshan Singh R/O VPO Bilga Patti Nilowal, Teh. Phullaur, Distt.Jalandhar Have Changed My Spelling Name From Charanjit To Charnjit.

I, No. 1492169W, Hav Shanti Singh, Unit 65 Engr Br Regt (PMS) C/o 56 APO, Chandimandir Cantt. Panchkula has changed my wife name in my service record from Machlia Kathait to Machhia Devi.

I, Himanshi Chhatwal D/o Indersain Chhatwal R/O H.No-B-1-120, Mohalla shekhan tehsil and distt Ropar have changed my name to Himanshi.

Komaljeet Kaur W/o Tejinderpal Singh Dhilon R/O Killa Jamalpur Pathankot changed my name Komaljeet Kaur Dhillon.

I, Aanchal Khanna D/o Naval Kishore Khanna W/o Rankesh Nayyar R/O 192, Jawahar Nagar Bohar Wala Shivala Batala Road District Amritsar have changed my name to Sakshi Nayyar.

I, Raj Kumar Mahajan S/o Kewal Krishna R/O 47, A7, Dalima Lane Mall Road District Amritsar have changed my name to Raj Kumar.

I, Gursaranjit Kaur W/o Satnam Singh R/O Village Bhaini Mattuan District Tarn Taran have changed my name minor son's name from Gurnishan Singh to Gurnishan Singh Sandhu.

I, Satwinder Singh S/o Bula Singh R/O H.No.12, New Krishna Nagar Tarn Taran Road District Amritsar have changed my name to Satwinder Pal Singh.

I, Sahil S/o Bhu Lal R/O 1080, Jaura Fatak Mohakapura Tungpal Amritsar have changed my name to Sahil Mehra.

I, Bhagwant Singh S/o Jaspal Singh R/O H.No-D-176/1580, Gali No.5, Kartar Nagar Chhehara Amritsar have changed my name to Singh Bhagwant.

I, Satnam Singh S/o Dilbag Singh R/O Village Bhaini Mattuan Tehsil and District Amritsar have changed my name to Satnam Singh Sandhu.

I, Punita Alias Puneeta W/o Ashok Kumar R/O Near MC Office Mandi Harzi Ram Malout Tehsil and District Muktsar have changed my name to Nisha Gupta.

I, Rupy Amitash W/O Deepak Marwaha R/O Vpo Dyalpur Kapurthala Have Changed My Name To Dolly Marwaha.

I, Kamaljit W/o Service No. 14467272W Rank Ex Naik Name: Prit Pal R/O Vpo Panchhata Teh-Phagwara (Kapurthala) Pb. changed my name to Kamaljit Kaur.

I, Prabhjyoti W/o Sukhwinder Singh R/o Vill. Brahampuri (Panjdhera) Near Dera Baba Braham Dass Phullaur (Jalandhar) changed my name to Prabhjyoti Mehmi.

I, Bakhash Kaur W/o Gural Singh R/O Vpo Apra Teh-Punjab (Jalandhar) changed my name to Gurbax Kaur.

I, Krishan Chand Mehmi S/O Bakshi Ram R/O Vpo. Gohawar Teh-Phullaur (Jalandhar) changed my minor daughter name from Inayat Chand to Inayat Mehmi.

I, Hema Sharma W/O Deepak Sharma R/O B-18 Mch-87 Sunder Sadan Ram Bagh Railway Mandi Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Minor Daughter's Name Dhriti To Dhriti Sharma.

I, Sanjeet W/O Jatinder Singh R/O Village Gagnoli P.O. Sahri District Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Name To Sanjeet Kaur.

I, Indjerjit Son Of Gurmeej Ram R/O Vpo. Karyam Tehsil Nawanshahr District S.B.S. Nagar Have Changed My Name From Indjerjit To Indjerjit Singh.

I, Gagandeep S/O Satnam Chand R/O Patti Gaggur Vpo. Jandiata Tehsil Phullaur Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab, India Have Changed My Name Gagandeep To Gagandeep Chand.

I, Amandip S/O Satnam Chand R/O Patti Gaggur Vpo. Jandiata Tehsil Phullaur Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab, India Have Changed My Name Amandip To Amandip Chand.

I, Sikander S/O Satnam Chand R/O Patti Gaggur, Vpo. Jandiata Tehsil Phullaur Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab, India Have Changed My Name Sikander To Sikander Chand.

I, Navail Kishore S/O Moti Lal R/O H.No.15/17 Khatik Mandi Ferozepur Cantt Have Changed My Name From Navail Kishore To Navail Kishor.

I, Paramjit Singh S/O Gura Singh R/O Near Bus Stand, Duhewala Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name Paramjit Singh To Paramjit Singh Dhalwai.

I, Akhil Chander Alias Akhil S/O Subhash Chander S/O House No.28/4/5, Gawal Mandi, Ward No.01, Ferozepur Cantt. Declare That I Am Known By Both Names As Above.

I, Dayal Singh & D/o Singh Son Of Paal Singh R/O Near New Gurudwara Sahib Satyewala Distt. Ferozepur Declare That I Am Known By Both Names As Above.

I, Harpreet Kaur D/O Tajinder Pal Singh R/O Muktsar Road, Guru Har Sahai, Distt. Ferozepur. Have Changed My Name Harpreet Kaur To Harpreet Kaur Sadoura.

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BJP means stability: Nadda

Cong-JD(S) coalition in Karnataka collapsed under its 'own weight' and internal conflicts, says party working president

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Claiming that the Congress-JD(S) coalition in Karnataka collapsed under its "own weight" and internal conflicts, BJP's working president JP Nadda on Friday dismissed the argument of age bar of 75 years applicable to BS Yediyurappa saying he is moving from being the leader of Opposition to taking the mantle of Chief Minister of the State.



JP Nadda addresses a Press conference in New Delhi on Friday. Ranjan Dimri / Pioneer

Nadda said the BJP was synonymous with "stability" and would provide a firm Government in Karnataka.

He dismissed the charges of horse trading in the State saying the Government fell on account of its own contradictions. Quizzed on West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's allegation that BJP was destabilising States, Nadda said, "Apne karo se unko dar laga hai" (she is scared for her own reasons).

"They (Congress-JDS) fell under their own weight due to internal reasons... The BJP is synonymous with stability. Wherever we go, we bring stability," Nadda told reporters at his maiden Press conference where he also shared the Narendra Modi Government's achievements in its first 50 days.

Asked about the fact that BJP leader Yediyurappa, who is taking oath as Chief Minister,

is over the 75-year age bar the party has stipulated for its leaders holding any Government position, he played it down.

Yediyurappa was the leader of the BJP legislature party in the State and it was natural for him to be the party's choice for the Chief Minister's post, he said. Yediyurappa is 76 years old.

"It depends," he said when quizzed about the party's age-bar and then added, "You see, first of all he is a leader, he is an elected leader of the legislature party. Accordingly, he is taking oath. It is a continuous process and the party takes note of ongoing developments from time to time." As the leader of opposition he is alright and the day he takes oath the question is asked about his age, he said, adding that it does not work like that.

The BJP under Prime

Minister Narendra Modi and its president Amit Shah has introduced the 75 years limit for Ministers in the party-run Governments as well as for its candidates in the recent Lok Sabha election to ease out many veterans, including L K Advani, Murli Manohar Joshi and

Sumitra Mahajan among others.

Asked about reports that some rebel Congress-JD(S) MLAs may be accommodated by the BJP Government in Karnataka as Ministers, Nadda said it is for these MLAs to decide their future course of action.

Nadda presents Modi 2.0 50-day report card

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Speaking on the 50-day decision making in the Modi-2 Government, Nadda said these were much more and concrete than taken during last 50 years of other parties and reflects political will of the leadership. He said by 2024, 1,00,24,000 houses with electricity, toilets and gas connections would be ready for delivery and make way for "ease of living". He said by 2024 every rural house will get tap drinking water which itself would be a "revolutionary step".

PM Gram Sadak Yojana will have 1.25 crore km roads made in rural areas, providing rural connectivity and creating network for business and marketing. He said Modi

Government has deleted 44 labour laws and ensured their minimum wages, improved working conditions, and upgraded their health, safety conditions which would benefit 50 crore workers. He mentioned pension for small traders which would help three crore small traders.

Nadda said Government has taken steps to support women employment by helping self-help groups in the country by giving Rs 5,000 and Rs 1 lakh loan to them that would go a long way to improve rural economy.

Similarly, he said the scheme of scholarship to martyred families in the army has now been extended to police and para-military forces too.

Elders raise many issues

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Issues like exorbitant fees charged by private schools and a demand to regulate them, illegal sand mining in various parts of the country thereby posing threat to environment and lack of facilities like hears and ambulance to ferry the dead from the hospital saw the members from nearly all political parties expressing concern in the Rajya Sabha on Friday.

Raising the fees issue, Shwair Malik (BJP) demanded that such schools should be regulated to provide succor to hapless parents. He said education had now become like shops with industrialists and traders opening educational institutions and exploit through various charges like building fund and force the parents to buy books and uniform from the school.

Associating himself with his assertion, Surendra Singh Nagar (SP) said schools have seen 150 per cent rise in fee in the last 10-15 years. In 2018, Uttar Pradesh made a law to control private schools but it has not been implemented, he said. The Centre should frame a law to end exploitation of parents and students by private schools, he added and various other members cutting across lines agreed with his contention.

Highlighting the hazards caused by illegal mining in many parts of the country, Kumari Selja (Congress) said natural resources were destroyed and cited instances in

UPPER HOUSE EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER:

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Haryana. She alleged illegal mining was taking place with connivance of political parties and administration.

Echoing similar sentiments, Vikas Mahatame (BJP) said after China, India is the biggest consumer of sand for construction. As the demand and supply gap is growing, sand mafia was exploiting the situation. He also said instances of officers and locals getting murdered and assaulted after objecting to illegal mining also came to notice. The entire House associated with the issue.

Drawing the attention to the plight of poor in ferrying the bodies of their relative from hospital, Javed Ali Khan (SP) said several instances came to light where due to lack of transport, bodies were taken on

cycle carriers, motorcycles and in one case in Odisha a man carried the body on his head.

Khan demanded that it should be made mandatory for all private hospitals to have some vehicles earmarked for ferrying bodies and sought same systems in the Government hospitals. Almost the entire house agreed with Khan who lauded the Odisha Government decision to provide free facilities to take the bodies from hospitals to homes.

Among other matters, DP Vats (BJP) demanded that a heroes' gallery showing pictures of Defence personnel who have sacrificed their lives for the country be set up at the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). He said elite institutions of armed forces like National Defence Academy (NDA) and Army Cadet College are affiliated with the JNU. He said students passing from those institutes simultaneously become alumni of JNU.

RK Sinha (BJP) said Bhojpuri language should be included in the Eight Schedule of the Constitution. He said the language is spoken in over two dozen countries besides by 20 crore people in India. Vaiko (MDMK) opposed the drilling for hydrocarbons permitted in Tamil Nadu, saying the "most disastrous and dangerous" activity will destroy fertile land in the Cauvery delta. Dola Sen (TMC) opposed corporatisation of Indian Ordnance Factories saying it will eventually lead to privatisation.

SC notice to Centre, States for non-implementation of its directions in lynching cases

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday sought the Centre's response on the allegation that it has not implemented a slew of directions issued last year to curb lynching and mob violence. A Bench comprising Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justice Deepak Gupta issued notices to the Ministry of Home Affairs and State Governments on a petition filed by an organisation, Anti-Corruption Council of India Trust.

Senior advocate Anukul Chandra Pradhan, appearing for the trust, said incidents of lynching were increasing and no step was being taken to implement the directions of the apex court aimed at tackling the menace of mob lynching. The trust said a slew of directions passed on July 17, 2018, by the apex court to the Government to provide "preventive, remedial and punitive measures" to deal with offences like mob violence have not been implemented.

The directions were passed on the PIL by Congress activist Tehsin Poonavall who had brought the issue of rising incidents of mob lynching and cow vigilantism.

The apex court had asked Parliament to consider enacting a new law to sternly deal with mob lynching and cow vigilantism, warning that such incidents may rise like a "Typhon-like monster" across the country.

The top court had said that it was the duty of the States to strive and promote fraternity amongst all citizens, as such mob violence was being instigated by intolerance and misinformation by circulation of fake news and false stories.

The apex court had said there was a need to enact a special law as it would instill a sense of fear for law amongst those who involve themselves in mob lynching.

It had said it was the duty of State Governments to ensure law and order in the society, besides ensuring that the rule of law prevailed. **PTI**

BSY, Shivakumar on same page in SC to oppose revival of a corruption case

New Delhi: Karnataka political rivals, BJP's BS Yediyurappa and DK Shivakumar of Congress, were seen on the same side in the Supreme Court on Friday — opposing an application seeking to revive an alleged corruption case relating to denotification of land in Bengaluru.

The matter, which came up for hearing before a bench of Justices Arun Mishra and MR Shah, saw their advocates questioning the maintainability of the application filed by an intervenor for reviving the criminal case in which the complainant has already withdrawn his plea. The issue relates to denotification of 4.20 acres of land allegedly in contravention of the Karnataka Restriction of Transfer of Land Act, 1991.

Senior advocates Mukul Rohatgi and AM Singhvi, who were appearing for Yediyurappa and Shivakumar respectively, told the bench that the complainant in the case had withdrawn his appeal from the apex court last year and a third party, who has nothing to do in the case, cannot be allowed to intervene at this stage.

Shivakumar was present in the courtroom during the hearing. Advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing for intervenor NGO 'Samaj Parivartana Samudaya', told the Bench that complainant had withdrawn his plea from the apex court on mentioning the matter before a Bench but intervention plea can be heard. He sought recall of the February 21 order by which the plea filed by the complainant was "dismissed as withdrawn" by the top court. **PTI**

Govt de-registers 4L shell companies

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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday informed the Lok Sabha that the Government has de-registered 4 lakh shell companies and tightened the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) norms. She was speaking during the debate on the amendments to the Companies Bill.

Piloting the Companies Amendment Bill 2019, the Minister said companies not spending the mandatory 2 per cent profit on CSR activities for a total period of four years will be required to deposit the amount in a special account.

The amendments in the Companies Act, she added, were aimed at improving ease of doing business and also reducing compliance burden on the companies, especially the smaller ones. The Bill was later passed unanimously after Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury withdrew statutory resolution opposing it.

Responding to the concerns of members on shell companies, Sitharaman said the word "shell companies" has not been defined in the rule book, but it is loosely referred to inactive companies or those which do not maintain a registered office. "Four lakh companies have been identified and de-registered," she said, adding non-maintenance of registered office will be a ground for de-registration of companies.

A key change in the Bill pertains to CSR spending, wherein companies would have to mandatorily keep unspent money into a special account. Under the Act, companies earning profit of over Rs 5 crore, turnover of Rs 100 crore or network of more than Rs 500 crore are

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required to shell out at least two per cent of their three-year annual average net profit towards CSR activities. India, Sitharaman said, has become the first country to make CSR spending mandatory through a law.

The companies will have one year to firm up the CSR proposal and another three years to spend funds. In case money remains unspent for one plus three years, the money will have to be moved to an escrow account, she said, adding it could even be the Prime Minister's Relief Fund.

Opposing the ordinance brought earlier, Chowdhury and Saugata Roy (TMC) said it was not required as the law has been amended on several occasions. Pinaki Misra (BJD) described the bill as "disastrous", saying the legislation has been drafted by bureaucrats and the lawmakers have just rubberstamped it. A Raja (DMK) said the registrar of companies has been given "excessive powers" which is not good. PP Chaudhury (BJP) said once the law is amended, it will help in ease of doing business and give a boost to commerce.

Manesar Land Scam: ED attaches assets worth ₹66.57 crore

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The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has attached assets worth Rs 66.57 crore in the Manesar Land Scam under Prevention of Money Laundering Act. The attached assets consisting of 14.56 acres of land at Gurgaon (valued at Rs 43.54 crore) belongs to Mahamaya Exports Pvt. Ltd., and 4 acres of land and bank balances worth Rs 23.03 crore of other accused persons.

ED initiated investigation under the provisions of PMLA, on the basis of an FIR registered initially by Gurgaon police under IPC sections related to cheating, criminal conspiracy and forgery besides provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act. Subsequently the case was transferred to CBI for investigation against unknown public servants of Government of Haryana and unknown private persons.

The Government of Haryana had issued notification under the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 on August 27 and had issued notification to the effect on August 25 for acquisition of land measuring about 912 acres for setting up an Industrial Model Township in villages Manesar, Naurangpur and Lakhnola of Gurgaon district.

A large number of land owners, in haste, had to sell about 400 acres of their land at throwaway price to private builders and thereby caused a wrongful loss of Rs 1,500 crore to the land owners of Manesar, Naurangpur and Lakhnola villages and corresponding wrongful gains to the realtors.

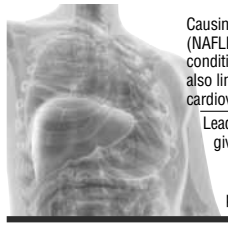
"Investigations under PMLA revealed that the private builders, to whom the licences were granted, made wrongful gain by conspiring with the public servants of Haryana Government and politicians, who were involved in decision making for release of land," the ED said in a statement. Most of the land was purchased by ABWIL Group controlled by Atul Bansal. After obtaining the licences, ABWIL had fraudulently sold the licenced/unlicenced land and licences to the private persons/developers, making huge profit, the agency said.

Proceeds of crime consists of 14.56 acres of land of Mahamaya Exports Pvt. Ltd in which Atul Bansal and Sona Bansal hold 74 per cent of shares and four acres of land and balances in the bank account of other accused persons were provisionally attached under PMLA. Earlier in this case, assets worth Rs 42.19 crore were attached.

IIT Mandi unravels process of cutting liver lead toxicity

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

The deadly connection between toxic lead and fatty liver disease has been known for a while, but IIT Mandi researchers have recently unraveled the process by which the harmful metal can promote accumulation of fat in the liver, causing non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD). The NAFLD is related to conditions like diabetes and obesity. It's also linked to an increased risk of cardiovascular disease (CVDs).



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of Toxicology Research, Lucknow and School of Chemical and Life Sciences — Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi had jointly conducted the research work, which was recently published in a reputed peer-reviewed journal "FEBS Letters".

Dr Prosenjit Mondal, Assistant Professor, School of Basic Sciences, IIT Mandi, who has uncovered the pathway by which lead promotes NAFLD, said, "While the connection between lead and fatty liver disease has been known for a while, the actual mechanism by which lead worsens this condition has hitherto remained unknown."

NAFLD, and most metabolic group of diseases, are often caused by the poor regulation of De novo lipogenesis (DNL), a complex process in which carbohydrates circulating in the blood are converted into fat. The poor regulation of DNL leads to abnormal production of fat,

which settles in the liver and other internal organs as visceral fat. Lead salts absorbed by the human body is stored in soft tissues, and autopsy studies have shown that the liver hoards almost 33 per cent of the total lead circulating in the body.

De novo lipogenesis or DNL is a complex process that involves numerous biomolecules, one of which is Carbohydrate Responsive Element Binding Protein (ChREBP). ChREBP activates the regulatory enzyme, fatty acid synthase, which is responsible for fat production in liver cells. The activity of ChREBP in human liver cells is kept in control by another biomolecule called sorcin. "We observed Pb2+ ions to suppress sorcin activity, and this over-activates ChREBP, which in turn triggers fatty acid synthase. This increases fat production in the liver, leading to NAFLD," explained Dr Mondal.

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Maharashtra, Karnataka to go for artificial rain

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Maharashtra and Karnataka will go for cloud seeding or artificial rain procedure to tackle deficient rainfall. The target areas for cloud seeding will be identified based on factors such as rainfall deficit and moisture deficiency, cloud formation and data generated by the radars.

According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), cloud seeding will be carried out in Aurangabad, Solapur and Ahmednagar districts in Maharashtra and Mysuru and Hubbali in Karnataka from Monday. Maharashtra had conducted a similar cloud-seeding experiment over Marathwada in 2015 while Karnataka had previously carried out cloud seeding in 2017.

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seeding for artificial rain in these regions. For that officials will survey the skies for next some days. "If the cloud density is sufficient then seeding will be done for artificial rain. Three planes for bringing about artificial rain in southern districts of Maharashtra along the borders of Karnataka and Telangana have arrived at the Solapur airport," the IMD said.

Cloud seeding is a type of weather modification in which chemicals like silver iodide, potassium iodide, dry ice (solid carbon dioxide) or liquid propane is dispersed in the air to act as cloud condensation to alter its microphysical processes.

In Karnataka, the progress of monsoon in Karnataka has not been satisfactory so far. While half of the State has received normal rains, there is deficit in the remaining areas. Cumulative rainfall across Karnataka this monsoon season has witnessed a deficiency of 19 per cent till date. The Malnad region that consists of Western Ghats has the highest deficit of 33 per cent, while the

- Maharashtra had conducted a similar cloud-seeding experiment over Marathwada in 2015 while Karnataka had previously carried out cloud seeding in 2017
- Overall, the country has received 17 per cent less rain than average since the monsoon season began on June 1, but in some states such as Gujarat, the biggest producer of cotton and groundnut, the rainfall deficit is as high as 42%
- Cloud seeding is a type of weather modification in which chemicals like silver iodide, potassium iodide, dry ice (solid carbon dioxide) or liquid propane is dispersed in the air to act as cloud condensation to alter its microphysical processes

shortfall in the drought-prone North Interior Karnataka is at 21 per cent. The deficit in Coastal Region and South Interior Karnataka is estimated at 16 per cent each.

On the other hand, Maharashtra's water crisis has been steadily worsening since last year, particularly in drought-hit Vidarbha and Marathwada. Nearly two months into the monsoon — that officially begins on June 1 — Marathwada and Vidarbha are facing rainfall deficits of 35 per cent and 42 per cent respectively (as on July 26).

Solapur, Osmanabad and several districts from Marathwada and Vidarbha have received rainfall between 50-75 per cent of their average precipitation while Maharashtra is experiencing an overall 9 per cent shortfall in rainfall. As on July 26, dams in the State have just 24 per cent water stock, compared to 46.5 per cent stock during the same time last year. Shockingly, dams in Marathwada have just 0.82 per cent of water.

According to IMD, the monsoon rains were 35 per cent below average in the week end-

INSHORT

RAJNATH MOZAMBIQUE VISIT FROM JULY 28

New Delhi: In his first foreign visit since taking charge, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will hold talks with the President, Defence Minister, Foreign Minister and Interior Minister of Mozambique, from July 28-30. Three MoUs and agreements in the fields of exclusive economic zone surveillance, sharing of white shipping information and hydrography would be signed. There will also be handing over ceremony from India to Mozambique of two fast interceptor boats and 44 SUVs, officials said here on Friday.

SC REFRAINS FROM HEARING PLEA ON AES

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday decided to refrain from hearing any further petition relating to outbreak of acute encephalitis syndrome (AES) in Bihar's Muzaffarpur saying steps have already been taken to combat the menace.

RS TAKES UP PRIVATE BILL ON POLL EXPENSE

New Delhi: The Rajya Sabha on Friday took up a Private Member's Bill on amending the Representation of the People's Act, 1951, and removal of caps on electoral expenditure by candidates contesting polls.

90% OF STATES SUPPORT RETAINING DEATH PENALTY

New Delhi: Ninety per cent of the States have supported retaining death penalty in the country, the Government told the Rajya Sabha on Friday where a Private Member's Bill seeking abolition of capital punishment came up for consideration.

CRZ CLEARANCES: SC TO HEAR PLEAS

New Delhi: The SC said it will hear on August 20 a batch of petitions seeking stay on the Bombay High Court verdict quashing the CRZ clearances granted to the Mumbai's civic body's ambitious Rs 14,000-crore coastal road project.

LEKHI APPOINTED PUS PANEL CHAIRMAN

New Delhi: Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Friday appointed Meenakshi Lekhi as the Chairman of the Committee on Public Undertakings for the term 2019-2023. The Committee consists of 15 Lok Sabha members and 22 Rajya Sabha members.

SC TO HEAR THE WIRE DEFAMATION PLEA

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday said it would hear on August 27 the pleas of news portal 'The Wire' and its scribers in a criminal defamation case filed against them by Jay Shah, son of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, for allegedly writing a defamatory article.

BILL ON EUTHANASIA INTRODUCED IN LS

New Delhi: A Bill on euthanasia and another which seeks to abolish death penalty in India were among the 44 Private Members' Bills introduced in the Lok Sabha on Friday.

NOT MAKING SUNDERBANS ECO-TOURISM HUB: GOVT

New Delhi: The Government on Friday said there is no plan to make Sunderbans an eco-tourism hub and the area has been declared as a tiger reserve for conserving wildlife.

ing July 24, after receiving 20 per cent less rainfall in the prior week, raising concerns over the output of summer-sown crops.

Overall, the country has received 17 per cent less rain than average since the monsoon season began on June 1, but in some states such as Gujarat, the biggest producer of cotton and groundnut, the rainfall deficit is as high as 42 per cent. The country has received 325.5 mm as against the normal rainfall of 394.5 mm so far.

According to the Agriculture Ministry data released on Friday, the total kharif crops area covered so far remained 688.78 lakh hectares (lh), as compared to 736.18 lakh hectare, a less than 47.39 lakh hectare planted during the corresponding period last year. The sowing of rice, pulses, oilseeds and coarse cereals are worst affected. Rice planting till this week is stood at 185.14 lakh hectare as compared to 215.71 lakh hectare sown in the same week last year. Similarly, pulses cultivation recorded 9.24 lakh hectares less this year.

LETTER TO PM OVER 'HATE CRIMES' — Praseon, Kangana among 61 deliver counter letter

Mumbai: Three days after a group of eminent citizens wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the lynching of minorities and hate crimes, 61 high-profile personalities from various fields on Friday responded with a counter statement against "selective outrage and false narratives".

The July 23 letter by 49 "self-styled guardians and conscience keepers" expressed selective concerns and demonstrated a "clear political bias and motive", said the statement signed by actor Kangana Ranaut, lyricist Praseon Joshi, dancer Sonal Mansingh and filmmakers Madhur Bhandarkar and Vivek Agnihotri and others.

"It (the July 23 letter) is aimed at tarnishing India's international standing and to negatively portray the prime minister's untiring efforts to effectuate Governance on the foundations of positive nationalism and humanism which is the core of Indianess," the statement read.

The document of selective outrage, it said, comes across as an "attempt to foist a false narrative with the intention of denigrating the democratic ethos and norms of our collective functioning as a nation and people".

On July 23, 49 personalities, including filmmakers Mani Ratnam, Anurag Kashyap, Shyam Benegal and



Aparna Sen as well as vocalist Shubha Mudgal and historian Ramchandra Guha, expressed concern at the number of "religious identity-based hate crimes" and noted that Jai Shri Ram has become a provocative war cry with many lynchings taking place in its name.

In their statement on Friday, 61 signatories questioned the silence of the letter writers on their silence "when tribals and the marginalised have become victims of Naxal terror".

"They have kept silent when separatists have issued dictates to burn schools in Kashmir, they have kept silent when the demand for dismembering India, for making pieces of her -Tukde Tukde - were made, they kept silent when slogans chanted by terrorists and terror groups were echoed in some leading university campuses in the country," the statement said.

The civil society leaders had noted in the open letter to the prime minister that criticising the lynchings in Parliament is not enough.

"What action has actually been taken against the perpetrators? We strongly feel that such offences should be declared non-bailable, and that exemplary punishment should be meted out swiftly and surely," they said.

The response, also signed by actor Pallavi Joshi, singer Malini Awasthi, film producer Saikat Mukherjee and former vice chancellor Netaji Subhas Open University, Radharaman Chakraborty, emphasised that the PM has spoken out repeatedly against lynching.

"Prime Minister has spoken out against it repeatedly and respective state governments are empowered to take action. We would urge everyone to give up being selective and condemn lynching, discrimination and desecration of religious places with equal vehemence when they occur.

"Instead of indulging in grand-standing, personalities with a social and public profile ought to generate greater awareness on the need to tackle and eliminate the mind-set that leads to lynching," the statement added.

Terming the open letter to the PM agenda driven, the signatories said the selective outrage "makes us believe that they are working to a certain agenda and are only playing into the hands of those forces that out Balkanise India".

Targeting those that supported the July 23 letter, the statement said they had been quiet on issues like killing of people for chanting 'Jai Shri Ram', the exodus of Kashmiri Pandits from Kashmir Valley and Hindus from Kairana in Uttar Pradesh and not standing beside women who are fighting the practise of triple talaq.

Those who have signed Friday's statement also include academics such as Debashish Bhattacharya from Visva Bharati in Santiniketan, Avadh University Vice Chancellor Manoj Dikshit, Anirban Ganguly of the Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation as well as MP and journalist Swapan Dasgupta and yesteryear actor Biswajit Chatterjee. **PTI**

Azam should not only apologise in Parl but to all women: Maya



Lucknow: BSP supremo Mayawati on Friday attacked Samajwadi Party leader Azam Khan for his sexist remark against MP Rama Devi in the Lok Sabha, saying he should not only apologise in Parliament but to all women.

"The indecent language used by Azam Khan, an SP MP from Uttar Pradesh, against a woman presiding officer in Lok Sabha yesterday hurt the dignity and honour of women, and is very condemnable. For this he should not only apologise in Parliament but to all women," Mayawati said in a tweet.

Khan on Thursday courted a fresh controversy when he made a sexist remark against Devi, who was in the Chair in the Lok Sabha, sparking an uproar and demands for his apology. **PTI**

5 CPM workers get life for killing BJP activist

Kannur: A sessions court here on Friday sentenced five CPI(M) workers to life imprisonment for hacking to death a BJP activist in 2008.

Thalassery Additional District Sessions court judge P N Vinod also slapped a fine of Rs 1 lakh each on the convicts for murdering K V Surendran (62).

The court sentenced Thiruvangod residents



Akhilesh (35), M Kalesh (36), M Lijesh (32), Vinesh (25) and P K Shajish (28) in the case. It also directed that the fine

amount be paid to the family of Surendran.

The court, however, acquitted two persons in the case. The prosecution case was that the convicts hacked to death Surendran at his house on March 8, 2008 to settle political scores.

The court relied on the testimonies of witnesses, including the prime witness Soumya, wife of the deceased. **PTI**

West Bengal Govt announces hike in teachers' grade pay

Kolkata: The West Bengal Government on Friday announced a hike in the grade pay of primary teachers in the State on the fourteenth day of their hunger strike.

The enhancement of grade pay for trained and untrained primary teachers was notified by the school education department of the Government.

"The grade pay of trained primary teachers in enhanced from ₹2,600 in pay band 2 to ₹3,600 in Pay Band 3 and the grade pay of untrained primary teachers is enhanced from ₹2,300 to ₹2,900 in Pay Band 2 with effect from August 1, 2019," the notification said.

Members of Usti Primary Teachers Association (UPTA) have been on indefinite hunger

strike in front of Bikas Bhawan in Salt Lake, which houses the state directorate of school education for the past fortnight.

"We have not seen the order yet. But we have heard about it. If this announcement is true we are not at all happy. We are waiting for the Government's decision on the revocation of transfer orders of 14 primary teachers," Sandeep Ghosh, one of the agitating teachers, said.

State Education Minister Partha Chatterjee had said on Thursday that the Government was ready to effect a hike in the grade pay of the primary teachers.

Chatterjee had reasoned that the teachers were transferred to schools having shortage of teachers. **PTI**

Dhankar to be sworn in as West Bengal Gov on July 30

PNS ■ KOLKATA

Senior jurist S Jagdeep Dhankar who will replace Keshri Nath Tripathi as the Bengal Governor is likely to be sworn in on July 30, sources said.

The Chief Justice of Calcutta High Court will administer the oath to the new Governor. Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee who had earlier welcomed Dhankar a former MP to his new assignment is scheduled to remain present at the swearing-in programme along with other dignitaries, sources said.

Dhankar will swear in as the 20th Governor of the State replacing Tripathi who completed his term on July 23. **PTI**

Death of two schoolchildren: Asaram, son get clean chit from commission

Gandhinagar: The Justice DK Trivedi Commission which probed the death of two children who studied at a residential school run by controversial godman Asaram in Ahmedabad in July 2008 has given a clean chit to him and his son Narayan Sai.

The commission's report, submitted to the Gujarat government way back in 2013, was tabled in the Assembly on Friday, almost six years later.

The commission, however, held that school authorities had been negligent. On July 5, 2008, decomposed bodies of cousins Dipesh Vaghela (10) and Abhishek Vaghela (11), studying at Asaram's Gurukul (residential school) in Motera area of Ahmedabad, were found on the bank of the Sabarmati river.

The children had gone missing from the school's hostel two days earlier. Asaram's 'ashram', which housed the school and hostel, is situated along the riverbank.

"There is no evidence to suggest that in the ashram, Asaram-ji and his son Narayan Sai performed Tantrik Vidhi (black magic rituals)," the report said. "The management of the gurukul as well as ashram authorities are custodians and guardians of the children who are staying in gurukul hostel and it is their duty to look after the children," it said.

"From the perusal of the evidence, the commission is of the view that the same is lacking by the management of the gurukul," the report added.

Parents had alleged that Asaram and his son performed

black magic rituals on the two children, causing their death.

"Missing of Dipesh and Abhishek, from the ashram campus from 3-7-2008 in the late evening is due to the negligence of the management and according to the commission such negligence is not at all tolerable," the report said.

The medical evidence was conclusive and the possibility of death due to drowning cannot be ruled out, the commission said. It also noted that no organs were missing from the two bodies. It was speculated earlier that some organs had been removed. Following a violent agitation demanding action against Asaram over the deaths, the state government set up a probe panel headed by Justice Trivedi, a retired high court judge, in July 2008. **PTI**

ELGAR PARISHAD CASE — HC reserves verdict on Navlakha's plea

Mumbai: The Bombay High Court on Friday reserved its verdict on a plea filed by rights activist Gautam Navlakha, seeking that the FIR filed against him by Pune Police in the Elgar Parishad-Bhima Koregaon case be quashed.

A bench of Justices Ranjit More and Bharati Dangre, which heard the plea, said while some documents placed on record by police suggested that activist Navlakha was innocent, the rest of the material on record needed further investigation.

The case, in which Navlakha is an accused, related to an event, Elgar Parishad, and subsequent violence at Bhima Koregaon village near Pune between December 31, 2017 and January 1, 2018.



He is among the five rights activists booked in the case. Navlakha has been booked on a slew of charges, including sections under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), an anti-terrorism law. On the last hearing earli-

er this week, Pune Police's counsel Aruna Pai alleged that the police had adequate evidence to show that Navlakha was complicit in the Bhima Koregaon incident.

Pai had also alleged that Navlakha had links with Naxal

groups and banned terror outfit Hizbul Mujahideen.

She had said the police had recovered some documents from the laptops of Rona Wilson and Surendra Handling, Navlakha's co-accused in the case, to prove the same.

However, on Friday, Navlakha's counsel, Yug Chaudhary, denied the charges.

He argued that a mere claim by the police of having found some documents with his client's name did not prove that he was a "terrorist".

The bench, however, said that Section 13 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act also provided for punishment for "advocating, abetting, and advising on unlawful activities.

"Can you say that only someone who drops a bomb is a terrorist, there are abettors too," the bench said.

"Some of the documents given by police show innocence, others need an investigation. We will apply our mind and pass an order," the court said while reserving its verdict.

The interim protection against arrest granted to Navlakha by the high court earlier this month will continue till the verdict, it said.

The police had arrested the five activists in August last year in connection with an FIR lodged following a conclave — 'Elgar Parishad' — held in Pune on December 31, 2017, that had allegedly triggered violence the next day at Bhima Koregaon. **PTI**

Ek Nath Gaikwad new working prez of Mumbai Cong

Mumbai: Former Lok Sabha MP Eknath Gaikwad was appointed the working president of the Mumbai Congress.

The announcement was made by AICC general secretary (organisation) KC Venugopal through a statement on Friday, with party sources claiming that one more person will be appointed to the post of working president.

Milind Deora, who had

announced his resignation as Mumbai unit chief owing to the party's poor Lok Sabha showing, has been asked to continue, sources close to the former Mumbai South Lok Sabha MP said.

Later in the day, in a statement, Deora asked the party's leadership to take a decision on his resignation.

"I trust that the party will take a decision on the post of Mumbai Congress president at the earliest," Deora said. **PTI**

2 rhino carcasses found in flood-hit Pobitora sanctuary

Morigaon (Assam): The carcasses of two rhinos have been found from Assam's flood-hit Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary which had recorded no animal deaths because of inundation even four days ago, an official said.

Forest Protection Force in Pobitora recovered the carcass of a rhino calf from the flood waters near Amaramul Camp inside the sanctuary on Friday, its ranger said.

The forest guards had also found the carcass of another rhino calf on Wednesday from the sanctuary which was flooded by the Brahmaputra, he

added. The cause of the death of both the animals was drowning in the flood inside the sanctuary, said the forest official.

The entire Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary, the densest habitat of one horned rhinos in the world covering an area of 46 sq km, was completely submerged by the flood waters forcing its wild animals to leave for the nearby highland, the ranger said.

Over 100 rhinos living in the sanctuary have been facing serious problems as there is no green grass or sufficient food for these endangered species, forest department sources added. **PTI**

Bengal: BSF nabs 6 B'desh nationals

Kolkata: The Border Security Force (BSF) on Friday apprehended six Bangladeshi and one Indian national while they were trying to cross the international boundary illegally in West Bengal.

"We had apprehended six Bangladeshi national and one Indian national during the night when they were trying to crossover to India and vice versa. They were arrested from various sectors of Malda, Baharampore and Nadia," a senior BSF official of south Bengal frontier said. **PTI**

BSY changes spelling, it's Yediyurappa now

Bengaluru: BJP Karnataka chief BS Yeddyurappa has reverted to the earlier English spelling of his name BS Yediyurappa, apparently influenced by numerology.

The change became public on Friday in his letter to Governor Vajubhai Vala, staking claim to form the government, and later, in the official invitation for the swearing-in ceremony of the BJP leader as Karnataka chief minister.

There are reports that the BJP strongman, who will

become chief minister for the fourth time this evening, has gone in for the change based on numerology.

He had changed the spelling of his name from Yediyurappa to Yeddyurappa after he had to resign as chief minister in 2007.

He had to quit barely a week after becoming the CM as the then coalition partner JDS reneged on its promise to share power for 20 months each.

However, it seems to have failed to bring him any luck as

the two subsequent terms as chief minister did not last long.

Meanwhile, BJP workers held celebrations across the state after the party staked claim to form the government three days after the fall of the HD Kumaraswamy-led coalition front of the Congress and the JD(S).

Party workers danced to drumbeats in various parts of the state, burst crackers and raised slogans hailing the BJP and Prime Minister Narendra Modi. **PTI**

Naga political solution has to be achieved within a year: Acharya

Kohima: A political solution to the Naga issue has to be achieved within a year because Nagaland needs permanent peace for development and progress, outgoing Governor P B Acharya has said.

"And for this, we have Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who has the will and guts to resolve the issue," Acharya said while addressing a farewell programme, organised by the State Government, on Thursday.

Noting that Nagaland is rich but Nagas are economically weak, he said, "We also need to march along with other states towards development and progress."

Acharya was sworn in as the 19th Governor of Nagaland on July 19, 2014. His successor,

R N Ravi, is scheduled to take charge on August 1.

He expressed hope that the new governor will deliver goods to the people and work for the solution of the Naga political issue.

Ravi had been the Centre's interlocutor for the Naga peace talks.

Acharya also offered to extend his support to the state, whenever required.

"I am leaving as the governor of the state but not the Nagas, and I will always be at your disposal," he said.

Mentioning that the Naga people were fortunate to have such an eminent personality as their governor, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio said, the people have been enriched through his guidance and leadership.

"Your support to the governments efforts towards realising permanent peace and solution to the Naga political issue is well appreciated," Rio said.

As constitutional head of the State, Acharya had a meticulous and exemplary tenure, the chief minister said.

"The state experienced a few political crises during the past few years but the governor conducted himself in an impeccable manner and upheld the Constitution of India in exemplary fashion, for which he deserves to be complimented," the chief minister said.

Leader of Opposition T R Zeliang expressed hope that Acharya will continue to support the Naga people for an amicable solution to the Naga

political problem.

He also recalled the framework agreement signed between the NSCN-IM general secretary Thuingaleng Muivah and the governments interlocutor R N Ravi, in the presence of PM Modi, on August 3, 2015.

As the governor, Acharya had played his role in this event, which makes him an integral part of Naga history, Zeliang said.

The agreement had come after over 80 rounds of negotiations spanning 18 years, with the first breakthrough made in 1997 when the ceasefire agreement was sealed after decades of insurgency in Nagaland, which started soon after the country's independence in 1947. **PTI**

Boycotting Assembly polls will benefit BJP: Omar

Srinagar: National Conference leader Omar Abdullah on Friday warned the people of Kashmir against boycotting the forthcoming Assembly elections in the State, saying it would benefit the BJP.

He said the election boycott had benefited the BJP in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls in the Tral segment of Anantnag Lok Sabha constituency.

"If the trend of parliamentary polls continues in the assembly elections, then there will be a BJP MLA from Tral," Abdullah said addressing party workers here. The NC vice-president was



referring to the BJP's lead in the Tral assembly segment of south Kashmir's Anantnag Parliamentary constituency due to poll boycott. Abdullah asked the people to imagine a scenario where there could be a BJP MLA from Tral — a town where slain Hizbul Mujahideen commander Burhan Wani and

Ansar Gazwatul-ul-Hind commander Zakir Mussa belonged to — pointing out a contradiction because of the boycott of the polls.

"Imagine, there will be a BJP MLA from the same Tral where from Burhan Wani and Zakir Mussa were if there is a boycott," he said.

Later, referring to the controversy over his remarks with some news channels accusing him of praising the slain militant commanders, the former chief minister said he was only pointing out the strange contradiction of the boycott and did not praise anyone. **PTI**

8 arrested in Akola district for black magic act

Akola: A gang of eight people, two of them from adjoining Madhya Pradesh, was arrested for allegedly practicing black magic while looking for a "hidden treasure" here in Maharashtra, police said on Friday. Acting on a tip-off, a police team went to Dahikhed village near here on Thursday and nabbed these people, all part of a gang, when they were conducting rituals at an agriculture field as part of black magic. Akot rural police station in-charge Inspector Dnyanoba Phad said. **PTI**

PUBLIC FUNDING OF ELECTIONS

Mamata writes to PM for all-party meeting

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Following reports that thousands of crores have gone into campaigning during the Lok Sabha polls, Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking thorough "electoral reforms" and State funding of elections.

In her letter she has called upon the Prime Minister to explore possibilities of public funding of elections and build up a consensus through an all-party meeting.

Public funding of elections will lead the Government to bear the expense of contesting the elections on behalf of the political parties.

She has referred to newspaper reports which alleged ₹60,000 crore had been spent in this year's parliamentary elections saying such reports will not do any good to India's reputation as a democratic country. Fearing that this amount may

surpass ₹1 lakh crore in the next general elections, Banerjee said the issue should be addressed immediately.

"I urge you to call an all-party meeting with the single agenda of public funding of elections in India, with the objective of rooting out what has been called the mother of all corruption," the Chief Minister has written in her letter, sources said.

Referring to the letter sources said how the Chief Minister has expressed her deep concern about the degenerating electoral scenario. "She has drawn the Prime Minister's notice for an urgent electoral reform," so that elections can be conducted in a "free, fair and transparent manner," a senior official said.

State funding of polls may imply the political parties contributing on their behalf the electoral expenses to the Government which will then spend the money on their behalf so that transparency will be

maintained, sources said. Alternatively the government may also bear the expenses on behalf of the parties for fighting the elections.

This will also ensure some sort of level-playing field for all the parties and the competing ideologies, experts maintained.

The Chief Minister has referred to how State funded elections take place in advanced countries like Japan, Italy, UK, Germany, Canada, Australia and France where the "political parties receive direct funding for fighting the elections."

She said, "the poll expenditure of Parliamentary election in 2019 had crossed all limits, reaching a minimum of ₹60,000 crore (₹8.65 billion) and maximum expenditure remains unknown and could be much higher," adding "may I point out that combined expenditure in the United States of America for Presidential and Congressional elections in 2016 was \$ 6.5 billion."

43 booked for beating tigress to death in UP's Pilibhit

Pilibhit (UP): An FIR was lodged against 43 persons on Friday after a video showing some villagers beating an adult tigress to death went viral on social media.

According to Principal Conservator of Forests, Sunil Pandey the tigress had on Wednesday attacked and injured nine villagers while they were working in an agriculture field in Deura range of the Pilibhit tiger reserve.

The forest staff rushed to the spot but was manhandled by the villagers, Pandey alleged.

The staff later found the tigress dead, Pandey said, adding that a three-member panel which conducted the post mortem examination of the animal found broken ribs, injuries and excessive bleeding as the cause of the death.

Later, a video showing the locals beating the adult tigress with sticks surfaced, he said.

A case was registered against 31 named an 12 unnamed persons at the Purnapur Kotwali and a probe is underway, a police officer said. **PTI**

Election for Vellore LS seat on August 5

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

Election from Vellore Lok Sabha Constituency which was rescinded following the seizure of a large cache of money from the residence and office premises of the DMK candidate would be held on August 5. Tamil Nadu is in the grip of another poll fever despite the fact that the result would not make any impact on national politics.

People are watching with interest whether the DMK would walk away with the seat as the party-led alliance won 37 of the 38 seats where election was held in the month of April 2019. The DMK-front's only loss was at Theni where former union minister EVKS Elangovan was defeated by AIADMK's Raveendra Kumar by a narrow margin.

Vellore which has a considerable Muslim population is a DMK stronghold. The party has fielded DM Kathir Anand, son of local DMK chieftain Durai Murugan. Murugan,

deputy leader of the DMK in the assembly is a former PWD minister. The AIADMK has allocated the seat to the New Justice Party, one of the fringe groups in the region. A C Shanmugan founder of the Two Leaves symbol of the AIADMK.

Next week will see Chief Minister Edappadi Palaniswamy and Leader of the Opposition M K Stalin touring the constituency soliciting votes for the respective candidates. Most of the political observers are of the view that the DMK is likely to win in Vellore because there has been no major political changes in the State over the last two months which could make any impact in the political fortunes of the main contenders.

But K A Johny, political commentator and a keen DMK watcher chose to differ slightly from other analysts. "It is true that there is nothing against the DMK as of now. But Shanmugan, who owns a university and medical colleges is

a rich man and in Tamil Nadu politics money matters a lot. You should take note of what happened in the case of T R Parivendhar, who contested from Perambalur under the DMK symbol. He won with a margin of more than 4 lakh votes though he is a non-entity in the State," said Johny. Parivendhar owns the SRM University in Chennai and heads a party by name India Jananayaka Katchi. He was imprisoned in a cheating case for weeks by the Tamil Nadu Police but still managed to win the election, pointed out Johny.

The Vellore election is a precursor to the two Assembly by-elections to be held from Tamil Nadu. Nanguneri assembly constituency fell vacant following the resignation of Vasanth Kumar (Congress) who was elected to the Lok Sabha while K Radhamani, the DMK legislator representing the Vikravandi constituency died last month. Moreover, Tamil Nadu is getting ready for the local body elections which are long overdue.

10 electrocuted in West Bengal



Jalpaiguri (West Bengal): Ten people were electrocuted after they came in contact with a high tension wire in West Bengal's Jalpaiguri district on Friday, police said.

Their condition is stable, the police said.

The incident occurred at Mainaguri block's Uller Dabri area on Friday afternoon when they were boarding a Siliguri-bound private bus and a 11,000 volt overhead wire snapped and fell on them, Mainaguri police said.

Deaths were averted as the power connection in the wire got disconnected as soon as it snapped, he said.

Five of the injured have been shifted to Siliguri super-specialty hospital, the police said. **PTI**

GI tag would have saved Assam tea industry: Min

Guwahati: Assam Industry Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary on Friday said a geographical indication (GI) tag would have helped "save" the state's ailing tea industry.

Opposition Congress MLA Rupiyoti Kurmi raised the issue of the tea industry in the assembly, stating that GST and high fuel prices were some of the deterrents to its economic progress. "Despite noticing these shortcomings, there is no sincerity of the state government to revive the tea industry," Kurmi alleged.

In reply, Patowary said

there are two lakh small tea growers in Assam, but they are not getting the just price for their produce.

"Our tea has not been able to compete with the new varieties of tea... The big tea leaf sellers blend our tea with other teas and then brand them to sell as theirs, because we do not have GI (tag) for Assam Tea," Patowary said. "If we had GI, it would have saved the state's tea industry. Our government has taken it up so that Assam Tea cannot be used and branded without our permission," the minister added. **PTI**

Mandatory breath analyser test of drivers travelling on longer routes in UP

Lucknow: The Uttar Pradesh government on Friday said it has accepted recommendations of a committee formed after the Yamuna Expressway accident for breath analyser test of drivers travelling on longer routes.

Twenty-nine people were killed and 18 others injured when their bus veered off the Yamuna Expressway and plunged into a deep drain on July 8.

"We have accepted the recommendation of the committee formed after the Yamuna expressway incident that breath analyser test of long routes be conducted," Parliamentary Affairs Minister Suresh Kumar Khanna said.

He was replying to a question in state legislative assembly.

When asked about the reasons which led to the accident, Khanna said nothing concrete could be said about the state in which the driver was at that time.

"The bus before falling into gorge ran 50 metres. The steering of vehicle should have been turned, which was not. Nothing

could exactly be said about the state of the driver as the post-mortem report says he died due to drowning," the minister said.

He said the duty of the bus driver on that fateful day was scheduled as per norms.

"He had joined after three days of leave and took the bus at 11 pm on the route on which he had gone earlier as well. As per the norm, a long route driver is put on eight-hour duty and half-an-hour rest after five-hour travel. In a week, drivers working hours are fixed at 54 hours," Khanna said.

According to the UP State Road Transport Corporation (UPSRTC) officials, it has been recommended to use breath analyser on each driver before and after completion of every trip.

The corporation officials are in the process to equip 286 government-run bus stations in the state with breath analysers. Any bus driver found drunk during checking will be suspended immediately while contractual drivers will be removed from the service on the spot, the officials said. **PTI**

Board of Higher Secondary Education, Delhi fake: HRD

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Human Resource Development (HRD) Ministry on Friday issued an advisory informing that a fake board, which has cheated more than 10,000 students from across the country, has been operating in the name of "Board of Higher Secondary Education, Delhi," and it has not given any recognition to the same.

"It has come to the notice of that one entity operating in the name of 'Board of Higher Secondary Education, Delhi' is claiming to be a recognised board of education by us. On scrutiny of the relevant records of this, it has been found that no such letters, as being circulated, have ever been issued by us in favour of the so-called board,"

the HRD Ministry said in the advisory.

"Both the letters are, therefore, completely forged and fabricated. It is abundantly clarified that no letters have ever been issued by the ministry recognising the said entity," it added.

The advisory stated that if any other documents are produced in relation to the board's recognition, then the same may be deemed to be fake and the veracity of the documents may first be confirmed from the concerned organisation.

Delhi Police had in December last year busted a gang operating the fake board. "The gang has cheated more than 10,000 students from Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, and several other states. The fake board syndicate

also provided documents of higher education from renowned institutions of different states in the country," police had said.

The ministry has advised all students, parents and other stakeholders to not engage with the fake board in any manner.

In a separate communication HRD Ministry said that students pursuing teacher training courses, including BEd and MEd, will now be able to get degree verification certificate online with the National Council of Teacher Education

(NCTE) launching a portal for the purpose. So far the process used to be manual. Union HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' launched the portal at the inauguration of the new building of NCTE on Friday.

"The platform has been designed by NCTE to facilitate registration of teacher-pupil and essential documentation while seeking employment as school teachers," Nishank said at the launch. According to officials statistics, there are 19,000 BEd colleges in the country and 90 lakh teachers.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo) namely Sonam D/o Subhan R/o Village Dholi Mohan Pur, Saharsa (Bihar) (Not confirm) Aged - 16 Years has been found on 22.05.2019 vide DD No. 38-B Dated 22.05.2019 registered at Police Station Nihal Vihar, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-



Sonam

Complexion: Shallow, **Height:** 5', **Face:** Long, **Clothing:** Pink coloured suit salwar. Any person having any information/Clue about this found girl, may inform SHO, Nihal Vihar, Delhi at E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in or website: <http://cbi.nic.in>

Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641 Sd/-
FAX No. : 011-24368639 SHO, Nihal Vihar, Delhi
DP/2493/OD/19 Tel.: 011-25946700, 25946710

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that a lady namely Marjina Biwi (alongwith with her two daughter namely Madina & Fatima and her Nephew namely Shakir) W/o Md. Shiekh Rafiq R/o Jhuggi No. N-38/B-284, CD Park Jahangir Puri, Delhi is missing/kidnapped since 08.07.2019. In this regard a DD No. 72-A dated 10.07.2019 has been lodged at PS, Jahangir Puri, Delhi. The description of missing/kidnapped lady is as under:

Name: Marjina Biwi, **Husband's Name:** Md. Shiekh Rafiq, **Age:** 25 years, **Height:** 5'1", **Face:** Round, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Yellow Suit and Salwar and Sleeper in feet.

If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned at following phone numbers.

Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
e-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph: 011-24368638/24368641 SHO
Extn.-210 P.S., Jahangir Puri, Delhi
Fax: 011-24368639 Ph.: 011-27636000, 27631600
DP/9192/NW/19

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

Where as complaint has been made before me that (1) Mujeer, S/o Rafiq Ahmed, R/o 1602, Gali Sikke Wali, Suan Wali, Darya Ganj, Delhi (2) Akhlaq, S/o Sehad, R/o 1602, Gali Sikke Wali, Suan Wali, Darya Ganj, Delhi are involved in case FIR NO. 77/08 u/s 379/411/34 IPC, P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi has committed (or are suspected to have committed) and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said (1) Mujeer (2) Akhlaq cannot be found and where as it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said (1) Mujeer (2) Akhlaq has absconded (or are concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused (1) Mujeer (2) Akhlaq of FIR NO. 77/08 u/s 379/411/34 IPC, P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 23-10-2019.

By Order
Ms. Pooja Agrawal
Metropolitan Magistrate,
Room No. 112, Rohini Court, Delhi
DP/9184/NW/19

IMD's alert for 3 Maha districts, heavy rain predicted in Mumbai

Mumbai: Sounding an orange alert for Raigad, Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg districts of Maharashtra, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Friday also predicted heavy to very heavy rainfall in Mumbai, Thane and Navi Mumbai in the next 24 hours.

An orange alert signifies that the authorities should get ready for necessary action.

"We have issued an orange alert for Raigad, Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg districts. An orange alert is merely a warning for authorities to get prepared, while a red alert directs them to take action as the situation might turn severe," an IMD official said.

"Heavy to very heavy rainfall is likely in Mumbai, Thane,

and Raigad districts, while extremely heavy rainfall is likely at isolated places in Palghar district," the official added.

Meanwhile, K S Hosalkar, Deputy Director General (DDG) of the IMD tweeted, "Rainfall in last 24 hrs at morning 6.30 am today in Mumbai and around; few stations reported heavy rainfall in Mumbai and Navi Mumbai. Rest it was moderate as expected. Today watch for more rains please." **PTI**

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
(O/o CE/TS, D-1, Shakti Vihar, Patiala)
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Corporate Identity Number U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website: www.pspcl.in

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Online Tenders are invited for the supply of the following material as per Tender Specification No. 192/SS/D/2019 of PSPCL.

Item No.	Description	Qty. (No's)	Enquiry No./Year.	Last date & time for downloading of tenders	Last date & time for bid submission	Date & time of opening of bids
1.	Design, Manufacture, Testing, Supply and Delivery of 1209 Nos. 11KV Vacuum Interrupters 1. Max. voltage -12KV, Normal amperes 2000A, Min. rupturing capacity - 25KA of various types suitable for various types of 11KV vacuum Circuit Breakers installed at various Sub-Stations in PSPCL.	1209 (of various types)	192/2019	29-06-19 11.00 A.M.	30-06-19 11.00 A.M.	30-06-19 11.30 A.M.

EMD 5,42,000/-
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C-297/19
DPR/25JUL19/C6421 Dt. 25-07-2019
Dy. CE/Sub-Station Design, PSPCL, Patiala

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TENDER NOTICE

SR. NO.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP/ AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTIFICATION NO.	OPENING CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT / EMD (RUPEES)	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP/ AUTH	MODAL OFFICER CONTACT DETAILS (EMAIL)
1	HSP PANIPAT	CONSTRUCTION OF WAR MUSEUM WITH AUDITORIUM AT TAU CENTRAL TOWN PARK IN SECTOR-7-A PANIPAT COMPLETE IN ALL RESPECTS AND ALL OTHER WORKS CONTINGENT THEREO (INCLUDING 5 YEARS LINTA & DRAINAGE LIABILITY PERIOD PER OF COST)	25.07.2019 07.08.2019	3085 LACS	www.haryanapsc.com	0182-266006 mshah@haryanapsc.com
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3	GURU JAGDEESHWAR UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECH. HISAR	PROVIDING STREET LIGHT WORK IN GIRLS HOSTEL COMPLEX	29.07.2019 21.08.2019	1120	http://www.gurujshu.ac.in	0162-231105 mshah@haryanapsc.com

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DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF N.C.T. OF DELHI
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (SOUTH) II
JAL SADAN: LAJPAT NAGAR: NEW DELHI

NIT No. 13/S-II/2019-20
PRESS TENDER

S. No.	Name of Work	Reserve price	Date of release of tender in e-procurement solution	Last date and of time for download & RTGS through e-procurement solution
8.	Construction of decentralized waste water treatment (DWWT) system and allied works at Jal Sadan Building Complex under EE(S) II (AC-41, Jangpura)	3185597/-	2019_DJB_176152_8 22.7.2019	5.8.2019 upto 2.00 PM
9.	Trapping od discharge of Madras Colony Jangpura-B and surrounding into Ring Road trunk sewer under EE(S) II (AC-41, Jangpura)	3147267/-	2019_DJB_17652_9 22.7.2019	5.8.2019 upto 2.00 PM

Further details in this regard can be seen at govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in
ISSUED BY P.R.O (WATER)
Adv. No. J.S.V.212/19-20
Sd/-
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (SOUTH)-II

NEW DELHI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (E), BUILDING MAINTENANCE DIVISION,
ROOM NO. 4, 3RD FLOOR, MOHAN SINGH PLACE, BKS MARG, NEW DELHI-110001. TEL. NO.: 011-23257589

e-Procurement Tender Notice
Name of Work: Improvement of Palika Bazar.
Sub-Head: Up-gradation of toilets in Palika Bazar Shopping Complex (Electrical Works).
Estimated Cost: ₹5,67,006/-
Date of release of tender through e-procurement solution : 26.07.2019
Last date/time for receipt of tenders through e-procurement solution : 05.08.2019 up to 3.30 P.M.
Date /Time for opening of bid through e-procurement solution : 05.08.2019 at 4.00 P.M.
Further details can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>
Note: To participate in e-tender in NDMC registration with application services provider NIC is mandatory. Sd/-
Tender ID No. 2019_NDMC_177101_1 Executive Engineer (E) BM-I
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BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, DELHI
4th FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI-110001
O.A. No.942/18 Date: 11.06.2019
CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA Applicant
Versus
SH. NEERAJ KATOCH AND ORS. Respondent

To,
DEFENDANT
2. M/S. SHUBHKAMNA BUILD TECH PVT. LTD.
197-E, Pkt.-IV, Mayur Vihar Phase-I, Delhi-110091.

Whereas the above named applicant(s) has/have instituted a case for recovery of Rs.33,92,314/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Three Hundred Fourteen Only) against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in the Tribunal on 07.08.2019 at 10:30 A.M.

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

SEAL OF COURT BY ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL SECTION OFFICER DRT-II, DELHI

EAST DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
OFFICE OF THE EX. ENGINEER (M-III) SHAH-NORTH
LIG FLATS, EAST OF LONI ROAD, SHAHDARA-DELHI
NIT NO. EE (M)-III-SH (N)/TC/2019-20/06 Dated: 25.7.2019

Executive Engineer M-III/Shah(N) invites tender on behalf of Commissioner EDMC from registered contractor of MCD

S. No: 1, Name of Work: Imp. Dev. of open space in LIG Flats no. 1 to 1250 in Ashok Nagar by pdg. Kota Street in ward no. 36-246, Shah(N) Zone, Head of Account: TYADB, Tender Amount: 7258960, Earnest Money: 145200, Time of Completion: 5 M, Validity of rates: 05 M, Tender Cost: 1000, Tender No. 315341

S. No: 2, Name of Work: Imp. Dev. of Nalla from gali No. 16 to Nathu Colony flyover by pdg. B/W from in Ram Nagar in ward no. 37-E, Shah(N) Zone, Head of Account: TYADB, Tender Amount: 4912659, Earnest Money: 98300, Time of Completion: 5 M, Validity of rates: 05 M, Tender Cost: 500, Tender No. 315342

S. No: 3, Name of Work: Imp. Dev. of Nalla from H.No. 1/2600 to Peer wali gali in Moti Ram road by pdg. RCC item in Rohtash Nagar in ward no. 38-E, Shah(N) Zone, Head of Account: TYADB, Tender Amount: 3260887, Earnest Money: 65250, Time of Completion: 5 M, Validity of rates: 05 M, Tender Cost: 500, Tender No. 315343

S. No: 4, Name of Work: Const. of RCC drain from Jhuggi to Tanga Stand in C. Block Nand Nagri ward no. 245/AC-64, Shah(N) Zone, Head of Account: TYADB, Tender Amount: 5835053, Earnest Money: 116700, Time of Completion: 5 M, Validity of rates: 05 M, Tender Cost: 1000, Tender No. 315344

S. No: 5, Name of Work: Improvement Dev. of road from H.No. 1/3226 to H.No. 1/3763 in ram Nagar Extn. by pdg. RMC in Rohtash Nagar in ward no. 38-E, Shah(N) Zone, Head of Account: XL-VIII-S(I), Tender Amount: 2785727, Earnest Money: 55750, Time of Completion: 3 M, Validity of rates: 05 M, Tender Cost: 500, Tender No. 315345

Last date & time of Download of tender document 07-08-2019 upto 15.00 P.M.

The detailed documents can be seen & downloaded by the registered contractor from website <http://mcdetenders.com>. The tender will be opened in the office of E.E.-(M-Shah(N))-III on 09.8.2019. Sd/-
R.O. No. 25/DPE/East/2019-20 E.E.-M-III-Shah.(N) Zone
EDMC'S CITIZENS HELPLINE NO. 155303

PAPER WITH PASSION

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The green nod for the Yamuna flood plain project is the first step to reverse the countdown to Day Zero



With the NITI Aayog predicting Day Zero for 21 Indian cities, the National Green Tribunal's (NGT's) clearance of the ambitious Yamuna flood plain natural water storage project has come as a gulp of survival. This certainly will go a long way in resolving Delhi's water woes and perhaps lay the urban template for other riverine cities to build reserves for the future. What the Arvind Kejriwal-led government aims to do is encourage rainwater harvesting by digging small ponds along the Yamuna flood plains, which in turn will

become natural receptacles of accumulated rainfall and the overflowing river. This infusion of water, which would otherwise trickle out as runoff or waste, will now recharge the river bed and groundwater tables. Sixty per cent of the water supplied by the Delhi Jal Board comes from the Yamuna, around 34 per cent from the Ganga and the rest from groundwater. So this project is expected to directly impact volumes. Significantly, this green nod exemplifies a remarkable bipartisan approach to a common concern as Union Jal Shakti minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat speeded up processes. The conservation project will run along 22 km of the Yamuna flood plains, beginning at Palla, where the river enters Delhi, to the other end in Wazirabad. Of course, there is still another hurdle, of acquiring land from farmers, with the Delhi government planning to rent it at a rate of ₹77,000 per acre. Question is whether the farmers, who have been growing seasonal crops here and living on it for years, will give up their rights for an annual rent? That needs practical workarounds. But at least a beginning has been made. A river's flood plain must be excluded from human habitation and just allowed to be as it absorbs the most water that recharges aquifers. But as Delhi went through an infrastructural overhaul over the decades, the sustainability of the development process was compromised in the name of erecting modern monuments to the city's pride, namely the Akshardham temple and Commonwealth Games Village that completely dried out the groundwater and blocked percolation. The bells had tolled way back then, its gong is being heard now.

A fact profile of Delhi, despite being situated on the banks of the Yamuna, reveals a glaring crisis. About 18 per cent of its population does not have piped water. Yet, it has one of the highest percentages of households with piped water in India. The only way we can make good the deficit is by replicating rainwater harvesting models across the city, beginning with what history has gifted us, a series of *baolis* or wells that need recharging, besides lakes, pavilions and moats. The city has lost at least 200 natural water bodies due to encroachment and reclamation, illegal and even legal ones with the connivance of a multiplicity of local authorities and land developers. This is also the reason that a horribly silted up city today gets deluged by the slightest shower. Existing water bodies lie in utter neglect, filled with sewage, garbage and effluents, and are unfit for use. While the groundwater levels have kept falling with the city's growth, the increasing number of bore-wells and tube-wells has been vacuumsing the deeper aquifers as well, causing all kinds of slurry and trickling toxic sludge to be sucked in. India is the world's largest user of groundwater, drawing one-fourth of the global reserves every year, and it is time the government clamps down on overdrawal with some kind of rationing permits. Also, though rainwater harvesting is compulsory on paper, there are no compliance checks or implementation. This has now got to be enforced on a war footing at the community level. The biggest problem is with builders who tout rainwater pits as a virtue to get sanctions for their housing societies but never install systems. Complementary water-saving measures need to be looked at too, like planting native tree species to strengthen the city's catchment area, recycling water and ensuring compliance of zoning residential and commercial use norms. One also needs to create a water map to assess requirements across localities and rationing supplies accordingly.

Lt Colonel Dhoni

He may try to grab eyeballs with his military stint in Kashmir but Dhoni will always be Captain Cool



When cricketer Mahendra Singh Dhoni received the Padma Bhushan on the seventh anniversary of our epic World Cup triumph, he did so wearing the Territorial Army uniform. He was conferred the rank of honorary lieutenant colonel by the Territorial Army on November 1, 2011, and in that one moment, seemed to have turned excellence in sport to a serious matter of a nation's pride, thereby opening a Pandora's box on whether cricket should be "weaponised" or "militarised" so to speak. Disregarding criticism, and knowing that cricket is nothing but war when it comes to the sub-continent, he even wore gloves bearing the Army insignia "Balidaan" in a World Cup match against South Africa. Of course, the military zeal clearly didn't result in either a spectacular performance by one of the greats in the game or Team India sipping the cup of victory. Subsequently, he was subjected to a barrage of criticism. Many argued that a world competition of cricket was certainly not a military occasion, the inherent spirit of sports being to rise above territorial feelings in a fraternal spirit. Besides, the honorary rank definitely didn't give Dhoni the right to display insignia. Critics wondered if legendary athlete Milkha Singh was any less devoted or spirited on the field, considering he was an Army regular who never displayed his insignias or badges.

Some suggested if the cricketer felt so strongly about the Army, he should do some genuine work for their betterment. So, Dhoni, who is currently going through a lean patch in both his career and reputation — the second under shadow for allegedly receiving benefits from the errant Amrapali builders — has decided to sign up for duty. He will be spending a fortnight with his Territorial Army unit in Kashmir next month, guarding posts and even undertaking road patrols. He has already undertaken parachute training, too. Operations have their own risk and Dhoni's readiness to engage with the nation's security management on the surface demonstrates a certain level of interest and commitment. Other cricket superstars like Kapil Dev and Sachin Tendulkar have also joined the armed forces in an honorary capacity in the past but have not pursued things to their logical end. Is this then a PR exercise, aimed at keeping himself relevant and preparing himself for a role beyond that of a sportsman? Captain Cool Mahi has given us many breath-taking moments on the field courtesy a remarkably incisive mind and one wonders if he is crafting another strategy to continue his legacy of superstardom. Or is this a ploy to hone his team sport skills further? But if it is intended to be another diversionary talk point, then it is defeatist. Dhoni will always be India's great captain and cricketer and he doesn't need any other embellishment to underline it. Even if he retires with grace and acceptance. He will continue to rule our hearts with the huge heave of a helicopter shot.

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Temporary reprieve

It would be premature for either the US to trust the Pakistanis or *vice versa* as history suggests that both nations ultimately succumb to their basic instincts



BHOPINDER SINGH

Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan has been walking the tightrope of the genealogical and evolutionary compulsions that are unique to his nation. His *jazba* (passion) of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) had stormed the elections in 2018 and promised a "*Riyasat-e-Madina*", where all citizens are equal in the eyes of the law with guaranteed full fundamental rights — an idyll that is historically, Constitutionally and practically undeliverable.

Acknowledging the enormity of his promise and reset, he instinctively suggested reconstructing the edifice of Pakistan and rechristened it as "Naya Pakistan." The inheritance of an economy in slide with rising debts, falling currency, inflation and depleted coffers had him scurrying to the Arab capitals, Beijing and even to the International Monetary Fund (IMF). This to impress upon them an economically-prudent, austere and reformist agenda that would no longer be profligate or reckless with the sanctioned aid.

This entailed the toning down of his anti-IMF tirade that he had invoked during the pre-election campaigning, as indeed, personally chauffeuring the all-important Princelings from the rival camps of Saudi Arabia and Qatar. While money has started trickling in bits, it has attracted a severe price from the common citizenry as they reel under spiralling price rises and shortages.

The onerous task of re-setting to "Naya Pakistan" essentially implies the renegeing of various Pakistani positions. The opening act of the tenure was lavish in promising such change, including the famous "If India takes one step, Pakistan will take two." The optics and soundbites emanating from the prime ministerial house were in conformity with the *naya* way of things and soon the usual ostentatiousness was frowned upon and the all-powerful razzmatazz was supposedly cut.

The world at large waited with bated breath to figure out if it was yet another exercise in political posturing or if Pakistan had indeed evolved to the portents of "Naya Pakistan." But the cracks showed up almost immediately as Imran Khan succumbed to the nation's ingrained bigotry and dropped the economist, Atif Mian, from the economic advisory, apparently on account of his belonging to the minority and the persecuted Ahmediya faith.

From the Indian perspective, Imran Khan continued making naive statements against terrorism while the Pakistani incorpability continued in Afghanistan. Then the Pulwama episode happened. The trust deficit between Pakistan and all its irate neighbours (India, Afghanistan and Iran) widened. A certain disillusionment against the built-up hype of "Naya Pakistan" started afresh.

The US was already breathing down Pakistan's neck for its duplicity and US



President Donald Trump famously tweeted that Pakistan does not "do a damn thing" in return for the billions of dollars in American "aid." Imran Khan retaliated and tweeted back: "No Pakistani was involved in 9/11 but it decided to participate in the US war on terror" and added, "Pakistan suffered 75,000 casualties in this war and over \$123 billion was lost to the economy." US aid "was a minuscule \$20 billion." The free-for-all between Pakistan and the US ensured that Islamabad swung even more sharply towards the willing arms of Beijing and almost started behaving like a beholden and vassal state of China.

Providentially, for Imran Khan and Pakistan, the whimsical Trump, who had ranted against the Pakistani establishment, had a re-think on his Afghanistan strategy and realised that he would need the services of its *bete noire* ie, Pakistan, in extricating itself out of the mess in Afghanistan.

In a move reminiscent of dumping Afghanistan in the lurch after ensuring the Soviet-withdrawal from Kabul, the US is yet again working towards a similar vacuum; with Pakistan rubbing its hands in glee. Suddenly, Islamabad is back in favour as all is seemingly forgotten and forgiven and Imran Khan is back to reverse-swinging his "Naya Pakistan" with revised gusto — this time in Washington, DC.

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 WHILE INDIA, AFGHANISTAN AND IRAN WILL LICK THEIR WOUNDS FOR NOW — THE 'DEEP STATE' WITHIN PAKISTAN WILL ULTIMATELY REAR ITS HEAD AND BOTH DONALD TRUMP AND IMRAN KHAN WILL END UP LOOKING LIKE THEIR PREDECESSORS
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Both Pakistan and the US are masters of selective amnesia and their dalliances of the past, which included flying and feting of the Afghan mujahideen to the White House and supporting these warlords with weapons, have become a lost memory. Both Imran Khan and Trump now shake hands and the former thanks the Presidents of the United States of America (POTUSA) with "his understanding of Pakistan's point of view!"

The incredulity continues with Imran Khan promising, "I want to assure President Trump, Pakistan will do everything within its power to facilitate the Afghan peace process" — a rote statement that has consistently and unfailingly been dishonoured by Pakistan.

The hapless Afghan regime of Ashraf Ghani looks on with shocked bewilderment and New Delhi is left having to deal with Trump's creative memory of Prime Minister Modi apparently asking him to mediate in Kashmir!

The US President's statements were rightfully, strongly and unequivocally slammed by New Delhi as outrightly incorrect and the same got acknowledged by other functionaries at the Capitol Hill. However, Imran Khan persisted with his façade of "surprise" at the Indian response to "Trump's offer of mediation" as he feigned ignorance at India's unwavering and consistent stand on a bilateral

framework on Kashmir.

Today, Imran Khan is on a charm offensive both domestically (flying commercial) and internationally, staying at his Ambassador's residence to avoid "unnecessary expenditure." Trump has added one more to his embarrassingly long list of documented inexactitudes, which now "exceed 10,000."

Both the US and Pakistan are again in a convenient and tactical huddle that suits their individual and topical urgencies, without bothering about the past, present or future with such tenuous underpinnings. Beyond the reality of US-Pakistan sparring openly, just a few months back, this region has not forgotten the murky history of American hand in the bloodshed of the 1980s during the height of the Cold War or indeed in India with the US' seventh fleet sailing menacingly towards the Bay of Bengal in 1971. It would be premature for either the US to trust the Pakistanis or *vice versa* as history suggests that both nations ultimately succumb to their basic instincts and while India, Afghanistan and Iran will lick their wounds for now — the "deep state" within Pakistan will ultimately rear its head and both Trump and Khan will end up looking like their predecessors.

(The writer, a military veteran, is a former Lt Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Puducherry)

SOUNDBITE

Cows are the only animals who can inhale and exhale oxygen. Massaging the animal can cure breathing problems.



Uttarakhand Chief Minister — Trivendra Singh Rawat

When people are jailed for saying *Jai Sri Ram* or when a temple is attacked in Delhi, they (people who wrote to PM) don't say anything.



Film-maker — Madhur Bhandarkar

We (the US) have a very good and growing relationship with (Prime Minister) Narendra Modi and the Indian Government.



White House Counsellor — Kellyanne Conway

Our neighbouring country (Pakistan) cannot fight a full-fledged or a limited war with India. It is fighting a proxy war.



Union Minister — Rajnath Singh

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Aiming high

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "India on the moon" (July 23). Scientists at the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) have achieved a spectacular success with the launch of Chandrayaan 2. India has become the fourth nation after the United States, Russia and China to send a mission to the moon. One hopes that the lander, Vikram, and the moon rover, Pragyan, will function as planned.

NR Ramachandran
 Chennai

Task cut out

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Bojo joins the gang!" (July 26). It is far easier to come up with a cool acronym than managing the Brexit in favourable terms. By agreeing to leave the European Union (EU), the British inflicted self-harm. With such a massive divide between people across their society, no one knows what would happen next and what should be done. Boris Johnson, the new

Yet another salvo on lynchings

The letter penned by 49 celebrities to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, highlighting the spike in attacks on Muslims, Dalits and other minorities and seeking his intervention to prevent their recurrence echoed the sentiment of all right-thinking people. No impartial observer of India's political and social scene would refuse to concede the correctness of the statement made by the celebrities in their letter saying *Jai Shri Ram* has become a provocative "war-cry" today. In forcing non-Hindus to chant *Jai Shri Ram*, Hindutva zealots do not defy Ram but defile his name. It is a cocktail of bigotry and impiety to force anyone to chant the name of a deity against his will. The creation of an environment of religious intolerance and hatred must be deplored and condemned unequivocally.

The problem is not religion *per se* but religious fundamentalism that is blind to the preciousness of all life. Citizenship cannot be made conditional on chanting any deity's name. Division and disunity in the name of religion take the focus away from the need (and the



efforts required) to mitigate widespread impoverishment. The poor are pitted against each other along religious lines so that they do not unite in fighting for their rights. As for "dissent" and divergence of opinion, they lend substance to democracy. Any political system refusing to allow dissent becomes a tyranny.

G David Milton
 Maruthancode

Opportunist at best

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Bojo joins the gang!" (July 26). Over time, the mighty British empire has been reduced to a mere kingdom even as the centres of its economy shifted elsewhere. The global economic downturn of 2008 aggravated problems as it struggled to provide jobs to its

natives. Britain, like most liberal democracies, found a scapegoat in its immigration policies. Right wingers everywhere lost little time in grasping the coat-tails of neo-nationalism and isolationism.

Brexit was floated as a political teaser, a trial balloon. None had expected it to turn menacingly real and burst on a disillusioned populace. Soon enough, the UK not only tied itself into knots over Brexit but

thrust many nations into the chaos. The appointment of Boris Johnson as the nation's Prime Minister is ominous. Boris, much like US President Donald Trump, comes with a colourful personal history, having solutions up his sleeve for everything and sporting a loose tongue. Both revel in riding an opportunistic vehicle of hollow nationalism. While Trump has managed to traverse this far, armed with the might of his dollar and an ardent fan club, Boris may well succeed in dragging down both the pound and Britain's stature in global politics, trade and finance.

R Narayanan
 Navi Mumbai

Auto industry woes

Sir — With the auto industry facing its worst slump, the situation calls for immediate attention of the Government in order to save this industry from a huge fall and the consequent serious impact on employment and the economy.

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FIRST COLUMN

Dam for nations: Doom for diversity

Ecological concerns have always been sacrificed at the altar of development. The same will be the case of the Pancheshwar region, which is home to a variety of species



NEERAJ MAHARA

Thousands of hectares of broadleaf forests, dominated by sal and flanking small hamlets, that skirt meticulously carved out terrace farms in the valley of the Mahakali River, home to the giant golden mahseer — this is the defining image of the Pancheshwar region in the trans-boundary Mahakali valley of India and Nepal. Today, this region hosts the Pancheshwar Multipurpose Hydroelectric Project (PMHP), a multi-million dollar joint venture commissioned under the Mahakali Water Treaty of 1996. The present Indian regime has shown special interest in this project and is pushing its counterpart for talks.

It has been estimated that around 31,000 families in three districts of Uttarakhand will be displaced due to this project and this is stoking a lot of resentment in this area. However, there are other species, too, for whom the Mahakali basin is home: The incredible flora and fauna like the Indian butter tree, tigers and golden mahseer among others. Studies by the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) and the Foundation of Ecological Security (FES) have documented 227 mostly forest-dependent bird species in the Goriganga basin, upto where the submergence area extends. The basin is also renowned for its orchid diversity, harbouring more than 120 species. Mahakali River is known to be the abode for three dwindling otter species — Eurasian, smooth-coated and small-clawed. A study by Nepali scientists documented 72 fish species, including the endangered golden mahseer from River Mahakali. River flows, the first to be destroyed by the dams, are the mainstay for freshwater fish and riverine ecosystems.

The extent of biodiversity in the area is confirmed by the presence of two wildlife sanctuaries (WLSs), covering an area of 869.88 km on the head and toe of the proposed project site, a troublesome issue for project authorities, who would require additional clearances from the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL). Within 300 metres in the north of the proposed project is the Askot WLS, which is home to several endangered species like the Himalayan musk deer, snow leopard, Assamese macaque and now, the tiger as well. In 2016, scientists from WII had recorded the presence of a tiger at an elevation of 3,274 metres from this Protected Area (PA). This is the first time a tiger has been found at this altitude in the country. This rare record further establishes the criticality of this landscape in terms of biodiversity as well as the existence of a unique habitat in India, after Bhutan, which is home to the three big Cats: Snow leopard, common leopard and tiger. Among other things, Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) reports also forgot to mention about inhabitants of the region: A primitive tribal group, *van rajis/van rawats*, who have been co-existing with these forests for centuries.

Other protected areas in the impacted zone is the Nandhar WLS on the southern side, just 10 km away from the Rupaligad and the re-regulating dam proposed as part of the PMHP Mahakali basin has historical records of the tiger but owing to the lack of research, information is scanty. The intriguing tales of the tiger in this basin can be relished in books like *Field Days: A Naturalist's Journey Through South and Southeast Asia* authored by AJT Johnsingh and also in Jim Corbett's hunting tales. Recent studies have confirmed the long dispersal of the tiger, crossing all anthropogenic and natural barriers. Once constructed, the entire project will submerge 116 km of land, agriculture and forests, of which 46.87 km is under the category of forest land — reserved, protected and van panchayat forests. This scale of construction will cut off major connectivity between forests of these protected areas. More forests will be diverted for "relocation" of displaced families in the *terai*, a crucial habitat for the wildlife, including tiger and elephant.

A natural habitat that held the potential of serving as an epitome of conservation, from flood plains of the *terai* to the alpine meadows, is now being held to ransom. Plagued by the lack of scientific rigour, the EIA report goes on to make a blanket conclusion, "Due to the degradation of forest in the submergence and surrounding area, no major wildlife is found. Hence, no adverse impact on the terrestrial fauna is anticipated due to the project." Hitherto, the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change on river valley projects is yet to recommend this project for clearance owing to some of the lacunae in the impact assessment studies. However, we have seen over decades how ecological concerns have been sacrificed at the altar of development. There is no reason why it will be any different this time.

(The writer is a PhD candidate at the Wildlife Institute of India)

THERE IS A DANGER IN BOYCOTTING ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR AS IT COULD LEAD TO A BJP MLA WINNING FROM TRAL. —NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEADER

OMAR ABDULLAH

POINT COUNTERPOINT



THE STANCE OF THESE PARTIES IS MORE CONCERNED WITH THEIR POLITICS RATHER THAN THE COUNTRY. IT CHANGES FROM TIME TO TIME. —BJP'S WORKING PRESIDENT

JP NADDA

Time to change the script

The nationalisation of banks was a progressive decision taken by the Indira Gandhi Government given the prevalent context. But it is now time to make them more autonomous and competitive



A MARENDRER REDDY

The nationalisation of the 14 largest commercial banks on July 19, 1969, by the then Indira Gandhi Government, was the most significant decision, which has had wide implications across the economy even 50 years later. These 14 banks accounted for 85 per cent of the bank deposits in the country. Nationalisation was done to free up the banks from the hands of a few industrial houses, who tried to use the depositors' money under their control to increase credit flow and thereafter address the rank neglect of rural and agricultural sectors, which were starved of funds.

Circumstances leading to nationalisation

Recognising the need to improve the flow of credit in rural areas as also the agricultural sector, the then Government took the move to nationalise 14 large banks by passing the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertaking) Bill in 1969. India's agricultural growth had just started recovering after the successive drought years of 1966 and 1967 with help from green revolution technologies, which resulted in more intensive farming than traditional methods. Industrial recovery, too, had just begun after the 1965 Indo-Pakistan war and by 1968, the country recorded an industrial growth of 6.2 per cent. All of these created huge demand for credit across sectors, especially from farmers and small-scale industrialists. Petty businessmen, farmers and consumers suffered a cash crunch all those years as business houses maintained their dominant position and the banks focused on giving credit to them with an aim to earn profits. This total neglect of agriculture and the rural sector by private banks prompted the Government to nationalise the banks and take direct control of credit delivery. The move also made banking in unbanked areas a reality while also giving a powerful tool to a vast majority of weaker sections, including the rural and agricultural farmers and labourers. This was the most prudent decision taken by the Indira Gandhi Government at that time.

Shift from class to mass banking

Immediately after the nationalisation of banks, a plethora of measures was taken by successive Governments to enhance the flow of credit so as to make it accessible to diverse sections of society. The focus of banks shifted from 'class banking' to 'mass banking'. The commitment to spread the reach of banks began with the introduction of the Lead Bank Scheme (LBS) in 1969, the constitution of the State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC), district credit plans, priority sector lending (PSL) norms in 1974, branch expansion policy and the formation of Regional Rural Banks in 1975.

Spread of banking network

With nationalisation, unreachable and unbanked areas were easier to reach. The number of bank branches increased from 8,187 in 1969 to 59,752 in 1990, to 1,41,756 as of March, 2019. The share of rural and semi-urban branches increased from 58.4 per cent to 77.2 per cent, to 62.89 per cent during the same period. The total network of rural and semi-urban branches increased from 4,781 in 1969 to 46,128 by 1990 and further increased to 89,144 in March 2019. In addition, 1.26 lakh bank *mitras* (business correspondents) provide



branchless banking in villages. Now, one ATM is available for every three villages and for every 375 people, one Point of Sale is available in India. Effectively, 80 per cent of adults aged 18 and above have a bank account as of today. Of the 36 crore new savings bank deposit accounts opened under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana till May 2019, Public Sector Banks (PSBs) accounted for 96.6 per cent, reflecting their success in achieving socially responsible banking.

Banks as an extended arm of the Government

The nationalised banks, now popularly known as PSBs, played a major role in the implementation of a plethora of credit-linked interest subsidy schemes. Programmes such as the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), Indira Awas Yojana (IAY), Self Help Group-Bank Linkage Programme (SBLP), MUDRA loans and the most recent one, Jan Dhan Aardhaar Mobile initiative, all depend on the banks to distribute subsidies so as to achieve the target of integrated rural development, higher interest subvention, facilitate debt-waiver schemes and, thus, fulfill the mandatory lending norms for agriculture and small-scale industries. Further, a wide network of PSBs has helped in the implementation of various Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) schemes like subsidy on LPG gas, MGNREGA wages, assistance under PM-KISAN, Rythu Bandhu scheme and various other pension schemes ensuring transparency and zero leakages.

Flipside of nationalisation

Although nationalisation of banks worked well until the 1980s, the Government overstayed its welcome and delayed the process of privatisation, which was badly needed under changed circumstances. The administered interest rates and the burden of direct lending to priority sec-

tor constrained the autonomy of PSBs to operate on commercial lines. The mandatory expansion of branches in unbanked centres with low business potential impacted their working. Regulatory entry barriers for private sector to make a foray into the banking sector acted as hindrance for the development of a healthy competition between the two. Too much involvement of the Government in the banks' operations and failure to invest in new technology perpetuated the inefficiency of the banking sector for a prolonged period.

Entry of private sector banks

Since 1993, the entry of private sector banks brought new technology and institutional innovations. Their entry infused the much-needed competition in the banking sector. Post this, the PSBs had to compete with the private banks in spite of their social responsibility of meeting various Government scheme targets. On top of it, PSBs had to also meet the capital adequacy standards in line with the Basel framework from time to time. Recent data from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) show that private sector banks are taking away market share from PSBs and will extend that pie from the current 30 per cent to 40 per cent in near future.

High NPAs and losses

As per data, aggregate gross advances of PSBs increased from over ₹18.19 lakh crore as on March 31, 2008 to more than ₹52.15 lakh crore as on March 31, 2014. This is due to the cumulative effect of the pressure to achieve social banking targets to cater to the low profitable sectors in un-bankable areas, frequent loan waivers, slower adoption of technology and inept monitoring and control systems.

Because of huge NPAs and losses, some PSBs were put under the Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) and were not able to cater to the growing credit demand. To strengthen the PSBs, the

Government PSBs were recapitalised to the extent of ₹3.12 lakh crore, with an infusion of ₹2.46 lakh crore by the Government and mobilisation of over ₹0.66 lakh crore by PSBs themselves. As per RBI data on global operations (provisional data for the financial year ending March 2019), gross NPAs of PSBs have declined by ₹89,189 crore from the peak of ₹8,95,601 crore in March 2018 to ₹8,06,412 crore in March 2019 (provisional data).

It is questionable as to how long the Government can infuse capital into the PSBs through recapitalisation by spending huge sums of tax payer's money.

Way forward

The current situation demands a totally different approach compared to the one taken in 1969. There is a need for "denationalisation" and "privatisation" barring three to four large strategic banks. This will hasten the spread of bank networks and establish a healthy competition among them as well as provide a wide choice to the consumers.

Banks should be freed from all Government controls in exercising commercial activities, including stake sale, privatisation and mergers, to maximise their profitability and competitiveness. However, the need is also for enforcement of stringent regulations, improved governance and internal monitoring and control system to reduce NPAs so as to enhance trust in the banking system. All large ticket NPAs need to be declared as willful defaulters and subjected to justice to maintain good health of the banking sector. Instead of brick and mortar banking branches, the focus should shift to simplified virtual banking systems with proper cyber security measures. This alone can take the outreach to remote people and areas.

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Tamil Nadu's Don Quixote

Like most leaders in Southern States, Vaiko, too, has a penchant for publicity and fame. His opposition to the use of Hindi in Parliament is a gimmick



KUMAR CHELLAPPAN

Politicians in Tamil Nadu, especially those who are moulded in the Dravidian *gharana*, have a penchant for publicity and fame. They want to be the cynosure of all eyes wherever they go. Starting from the ward committee member to the president of a party, none is free from this "passion" for recognition. They will not move out of their houses unless they are accompanied by a cavalcade of SUVs or cars, depending on their hierarchy in the party. Ward-level leaders are accompanied by an army of followers in auto-rickshaws and two-wheelers shouting: "Thalaivar Vaazhka", meaning "Long Live the Leader."

If they are invited for marriages or any social get-togethers, the organisers must ensure that the larger-than-life size posters of these leaders are dis-

played along the route they travel. Vayapuri Gopalasami, popularly known as Vaiko, the Telugu speaking Tamil leader of the Marumalarchi Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (MDMK), is no exception. Though he heads a letterhead organisation, his mission is to establish a separate Tamil Eelam in Sri Lanka. He was a Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) member of the Rajya Sabha for three terms (1978-96). When he turned out to be a threat for the coronation of MK Stalin as party chief, M Karunanidhi, threw Vaiko out of the party.

Vaiko had no option but to launch his own political outfit, the MDMK. But he saw the writing on the wall well in advance and sided with J Jayalithaa's All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK). He was elected to the Lok Sabha in 1998 with active support from Jayalithaa and the BJP. When the latter pulled down the then NDA Government led by Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Vaiko turned emotional and jumped to the DMK. He was elected in the 1999 mid-term election with support from the DMK and the BJP. The MDMK managed to win four seats, including that of Vaiko.

By 2004, Vaiko turned secular, dumped the BJP and joined the UPA, led by the DMK and the Congress. Though his party won all contested seats, Vaiko stayed away from electoral politics as he had been arrested under the Prevention of Terrorism Act 2002 and was detained for 18 months for delivering pro-LTTE speeches. Jayalithaa was adamant in her stance against the LTTE and Vaiko failed to dilute her hatred for the Tamil Tigers.

But his association with the DMK did not last long. Some of his close aides began to cross over to the DMK as they understood that Vaiko's LTTE hopes would always remain a pipedream. Tamil Nadu has a motley crowd of LTTE supporters, which includes Maoists, Islamic extremists, Tamil nationalists, fringe political parties, some of the major factions of the Church and professional human right organisations. They are all financed by the LTTE and these beneficiaries return gratitude through pro-Eelam speeches and literature.

What is common among these groups is their opposition to any kind of progressive measure taken by the Central or State Government. For example, they demanded the abroga-

tion of the Supreme Court order that banned the taming of bulls. These were the organisations, who stood against the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant. It is the same crowd, which is against the Sterlite Plant at Thoothukudi and the greenfield eight-lane Chennai — Salem state-of-the-art highway. They are also against the hydrocarbon exploration projects undertaken by the Central Government-owned Oil and Natural Gas Commission. What makes these agitations and groups unique is the presence of Vaiko, who is always in the forefront. His double-standards with respect to the Sterlite agitation became a butt of jokes.

Vaiko is also among those who are demanding the release of those convicted for the assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. The Congress is against any kind of amnesty to these assassins as they were all saved from the gallows by the top court and their sentence was converted to life-term as part of amnesty. It is strange that Vaiko has been braying for the blood of Sri Lanka, an island nation strategically important to India. Our ties with Colombo should never be sacrificed to satisfy the ego and vested interests of self-serving people.

KS Radhakrishnan, former associate of Vaiko, who switched over to the DMK, mentioned in his blog, *My Love Affair with Don Quixote*, the hero of a Spanish novel by the same name authored by Miguel de Cervantes. Alonso Quixano, a knight-errant, wanders all over the land in search of adventures to prove his chivalric virtues. Most of the characteristics displayed by Vaiko have similarities with Alonso Quixano, who addresses himself as Don Quixote!

Vaiko's recent outbursts against Hindi is a point of interest. His "finding" is that the debates in Hindi have brought down the standard of discussions in Parliament. His allegation that Hindi, Hindu and Hindu Rashtira are all the same should be viewed as a statement made with ulterior motive. In a country where nearly two-thirds of the population speak Hindi, it is a sin to portray that language as belonging to a particular religion. If what Vaiko said is right, he should put an embargo on the Tamil actors' penchant to act in Bollywood. Vaiko should also tell the Tamil film makers not to plagiarise Hindi songs.

Hundreds of thousands of children in Tamil Nadu are denied the

opportunity to learn in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas because chauvinists like Vaiko will not allow the opening of such public schools, citing the two-language policy. It is a criminal offence to deny the poor and rural children an opportunity to learn in a public school, which charges nothing for quality education. The Congress remained a mute spectator even as Vaiko rubbished the very concept of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, launched by its own leader as part of the New Education Policy 1985. The Congress is afraid to tell this Don Quixote to stay away from preventing the opening of the schools in the State. Tamil Nadu is the only State which does not have a single Navodaya School thanks to the hardliners.

It may be a strange coincidence that while children of poor parents struggle to get admission in private schools, sons and daughters of leaders like Vaiko get admitted to the best schools and universities all across the country. Most of them end up as high paid managers in multi-national corporations or as monopoly dealers of tobacco products manufactured by MNCs. Vaiko's love for Tamils in Sri Lanka itself is dubious. It was during

the Manmohan Singh tenure that the Sri Lankan Army tamed the last challenge put up by the LTTE terrorists. A person no less than Gotabaya Rajapakse, former defence secretary and the brain behind the obliteration of the Tamil Tiger terrorists, had told *The Pioneer* that the Indian Government as well as the then Tamil Nadu Government led by M Karunanidhi were kept in the loop about the Sri Lankan Army's actions.

If Vaiko has any decency left and if he still loves Sri Lankan Tamils, he should maintain safe distance from both the Congress and the DMK instead of criticising Hindi debates in Parliament. Vaiko can never survive without publicity and media coverage. It is because of this reason that he attacked Hindi language. Now, when he makes an appearance in the Rajya Sabha, thanks to an act of charity by DMK president MK Stalin, he would be the "cynosure." But Stalin sitting in the DMK headquarters may be chuckling. It was the same Vaiko who had challenged Stalin's elevation in the DMK and left the party to form MDMK. Strange are the ways of fate! (The writer is Special Correspondent, *The Pioneer*)

Govt may privatise 20-25 airports: AAI

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

After deciding to privatise six major airports in February this year, the Central government is planning to privatise 20-25 more in the next phase with an expectation that there will be a significant participation by foreign airports, said AAI Chairman Guruprasad Mohapatra on Friday.

Adani Group had won the bids to operate, manage and develop the six airports — Lucknow, Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Mangaluru, Thiruvananthapuram, and Guwahati — which the Airports Authority of India had put up for privatisation in the first round.

"We have privatised six airports... We are now planning to privatise 20-25 airports in next phase," said Mohapatra at a press briefing here.

He said the AAI will decide the names of these airports — with annual passenger traffic over 1.5 million — soon and recommend them to the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

"They will take a final call," he said.

In the latest bureaucratic shuffle, Mohapatra was transferred to the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, which comes under the Ministry of



Commerce.

On Friday, Mohapatra said he would take charge as DPIIT secretary on August 1.

Explaining about the planning related to the second round of privatisation, he said, "What we have done is we have appointed a consultant to understand relative attractiveness of various airports for private sector investments."

"It is open for everyone to bid. There are tremendous possibilities. With this (success in first round), I am sure that in the next round of privatisation we do, I am hoping to see a lot of foreign airports participating in it."

He said airports such as Dublin and Munich showed tremendous interest but they "probably required more confidence" and waited to see the success of the first round of privatisation.

"They have seen that now that it is successfully happen-

ing. So, in the second round, we expect significant participation coming from airports like them," he said.

In November last year, the government had decided to privatise airports in Lucknow, Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Mangaluru, Thiruvananthapuram, and Guwahati for operation, management and development through public-private partnership (PPP) model.

In February, the Adani Group bagged contract for all six airports by winning the bids with huge margins.

The AAI had chosen the winner on the basis of the "per-passenger fee" offered by the bidders.

On July 3, the Union Cabinet had approved the leasing out of Ahmedabad, Lucknow and Mangaluru airports to Adani Group. The cabinet is yet to approve the leasing out of the other three.

US economic growth rate slows in Q2, falls below Trump target

AFP ■ WASHINGTON

The American economy hit the brakes in the second quarter, as activity declined in an increasingly skittish industrial sector and exports fell, but the US continues to outperform other advanced economies, according to government data released Friday.

Officials also slashed growth for last year using newly available data — cutting a crucial 2018 GDP measure to 2.5 per cent, undercutting President Donald Trump's frequent boasts about beating 3.0 per cent.

The new data covering the past five years now show the world's largest economy actually slowed in the year after Trump pushed through a sweeping tax overhaul.

The updated data also highlight how momentum deteriorated in the final months of 2018, when the Federal Reserve raised interest rates in defiance of intense pressure from Trump.

The central bank next week is widely expected to cut its benchmark lending rate, reversing December's increase.

The Commerce Department reported that GDP in the April-June quarter slowed to 2.1 per cent from the first three months of the year, slowing sharply from 3.1 per cent growth in the first quarter, but that was better than expect-

ed, helped by strong consumer spending.

Taken together the new data portrayed an economy that enjoys robust strength in some quarters but has begun to sputter worryingly in others, even while the US is outshining sluggish economies in Europe, Japan and elsewhere.

Analysts had expected second quarter growth of just 1.8 per cent, but the economy got a boost from strong consumer spending on autos, food and clothing.

Federal spending also took its biggest leap in a decade — with non-defense spending rising at the fastest pace in 21 years — a one-time jolt when the government resumed paying employees following the five-week partial government shutdown at the start of the year.

But that was not enough to make up for tumbling investment in factories and commercial buildings, which sank more than 10 per cent for the quarter, and falling income from software royalties and other intellectual property.

Amid a global economic slowdown, weakening foreign demand for US exports meant American factories sold fewer autos, parts and factory equipment. The ailing American manufacturing sector also produced fewer non-durable goods while retail and wholesale trade softened.

Govt promotes agri allied sectors to double farm income

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government on Friday admitted in Rajya Sabha that doubling of farm income by 2022 was not possible with the current rate of growth in the agriculture sector, and said it was trying to promote allied sectors to achieve the target.

During the Question Hour, SP member Ram Gopal Yadav said going by the present growth rate of 4 per cent in the agriculture sector, it was not possible to double the farmers income by 2022. Replying to supplementaries, Minister of State for Agriculture Purshottam Rupala said, "We agree with Ram Gopal ji's query that it was not possible to double farm incomes with the current growth rate in agri sector."

He said the raising of farm income was not possible with growth in only one sector, but the government was making efforts to promote allied sectors of agriculture and that will aid in helping double the farm income.

Rupala also informed the house that the government was making efforts to increase the clusters under organic farming and was giving them various incentives.

"We are running 20 centres for promotion of organic farming... We have set a target of setting up 1 lakh clusters of organic farming in this Plan," he said.

Business Corner



On 24th July Syndicate Bank organised a Road Show under "MSME Loan" and "Home Loan Takeover Dhamaka" program, in the leadership of BS Mohanti DZM and Sunil Kumar Sobti RIM Regional Office 1 Delhi at Okhla Industrial Area. In this Road Show bank's present and retired employees took part and given all information regarding all loan products of Bank specially to MSME enterprises and people of Okhla Industrial Area



Punjab National Bank Press Conference held on Friday at PNB Head Office, Dwarka Sector 10. (L to R): RK Yaduvanshi, Executive Director Punjab National Bank, Sunil Mehta, MD&CEO Punjab National Bank, Aggrey Kumar Azad, Executive Director Punjab National Bank



Bureau of Indian Standards On Friday flagged off an adventure rally to Leh with an objective to sensitize people about its soon to be launched Standards on Pashmina products. The BIS caravan left the headquarters, once the Member of Parliament of Ladakh region, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal in the august presence of Director General, BIS, Surina Rajan flagged off the rally



The Sentinels of the North East the Assam Rifles paid homage to the martyrs of Operation Vijay by laying wreaths on Friday at the Assam Rifles War Memorial at its HQ located in Laikor, Shillong



Meitu, a mobile photo-editing app, has unveiled its newest Animate feature. Using AI technology, Animate brings pictures to life with a variety of dazzling effects. Using portrait segmentation technology, Animate's portrait area in-painting function is able to give portraits entirely new backgrounds



In a press conference organised by Gleneagles Global Hospitals, a panel of doctors expressed serious concern over the decreasing organ donors rate in Delhi urged people of Delhi to come forward to pledge for organ donation. Delhi saw a drop of more than 50 per cent in organ donations from brain-dead patients in 2018. Leave alone Maharashtra (132), Tamil Nadu (137), Telangana (167), and Andhra Pradesh (45), the national capital lags far behind even the neighbouring Union Territory of Chandigarh (35)

Reckitt Benckiser launches 'Vanish', a detergent booster

New Delhi: Reckitt Benckiser on Friday launched Vanish, an 'All-New' detergent booster. Studies conducted by leading marketing agencies Nielsen and Third Eye revealed that more than 60 per cent consumers are inherently dissatisfied with their laundry results despite using premium detergents. Vanish aims to fill the void in the market by providing home makers with the perfect laundry solution. The Post use consumer research showed that 9 out of 10 consumers after trying the product were motivated to buy the product.

Sebi eases rules for new exchanges to provide incentives under LES

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Markets watchdog Sebi on Friday eased the conditions for exchanges to provide incentives under liquidity enhancement schemes (LES) in the first five years of operation.

Under the scheme, brokers and other market intermediaries are given incentives for a specified period of time to bring in liquidity and generate investor interest in securities, which have limited trading activity.

The move comes after the regulator noted that "an exchange in early years of its formation or commencement of business may not be able to generate profits or have free reserves from business operations."

Laying down the conditions for such exchanges, Sebi in a circular said the yearly incentive that an exchange can earmark for LES will not exceed 25 per cent of its audited net-worth as on the last day of the previous financial year.

Nasscom, CBRE to mentor 3 tech-based realty startups

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

IT industry body Nasscom and property consultant CBRE on Friday said they will mentor and support three startups that offer tech-based solutions for the real estate market.

The startups — Touchwiz Technologies, XLSYS Technologies and WEGoT Utility Solutions — were declared winners post three stages of evaluation by industry leaders from across sectors, CBRE said in a statement.

The National Association of Software and Services Companies (Nasscom) and CBRE South Asia had started this competition in May this year.

Srikanth Srinivasan, Head Membership, Nasscom said, "We see this initiative as a step forward towards building a sustainable ecosystem for PropTech start-ups in the

Subhash Chandra Garg takes over as new Power Secretary

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Senior bureaucrat and former finance secretary Subhash Chandra Garg on Friday took over as the new Power Secretary.

The senior most officer in the Ministry of Finance, Garg was shifted to the Power Ministry on Wednesday. Thereafter he announced that he had applied for voluntary retirement from service on Thursday.

"Handed over charge of Economic Affairs today (Thursday). Learnt so much in the Finance Ministry and Economic Affairs Dept. Will take charge in Power Ministry tomorrow (Friday). Have also applied for Voluntary Retirement from the IAS with effect from 31st October," Garg had tweeted on Thursday.

An interaction of Garg with media is scheduled later on Friday.

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that one female namely Umekulsum, D/o Sh. Menaj Aalam, R/o: Jhuggi No. B-54, Kamla Nehru Camp, Kirti Nagar, Delhi, Age: 19 years, Height: 45", Complexion: Wheatish, Built: Medium, Hair: Black, Wearing: Yellow colour Suit & Green colour Salwar, has been missing from Jhuggi No. B-54, Kamla Nehru Camp, Kirti Nagar, Delhi, since 12.07.2019. In this regard a DD No. 12-A, dated 13.07.2019 has been registered at P.S. Kirti Nagar, New Delhi.

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

Website : <http://cbi.nic.in>
E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639
Ph. No. : 011-24368638, 24368641
DP/8344/WD/19

SHO P.S. Kirti Nagar, New Delhi Ph: 011-25190462, 25438719

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person Dharambir S/o Sh. Ramji Lal, R/o B-8, JJ Colony Shakurpur, Delhi & present Address I-577, Shakurpur, JJ Colony Delhi, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence under case FIR No 824/05 U/s 411 IPC has been registered at P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said Dharambir S/o Ramji Lal, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said, Dharambir S/o Ramji Lal, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Dharambir S/o Ramji Lal, FIR No. 824/05 U/s 411 IPC required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 26.09.2019.

By Order Ms. Virender Singh, Metropolitan Magistrate Room No. 407, 4th Floor, Rohini Courts, Delhi

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that a girl namely Afreen, D/o: Tanveer Ahmed, R/o: H. No. 3905, Jagat Cinema Walli Gali, Jama Masjid, Delhi has been missing since 19.07.2019 at about 09:10 AM from her House. In this regard DD No. 02A, dated 20.07.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Jama Masjid. The description of missing girl is as under:

Name: Afreen, Age: 20-21 Years, Height: 5'4", Face: Round, Complexion: Fair, Built: Medium, ID Mark: A burned tattoo mark on Left Hand, Wearing: White Colour Kurta, Blue Colour Jeans and Black Colour Shoes in feet

If anyone have any information about this missing girl please to inform the following.

Web: <http://cbi.nic.in>, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639
SHO Police Station, Jama Masjid, Delhi Ph: 011-23261625, 8750870422
DP/6464/CD/19

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Sanjay Sharma S/o Hiranam Sharma R/o Vill-Ratania Pur, P.S. Derapur, Distt-Kanpur Dehat, U.P. has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case registered vide FIR No. 260/04 at Police Station - Shalimar Bagh, Delhi which is punishable under section 363 of the Indian Penal Code and a warrant of arrest issued thereupon has been returned unexecuted stating that the said accused Sanjay Sharma could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Sanjay Sharma has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Sanjay Sharma is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 22.10.2019.

By Order Ms. Pooja Aggarwal Metropolitan Magistrate Room No. 112 Rohini Courts, Delhi DP/9185/NW/19

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely Jai Vardhan AKA Jitu S/o Raj Kumar R/o F-201, 2nd Floor, Hanging Garden, Jai Singh Pura Road, Baba Karota, Jaipur, Rajasthan has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 455/11 u/s 379/411/482/468/471/IPC, PS Maurya Enclave, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Jai Vardhan AKA Jitu could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Jai Vardhan AKA Jitu has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person, Jai Vardhan AKA Jitu of FIR No. 455/11 u/s 379/411/482/468/471/IPC, PS Maurya Enclave, Delhi is required to appear in the court to answer the said complaint on or before 23.10.2019.

By order Ms. Ekta Gauba Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (North West) Room No. 101, 1st Floor Rohini Courts, Delhi DP/9174/NW/19

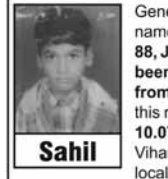
SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that one Female namely Reshma Aka Khushi, W/o Sh. Arvind, R/o Jhuggi No. 690, Nand Lal, Delhi has been missing/ kidnapped from the area of P.S. Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi since 08.07.2019. In this regard a case vide DD No. 77A, dated 09.07.2019 has been lodged in P.S. Mukerjee Nagar, Delhi. The description of missing/ kidnapped female is as under:- Age: 25 year, Height: 5'1", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Medium, Wearing: Red colour suit, salwar & slipper in feet. If anyone having any clue/ information, kindly inform the undersigned.

Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
E-Mail ID - cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax No. 011-24368639 P.S. Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi
Ph. Nos.: 011-24368838, 24368641 Ph.: 011-27654675, 8750870234
DP/9181/NW/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General public is hereby informed that a boy namely Sahil, S/o: Kalam Warish Khan, R/o: A-88, Jailor Wala Bagh, Ashok Vihar, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 07.07.2019 from the area of P.S. Ashok Vihar, Delhi. In this regard FIR No. 244/19, u/s 363 IPC dated 10.07.2019 has been registered at P.S. Ashok Vihar. Sincere efforts have been made by the local Police to trace out the missing/kidnapped boy but no clue has come to light so far. The description of missing/kidnapped boy is as under:

Name: Sahil, Age: 13 Years, Height: 3'8", Face: Round, Complexion: Shallow, Built: Medium, Wearing: White T-Shirt and Blue Jeans. If anyone have any information about this missing/kidnapped boy please inform P.S. Ashok Vihar, Delhi.

Web: <http://cbi.nic.in>, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639
SHO Police Station, Ashok Vihar, Delhi Ph: 011-27243066, 8750870221
DP/9160/NW/19

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSONS

Whereas complaint has been made before me that (1) Vikrant AKA Dillu (2) Amit AKA Mintu both S/o Raj Kumar Sharma R/o Flat No.310, C&D Block, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi have committed (or are suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 146/11 u/s 323/427/452 IPC, P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused (1) Vikrant AKA Dillu (2) Amit AKA Mintu cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused (1) Vikrant AKA Dillu (2) Amit AKA Mintu have absconded (or are concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused (1) Vikrant AKA Dillu (2) Amit AKA Mintu of FIR No. 146/11 u/s 323/427/452 IPC, P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi are required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 01.10.2019.

By Order, Sh. Virender Singh, Metropolitan Magistrate, Room No. 407, 4th Floor, Rohini Courts, Delhi DP/9176/NW/19 - (Court Matter)

Sensex snaps 6-session falling streak; Yes Bank soars 10 pc

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Snapping its six-session falling streak, equity benchmark BSE Sensex ended 51.81 points higher on Friday, led by select finance and private bank stocks.

While subdued corporate earnings, foreign fund outflows and weak global cues continue to weigh on the markets, hopes of above-average rainfall in the next two weeks buoyed investor sentiment to some extent, traders said. After a choppy session, the 30-share Sensex ended 51.81 points or 0.14 per cent higher at 37,882.79. Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty rose 32.15 points or 0.29 per cent to settle at 11,284.30.

During the week, the Sensex lost 454.22 points or 1.18 per cent, while the Nifty fell 134.95 points or 1.18 per cent.

Yes Bank was the top gainer in the Sensex pack on Friday, rallying 9.64 per cent. Bajaj Finance soared 7.20 per cent after the company posted its highest-ever quarterly consolidated net profit at ₹1,195 crore for the June quarter. Other gainers included Hero MotoCorp, M&M, Bajaj Auto, Tata Motors, Asian Paints and Kotak Bank, rising up to 3.21 per cent.

Maruti Suzuki inched up

GOLD FALLS ₹140

New Delhi (PTI): Gold prices on Friday fell by ₹140 to ₹35,730 per 10 grams in the bullion market here due to lacklustre demand from jewellers, according to the All India Sarafa Association. Silver also declined by ₹150 to ₹42,150 per kg due to reduced offtake by industrial units and coin makers. Globally, spot gold was trading marginally up at \$1,418.80 an ounce in New York.

0.78 per cent after the company reported a 31.67 per cent decline in consolidated net profit at ₹1,376.8 crore for the June quarter.

Vedanta, RIL, Bharti Airtel, ONGC, HDFC, Tech Mahindra, HCL Tech and Infosys were among the top losers, falling up to 4.26 per cent.

"Market recovered after six consecutive days of fall while the recovery was not solid due to concern on Q1 earnings. Expectation of above average rainfall in coming weeks provided some respite to broad indices.

"A decisive up-move will require liquidity from FIIs which is now in doldrums while any signs of stability and development in economic activity

can change the situation," said Vinod Nair, head of research at Geojit Financial Services.

Sectorally, the BSE auto, banking, capital goods, health-care, industrials, finance and consumer durables indices ended up to 1.98 per cent higher. However, energy, IT, tech, oil and gas, utilities and power lost up to 1.01 per cent.

The broader BSE midcap and smallcap indices outperformed the benchmarks, rising up to 0.53 per cent.

On a net basis, foreign institutional investors sold equities worth ₹126.65 crore on Thursday, while domestic institutional investors purchased shares to the tune of ₹398.53 crore, provisional data available with stock exchanges showed.

Elsewhere in Asia, most bourses ended on a negative note. Hang Seng, Nikkei and Kospi ended in the red, while Shanghai Composite Index settled in the green. Bourses in Europe were also trading in the positive terrain in their early sessions.

On the currency front, the Indian rupee appreciated 7 paise to 68.97 against the US dollar (intra-day).

Meanwhile, the global oil benchmark Brent crude futures rose 0.50 per cent to USD 63.71 per barrel.

Reliance's refinery complexity index rises to 21.1 pc

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The complexity of Reliance Industries' giant refinery complex at Jamnagar has risen by over 66 per cent to 21.1, giving it the ability to process a wide basket of crude oil and boosting its margins.

The company said in its latest annual report that the Jamnagar superrefinery ranks first in the world in complexity barrels, aided by best-in-class refinery and petrochemicals integration. Complexity index (CI) designates the capabilities of a refinery to upgrade the lowest quality crude to the highest quality refinery products, including fuels and petrochemicals.

"Complexity index of Jamnagar superrefinery, as per KBC, a global refinery consultant, has increased from earlier 12.7 to 21.1 or a 66.1 per cent boost with the start-up of Jamnagar expansion projects, including ROGC and downstream units, Paraxylene complex and Petrocoking Gasification complex," it said. This gives the firm an "ability to run a wide basket of crudes".

The company has two refineries at Jamnagar — a 33 million tonnes a year older unit that caters to the domestic market and a 35.2 million tonnes only-for-exports unit. Its total

refining capacity of 68.2 million tonnes is just a shade lower than 69.2 million tonnes capacity with the country's biggest oil firm, Indian Oil Corp (IOC).

Commenting on the annual report, Morgan Stanley said the company has a vision of being one of the top five petrochemical companies in the world. "RIL refinery processed about 170 different crudes, up from 150 during the past two years," it said. "RIL's refinery sales volume declined (to 54 per cent from 60 per cent), as domestic and captive sales increased."

In 2018-19, RIL's refining margin at USD 9.2 per barrel remained relatively strong even in a dynamic volatile market. "RIL maintained a significant premium of USD 4.3 a barrel over the benchmark Singapore complex margins. RIL's superior refining margins are a result of superior product slate, robust risk management, and higher secondary unit throughputs," the company said in its annual report.

Among the refineries started in recent years, state-owned Bharat Petroleum Corp Ltd's Bina refinery in Madhya Pradesh has CI of close to 10 while Hindustan Petroleum Corp Ltd's Bhatinda unit has a complexity of 12.

BUSINESS CORNER

MARUTI Q1 NET DIPS 32 PER CENT AT ₹1,377 CRORE

New Delhi (PTI): The country's largest car-maker Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) on Friday reported a 31.67 per cent decline in consolidated net profit at ₹1,376.8 crore for the first quarter ended June 30, on account of lower sales volume and higher depreciation expenses. It had posted a net profit of ₹2,015.1 crore in April-June 2018-19, MSI said in a regulatory filing. Revenue from sale of products was at ₹18,738.8 crore as compared with ₹21,813.8 crore earlier, down 14 per cent. Depreciation and amortisation expenses during the first quarter stood at ₹919 crore as compared with ₹720.3 crore in the year-ago period. The company sold a total of 4,02,594 vehicles during the quarter, lower by 17.9 per cent as compared to the same period previous year. Sales in the domestic market stood at 3,74,481 units, lower by 19.3 per cent. Exports were at 28,113 units.

JSW STEEL Q1 NET PROFIT DIPS OVER 56 PC TO ₹1,008 CRORE

JSW Steel on Friday reported a sharp fall of over 56.90 per cent to ₹1,008 crore in its consolidated net profit during the first quarter ended June 30, due to rise in expenses. The Sajjan Jindal-led company had clocked ₹2,339-crore net profit during the same period a year ago. In April-June 2019, the company's total expenses rose to ₹18,164 crore from ₹17,206 crore in the corresponding quarter of the preceding fiscal, JSW Steel said in a BSE filing. The company also reported a fall in its total income to ₹19,953 crore during the quarter, as compared to ₹20,577 crore in April-June 2018-19. Part of USD 14 billion JSW Group, JSW Steel Ltd has significant presence in sectors such as steel, energy, infrastructure, cement, and sports among others.

PNB RETURNS TO BLACK. POSTS Q1 STANDALONE NET PROFIT OF ₹1,019 CR

State-owned Punjab National Bank (PNB) on Friday returned to black as it posted a standalone net profit of ₹1,018.63 crore in first quarter

of this fiscal. Bank had posted a net loss of ₹940 crore during the corresponding April-June period of 2018-19. In the last quarter of fiscal ended March 2019, the bank had registered a net loss of ₹4,749.64 crore. Total income rose to ₹15,161.74 crore during the June quarter of 2019-20, as against ₹15,072.41 crore in the same quarter of previous fiscal, the bank said in a regulatory filing. On the assets front, bank's gross non-performing assets fell to 16.49 per cent of gross advances at end of June 2019, as against 18.26 per cent of gross advances at end of June 2018. Net NPAs or bad loans were at 7.17 per cent as against 10.58 per cent year ago.

BAJAJ AUTO Q1 NET PROFIT DROPS 3 PC AT ₹1,012 CRORE

Bajaj Auto on Friday posted 2.84 per cent decline in its consolidated net profit at ₹1,012.16 crore for the first quarter ended June 30. The company had posted a net profit of ₹1,041.77 crore during the same period of previous fiscal. Its total revenue from operations rose to ₹7,755.82 crore for the April-June period from ₹7,464.89 crore in the same period of 2018-19 fiscal, Bajaj Auto said in a regulatory filing. Bajaj Auto said it sold 1,247,174 units during the first quarter, up 2 per cent from 1,226,641 units in the year-ago period.

VODAFONE IDEA NARROWS Q1 LOSS TO ₹4,873.9 CRORE

India's largest telecom operator Vodafone Idea Ltd on Friday narrowed its consolidated loss to ₹4,873.9 crore for the June 2019 quarter. The company had registered a loss of ₹4,881.9 crore in the fourth quarter of 2018-19, Vodafone Idea Ltd said in a regulatory filing. The merger of the India unit of Vodafone Group and Idea Cellular was completed on August 31, 2018, and the numbers of June quarter are not comparable with those in the year-ago period. The revenue of Vodafone Idea for the June 2019 quarter fell to ₹11,269.9 crore as against ₹11,775 crore logged in the January-March 2019 quarter.

NIFTY 50

SCRIP	OPEN	High	Low	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY 50	11247.45	11307.60	11210.05	11284.30	32.15
YESBANK	88.75	96.90	87.10	95.70	7.95
BAJFINANCE	3046.50	3278.00	2994.00	3272.00	225.50
BAJAJFINSV	6775.00	7298.00	6631.70	7279.70	497.40
EICHEMOT	16443.90	17476.90	16327.20	17126.00	689.15
INFRAEAT	263.95	271.80	263.10	270.90	9.00
HEROMOTOCO	2937.80	2487.55	2366.50	2466.60	80.10
M&M	545.90	566.40	545.00	567.10	17.25
BAJAJ-AUTO	2547.00	2679.95	2506.25	2624.00	77.00
ZEE	392.10	405.20	389.40	402.55	10.60
TATAMOTORS	138.10	150.15	138.10	148.20	3.90
ICICIBANK	410.25	419.40	408.55	419.15	10.15
ASIANPAINT	1488.10	1530.80	1485.60	1525.00	29.15
DRREDDY	2640.05	2714.00	2621.70	2705.00	50.90
KOTAKBANK	1490.00	1517.95	1477.05	1512.10	27.05
IBULHGFIN	618.00	639.75	613.50	623.00	11.00
INDUSINDBK	1400.50	1422.00	1386.55	1416.50	24.85
TITAN	1085.80	1112.20	1083.00	1107.50	17.05
LT	1370.90	1397.25	1363.10	1393.00	20.60
BPL	339.40	345.50	335.00	344.20	3.90
TATASTEEL	439.00	448.20	435.65	443.55	5.00
MARUTI	5728.00	5955.00	5683.90	5820.00	67.25
ITC	268.75	271.00	266.90	270.60	2.75
AXISBANK	727.55	732.00	719.20	730.55	7.40
ULTRACEMCO	433.00	452.00	442.05	450.00	40.90
COALINDIA	209.00	212.95	205.50	210.65	1.60
GRASIM	870.05	879.90	867.05	875.00	6.35
SUNPHARMA	437.00	442.20	433.10	440.30	3.15
HINDALCO	196.75	199.35	194.50	197.90	1.15
SBIN	340.80	346.15	340.50	342.80	1.50
WIPRO	262.20	264.75	260.80	263.55	1.10
ADANIPORTS	380.65	384.40	377.20	386.65	0.45
TATANEEL	2665.00	2684.85	2616.55	2671.95	-9.80
HINDUNILVR	1731.10	1742.00	1719.30	1730.00	-6.65
NTPC	130.40	130.40	128.25	129.50	-5.25
HDFCBANK	228.20	229.65	227.85	227.60	-10.05
JSWSTEEL	248.95	253.35	247.10	247.15	-11.10
POWERGRID	213.15	214.00	210.25	212.00	-1.15
UPL	607.00	610.45	589.00	601.35	-3.30
INFY	792.30	795.00	782.20	789.50	-5.00
TCS	2129.80	2129.80	2095.00	2112.25	-16.25
HCLTECH	1007.70	1012.10	997.40	1003.75	-7.55
CIPLA	533.20	539.90	528.25	532.35	-4.35
ONGC	144.40	144.40	141.40	142.40	-1.45
GAIL	134.20	135.70	132.40	133.20	-1.55
RELIANCE	1231.50	1242.50	1210.00	1217.00	-14.50
TECHM	649.70	651.00	641.05	645.75	-7.75
HDFC	2193.75	2197.80	2159.40	2165.00	-30.35
BHARTIARTL	338.20	338.90	328.20	333.55	-4.55
IOC	146.25	146.35	141.10	141.85	-4.80
VEDL	175.10	175.90	162.75	164.10	-7.35

NIFTY NEXT 50

SCRIP	OPEN	High	Low	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY NEXT 50	26342.35	26629.50	26253.95	26533.90	251.75
BANDHANBNK	465.50	469.90	464.10	493.35	31.95
HDFCCLAM	2092.00	2208.00	2089.15	2195.00	103.85
SAIL	43.35	45.55	42.55	45.20	2.05
ICICI	1098.15	1150.00	1090.00	1145.00	46.85
HINDZINC	218.20	226.20	214.20	224.75	7.75
HINDPETRO	265.80	276.60	257.75	275.10	8.35
ASHOKLEY	72.50	74.90	72.35	74.25	1.95
NMDC	108.30	112.00	107.75	111.30	2.85
BANKBARODA	112.00	114.20	110.00	112.35	2.80
DLF	177.00	181.25	175.90	180.65	4.30
P&G	1770.00	1839.50	1723.00	1793.00	42.00
PETRONET	232.00	238.55	229.55	237.45	5.55
OFSS	3298.00	3369.15	3298.00	3364.00	66.05
L&T	102.20	106.10	101.70	103.95	1.95
MOTHERSUMI	112.00	115.15	110.30	113.85	2.10
CADILAC	231.00	234.90	228.15	234.30	4.30
DIVISLAB	1645.00	1679.00	1624.90	1669.00	27.25
MCDOWELL-N	582.75	595.00	580.25	592.00	9.25
AUROPHARMA	965.00	1007.80	971.45	975.30	8.25
COLPAL	112.00	116.75	114.20	116.00	16.65
DABUR	423.30	429.50	421.55	429.00	6.15
BIOCEN	251.35	251.60	240.20	242.90	3.40
ICICIPRULI	396.10	404.80	396.00	401.05	4.95
SIEMENS	115.45	119.80	117.00	118.70	13.10
SHREECEM	21170.00	21541.40	20955.15	21405.00	215.45
HAVELLS	689.70	704.00	678.55	697.20	5.75
PIDILITIND	1234.00	1254.00	1226.00	1243.95	9.40
PGH	10665.75	10900.00	10499.00	10770.00	77.95
BOSCHLTD	15000.00	15144.00	14806.60	15075.00	72.55
LUPIN	770.00	780.00	761.00	775.90	2.85
MRF	54000.00	54981.75	54000.00	54263.25	153.05
NHPC	22.40	22.60	22.30	22.45	0.05
GODREJCP	613.15	621.40	612.20	618.00	1.30
DMAT	1420.10	1444.10	1414.05	1423.00	2.85
BAJAJHLDNG	3389.00	3411.00	3312.00	3373.00	0.40
MARICO	361.00	363.00	357.45	361.10	0.40
UBL	1398.85	1419.60	1387.55	1405.55	-1.85
AMBUJACEM	215.30	215.60	209.10	213.50	-0.55
ACC	1585.00	1589.00	1568.10	1580.30	-4.75
INDIGO	1570.10	1606.20	1570.10	1578.25	4.20
HDFCLIFE	594.70	580.00	495.10	492.20	-3.00
SRLIFE	799.10	800.00	783.00	798.25	-1.15
BHEL	61.20	62.55	60.30	60.70	-0.45
SRRANSFEN	96.15	100.80	97.45	97.50	-10.55
NISCL	124.80	124.80	123.15	123.90	-1.55
ABB	1410.00	1428.00	1370.00	1379.90	-22.90
GRE	211.15	215.00	208.30	209.90	-3.80
CONCOR	534.90	525.90	512.25	516.25	-11.75
PAGEND	18860.00	19000.00	18201.05	18500.00	-50.70
IDEA	9.70	10.00	9.10	9.30	-0.40

BSE 500

SHORT CIRCUITS



ARJUN KAPOOR

Hey, guys. I am finally ready to get rid of my caps. I know a lot of people have seen me wearing caps and wondering why I have been doing that for the last six months. *Maine apne baal mundwaye* they for the film, *Panipat*. I can finally get rid of my cap.



ANGAD BEDI

While I went through several DVDs and films based on courtroom drama, I wanted to have a glimpse of real courtroom debate, the atmosphere, the style and body language of lawyers before I gave it my first shot in the web series, *The Verdict: State Vs Navavati*.



NORA FATEHI

I have just wrapped up shooting of *Street Dancer 3D*. We shot for six months for the film. I am really looking forward to its release because I have an amazing role. I also feature in a single with Vicky Kaushal, which is a performance-oriented song.



KRITI SANON

Varun Sharma is so protective of me that he will never let me date anyone ever. Even if I am dating someone tomorrow, I doubt I am going to announce it to the world, because I feel that information is for me and my close ones. I don't want a stranger to judge my relationship.

NORAH JONES

I felt inspired to record and try different things, my new single, *Take it away* is a result of this. I try to go in with a few clips of voice memo ideas to have a jumping-off point. With each session, the ideas were definitely with particular musicians in mind.



VOGUE 60 MINUTES

ON THE RAMP AND OFF IT

DHRUVIKA BHANOT brings a ringside view of the fourth day of the Indian Couture Week where lush designs dominated while a dialogue was initiated to protect the same

As timeless as BANARAS

Sulakshana Monga's show on the fourth day of Couture Week gave a panoramic view of the city of Banaras, creating a hypnosis beyond time and space. Much like the eternal light of the city. The assortment of yellow marigolds stretched across the entire length of the ramp in the centre with the distinct incense of flowers were the first step into the creation of the phantasm of Banaras.

The collection, a milestone, which marked the debut of Monga in the Couture Week, was a continuous vision of her label which is representative of East meets West. It was a progressive ensemble of Indian and Western, with an unswerving dedication to the use of colours. Dhruv Monga, designer and Sulakshana's son, said that the inspiration was drawn from Indian culture and the idea was to renovate it. Sulakshana gave a slightly more detailed insight into the designs, "In one segment we used totally Indian designs while the other was very global Varanasi, including in the colours. We have two looks in our collection, one is the warm Indian for weddings, while the other features evening gowns and cocktail dresses."

At first glance, the evening gowns and the cocktail dresses seem like a modern reminiscence of *The Great Gatsby*. The feathers on the shoulders and on the hem of the floor-length gowns looked like they belonged to the closet of a socialite in the 1920s. While the western was taken care of, the Indian twist to the garments came through with the playful use of colours and sequins while the bows delicately held the hair of the models. If Daisy Buchanan was an Indian bride in Banaras, she would definitely fashion the purple lehenga, with feathers on the sleeves of the off-



shoulder blouse with ruffles on the hem and an elaborate trail gliding behind.

The other segment was a careful demonstration of the city of Banaras where the lehengas had the sceneries intricately designed on them and thin embroidered *chunnis* draped over the neck. Some lehengas had geometric prints in yellow, orange, blue, pink, neon green.

The colours used throughout the ensemble had extensive hues of yellow, green, orange, purple, pink and red. The synthesis of sequins and embroidery with the richness of colour and a resonance with the elements of Banaras ensured a festive spirit on the ramp.

Malaika Arora, the showstopper, wore a green lehenga. About its design, Monga said, "Malaika is wearing a lehenga where the skirt has the scene of

a sunset at the Varanasi ghats, bells and *gharokhas* embroidered on it. It also has calligraphy on the skirt. We tried to express Banaras in a very different way."

Arora was walking for the first time for the designer and when asked about her fashion statement, Monga answered for her, "She can look beautiful in any garment, she can justify any clothing. Her fashion statement is that whatever she carries, she looks beautiful. She knows how to carry colours, how to balance the fashion, how to justify the look whether it is Indian, evening, cocktail, or a short western outfit. In my eyes, she justifies everything."

Malaika said that there's a stark difference between couture and the fashion we usually see "Couture is couture. It is a different market, a different way of viewing garments and a different

collection altogether. I think everybody does a regular collection all the year round."

She also shared that her preferred garment at a function is a sari. "It is undoubtedly the best garment the world over. *Lehenga* is another one that I would wear whenever I have to go for a function. There is so much you can do with it as it's a very versatile piece of clothing. It can be really traditional, it can be a bit western or cocktail." Arora raves about the versatility of Monga's creation as the designer has a clear and open-minded approach to Indian and Western elements.

Sulakshana believes her collection is timeless, and even after 20 years it would still look fresh. Her assortment collection could cater to the needs of different brides, or someone simply looking to making a style statement at a function. Photo: Pankaj Kumar

Rooted in heritage

The modern bride, like the artists of Renaissance, is both traditional and classic. And designers Shyamal and Bhumika found their sense in that period of creativity to put out a line inspired by Florence. "It is our love for history, exploration of palaces and textiles that we wanted to show in our couture line collection," said Bhumika.

Though they believe in modernity through garments, the essence of their style is firmly rooted in heritage. The fabrics used for the assortments were handmade and *matka* silks. They used beautiful tools, drapes and patterns. "Our signature thread embroidery has a lot of contrast multi-colour with hints of sparkle and the collection is richly embellished. These are the techniques we have been trying since a very long time, and it is all about taking India to the world."

The designers, progressive in their approach, express that a Shyamal Bhumika woman is "modern, adventurous and contemporary." She is well-travelled yet firmly rooted. "That's what the brand is about, taking India to the world through the use of fabric."

The colours of the collection did not deviate from conventional wedding colours. Shades of deep reds, greens were a common spectacle among the lighter hues of beige and ivory. Kriti Sanon, who has walked the ramp for the label during her modelling days, closed the show for the designer duo. She wore a beige raw silk lehenga. Bhumika described its details, "Raw silk is one of our favourite fabrics for bridal wear. The lehenga draws inspiration from the beautiful scenes in frescoes and the architectural details of the Renaissance period, so a lot of water-colour effect has been given to the embroidery. Shimmer, sparkles, sequins with glass pipes along with the 30-40 colours of thread have been used here in different shades of pink, blue and ivory."

It's the duo's third year at the Indian Couture Week and it's certainly not the first time for Sanon as well. She was nostalgic while describing the experience of the night. "While I was coming down the escalator, I



realised I had taken it many, many times when I was a model. I used to come here and do my fittings and rehearsals. The excitement and the nervousness are still the same as the rush backstage."

Bhumika said that Sanon is their modern woman. "When we were conceptualising the outfit, we knew it could not be something regular. We conceived this look especially for her." The blouse that she wore was one of a kind, modern garment. It had one sleeve and had a puff on it.

About her outfit, Sanon said, "I absolutely love what I am wearing. I feel Bhumika and I have telepathy as whenever I have worn her outfits, it always felt like they suit me, my body and my complexion. The sleeve of the blouse is so different, it has one shoulder and it's got a little puff as

well. This outfit is fun, its modern and perfectly designed for today's girl who wants to be comfortable while looking beautiful."

Their inspiration may have been drawn from Italian artistry but Shyamal and Bhumika guarantee absolute support to the Skill India campaign. "We are blessed with people who need employment, and they are already skilled. Second, we want the next generation of artisans to be interested in their work and not just sit at a desk job and forget what their previous generations have been doing. Artistry is the true treasure of our country, if we lose that it's a problem." The label has also maintained the foundation of sustainability. "All our products are biodegradable. Most of our work is done by hand, which generates a lot of employment." Photo: Pankaj Kumar

Imagine the economic distress and chaos that would erupt in Chandni Chowk if designers like Manish Malhotra or Sabyasachi were to sue the shopkeepers who monetise their designs by selling replicas of their lehengas and saris with minor tweaks?

Senior Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) lawyer Safir Anand, said the unorganised sector poses a unique problem in the case of plagiarism. "Sometimes these shop owners also have local support from police and politicians to indulge in their activities. And it becomes extremely difficult to curate evidence. They are prospering at the cost of the entire fashion industry," he told us on the sidelines of the India Couture Week at a masterclass session.

Designers, too, are now in a rush to getting their work protected, sometimes down to a particular motif, curl and style, even before a collection is launched. For once the replica is out in the public domain, even if you have sold one piece, you cannot reclaim your creative legacy. Therefore, Anand stressed on the need for designers to protect their work. "Last year, at Couture Week, Rohit Bahl had done a session with the media and apprised them that he'd sought protection. Anju Modi took the same step, she even watermarked her designs on the website to indicate that unlike the past, her collection was protected that time."

Though the issue of copying has not been tackled 100 per cent but its extent has diminished drastically. So, when a designer creates something original, he/she should immediately file for its protection before it is released to the public. While the duration of protection originally is for 10 years, it can be extended for another five years. So that means 15 years of absolute monopoly. This is what design protection entails.

No malafide design



Sabyasachi, who had design registration, sued another creator for infringement and he was restrained. The defendant had copied one of Sabyasachi's lehengas. Though the colour was different, the pattern was an exact copy. If a designer has the registration, he can seek legal redress.

Copyright, on the other hand, does not require any prior registration. It comes into effect the moment the design is created. The designer can have copyright over all their intellectual properties. The position of the stage, the way the models walk, the duration of the music are all intellectual prop-

erties. "During Rahul Mishra's show the other day, he did a certain arrangement in which even the way people sat is protected. If somebody copies that concept, as long as Rahul Mishra is able to demonstrate that it did not exist earlier, he will be able to assert his right under copyright even without design protection," Anand said.

Tarun Tahiliani also had his designs copied. In his claim, he not only said that there was a violation of his copyright on his drawings but also that his drawings had been subjected to derivative work. And he

had the entire evidence. This is a clear example of when a designer does not have protection. Claims can be made on violation of drawings, patterns and embroidery.

Designer Ritu Kumar could not succeed against Biba because she did not have design protection and the retail chain had sold more than 50 copies. "We have gone to the Supreme Court to have the rule of 50 copies dropped and that design and copyright should merge. It becomes very difficult for the designer fraternity to protect their designs. In case the sales cross 50, they are hit by a certain provision of



law, which actually favours the person on the wrong side." The petition is still pending in court.

Designers have come forth with their own trademarks which further the sacredness of their label. Burberry created the check design that had trademark protection, which meant that nobody was entitled to use it. They sued the Target store because it sold scarves which resembled the check design. They entered into an out-of-court settlement, and of course, Burberry's rights were honoured. "If an accessory is to become a trade-

mark, one should be able to look at it and be able to recognise its proprietor," Anand says, further sharing notes about trademark protection. That's why Louis Vuitton is trying to make its design pattern much more conspicuous and create trademark rights around it. Because they don't have the label name on them, the design itself is the brand. Similarly, sometimes colour can become a trademark. In real terms, one cannot have absolute monopoly over a colour but in the case of Christian Dior, the red coloured console is its trademark.

Copying is a dire issue plaguing the fashion industry. If Louis Vuitton were not to stop anyone in the market from copying its designs, which would become available in the market for a mere ₹500, customers would ignore it because it would appear cheap. But what then if it were to become more sophisticated, which is possible with advanced technology, and the quality of the copied item improves? "Then the customer would move on to another brand since they cannot distinguish if the item is real or fake since the item has been copied to perfection. The fact that a copied luxury item is commonly available in the market, makes the original lose its value," Anand justified.

He said there has to be awareness about intellectual properties. "And if the problem is not cracked down, there should at least be a regulatory body like the FDCI to register designs. It need not be a statutory recognition but just enough to maintain registries. It can work as an intermediary measure which doesn't have a cost implication because it would not be under the government but for the interests of the designers, it would be more like a watchdog."

VERVE 45 MINUTES



Broken slabs of stone, blackened walls and cracked doors are clear indications that the Loharu Fort, which provided the canvas for tales of valour and heroism, has turned into a ruin. Yet it was once rich, the seat of erudition with poet Mirza Ghalib placing up and down its library. Nestled at the edge of Rajasthan border, the golden soil of this township hides a regal history that needs to be told. If only to inspire locals out of their wasteland. Director Aditya Sangwan, who made an award-winning short documentary, titled *Loharu Fort: The Great Story Never Told*, says that people always forget about archaeological sites. The fort was built in the year 1570 CE by Thakur Arjun Singh. Rao Shekha had originally divided Shekhawati into 33 *thikanas*, of which Loharu Fort was 33rd. The fort spreads over 6.5 acres and combines Rajput, Mughal and Victorian influences in its architectural style. Two major battles fought over the fort. The first was in 1671 AD between Thakur Madan Singh and the Mughal governor of Hisar, over land revenue. The other was fought between the Thakur Kirat Singh and Raja Bhopal Singh of Khetri, who claimed Loharu as a part of Khetri. But that is not its only claim to fame. Poets like

When the stones speak

Director ADITYA SANGWAN tells AYUSHI SHARMA that his documentary, *Loharu Fort: The Great Story Never Told*, was an attempt not just to restore the monument to its glory but also generate employment for the people of the area

Mirza Ghalib and Dagh Dehlvi spent hours in its grand library, pouring over Urdu tomes. Umrao Begum, who married Ghalib when he was 13, was the daughter of the Nawab of Loharu, Ilahi Baksh Khan Maroo. The fort was in the hands of later Nawabs of Loharu until 1971 when the Late Nawab Aminuddin Ahmed Khan sold it to the Government of Haryana. Since

these buildings were uninhabited, the entire north-wing collapsed as did a part of the east-wing. Only the south-wing of the fort, containing the Farukh Manzil, survives, and that too in a very dilapidated state. But the 23-year-old Sangwan has finally taken the initiative of protecting the monument by projecting it in his documentary. Being a local, he says, "I saw this fort

every day on way to my school. But I couldn't do much about its conservation and restoration then. But now, it's time." The documentary comprises interviews with representatives of Rampur Raza Library, which now holds some 3,000 books donated from the library of the fort, director of Ghalib Institute, which has artifacts and memorabilia from the poet's association with the Nawab of the place, former ministers from UP, Rajasthan and Haryana, including former chief minister of Haryana, Bhupinder Singh Hooda and descendants of the last Nawab of Loharu, Aminuddin Ahmed Khan, who sold the humongous property to the state government in 1971. He says, "It's important to stress on the need of restoration of our legacy. It doesn't matter which era it is, be it 21st cent or 10th. One should never forget their roots. As long as you are grounded, you will reach new heights. A nation's culture resides in the hearts and soul of its people. As a youngster, I feel the responsibility of protecting my heritage. As they say one needs to protect the past in order to secure the future." It seems that he has a very positive approach when he says, "When you have made up your mind about anything, just like I did, you easily cross all the hurdles that

come your way." The director tells us that his main focus while making the documentary was to generate employment for the locals. As he says, "Loharu is in the Bhiwani district of Haryana. It is a very backward area and I wanted to benefit the residents. The fort could easily be turned into a tourist spot just like many other archaeological sites. Or at least it could be developed into a library." The mere thought about the development of the place indicates that Sangwan knows and accepts his responsibility as a youngster of the country. "The fort is a real unexplored gem and there are many that are yet to be discovered," says he. Ask him what next he has in store, he tells us in a quite enthusiastic voice as if he would just pop-out of the phone "My next target is Kangra Fort, 20 kilometres from the town of Dharamsala on the outskirts of the town of Kangra. The fort was built by the royal Rajput family of Kangra State (the Katoch dynasty), which traces its origins to the ancient Trigarta Kingdom, mentioned in the Mahabharata epic. It is the largest fort in the Himalayas and probably the oldest dated fort in India. I want to make a documentary on that. The perspective again is to restore the monument and generate employment for the locals."

JUKEBOX 30 MINUTES

'Who wants to do easy stuff?'

Music composers SALIM-SULAIMAN have tried to recreate the timeless classic, *Umrao Jaan Ada*, through their *ghazals* and *thumris*. By SAKSHI SHARMA

As the musical teaser of *Umrao Jaan Ada — Dil Cheez Kya Hai* was projected on the screen, I noticed how music composers Salim-Sulaiman Merchant were not looking at the screen but rather eyeing the audience intently trying to read the expressions and fathom their excitement. Their smiles broadened with each *waah* from the audience indicating how special this teaser was for them.

Umrao Jaan Ada, adapted from the eponymous Urdu classic novel, written by renowned Urdu novelist Mirza Hadi Ruswa will be brought alive on stage. Directed by Rajeev Goswami and written by *Aashayain* (Iqbal) fame screenwriter Irfan Siddiqui, will retell the timeless tale that follows the journey of the famous Lucknow courtesan Umrao Jaan. The story of love and struggle is immersed in culture and opulence with traditional *ghazals*, *thumris* and *qawalis*.

As I was awaiting my turn for the interview of the music composers, a hilarious sight was unfolding before my eyes as the music directors were explaining the nuances of Urdu to the other interviewers "Humein clear instructions *mile hain*, 'phool' hota hai, 'fool' nahi." By then I already knew it was going to be an interesting conversation.

Sulaiman says, "We have done a musical before this, *Beyond Bollywood* which ran into 600 shows with the same director. This time we wanted to do something truly authentic with charismatic performances and larger-than-life sets. We wanted a script that had meat and could actually take live music and drama to the next level, which is where *Umrao Jaan* came in."

Two films have already been made on the novel, one in 1981, where Rekha played the lead and another in 2006. The play has revived the story by bringing the characters alive in a very nuanced manner. This has created a deeper curiosity among the audience. The duo said, "We wanted to bring out the true story of Umrao Jaan Ada. There are lots of facets to it which were not dealt with by the two films. We wanted to bring the characters alive to the core." The characters are all dolled up in such a manner that the audience can make out the difference between Khanum Jaan, Nawab Sultan and Gauhar Mirza at the very first glance.

The story of Umrao Jaan is not only popular among the older generation but with the newer ones as well. It still has a charm and people hum its songs even now. Sulaiman excitedly said, "That is the reason why we wanted to recreate the epic drama as everyone will relate to it especially because of the music of the original. It's always great to be able to bring back stuff like this, especially for



the younger generation, because they might have heard the music but have not seen the story. They wouldn't know what a story with a bitter ending is like. The theatre intends to make the younger generation aware about the complexity of relationships." This love story, a timeless classic of 19th century, still has the same charm as it had years ago. The duo told us that they are a big fan of it themselves. And that they can still recall listening to its song, *Dil Cheez Kya Hai* and even after so many years the music feels fresh. They have tried to recreate the music by capturing its authenticity and weaving it into a beautiful story. The duo says, "Music is a big USP of such shows. Performing Khayyam *sahab's* music live along with three of our original songs is

a big thing today. He has done so many films but the feeling of music that he created in this particular album can never be measured." In recreating the work of such a stalwart, the responsibility of keeping it natural by infusing a personal touch into it is higher. The dialogues and poetry have to be reflective of the time. "The dialogues are very beautiful coupled with a lot of poetry. The theatre lovers will undoubtedly enjoy the whole experience. The whole *Lucknowi ada* of the poetry and the way it is delivered is exceptional. The characters have completely delved into the style of Lucknow," says Salim and goes on to add, "This musical theatre will make you feel like you have stepped into a different world altogether. The idea was to recreate the whole experience and not

create it halfway." Going to a musical should be a very immersive experience as you become a part of the story as it unfolds. Salim says, "When you go to watch any musical at Broadway or *The Lion King*, you get so immersed in it that you feel every emotion — love, sadness and pain. The same has been recreated here. The story will take you away from the madness of traffic, heat, noise and all the chaos that you are in."

A musical like this will compel you to leave everything behind and just fall in love with Umrao Jaan Ada, again.

Talking about their journeys, the duo shares, "It's very close to our hearts because we studied Indian and Western classical music, which enhanced our immense love for theatre productions and musicals. So, we wanted the audience to experience something which is akin to our own." The excitement with which they were describing their love for Indian culture clearly showed that bringing Indian tradition to the forefront meant a lot to them.

During the rehearsals of the musical, a memorable incident touched the duo to such an extent that it would stay in their heart forever. "In the original music, the one that Khayyam *sahab* did, Ustaaad Sultan Khan played the *sarangi*, which plays a crucial role in the *thumris* and *mujra* culture. This time around when we were recording the songs, his nephew and son recorded the same pieces for us, (he pauses with a contemplative smile). It's very nostalgic for us to know that Khayyam *sahab* recorded with the father and we are recording with his younger generation," Sulaiman shares.

Performing it all live and syncing the music with the whole set up of actors and musicians is not an easy task. For the actors, it might have been challenging as they had to sing and dance along with the act. The duo completely agreed and told us, "The cast primarily consists of singers, but getting them to act was not easy. We had to make them understand the nitty-gritty of each character so that they do justice to the stature of what they are portraying. We did many workshops for the whole cast to enable them to fit into the mould that we wanted. They had to bring that authenticity and purity of the Lucknowi Urdu. Getting the whole thing to work seamlessly, with a lot of rehearsals, live music, varied background score was a huge challenge." He questioned me, "But then, who wants to do easy stuff?" and then answered it himself, "We all want to create a benchmark in our lives and I think this was a perfect one for all us, to create something which is so high up there that it's impossible to break."

SAJID PRESENTS AKSHAY AS BACHCHAN PANDEY



The dynamic duo, Sajid Nadiadwala and Akshay Kumar are back again with an exciting announcement featuring Akshay Kumar as Bachchan Pandey.

Sharing the announcement, Nadiadwala Grandson Entertainment shared the first look, which showcases the actor in a donning and enraged look, he is seen in a *lungi* and a belt in his hand with a rowdy South Indian persona.

Titled Bachchan Pandey, the film marks the 10th collaboration between filmmaker Sajid Nadiadwala and Akshay Kumar. The duo was earlier seen working together in films like *Heyy Babyy*, *Jaan E Mann*, *Waqt Humara hai*. Houseful franchise is one of the most celebrated collaborations of the duo.

Bachchan Pandey is directed by Farhad Samji and is slated to release in Christmas 2020.

STUDIO CHAT 15 MINUTES

A meeting of two great minds

Actors MICHELLE WILLIAMS and SAM ROCKWELL share that they hope to make an impact by telling the stories of BOB FOSSE and GWEN VERDON

What did you know about Bob Fosse and Gwen Verdon before you started working on this series?

MICHELLE WILLIAMS: I hadn't been familiar with Gwen's work. I only knew about Bob's, but that too not in-depth. They had an artistic connection, which I always thought was like a chord between them. It's a really deep bond, almost like the male/female versions of the same soul.

SAM ROCKWELL: She was an amazing dancer. She really helped him with his career and life. It was a meeting of two great minds. They really needed each other, almost like twins. I am glad we are going to tell that story.



What preparations went behind taking these roles and stepping into Bob and Gwen's shoes?

WILLIAMS: We were not able to learn all the dances and songs before shooting. So, we were learning them simultaneously during the shoots. It almost felt like taking acting, singing and dancing lessons at school.

ROCKWELL: You think you can dance but then you have to do it with some professional dancers who have been dancing since they were six. Learning ballet training, modern dance, and fosse style of dancing along with the vocabulary which is a whole style on its own was challenging.

A lot of prosthetic make up was used to tell the story. What do you think about this?

ROCKWELL: A lot has gone into the makeup, hair and the way they talk. People joked about how they often saw me and Michelle with our earphones in. We listened to interviews of Gwen Verdon and Bob Fosse, trying to mimic their voices to some degree. We were also bridging the gap between pre-

sent and future. There was an interesting episode where we had to use a fake beard because we had shaved for the young Fosse and Gwen.

WILLIAMS: I always kept my nails short. But after noticing her well kept long nails in some pictures, I had to put on fake nails. That changed the way I moved my hands. It was time-consuming because we had to jump into the future for about 30 years.

What do you hope to convey to the audience through Bob and Gwen's story?

ROCKWELL: There are people who are already very excited for the musical theatre. But, I hope to move those people by their story who do not know anything about them.

WILLIAMS: I am really excited for people to get to experience who Gwen was and see how much love she gave while looking back at her legacy. They should discover what a compassionate, unparalleled dancer and hard worker she was.

(The series will premiere on July 29 on Star World.)

Sai Praneeth in semis; Sindhu exits

Sai Praneeth vs Momota
Live from 7:50am IST
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PTI ■ TOKYO

Olympic Silver-medallist P V Sindhu crashed out of the Japan Open badminton tournament after a second successive defeat to local favourite Akane Yamaguchi while B Sai Praneeth continued his good form to advance to the semifinals here on Friday.

Sindhu lost to Yamaguchi 18-21, 15-21 in a 50-minute women's singles quarterfinal match. This was Sindhu's second defeat at the hands of Yamaguchi, who had beaten the Indian in the final of the Indonesian Open last week.

However, in men's singles, Sai Praneeth recorded an easy win over Indonesia's Tommy Sugiarto to reach the semifinals.

His 21-12, 21-15 win over Sugiarto fetched him a clash against top seeded Japanese Kento Momota in the semi-



Sai Praneeth in a file picture

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nals.

Meanwhile, India's men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty duo to second seeded Japanese duo of Takeshi Kamura and Keigo Sonoda 19-21, 18-21 in a 41-minute clash in the quarterfinals.

Sindhu was leading 12-7 in the first game but she squandered the advantage as her reigning Asian champion opponent clawed her way back to level the scores at 14-14.

From there on, Sindhu lost momentum allowing Yamaguchi to surge ahead to 18-15 and then to 20-16.

Sindhu won two consecutive points to narrow the gap to 18-20 but could not stop her opponent from bagging the next point and the first game.

In the second game, both were locked 6-6 initially but from there on, it was Yamaguchi all the way as she raced to 13-7 and then to 16-10. Sindhu recovered a bit by winning two consecutive points but in no time, the Japanese had five

Challenge ends at Jr C'ship

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's challenge came to an end at the Badminton Asia Junior Championships after both the boys and girls doubles teams crashed out after losing in the quarterfinals in Suzhou, China on Friday.

The boys' doubles pair of Ishaan Bhatnagar and Vishnu Vardhan Goud Panjala lost 14-21, 19-21 to the unseeded Singapore combination of Jia Hao Howin Wong and Chuan Shen Aaron Yong.

It was the same story for

India in the girls doubles as the duo of Tanisha Crasto and Aditi Bhatt went down to second seeds Li Yi Jing and Luo Xu Min 7-21, 16-21.

The Indian contingent this time has returned empty handed from the event, a year after Lakshya Sen won the boys' singles title.

"Despite facing tough opponents, the Indians did not feel intimidated which was a huge positive to take from this tournament," said India's junior national coach Sanjay Mishra.

match points and she wrapped up the tie without much hassle.

Sai Praneeth, in contrast, hardly broke a sweat as he just took 36 minutes to clinch up the match.

The unseeded Indian led almost all through the first game leaving the former world championships bronze-medal-

list Indonesian to play the catch-up game.

The second game was a bit closer but Sai Praneeth kept the lead from the start. Not more than four points separated the two for most part but the Indian reeled off three consecutive points from 18-15 to win the match.

Djokovic, Del Potro withdraw from Montreal

AFP ■ MONTREAL

Wimbledon champion and world number one Novak Djokovic has withdrawn from next month's US Open hardcourt tuneup event in Montreal, saying he needs more rest after capturing his 16th Grand Slam singles crown.

The 32-year-old Serbian, who outlasted Roger Federer in an epic All-England Club final earlier this month, was joined by Argentina's 12th-ranked Juan Martin Del Potro in pulling out of the ATP Masters Canada tournament.

"I'm sorry to announce that I decided to pull out of Rogers Cup," Djokovic said in a statement released by Tennis Canada.

"With the support of my team, I have decided to give my body longer rest and recovery time before coming back again to play.

"I love Canada and I have many friends there that always make me feel like I'm at home and I'm looking forward to coming back again to play in front of all of you in Montreal."

Djokovic's withdrawal means Spanish star Rafael Nadal, an 18-time Grand Slam singles champion, will be the top seed in Montreal when main draw begins August 5.

Nadal has captured the Canadian crown four times, most recently last year by defeating Stefanos Tsitsipas in the final.

Djokovic has won the Canadian event that alternates between Toronto and Montreal four times, twice in each city — Toronto in 2012 and 2016 and Montreal in 2007 and 2011.

He was ousted last year in Toronto by Greek star Tsitsipas in the third round.

"We would have loved for Djokovic to have the chance to be crowned champion for a third time in Montreal, but we understand his decision and we wish him a quick return for the rest of the season," Montreal tournament director Eugene Lapierre said.

Del Potro was injured last month at Queen's and underwent right knee patella surgery and is undergoing rehabilitation for the setback.

"In del Potro's case, we wish him a speedy recovery, he who has experienced his share of injuries in the past few years," Lapierre said.

"We look forward to seeing him back on court in the near future."

World number three

Federer said after his Wimbledon final loss that he too intended to skip Montreal.

Frenchman Richard Gasquet and Mikhail Kukushkin of Kazakhstan will take the two available spots in the Montreal main draw as a result of the withdrawals by Djokovic and Del Potro.

AUSSIES DE MINAUR, TOMIC ADVANCE TO ATLANTA QUARTER-FINALS

Australians Alex de Minaur and Bernard Tomic captured straight-set victories Thursday to advance into a quarter-final meeting at the ATP Atlanta Open.

Third-seeded de Minaur dispatched American Bradley Klahn 6-4, 6-4, after only 67 minutes, dropping only two points on his first serve without facing a break point in the match.

The world number 34 booked a first-ever ATP match Friday against 106th-ranked compatriot Tomic, who eliminated Aussie Matthew Ebden 6-4, 7-6 (7/3).

Tomic seeks his fifth ATP title after wins last year at Chengdu, 2014 and 2015 in Colombia Open and 2013 in Sydney.

De Minaur seeks a second title after hoisting his first in January at Sydney after losing there in the 2018 final.

The winner of the Aussie showdown will face either Britain's Daniel Evans or American Reilly Opelka in the semi-finals.

Later second-round matches Thursday send US second seed Taylor Fritz against countryman Kevin King and French eighth seed Ugo Humbert against Serbia's Miomir Kecmanovic.

Dressel smashes Phelps's 100m butterfly world record

AFP ■ GWANGJU

American star Caeleb Dressel, a swimming's chiselled, tattooed pin-up boy, destroyed Michael Phelps's 100 metres butterfly world record Friday as countrywoman Simone Manuel retained her 100m freestyle world title.

Reigning champ Dressel clenched a fist in the direction of flag-waving American fans after clocking an astonishing 49.50 seconds in Gwangju to eclipse the American legend's old bodysuit mark by 0.32 and rob him of a second world record in 48 hours.

Dressel's fireworks were matched in the next event when American teenager Smith crushed the women's 200m backstroke world record, before Russian Anton Chupkov emulated them as he stormed to gold in the 200m breaststroke.

But Dressel, who has already won three gold medals this week, remains the hottest ticket in South Korea.

"It can be a scary thought," said Dressel, who looks on course to match or even surpass the seven golds he scooped at the 2017 world championships in Budapest.

"I woke up today and I wanted to do it," added the 22-year-old, who logged a 21.18 in the 50m freestyle semis after a quick turnaround.

"I didn't really have the nerves, I just wanted to do it. Records are meant to be broken, I hope Michael was happy watching me do that."

Manika targets singles medal in 2024 Olympics

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's leading table tennis player Manika Batra on Friday said she doesn't want to burden herself ahead of the next year's Tokyo Games and is instead targeting a singles medal at the 2024 Olympics.

The 24-year-old paddler made history last year by winning as many as four medals at the Commonwealth Games including a singles Gold.

At the Asian Games, Batra and veteran Sharath Kamal almost did the unthinkable by clinching a mixed doubles Bronze, ending India's 60-year-long wait for a medal in the sport.

"All the paddlers are working hard for the Olympics and if we play our best and are lucky, we will win a medal. But I don't want to put pressure on myself for 2020, I am aiming for a singles medal in 2024 Games," Manika said on the sidelines of Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT).

Manika, who recently parted ways with her childhood coach Sandeep Gupta to train with Sanmay Paranjape, said she is happy with the progress in her game after moving her base to Pune.

"I changed the coach because I needed something new in my game. I have improved a lot. My forehand has improved. I have beaten Chinese and Korean players, so I am quite happy with my training in Pune."

The Commonwealth Games Gold medalist, who feels opponents are now able to read her game, said she has been working on introducing variations in her style of play.

"I am working on changing my game because internationally players are taking note, they are studying my game."

"Everyone used to play on my forehand because they knew that wasn't



Manika Batra serves during Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship game

Manika/Twitter

strong so I have worked on that. I have worked on it a lot now. I turn and switch and finish from the forehand. I have also been working on my rallies," she explained.

With the Olympics less than a year to go, India's best shot at winning a medal in table tennis comes from the Asian Games Bronze medalist mixed doubles pair of Manika and Sharath.

Talking about the preparation, Manika said the duo is keen to win an Olympic medal as both the players have the potential to succeed.

"We are keen to get an Olympic medal in this event and we have also got a Bronze in Asian Games. So I

think if we practice more we will be in contention for a medal. Sharath and I have a good understanding which is very important in mixed doubles.

"Practice is important, so we have decided we will train for mixed doubles before the Asian Championships and also before Grand Finals. We may go to Europe and train together," she added.

On Tuesday, new national coach Dejan Papic accepted the one-year contract offered by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) to coach the Indian table tennis team.

Since the Asian Games last year, the Indian paddlers have been without

the services of a coach but the world number 56 feels the appointment of Papic will help in doubles and team events but it will be a difficult road ahead.

"Individually it's easy like Sharath, Sathiyam, everyone go outside to train. But for mixed doubles we need the coach and are already scheduled to have a camp."

"Massimo (Constantini) knew the game of all the Indian players. Now when the new coach comes, it will be very difficult for him and for us. It will take time for him to settle down. We need the coach for team matches," Manika said.

EASY DAY FOR BAJRANG, DAHIYA IN WORLDS TRIALS

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Star wrestler Bajrang Punia needed less than four minutes to book a berth in India's World Championship squad while Ravi Kumar Dahiya earned his chance by winning the most competitive category during the trials, here on Friday.

Presence of proven performer Bajrang in the 65kg trials meant that most of the wrestlers in this category preferred to stay away.

Only Harphul Singh, the reigning national champion, took on the world number one but he could not compete with Bajrang for two full rounds. Harphul suffered a knee injury when the Asian Games gold-medallist got hold of his right leg in the second three-minute period.

Bajrang was leading 7-0 when the bout had to be stopped.

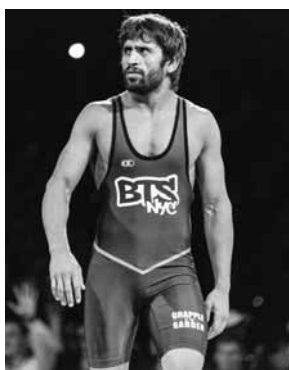
"If the bout had lasted for full six minutes, it would have been good for me as well as the fans who came to watch us wrestle. It feels bad when the bout has to end like that. When a wrestler suffers an injury, it really pegs him back. All of us work hard, I feel bad for him," said Bajrang.

The 57kg category featured seven wrestlers, including the very talented Sandeep Kumar and Utkarsh Kale. However, it was Ravi, the last year's U-23 World Championship silver-medallist, booked a flight to Kazakhstan.

Ravi, who trains at Chhatrasal stadium under his coach Virender, outplayed Rahul 12-2 in the final bout.

The final was expected to be a stiff battle but Rahul, who knocked out 2016 Asian Champion Sandeep Kumar, and Kale, were no match to a wily Ravi.

"There will be stiff competition at the Worlds. Asia is a powerhouse of wrestling. You have tough wrestlers from Japan, Iran, Mongolia and Kazakhstan. I am training hard and hopefully I will have



good result," said the 22-year old from Haryana.

The 86kg category also featured just two grapplers with Deepak Punia winning 5-0 against Pawan. The 20-year-old Deepak has considerable international exposure but it will be his first senior World Championship. He also trains at Chhatrasal with Virender.

A few exciting bouts were witnessed in the 97kg category in which Mausam Khatri emerged winner by beating Satyawart Kadiyan 8-1 in the final.

Satyawart, husband of Rio Olympics bronze-medallist Sakshi Malik, opted for an attacking approach but Khatri not only defended well but also outsmarted his rival with his counter-attacks.

Also booking a berth in the World Championship, slated to be held in Kazakhshtan from September 14-22, was Sumit Malik in the 125kg category. He beat Satender 3-0 in the final.

The trials for the 74kg category, in which two-time Olympic medallist Sushil Kumar competes, have been pushed to next month since both Jitender Kumar

and Praveen Kumar are injured.

They sought more time to recover and the WFI obliged.

Meanwhile, it has come to light that a few wrestlers were not allowed to compete at the trials but WFI explained its decision.

A wrestler Shrawan Kumar had alleged that the Federation did not allow him to compete in 65kg and instead asked him to fight in either 57kg or 61kg weight division.

"This wrestler was injured and was no anywhere to be seen in the last 18 months. Suddenly if he comes and wants to compete for such prestigious event, we can't allow," WFI Assistant Secretary Vinod Tomar said.

"He is not a part of the national camp, how can we allow him. This is not Nationals happening, it's World Championship trials. You must prove your fitness at national level then be a part of the camp, only then we can allow.

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3.	(LC No. 00001392 of our Bathinda Branch) Gurbhje Singh (Borrower) Gurwinder Kaur (Co-Borrower)	All that part and parcel of Property bearing Ward No 1, H No 646, Govt Senior Sec. School Wall Gali, Village Dilwan Kalan, Near Water Works, Faridkot Faridkot Punjab - 151204	18-Feb-19 Rs. 11,20,891/-	24-07-2019
4.	(LC No. 00000610 of our Bathinda Branch) Ajit A (Borrower) Ravi Kumar (Co-Borrower) Mittalsh Kumar (Guarantor)	All that part and parcel of Property bearing Street No. 2 Chak Ram Nagar Basti Near Lok Bhai Office, Bathinda, Muktsar, Muktsar-152026	24-Oct-18 Rs. 16,17,720/-	25-07-2019
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For Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited

Woakes up call

England pacer's career-best 6/17, Broad's 4/19 help World Cup winners sweep Ireland for 38 runs in 2nd innings to win Lord's Test by 143 runs

AFP ■ LONDON

England bowled Ireland out for just 38 to win their one-off Test at Lord's by 143 runs on Friday, emphatically crushing the visitors' hopes of a stunning upset.

Ireland, playing only their third Test, were chasing just 182 runs to complete what would have been one of the biggest upsets in cricket history.

But they did not get close, lasting just 94 balls as Chris Woakes took a career-best six wickets for 17 runs and Stuart Broad returned figures of 4-19.

Their second innings score was the seventh-lowest total of all time. "I knew that was a lot of runs (to make) on that surface," said Root, whose side mustered just 85 runs themselves in their first innings.

"It's very pleasing, the way we managed certain pressure situations," he added. "It wasn't by any stretch the perfect game for us but sometimes that can be a really important part of your learning. We'll take a lot from this game."

Ireland, playing England for the first time in a Test, have now lost all three of their Tests following losses to Pakistan and Afghanistan, but their day started brilliantly.

The home side resuming on their overnight 303 for nine, saw their second innings end with the first ball of the third day's play when debutant Ollie Stone was bowled for a duck by Stuart Thompson.

Rain delayed the scheduled start by a few minutes but any hopes England had of adding to their overnight total evaporated when Thompson's inswinger knocked over Stone's leg stump.

Ireland had yet to give off the mark in their second innings when rain stopped play just seven balls into their chase and kept the players off the field for more than an hour.

But when the match resumed the overcast conditions — the floodlights were switched on — made conditions ideal for seamers Woakes and Broad.



Ollie Stone is bowled on the first ball of the third day by Ireland's Stuart Thompson to get England all out for 303 in second innings

LOWEST 1st INNINGS TOTAL TO WIN TEST

Score	Team	Opponent	Venue	Season
45	England	Australia	Sydney	1886-87
63	Australia	England	The Oval	1882
75	England	Australia	Melbourne	1894-95
76	England	South Africa	Leeds	1907
85	England	Ireland	Lord's	2019

LOWEST INNINGS TOTALS IN TESTS

Score	Overs	Team	Opponent	Venue	Season
26	27	New Zealand	England	Auckland	1954-55
30	18.4x5	South Africa	England	Port Elizabeth	1895-96
30	12.3	South Africa	England	Birmingham	1924
35	22.4x5	South Africa	England	Cape Town	1898-99
36	23.2	South Africa	Australia	Melbourne	1931-32
36	23	Australia	England	Birmingham	1902
38	15.4	Ireland	England	Lord's	2019

FAISEL FEATURES

IRELAND COLLAPSE

The cascade of wickets in an innings where only opener James McCollum made it into double figures began when Woakes had Ireland captain William Porterfield caught behind by wicketkeeper Jonny Bairstow for two.

Andy Balbirnie, who top-scored

with 55 in Ireland's first innings total of 207, fell next when he edged Broad to Root at first slip.

Kevin O'Brien, who hit the quickest World Cup century when Ireland beat England at Bangalore in 2011 and made a hundred in their inaugural Test at home to Pakistan last year, fell for just four, lbw to Broad

— one of three wickets that fell for no runs to leave the visitors 24-6.

An extraordinary match ended when Woakes cleaned up tailender Tim Murtagh for his best return in Test cricket.

One-day world champions England, missing injured paceman James Anderson, were indebted to nightwatchman Jack Leach's second-innings 92 — his career-best score — with the Somerset left-arm spinner named man-of-the-match for his batting heroics.

Yet there was no disguising that England's top-order batsmen struggled badly in the match, just a week before the start of a five-match Ashes series against Australia at Edgbaston.

Ireland captain William Porterfield said his side were particularly disappointed because they had put themselves in a position to win the game.

"We knew it was going to be tough with the lights on and drizzle in the air," he said.

"But we had to dig deep and get through that. Fair play to the two lads to how they bowled — they made it difficult."



Bancroft joins Smith, Warner in Ashes squad

AFP ■ LONDON

Opening batsman Cameron Bancroft was on Friday included in Australia's 17-man squad for a five-Test Ashes series against England alongside Steve Smith and David Warner.

All three batsmen served lengthy bans for their roles in a ball-tampering scandal in South Africa last year.

Former captain Smith and his then deputy Warner were both given 12-month suspensions by Cricket Australia, with Bancroft — who actually applied sandpaper to the ball while in the field during a Test in Cape Town — banned for nine months.

Both Smith and Warner were expected to be in the Ashes squad after doing well in the recent World Cup, when the defending champions reached the semi-finals.

Bancroft, who has been captaining English county side Durham, appears to have forced his way in after making an unbeaten 93 in the tourists' intrasquad match at Southampton this week.

"David Warner, Steve Smith and Cameron Bancroft have forced their way back into the Test squad through the excellence of their recent performances," said Australia national selector Trevor

Hohns in a statement. "David and Steve also have the advantage of being proven players at Test level while Cameron has produced impressive numbers for county side Durham this season."

"His innings in the intrasquad match in Southampton on a tough pitch was outstanding and showed his quality."

Holder's Australia are looking to win their first Ashes series in England since 2001.

Australia's 17-man squad for a five-Test Ashes series against England announced on Friday: Tim Paine (capt/wkt), Cameron Bancroft, Patrick Cummins, Marcus Harris, Josh Hazlewood, Travis Head, Usman Khawaja, Marnus Labuschagne, Nathan Lyon, Mitchell Marsh, Michael Neser, James Pattinson, Peter Siddle, Steve Smith, Mitchell Starc, Matthew Wade, David Warner.

FIXTURES

August 1-5: First Test, Edgbaston, Birmingham.
August 14-18: Second Test, Lord's, London
August 22-26: Third Test, Headingley, Leeds
September 4-8: Fourth Test, Old Trafford, Manchester
September 12-16: Fifth Test, The Oval, London.



Chris Gayle watches his bat during training session. ICC/Twitter

Gayle named in ODI squad for India series

PTI ■ ST JOHN'S

Veteran opener Chris Gayle was on Friday named in the West Indies squad for the three-match ODI series against India, beginning August 8.

Left-handed opener John Campbell, fellow batsman Roston Chase and all-rounder Keemo Paul have all been recalled to the 14-member squad for the series which will be contested on August 8 at the Guyana National Stadium, and on August 11 and 14 at the Queen's Park Oval in Trinidad.

Ahead of the England series in March, Gayle had said that he planned to retire following the ODI World Cup but he changed his mind during the tournament and has made himself available for this series.

The southpaw will miss the preceding T20 series as he will be busy with GT20 Canada.

The self-proclaimed "Universe Boss" also has the extra motivation to chase two records during the ODI series.

Gayle currently has 10,338 runs and needs just 11 more to pass batting legend Brian Lara (10,348) for the highest aggregate in ODIs for West Indies.

He has also amassed 10,393 runs and needs 13 to again overtake Lara (10,405) for the most runs by a West Indian in the history of ODIs.

"Chris is a very valuable player and he brings a lot of experience, a lot of knowledge, he lends a lot to any dressing room and it is great to have him in the squad," said interim West Indies head coach Floyd Reifer.

Reifer said Campbell, Chase and Paul have been brought back to add more balance to the squad, whilst Sunil Ambris, Darren Bravo, Shannon Gabriel and Ashley Nurse have all missed out on selection for the matches against Virat Kohli's side.

The rest of the World Cup squad remains in place.

"We have a mixture of some experienced and young ODI players," said Reifer.

"It is good to have Keemo, John and Roston back, and they will help to bring further balance to the team. Looking ahead to the series, I think we have a lot to build upon following the World Cup. We have retained a large number of players from the World Cup squad, so there is a lot to build on and I am looking forward to the series," he added.

Arun fav to retain job, Bangar under scanner

PTI ■ KOLKATA

India's current bowling coach Bharat Arun is likely to retain his position even if there are multiple candidates while R Sridhar will have his nose ahead despite South African star Jonty Rhodes throwing his hat in the ring for the fielding coach's position.

But batting coach Sanjay Bangar might find it difficult to retain his position when the national selectors pick the support staff for the Indian team.

As per norms, while the new Cricket Advisory Committee — chaired by Kapil Dev — will decide on the head coach, the selectors have

been tasked to conduct interviews for the rest of the support staff.

If those privy to the developments are to be believed, Arun could turn out to be a unanimous choice considering the performance of India's pacers in all formats of the game.

"In the last 18 to 20 months, the work put in by Arun has been phenomenal. The current Indian attack is considered to be the best in the longest format. Mohammed Shami back at his best and (Jasprit) Bumrah's consistency are a few things Arun must get credit for. It's up to the selectors but they might find it difficult to replace him," a senior BCCI official



Virat Kohli chats with bowling coach Bharat Arun during India's nets session. AP

said on Friday.

However, same can't be said about Bangar, who many believe hasn't been able to create a solid middle order despite four years in the job.

"Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma have been performing much before Bangar came into the fray. He has no role in their success. However, his job was to create a few solid options in the middle order and we have seen in the World Cup that he has failed miserably in that," the official added.

There have been reports that it was on Bangar's insistence that MS Dhoni was asked to bat at No 7 in

the lost semifinal against the New Zealand, a decision that has been roundly criticised.

While Arun is the favourite among three specialist coaches, Sridhar is also not far behind as India has made rapid strides in the fielding department.

But he will get a tough fight from Rhodes, who is set to get an opportunity to give a presentation to the selection committee.

"Rhodes is a big name and his candidature can't be ignored. However, this also needs to be taken into account that how the team's fielding performance has been," the official said.

Aamir quits Test cricket



Mohammad Amir celebrates after taking wicket in WCup. AP

PTI ■ KARACHI

Pakistan's tarnished left-arm pacer Mohammad Amir retired from Test cricket on Friday but affirmed his commitment to continue playing limited-overs for his country.

Convicted in the 2010 spot-fixing scandal in England, the 27-year-old has been indicating for some time now that he wanted to quit playing Test cricket and focus on ODIs and T20s.

In a statement issued by the Pakistan Cricket Board, Amir said: "It has been an honour to represent Pakistan in the pinnacle and traditional format of the game. I, however, have decided to move away from the longer version so I can concentrate on white ball cricket."

Amir, who played 36 Tests for his 119 wickets, has also appeared in 59 ODIs and 49 T20 internationals. In the recent World Cup in England, he ended with 15 wickets.

In a recent interview, Amir had said that he was a human being and not a machine while refer-

MOHAMMAD AMIR IN TESTS

Period	M	Wkts	AVG	S/R	5W Best
Before ban	14	51	29.09	56.21	3 6-84
After ban	22	68	31.51	69.88	1 6-44
TOTAL	36	119	30.47	64.02	4 6-44

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ring to the non-stop cricket he played since returning to the Pakistan team after the end of his five-year ban for spot-fixing in 2015.

Last year, he had informed head coach Mickey Arthur about his intentions but was told to carry on till the World Cup.

"Playing for Pakistan remains my ultimate desire and objective, and I will try my best to be in the best physical shape to contribute in the team's upcoming challenges, including next year's ICC T20 World Cup," he said.

"It has not been an easy decision to make and I have been thinking about this for some time. But with the ICC World Test Championship commencing shortly, and Pakistan boasting some very exciting young fast bowlers, it is appropriate that I call on my time in Test cricket so that the selectors can plan accordingly," he added.

"I want to thank all my team-mates as well the opponents in red ball cricket. It has been a privilege to play with and against them. I am sure our paths will continue to cross in limited-overs cricket as all of us play and compete with the same vigour and determination."

PCB's Managing Director, Wasim Khan said Amir has been one of the most exciting and talented left-arm fast bowlers in Test cricket in recent times.

"He overcame adversity as a young cricketer and came back stronger not only as a cricketer but also as a better human being. His skill, on the field, and his personality will be missed in the dressing room in the longer format," he said.

"However, we respect his decision and look forward to him continuing to play an integral role in white ball cricket for Pakistan," he added.

Malinga stars in final game



Lasith Malinga, center, celebrates the wicket of Bangladesh skipper Tamim Iqbal, left, during 1st ODI of the three-match series. AP

AFP ■ COLOMBO

Kusal Perera scored a quick-fire century to power Sri Lanka to 314-8 in the first of a three-match One-day International series against Bangladesh in Colombo on Friday.

Perera struck 111 off 99 balls with 17 fours and a six, his fifth ODI century, as Sri Lanka punished Bangladesh's wayward bowling after skipper Dimuth Karunaratne won the toss and elected to bat first.

Perera put on 97 runs with Karunaratne for the second wicket before adding 100 with Kusal Mendis for the third to set up the platform for a strong total.

Shafiqul Islam, who finished with 3-62 in his first match in three years, drew first blood for Bangladesh when he had opener Avishka Fernando caught by Soumya Sarkar at slip for seven.

Perera was reprieved on 49 runs when the third umpire overturned a caught behind decision off Shafiqul.

Part-time seamer Soumya ended the valiant knock of Perera as he was caught at short fine leg by Mustafizur Rahman.

Mendis who was dropped on 28 by Mahmudullah Riyad off Soumya fell to Rubel Hossain the next over after making 43 off 49

balls. Mendis walked after a muted appeal for caught behind from wicketkeeper Mushfiqur Rahim and bowler Rubel.

Angelo Mathews took Sri Lanka's total past the 300-run mark with 48 off 52 balls.

Mustafizur dismissed Mathews before finishing with 2-75.

Tamim Iqbal is leading Bangladesh, becoming the country's 14th ODI captain.

The game at R. Premadasa Stadium is also special for Sri Lanka's Lasith Malinga, who will retire after the match.

Malinga was unbeaten on six in his final ODI innings.