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Kejriwal vows free metro ride for women

CM says he doesn't need Centre's nod; Puri rejects sops, says no proposal received

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

On a day Union Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri reiterated that he has not received any proposal from the AAP Government to make metro travel free for women passengers, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday said his Government will go ahead with its decision to give women free metro ride "come what may" and asserted he does not need consent from the Centre to do so.

Puri categorically said the Union Government is of the view that there should not be any free ride to anyone in Delhi Metro. In a written reply to Trinamool Congress MP Saugata Roy in the Lok Sabha, Puri said the Centre had not received any such proposal from the Delhi Government.

Reacting to this, Kejriwal said the Delhi Metro has submitted a proposal regarding the scheme to his Government and that he was committed to provide free metro rides to women. He reiterated there is no need to send any proposal to the Central Government in this regard.

"On our request, Del Metro has submitted its proposal. In



Minister of State (I/C) for Civil Aviation Hardeep Singh Puri speaks in the Lok Sabha during the Budget Session of Parliament in New Delhi on Thursday PTI

principle, their proposal is agreeable to us. However, Delhi Govt is studying its details. I repeat that, as announced, Delhi Govt is committed to provide free metro rides to women," Kejriwal tweeted.

"We don't need to send any proposal to the Central Government. Delhi Government has decided to make metro travel for women free by giving subsidy for the same. We legally don't need to send proposal to the Central Government. We wrote to the DMRC to send a proposal to

us. We in-principle agree to the proposal sent by the metro to us. Delhi Metro is ready. We are also ready," he said.

"I, the Chief Minister of Delhi, assure the people of Delhi, the women of Delhi that the metro rides would be free for women. Have faith in your Chief Minister," said Kejriwal while interacting with the media after meeting the Union Finance Minister on Thursday.

Nagendra Sharma, media adviser to Kejriwal, said providing free rides to women is



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proposal and the Delhi Government will bear the cost and paying directly to the DMRC. TMC MP's Q was whether the Centre has any proposal! Please do not be

confused," he tweeted. The AAP Government had earlier this month announced that women would get to ride the Delhi Metro and DTC buses free of cost.

Rajnath assures to redress disability pension tax stress

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Three days after the order to remove tax exemption on disability pension was issued leading to massive discontentment amongst the armed forces, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh assured that he will look into the issue.

The circular issued by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on Monday last said the disability pension given to military personnel will be taxable unless they have to leave the service due to the disability sustained in service.

Taken aback by the directive, services personnel, serving and retired, contended that disability mostly takes place while fighting for the country and there was never any taxes on disability pension in the past.

Replying to Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, the Defence Minister said, "I will look into the issue. The Ministry is gathering information and will get back with details to the House".

The Defence Minister also said that in the last 40 years

people were kept in the dark as far as 'One Rank One Pension' (OROP) is concerned and were misled "but our Government brought it into force".

Officials, however, justified the order saying senior officers were misusing the disability clause for claiming tax exemption thereby denying genuine claimants.

Sources also said, the new rule applied only to those personnel who served their full tenure and retired with disability and therefore not exempted from income tax.

Associating itself with the services personnel agitated over the matter, Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury raised the issue in the Lok Sabha on Thursday.

As soon as he drew the attention of the House on the matter during the zero hour, Congress members rushed to the well and raised slogans like "seno ko nayado" (Give justice to Army) and "seno ke naam pe vote mangana band karo" (stop asking votes in the name of Army). Disability pension is of two types, war and normal.

CRPF to guard Punjab's three Central Jails

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) will guard the three central jails of Punjab.

The decision came into light the day a bloody clash broke out in Ludhiana central jail leaving one prisoner dead and several injured, which also included half a dozen policemen.

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs had sanctioned three companies of CRPF for three central jails in Punjab — Amritsar, Bathinda and Ludhiana — with immediate effect.

For the same, the Punjab Government would have to pay the requisite cost of the deployment of these CRPF companies in its jails. In general, one CRPF company has around 100 personnel.

The Centre has communicated the decision through a letter on Wednesday, but the same came to light by Thursday afternoon after the outbreak of violence in Ludhiana central jail.

"For the time being, this will be fresh deployment and over the time as and when central industrial security force (CISF) takes over the VIP protection duties, the CRPF companies will be freed upon from VIP duties and revert to CRPF," reads the communication dated June 26 addressed to the

Punjab Chief Secretary Karan Avtar Singh and the Director General of Police (DGP) Dinkar Gupta.

The Union Home Ministry has also directed the CRPF Additional Director General of Operations to deploy three companies in Punjab's three jails "in consultation with the DGP, Punjab immediately."

After the Punjab jails department had raised the demand for four CRPF companies, a joint-team of the CRPF and the state Jails Department had carried out a survey of various jails in the state in February.

The decision was taken on the request of the State Government, which has all along been pressing for deploying the central forces to guard the state jails where the dreaded criminals and gangsters inhabit.

The State Government has made the request aiming at breaking the nexus between the jail officials and the prisoners, besides strengthening the security in the jails.

Notably, the state's Additional Chief Secretary (Home) NS Kalsi had written a letter to the Union Home Secretary on October 8, 2018, raising the demand for the CRPF companies for high security jails in the State.

1 killed, 35 hurt in clash at Ludhiana Central Jail

CM orders probe

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA

An inmate of the Ludhiana Central Jail was killed and 35 injured when a clash broke out between two groups of gangsters on Thursday, prompting police to open fire to bring the situation under control.

A senior police officer was among those injured in the mayhem at the Punjab jail.

The lawlessness comes days after a jail inmate was brutally attacked and killed in Nabha high security jail.

Taking serious note, Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh, who is currently on a visit to Delhi, has ordered a magisterial inquiry by the Ludhiana Deputy Commissioner Pradeep Kumar Agrawal.

The violence took place days after two jail inmates brutally attacked Dera Sacha Sauda follower Mahinderpal Bittu, behind bars as the main accused in 2015 Bargari sacrilege case, that eventually led to his death.

Such incidents have put the State Government in general, and the Jails Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa in particular, in dock with all the

rival parties demanding his expulsion from the Cabinet.

The trouble started at around 11.30 am soon after the news of death of a jail inmate, undergoing a trial in a drug case reached the jail. DCP Ashwani Kapoor said that jail inmate Sunny Sood was referred to a at a Patiala's Rajindra Medical Hospital due to illness on Wednesday, where he died.

As per preliminary information, the news of Sood's death triggered a riot in the jail premises, with the 3100-odd inmates refusing to go back into the barracks and starting to pelt stones, which were available due to some ongoing construction work. The rioting inmates also set on fire the record room, along with car of the Jail Superintendent apart from vandalizing the jail property.

As they tried to break the prison gates, the jail police tried to stop them by firing in the air, as per the initial reports. Meanwhile, additional police force reached the spot under the leadership of Ludhiana DCP Ashwani Kumar to control the situation, along with the tear gas vehicles and 250-300 police personnel.

Ludhiana Deputy Commissioner Pardeep Agrawal and IG Jails LS Jakhar

also reached the spot, and the situation was finally brought into control at around 1.30 pm, when the prisoners were put back in the barracks.

The prisoner killed in the violence was identified as Ajit Baba, while those injured were Vishal Kumar, Prince, Sunil, Ranbir, and Pankaj.

DCP Kapoor said that as the news reached Ludhiana jail, his fellow gangsters started instigating other prisoners while accusing the police of "murdering" Sood, and the jail staff had to open fire to control the situation, which turned serious.

"The jail police had to open fire when two group of gangsters started pelting each other with stones at the central jail. One jail inmate was killed and 35 others, including an assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP), received injuries," said Kapoor.

The jail authorities said that the ACP of the city police and some members of the jail staff received injuries due to fierce brick batting by the inmates. They also set an official vehicle of the jail superintendent and a portion of the jail kitchen on fire with the help of an LPG cylinder, the authorities said.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi shakes hands with his Japanese counterpart Shinzo Abe prior to their meeting in Osaka on Thursday. Modi invoked the three wise monkeys from Mahatma Gandhi's teachings to underline the strong bond between India and Japan. "When we talk about India's relations with the world, Japan assumes an important place," Modi, who is in Japan to attend the G20 Summit to be held in Osaka from Friday, told an enthusiastic Indian community at Kobe. "Our relations with Japan are centuries old. We have respect for each other's cultures. This is because of Babu (Mahatma Gandhi)...We all have heard his saying — 'bura mat dekho, bura mat suno, bura mat kaho' (see no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil). But very people know that the genesis of the three monkeys he chose to spread the message is in the 17th century Japan," he said PTI

CAPSULE

LUDHIANA CENTRAL JAIL CLASH LEAVES 1 DEAD

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HOMELESS KILLED AS CAR MOUNTS PAVEMENT

New Delhi: A homeless man was killed and another injured after a speeding car mounted a pavement and hit them before overturning near Kashmir Gate, police said on Thursday.

85% INDIAN MOMS WANT SCHOOL FEES CUT: SURVEY

New Delhi: Eighty five per cent of mothers who participated in a survey demanded a reduction in this year's budget while 81 per cent demanded more schools for children with learning abilities.

SHAH: ZERO TOLERANCE TOWARDS TERRORISM

Srinagar: Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday told the security forces that there should be zero tolerance towards terrorism and terrorists.

GROUNDWATER LEVELS DIP ACUTELY IN N INDIA

New Delhi: Northern India has registered a critical fall in groundwater levels ranging between 75 and 85 per cent, a monitoring report by the Central Ground Water Board said.



Indian cricketers celebrate their victory at the end of the Cricket World Cup match between India and West Indies at Old Trafford in Manchester, England on Thursday. Indian bowlers led by the deadly Mohammed Shami produced yet another splendid performance to put their team on the cusp of a semi-final berth with a 125-run rout of the West Indies in their sixth World Cup encounter here on Thursday AP photo

Bomb threat forces AI flight to land in London

AGENCIES ■ MUMBAI

A US-bound flight of Air India from Mumbai made a precautionary landing in London on Thursday following a bomb threat telephonic call to Mumbai airport, the airline said. The flight AI 191, escorted by UK Royal Air Force's Eurofighter Typhoon fighter aircraft, landed at the Stansted airport in London around 9.50 am, Air India tweeted.

"AI 191 Mumbai-Newark of June 27 has made a precautionary landing at London's Stansted airport due to a bomb threat," the airline said.

News agency ANI quoted an Air India official saying that the bomb threat call was a hoax. "Air India 191 Mumbai-Newark flight has landed safely at London and all passengers are safe. Earlier, the flight had made a precautionary landing due to a bomb threat that was

declared hoax," the news agency quoted an Air India spokesperson as saying.

"The plane is currently at the airport. All the 327 passengers are deplaned and served snacks and other beverages. All passengers are in airport premises," Air India Spokesperson Dhananjay Kumar said.

As per London Stansted Airport's official Twitter handle, an Air India Boeing 777 aircraft was diverted to the airport and landed safely with Essex Police in attendance. "It is parked on an isolated stand away from the normal airport operations. Our runway has now re-opened and is fully operational," the airport said.

"Quick Reaction Alert Typhoons were scrambled earlier from @RAFConingsby to intercept a civilian aircraft; this was safely escorted to Stansted," Royal Air Force said.

Haryana Cong leader sprayed with bullets

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Haryana Congress leader Hand spokesperson Vikas Chaudhary was shot dead in full public view by unknown armed assailants when he was returning from a gym in Faridabad on Thursday around 9am. The killers pumped in 10 bullets into the spokesperson of the Haryana Congress. CCTV footage of the incident showed masked men firing indiscriminately at his car.

The 34-year-old Congress leader was rushed by locals to hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

According to a senior Faridabad police official, several rounds were fired at Chaudhary while he was taking his car from the parking lot outside the gym. Police are yet to identify the assailants.

"Upon hearing the gunshot



Relatives mourn the death of Haryana Congress leader Vikas Chaudhary PTI

noise, people rushed to the spot and Chaudhary was rushed to Sarvodaya Hospital where he was declared brought dead. The entire incident was caught on a CCTV camera and 12 spent cartridges were recovered from the crime scene," said the

official. Two masked men who opened fire at the Congress leader are visible in the video. The duo managed to flee the spot unchallenged despite presence of several people in the vicinity.

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Capt seeks early clearance of ring roads

Meets Gadkari

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Thursday met the Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Nitin Gadkari seeking early clearance of ring roads around state's major cities, besides urging him for immediate release of funds for clusters in the State to boost development of MSMEs (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises).

Capt Amarinder urged Gadkari to immediately release the third instalment of Centre's grant of Rs 3.72 crore for Mohali Hitech Metal Cluster and implementation of SFURTI in Wood Inlay Cluster, Hoshiarpur.

He also called upon Gadkari to press for his intervention to clear the State's pending projects or approvals under his Department. At the same time, he invited the Union Minister to visit Punjab to help revive the MSMEs in the state.

Gadkari assured Capt Amarinder that all Punjab-related issues, pending with his Ministries, would be looked

into and addressed at the earliest. He also assured of full support and cooperation to the State Government in pursuance of their road infrastructure development projects, besides various initiatives in the field of MSMEs.

Official spokesperson said that Capt Amarinder informed the Union Minister that State Government had already conveyed its consent to bear 50 percent cost of land acquisition for construction of ring roads around major cities of Mohali or Chandigarh, Ludhiana, Jalandhar, Patiala, Sangrur and Bathinda, in line with the MORT&H guidelines of Bharatmala.

The Chief Minister also sought the Union Ministry's immediate approval of funds to the tune of Rs 636.45 lakh for appointment of technical consultant for the ring roads project to work out the alignments needed for the roads.

Capt Amarinder also urged Gadkari to facilitate expeditious clearance of the Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway project, for which the Central Government has already approved a plan for constructing 800 kms of expressways under Bharatmala Scheme Phase-I.

The State Government had



requested the Ministry time and again for early start of this project but so far even the alignment has not been frozen upon, he lamented.

The Chief Minister also impressed upon the Union Minister the need for immediate declaration of national highway and approval to four laning of Patiala-Sirhind-Morinda road, which the Union Ministry was pressing for

development as a Greenfield project while the State wanted it to be a Brownfield project.

Capt Amarinder requested the Minister to declare Banga-Garshankar-Anandpur Sahib-Naina Devi Road as a National Highways project in the current fiscal. He also sought expeditious clearance of several pending projects, besides impressing

upon the Union Minister the need to develop Kharar-Banur-Tepla road NH-205A as a four-lane highway, in view of the large Delhi bound interstate commercial traffic from Himachal Pradesh and Haryana passing this road.

The Chief Minister requested Gadkari to issue necessary directions to concerned officials in NHAI to execute the incomplete structures or stretches, and also take up to repair deficiencies in maintenance without further delay.

"If the incomplete structures or stretches and deficiencies were not attended to immediately, in a time-bound manner, it would be appropriate to initiate action for termination of toll collection on this road," he said.

Also inviting Gadkari to visit Punjab to discuss MSMEs' development in a meaningful and result-oriented manner, Capt Amarinder emphasized the need to promote agriculture-based MSMEs in the State to ameliorate the economic lot of our farmers, who were reeling under a severe agrarian crisis.

The Chief Minister also touched upon several other related issues, setting up of technology centres and sub-centres under Hub and Spoke Scheme, and Zero Effect Zero Defect Scheme.

INBRIEF

THREE IAS, 1 HCS OFFICER TRANSFERRED

Chandigarh: Haryana Government has issued transfer and posting orders of three IAS officers and one HCS officer, with immediate effect. Sanjeev Verma has been posted as Special Secretary and Director, Archives Department. Geeta Bharti is posted as Director and Special Secretary, Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes Department, Ritu goes as Director and Additional Secretary, Social Justice and Empowerment Department. HCS officer, Jitender Kumar, has been posted as Sub Divisional Officer (Civil), Punhana and Managing Director, Cooperative Sugar Mills, Palwal.

HP MINISTER WARNS ACTION AGAINST PRADHANS

Shimla: Himachal Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Minister Virender Kanwar has expressed concern that Gram Panchayats are failing to spend the funds provided under 14th Finance Commission in a stipulated time period. He said that Rs. 1420 crores have been released under the 14th Finance Commission to the Gram Panchayats of the state since year 2015-16, but they have been able to spend only Rs 800 crores out of it, which is a matter of concern.

2600 KGS OF BANNED PLASTIC CARRY BAGS SEIZED

Chandigarh: As part of the ongoing statewide raids being conducted on the directions of Punjab Directorate of Environment and Climate Change, 2600 kgs of banned plastic carry bags were seized on Wednesday evening from those storing, transporting and selling them. The highest seizure was made in Batala wherein 1350 kg plastic bags were confiscated. In the intensive raids by joint teams of the Municipal Corporation and the Punjab Pollution Control Board at 282 establishments, 153 violations were observed, informed KS Pannu, Director of Environment and Climate Change.

JOBS TO 65 ON COMPASSIONATE GROUNDS

Chandigarh: Punjab State Education Department has given jobs to 65 candidates on compassionate grounds as one of their family members had died while in service of the department. Handing over the appointment letters in his office at Punjab Civil Secretariat, Vijay Inder Singla, Punjab Education Minister said the department is committed to the welfare of its employees. He said giving jobs to dependent family members of deceased employees should not just be treated as a departmental activity but should be taken up as a moral responsibility.

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Place : Chamba, Hamirpur, Kangra, Kulu, Mandi, Shimla, Sirmour, Solan, Una

E-tender Notice

INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONTRACTORS FOR e-TENDERING FORMING PART OF NIT AND TO BE POSTED ON WEBSITE

The Executive Engineer, Project PH, Dm. No.3 on behalf of President of India invites online percentage rate bids from approved Enlisted contractors of public health wing of Engineering Department UT Chandigarh who have already executed similar nature of work and also registered with the labour department with valid license. EPF, ESI number for the works. Deployment staff for the work of providing services.

Sr. No.	NIT No.	Name of work & location	Estimated cost put to tender	Earnest money	Period of Completion	Last date & time of submission of Bid Online	Time & date of opening of tender
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.		Deployment staff for the work of providing services of Bekdar for cleaning of existing road gully and Manhole at various location under the jurisdiction of SDE W&S Sub Dm. No.6 Chandigarh for the period 01.07.2019 to 30.09.2019	Rs 5.85 lacs	Rs 11300/-	3 months	1 day before opening of Tender upto 5:00 PM	5.7.2019 at 10:00 AM

The bid document consisting of schedule of quantities of various types of items to be executed and the set of terms and conditions of the contract to be complied with and other necessary document can be seen from website <http://etenders.chdnic.in/nit.asp> free of cost.

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INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)

The Executive Engineer HPPWD Division Bhoranj on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of contractors registered with HPPWD for works as detailed in the table :-

Sr. No.	Name of Works	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Starting Date for downloading Bid	Deadline of submission of Bid
1	C/O link road to Harizan Bast to BalhBhag km. 0/0 to 0/750 (SH - C/O wing wall both side the culvert of 8.00 mtr. Span) (Under SCSP) Time limit - Three Months, Cost of tender Form Rs. 350/-, Eligible class of contractor -D	8,60,351.00	17,200.00	04.07.2019	19.07.2019
2	C/O link road to Harizan Bast to BalhBhag km. 0/0 to 0/750 (SH - C/O RCC hume pipe culvert at RD. 0/015 along with wing wall 3.00 mtr. both side and wing wall of 8.00 mtr. span type culvert LHS bathBhag side) (Under SCSP) Time limit - Three Months, Cost of tender Form Rs. 350/-, Eligible class of contractor -D	6,97,737.00	14,000.00	04.07.2019	19.07.2019
3	C/O link road to vill age HanohCooperative Society (SH - C/O RWall at various RD. 0/070 to 0/095, 0/460 to 0/485, 0/489 to 0/510 to 0/530, 0/545 to 0/570 and cement concrete pavement at RD. 0/450 to 0/570) (Deposit Work) Time limit - Three Months, Cost of tender Form Rs. 350/-, Eligible class of contractor -D	7,87,275.00	15,800.00	04.07.2019	19.07.2019
4	C/O Tikker/Vanoh road via Dhirwin (SH - Cement concrete interlocking paver block at RD/52/40 to 9/330) (Under OTMNP) Time limit - Three Months, Cost of tender Form Rs. 350/-, Eligible class of contractor -D	6,70,356.00	13,400.00	04.07.2019	19.07.2019
5	C/O Ludder/Sulgan road via lagmanwin (SH - C/O RWall at various RD. 0/305 to 0/320 and 0/960 to 0/973 and installation of steel crash barrier on RD. 0/025 to 0/070, 0/305 to 0/350, 0/585 to 0/600 and 0/960 to 0/975) (Under OTMNP) Time limit - Three Months, Cost of tender Form Rs. 350/-, Eligible class of contractor -D	8,21,740.00	16,450.00	04.07.2019	19.07.2019
6	Repair of maintenance of main Bazar ladraukohla to village ladraur to Balota km 0/0 to 0/350 (SH, C/O C.C. interlocking paver block in km. 0/050 to 0/250) (Deposit Work) Time limit - Three Months, Cost of tender Form Rs. 350/-, Eligible class of contractor -D	6,52,776.00	13,100.00	04.07.2019	19.07.2019

The Bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website www.hptenders.gov.in

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

No.1- The Earnest Money in the shape of National saving certificates/ Time deposit Accounts/ Saving Account/ FDRs in the form of the post office/Nationalized bank in duly pledged in favour of the Executive Engineer Bhoranj must be accompanied with the application.

The tender document shall be accepted in Two Covers (Cover-1 shall contain EMD and Cover-2 shall contain application and other documents)

No.2 Conditional tenders and the tenders received without earnest money will out- rightly be rejected.

No.3 The contractor shall accompany his enlistment/renewal order with his application for obtaining the tender documents.

No.4 Executive Engineer Reserves the right to reject the tender without assigning any reason.

No.5 The work will be completed by the contractor within the stipulated period.

No.6 Tender Forms will not be issued to those contractors who are not registered under HPGST Act-1988 and GST and photocopy of individual PAN No. allotted to them attached with their application at the time of applying for tender documents. Application will not be entertained without aforesaid documents.

No.7 The contractor/firms are required to insert the rate each item in works as well as in figures falling which Executive Engineer reserves the right to accept/rejects any overall tender.

No.8 The tender shall be issued to only those contractors/firms who are found eligible suitable and competent.

No.9 The tender forms shall be issued to eligible contractor depending upon their performance and work experience which shall be duly evaluated by the technical evaluation committee.

No.10 The tender forms of soling, wearing and tarring shall be issued only to those contractors who will produce proper documents of ownership of required machinery and completion certificate of similar work issued by the concerned Executive Engineer also required.

No.11 The contractor must have experience work done of double lane standard of similar work of 40 % other wise bid shall not be entertained.

No.11 Contractor/ firms having necessary documents past adequate experience shall be preferred.

No.12 Contractor who have failed to start/ complete the work in hand with in reasonable time shall not be issued tender forms.

No.13 One contractor should not have more than two major works in hand at a time.

No.14 If 03.07.2019 happens to be holidays the tender shall be opened on next working day at 11:00 AM.

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Swaraj India to contest all Haryana Assembly seats

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The Swaraj India will contest the upcoming Haryana Assembly polls, projecting the outfit as a viable alternative to the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party.

"We have decided to contest the upcoming Haryana assembly polls," Swaraj India national president Yogendra Yadav made this announcement while addressing mediapersons here. He was accompanied by party's state unit president Rajeev Godara.

Yadav said the newly floated party had decided not to contest the Lok Sabha elections throughout the country as they wanted to focus on the issues of farmers and unemployed youth.

"We have decided to give one-third seats to women and one-third to the youth. We are going to focus on five issues-- agrarian distress, remunerative prices to the farmers, unemployment relief for educated unemployed youth and we want a law which would ensure no liquor vend can be opened unless women of that Gram Sabha approve of it," he said.

For the unorganised sector workers, better wages and more secure better quality environment will be on top of our agenda, said Yadav, who is a noted political analyst and a former Aam Aadmi Party leader.

The party has been allotted 'whistle' as poll symbol by the Election Commission, he informed.

He said Haryana has seen atrocities against Dalits, oppression of women and all kinds of law and order issues and the party wants every citizen to be treated equally.

On contesting the Haryana polls, which are due in October, he said, "We had contested municipal election and put up one or two candidates in Rajasthan, but this is our full state assembly election".

The Swaraj India will not project any face for the polls, the academician-turned-politician said.

He said, "In this state, the entire politics is centered around caste, Jats versus non-Jats. We stand in resolute opposition of this, we are saying we want to bring all the 36 communities together."

When asked that his party will be entering the fray at a time when the BJP recently swept all 10 Lok Sabha seats in Haryana and has been making claims that it will win 75 plus assembly seats, Yadav said, "Everyone is saying this is the worst time to get into elections. But we think this is the best time because this is when people are looking for an alternative, a viable alternative which we will provide".

Kinner Kailash trek in HP only after permission

PNS ■ SHIMLA

In the backdrop of two deaths on the route this season, now no trekkers and pilgrims will be allowed to move on Kinner Kailash trek without permission of the district administration.

Deputy Commissioner Gopal Chand on Thursday said tour operators organising treks in the district should be registered with the tourism department and submit the list of trekkers at nearest police station before commencing the trek. He said that tour operators should also submit the

list of trekkers at police station after finishing the trek. The Deputy Commissioner expressed concern over trekking by five trekkers towards Kinner Kailash without informing district administration out of which two trekkers died. The three trekkers were rescued by the police and Home Guard Quick response team. Presiding over a meeting regarding illegal adventure and trekking activities in district Kinnair, he said that the as per the Himachal Pradesh Miscellaneous Adventure Activities Rules, 2017 any trekking activity in the district

VIJAYA BANK GOLD JEWELS PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE

(Vijaya Bank - Now Bank of Baroda) BO: JAGADHRI, DISTT. YAMUNANAGAR

The following borrower have availed jewel loans and failed to redeem the same within the stipulated time in spite of repeated notices. If they fail to redeem the pledged jewels, the same will be sold in public auction at respective branch on 05.07.2019 at our respective branch premises address. This public notice a copy of this notice is being sent by registered post A/D to all the borrower/ auction in case they fail to redeem the gold within this period.

BRANCH NAME	BORROWERS NAME	LOAN A/C NO.	GROSS WEIGHT (gms)	OUTSTANDING BALANCE AS ON 31.05.2019 (Amount In Rs.)
Jagadhri	Pawan Rana S/o Sh. Subhash Rana	833507 051000 020	28.200 GMS	Rs. 50,224.00

Those willing to participate in public auction have to pay Rs. 5000/- as EMD before 10:00 AM on 05.07.2019. EMD is returnable on the same day. Branch Manager reserves the right to cancel/postpone the auction or any part of the auction without any notice/ assigning any reason.

For further details contact Branch Manager at the above address.

Place : Jagadhri / Date : 27.06.2019 Branch Manager

HP.PWD TENDER NOTICE

Sealed item rate tenders are hereby invited on behalf of the Governor of HP for the following works from the eligible contractor enlisted in the appropriate class in HPPWD. So as to reach in the office of the Executive Engineer, Shimla Division No-1, HPPWD Shimla-3 on or before 20-07-2019 up to 10:30 A.M. The tenders will be opened on the same day at 11:00AM. in the presence of the intending contractors or their authorized agents who may wish to be present. The applications for issue of tender forms shall be received 18-07-2019 from 10.00 A.M. to 4.00 P.M. alongwith FDR for the required amount. The tender form shall be issued on 19-07-2019 from 10.00 A.M. to 4.00 P.M.

The intending contractors shall bring their registration letter renewal of their enlistment and proof of CST/GST/ otherwise the tender documents shall not be issued to them.

The earnest money as shown below shall accompany the tender in the shape of NCS/Time deposit receipt or post office Saving Bank Account in H.P. duly pledged in the name of Executive Engineer. The contractors who do not deposit the earnest money in the prescribed manner, their tender shall summarily be rejected without assigning any reason. The tenders offer shall be kept open for 120 days.

Sr. No.	Name of Works	Estimated cost	Earnest Money	Time Allowed	Form Cost.
1.	Approach road Kasumpti to Basant Bihar providing and laying of tarring and C/O drain (SH - Painting, and laying 25mm thick Bituminous concrete in Basant Bihar colony road at Rd. 0/00 to 0/365).	475,200/-	9600/-	30 days	350/-

Terms & Conditions:-

- The contractor/firm shall have his GST No. and attested copy of the same be attached with the application for issue of tender form.
- The contractor/firm should attach attested copy of registration/renewal.
- Copy of PAN card be attached with the application form.
- Copy of EPF be attached with the application form.

HIM SUCHANA AVAM JAN SAMPARK
RO NO. 0718/19-20 Dt. 27-06-2019

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

'NOTICE INVITING TENDERS'

Sealed item rate tenders on form 688 are hereby invited by the Executive Engineer, Palampur Division HPPWD, Palampur on behalf of the Governor of H.P. for the following work from the approved and eligible contractors enlisted in HPPWD, (B&R) whose registration stood renewed as per revised rules and also registered under the H.P. General Sales Tax Act 1968 so as to reach in his office on or before 19.7.2019 up to 11.00 AM, and the same shall be opened on the same day at 11.30 A.M. in the presence of intending contractors or their authorized representatives. The tender documents can be had from his office against cash payment (Non-refundable) on 18.7.2019 up to 4.00 PM and the application for issue of tender form shall be received on 17.7.2019 up to 12.00 noon.

The earnest money in the shape of NCS/FDR/saving account of the Post office/Bank in H.P. duly pledged in favour of the XEN must accompany with each tender. Conditional incomplete tenders & tender without earnest money will be summarily rejected. The XEN reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders or drop the proposal of tenders without assigning any reasons.

S. No.	Name of work.	Estimated Cost (In Rs.)	Earnest Money	Time Limit	Cost of form
1	A/R & M/O D.S.P. residence Type -V qutr. At PWD Colony Lohna (SW - Painting, Distemper & Tile flooring etc.)	Rs. 3,85,500/-	Rs. 7350/-	Two Months	Rs. 350/-
2	C/O link road from house of Sh. Krishan Lal to House of Sh. Ranjeet Singh Tikka Ninang - Tehsil Palampur, Distt. Kangra H.P. (SW - P/L C.C., interlocking paver road Km. 0/00 to 0/055) (Deposit work)	Rs. 2,34,362/-	Rs. 4690/-	Two Months	Rs. 350/-
3	S/R of 4 Nos. Type-II qtrs. Near Sub Division office at Palampur (SW - P/L Tile flooring, Door window frame with shutter & P/F English Toilet Sheet flushing sink and distemper)	Rs. 4,57,942/-	Rs. 9160/-	Two Months	Rs. 350/-
4	C/O link road upper Menjha to Lower Menjha Km. 0/00 to 4/00 (SW - C/O RWall at RD 1/300 to 1/311.40)	Rs. 1,80,453/-	Rs. 3610/-	Two Months	Rs. 350/-
5	C/O link road from Banuri to Jajrola Km. 0/0 to 0/650 (SH - P/L Metalling and Tarring Tarring work)	Rs. 3,70,000/-	Rs. 7400/-	Two Months	Rs. 350/-
6	C/O Thala Malanta link road Km. 0/00 to 2/250 (SW - M/T in Km. 1/420 to 1/970)	Rs. 3,52,110/-	Rs. 7050/-	Two Months	Rs. 350/-
7	C/O Thala Malanta link road Km. 0/00 to 2/250 (SW - M/T in Km. 1/970 to 2/520)	Rs. 3,51,180/-	Rs. 7050/-	Two Months	Rs. 350/-
8	C/O link road from Durga Mata Mandir to Kheter via Harjan Bast Km. 0/0 to 2/500 (SW - C/O 4.00 mtrs. span culvert at RD 2/300)	Rs. 4,74,017/-	Rs. 9500/-	Two Months	Rs. 350/-
9	C/O Chellian Dhotta Gadiara road Km. 0/0 to 2/250 (SH - Cutting in earth work at Km. 0/500 to 1/100)	Rs. 4,91,183/-	Rs. 10,000/-	Two Months	Rs. 350/-
10	Balance work of Govt. SCVB Degree College at Palampur (SW - Earth filling in Play Ground)	Rs. 2,06,000/-	Rs. 4200/-	Two Months	Rs. 350/-
11	C/O link road from Sidhpur to Fouja Singh House (Deposit work)	Rs. 4,08,418/-	Rs. 8200/-	Two Months	Rs. 350/-
12	C/O link road NH to PHC Pharer (Deposit work)	Rs. 2,48,405/-	Rs. 5000/-	Two Months	Rs. 350/-

Terms & Conditions:

Following documents should accompany the application for tenders.

- G.S.T. No.
- Valid copy of Registration
- Machinery will be of the contractor where required.
- Certificate regarding possession of machinery
- Telegraphic/Fax tenders are not acceptable
- The tender documents can be received by registered/ Insured post which should be received in this office on or before the date of opening of tender by 11.00 A.M. positively
- Contractor should have successfully executed two works of similar nature of 1/3 amount of estimated cost or similar single work of amount equal to estimated cost during the last preceding three years
- The Contractor will have to submit affidavit along with application for issue of tender that he has not more than two works in hand. Next tender will be issued only after completion of previous works in hand.

HIM SUCHANA AVAM JAN SAMPARK
RO NO. 0731/19-20 Dt. 27-06-2019

Hry Cong leader Chaudhary shot dead

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Congress leader and spokesperson Vikas Chaudhary was shot dead by unknown assailants at the car parking of a gym in Faridabad on Thursday.

The incident took place around 9 am, when Vikas (42) was parking his car outside the gym in Sector 9, Faridabad. The assailants fired on his car from both sides and later, managed to flee. The incident has stirred a political row in the state with Congress chief Rahul Gandhi and senior party leaders lashing out at the Haryana Government over the deteriorating law and order situation.

According to the Police, Vikas was hit by over 10 bullets and CCTV footage of the incident showed masked men raining shots on his car. No arrest was made in the case till the filing of this report.

Haryana ADGP (Law & Order) Navdeep Singh Virk said that the murder case appeared to be connected to Vikas' criminal background.

"Severe police teams have been deployed to crack the case and Faridabad Police is confident of detecting it soon. CP Faridabad is personally supervising the investigation," Virk tweeted. "As per the leads so far, Vikas Chaudhary had a

RaGa, other leaders condemn incident

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Congress President Rahul Gandhi has condemned the killing of Haryana Congress leader Vikas Chaudhary.

"The killing of Haryana Congress leader Vikas Chaudhary is a shameful, condemnable and unfortunate incident. The incident reflects deteriorating law and order situation in Haryana. May God give his family strength in this hour of sorrow and may his soul rest in peace," Rahul Gandhi tweeted in Hindi.

Former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda, Haryana Congress state chief Ashok Tanwar and former MP Deepender Singh Hooda also condemned the killing

and termed the law and order situation in Haryana as "goonda raj".

They demanded an impartial enquiry into the incident and stringent punishment to the culprits.

A video clip was shared by Ashok Tanwar, the president of the Haryana Congress who said the murder was an example of "jungle raj" in the state.

Shocking to witness the brutal murder of our @INCHaryana spokesperson @Vikaschaudhary today in Faridabad. We r deeply hurt by this gruesome murder and I appeal @cmohry to take strictest action #JusticeforVikasChaudhary (SIC)," Tanwar tweeted. Video footage doing the rounds on social media showed two fig-

ures coming near an SUV and then shooting in the direction of the vehicle from the front and the back.

Condemning the attack, senior Congress leader and in-charge of the Communication Department of All India Congress Committee (AICC), Randeep Singh Surjewala said that Haryana has become crime hub as three murders, five rapes and ten kidnapping and abduction incident cases are being reported every day.

MLA from Kaithal, Surjewala said that the law and order situation in the state has gone into shreds and goonda and anti-social elements along with hooligans are ruling the roost.

Quoting the official figures of the State Crime Record Bureau, Surjewala said that

1,087 cases of murder, 1,681 cases of rape, 3,763 cases of kidnapping and abduction, 310 dacoity and 1,08,449 cases of cognizable offences under IPC occurred in

Haryana in one year between May 2018 and April 2019. That means, every day about 3 murders, 5 rapes, 10 kidnappings and 1 incident of dacoity are occurring in Haryana, which clearly prove the fast deteriorating law and order situation in the state, he added.

Surjewala added that during the past few days, a number of such incidents have been reported which clearly establish that in the state of Haryana, it is not only the criminals but the leaders of BJP are also indulging in hooliganism.

criminal background and 13 FIRs of extortion, kidnapping, attempt to murder etc were regd. against him since 2007 in HY & UP. His murder appears to be connected to his own criminal background (sic), he added.

A police officer informed that as many as 12 spent car-

tridges were found on the incident spot. Upon hearing the noise, people rushed to the site and Chaudhary was rushed to a hospital where he was declared brought dead, he said.

The Congress leader was alone at the time of the incident and bullets hit his neck and chest, he said

A case has been registered and police are scanning the CCTV footage to identify the accused, the officer said. He added that the attack appears to be pre-planned and the assailants, who came in a vehicle knew that Vikas would come to the gym.

After the murder of

Congress leader, protest was held by party workers in Faridabad, where they demanded immediate arrest of culprits. Reacting to the incident, Haryana BJP chief Subhash Barala said that it is an unfortunate incident and assured that the culprits will be nabbed soon.

Pay attention to control malaria cases: Haryana health dept

MANOJ KUMAR ■ CHANDIGARH

With the rise in number of malaria cases in Mewat region for the past many years, Haryana health department is taking no chance this year and has ordered special attention to control malaria cases in districts Nuh, Palwal and Yamunanagar.

Malaria, a mosquito-borne illness, continues to be a major public health problem. The problem is persistent in both rural and urban area. Malaria transforms into an epidemic every monsoon in Mewat with thousands of cases being reported. As per the available reports, in Haryana, 4,485 cases of malaria were reported in 2014 while 9308 in 2015, 7866 in 2016, 5696 in 2017, 3154 in 2018. As per studies, nine per cent of Mewat's population, every year contributes to over two-thirds of Haryana's malaria burden.

Last year, the state government had declared Mewat hyper sensitive, following a malaria epidemic with over 1,350 cases being reported. The actual number of malaria patients is much higher as most residents go to private practitioners.

Despite significance efforts by the government to control malaria, the disease remains one of the public health problems in Mewat. Department official said that the problem in Mewat region is that road and transport facilities are minimal, limited health care facilities and inappropriate preventive measures.

While there are many factors for the annual outbreak in the area, the key culprit is filthy, mostly stagnant water in the drains that makes the area particularly vulnerable to mos-

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quito-borne diseases. The problem gets aggravated as a substantial number of residents have taken to fish farming, which adds to stagnant water that serves as breeding spots for mosquitoes carrying malaria-causing larva.

Dr Usha Gupta, director, Haryana Health services said that special attention has been given to districts Nuh, Palwal and Yamunanagar. Ujina PHC in Nuh, Khizrabad in Yamunanagar and Solera in Palwal are still high malaria prone areas. Recruitment of multipurpose health workers have been done recently. Earlier, against total strength of 84 multipurpose health workers (male), only five were deputed but now 37 has been deployed in Nuh. This year, 33 multipurpose health workers have been deployed in Palwal and 40 in Yamuna Nagar.

Along with this, a malaria diagnosis has been strengthened. 15 Microscopes purchased. Rapid Diagnostic Test Kits has been provided to districts concerned for malaria diagnosis which helps in immediate start of Radical Treatment, she said, adding June is being observed as Anti-Malaria Month while July as Anti-Dengue Month.

Moreover, to control malaria, an awareness drive has been launched through distribution of pamphlets, displaying of hoardings/posters/banners at prominent places and group

meetings. Measures like Long Lasting Insecticidal Nets have been provided in all sub centres, the official said.

In District Nuh, about 1.74 Lac (LLINs, Bed-Nets) has already distributed in 145 high risk villages. Indoor

Residual Spray (IRS) has been carried out in Malaria prone areas under strict supervision. Anti-larval activities in Ujina drain in Nuh and Palwal and crusher zone areas of Yamunanagar are being carried out intensively, the Director said. Other measures like call centre will be utilized to verify RT of malaria cases and ASHAs will be involved for malaria diagnosis and treatment to fill up the gap, Dr Gupta said, adding various departments including fishery, irrigation, education, urban local bodies, panchayat raj among others have also been involved in creating awareness to check malaria cases.

Funds have been provided to districts to procure Microscopes wherever required (total 57 microscopes will be procured by June 2019). 107 high risk subcentres have been identified which are being covered under Indoor Residual Spray. Funds also provided for 18 Fogging Machines (2 each in 9 Districts viz. Charkhi Dadri, Fatehabad, Gurugram, Nuh, Palwal, Panipat, Rewari, Rohtak and Jhajjar) which are likely to be procured by June 2019.

Hry ranked first in country in improving health standards

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Health Minister Anil Vij on Thursday said that Haryana has been ranked the first state in the country in improving health standards at the fastest pace.

According to the latest report of the NITI Ayog in this regard, the state has recorded the highest increase of 6.55 points as compared to other states. "For this, the NITI Ayog had studied health services and health standards with the help of the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the World Bank," Vij said.

After Haryana, Rajasthan stood second with 6.30 points and Jharkhand was third with 5.99 points. Assessing the year 2015-16 as the base year, the Commission has examined health standards during the two years of reference year 2017-18, he said.

Among these 23 standards were checked including children's low-birth weight, infant mortality rate, mortality rate of children below 5 years and improvement in maternal mortality rate, increase in institutional delivery, grading of hospitals, and NABH/NQAS certification, sex ratio and the availability of experts, doctors and staff, Vij said.

The Health Minister further said that since 2014, there has been unprecedented improvement in the health services in the state. Under this, as per the report of the NITI Ayog, the mortality rate of children under the age of five year per 1,000 children is 37 after reduction of six points, the infant mortality rate dropped

by 3 points to 30 and neonatal mortality rate dropped by 2 points to 22. Similarly, the rate of birth of low-weight children has decreased. Earlier this figure was 14.9 and now it has reduced to 8.47. Total vaccination coverage has increased by 5.39 points and now it is 88.86 points and institutional delivery has increased from 80.25 to 84.19 points, he added.

Vij also said that in the last three years, there has been increase in the attendance of Chief Medical Officers, ANM and staff in hospitals. Apart from this, the appointment of doctors in the primary health centres and community health centres has been increased by eight points and that of paramedical staff nurses by three points.

Simultaneously, the number of Grading 4 Community Health Centres has increased from 22 to 41.5 per cent. The number of specialist doctors in the state has registered an unprecedented 21.1 per cent increase, he said.

Vij added that apart from this, Haryana has registered a growth in health standards, which will further improve in future.

Paswan to meet FM to resolve food account loan issue

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH / NEW DELHI

Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Ram Vilas Paswan on Thursday acceded to the request of Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh to hold a joint meeting with the Union Finance Minister to resolve the Rs 31,000 crore food account loan legacy issue.

Paswan agreed to organise the meeting after the Union Budget session, said an official spokesperson after Capt Amarinder called on the Minister on Thursday.

The Union Minister has also agreed to allow Punjab to create additional storage space to enable the State to address the problem of acute shortage of storage space in this Rabi season. Modalities for the same will soon be worked out, said the spokesperson.

Capt Amarinder also succeeded in securing relaxation in lustre loss in wheat, resulting from the unseasonal heavy rains that lashed the state during the season.

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Finance Commission.

The Committee had been mandated to look into all aspects of the legacy debt of Punjab Government arising out of accumulated CCL (Food Credit Gap) with reference to Food Corporation of India or Department of Food and Public Distribution. The Chief Minister sought Paswan's personal intervention to expedite the matter.

With regard to lustre loss, Capt Amarinder informed the Union Food Minister that the Central Government had only allowed relaxation for nine districts with effect from May 8, 2019, when bulk of the purchase had been completed in the State. The State had sought relaxation, through a letter to the GoI on April 26, 2019, for the entire quantity of wheat purchased during the season across the State, and should be given relaxation with effect from April 26, when it first sought FCI inspection.

Expressing concern over slow movement of stocks, the Chief Minister told Paswan

that the State Government was grappling with acute shortage of storage space for foodgrain.

He mentioned that state agencies were currently stocking 160 Lakh MT of wheat and 107 Lakh MT of rice, while 96 Lakh MT of wheat was lying in the open, while 10.5 Lakh MT of wheat purchased more than a year ago was still being stocked in the open. As a result of slow movement of food grains from the State, Punjab would face a major challenge for scientific storage of wheat next year, he added.

Referring to withholding of reimbursement of arhtiya charges and administrative charges, the Chief Minister urged Paswan to immediately release these charges to the State. These charges were paid to the arhtiyas as per provisions of the Punjab State Agriculture Produce Markets Act, 1961, and administrative charges were used for maintenance of stocks as well as payment of salaries and other establishment expenses, said Capt Amarinder.

Hry issues transfer of eight IPS officers

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Government on Thursday issued transfer and posting orders of eight IPS officers and one HPS officer with immediate effect.

Superintendents of Police in eight districts have been transferred. Nazneen Bhasin, Superintendent of Police, Special Task Force, Gurugram has been posted as Superintendent of Police, Rewari while Rahul Sharma goes as SP Rohtak. Abhishek Jorwal, SP Chief Minister's Flying Squad (CID), Panchkula has been posted as SP Ambala, Waseem Akram goes as Commandant, 3rd Indian Reserve Battalion, Sunaria, Jashandeep Singh Randhawa as SP Special Task Force, Gurugram.

Mohit Handa is posted as SP Dadri, Virender Kumar as SP Kaithal, Smriti Chaudhary as SP Chief Minister's Flying Squad (CID), Panchkula.

Among HPS officer, Virender Singh Sanwan, Additional Superintendent of Police, Crime has been posted as Superintendent of Police, Hansi.

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Punjab relaxes eligibility criteria for PCMS doctors

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Considering the long pending demand of PCMS doctors, the Punjab Government has relaxed the eligibility conditions for PCMS doctors for admissions in post-graduate courses.

Announcing this, the state Health and Family Welfare Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu said that this relaxation for admissions in PG courses was provided on the directive of the Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh. "Earlier, the PCMS doctors who had completed four years of service in difficult rural areas and six years service in other rural areas were given 30 percent incentive marks and allowed to pursue PG courses. Now the requirement of rural service has been reduced from four-six years to two to three years.

He said that the doctors would get 20 and 30 percent incentive marks on completion of two or three and three or 4.5 years of rural service. The doctors who get admission under incentive category would get full pay during their PG course.

"Earlier, candidates who

secured admission on the basis of their own merit in the PG course were allowed to do PG course only if they had completed three years of rural service. Now, this period has reduced from three to one year and the doctors would be given leave of the kind due during the PG course," he said.

Earlier, the PCMS doctors, who did not complete their probation period, were not given leave of the kind due and their service was treated as dies-non during the PG course resulting into loss of seniority which discouraged many doctors, he said adding that now they would get leave of the kind due and their original seniority would be protected.

For the candidates, who are sponsored by PGI, the bond has been reduced from 15 years or Rs 75 lakhs to 10 years or Rs 50 lakhs.

The Minister explained that the intention was to allow PCMS doctors to pursue and complete their degree as early as possible so that they can serve the Department for longer period after completion of PG course.

LUDHIANA JAIL CLASH

SAD demands Minister's sacking, probe by HC judge

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Chiromani Akali Dal (SAD) Chief Sukhbir Singh Badal on Thursday demanded the immediate sacking of Punjab cabinet minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa after a violent clash at the Ludhiana Central Jail, which left at least one dead and 35 injured. He also sought a probe into the incident by a sitting judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court. Expressing shock at the incident, the former deputy chief minister claimed that such a security lapse was unprecedented in the history of Punjab.

Prisoners rebelled, used gas cylinders to conduct blasts and even chased and injured prison guards. This indicates

a complete breakdown in the administration of jails in Punjab," he said in a statement here.

A clean-up exercise is needed and can only be done by sacking Jails Minister Sukhjinder Randhawa immediately, he added.

Pointing towards the murder of sacrilege accused Mohinderpal Nittu at the Nabha Maximum Security Jail last week, Badal said Randhawa had the "worst possible record" as the jails minister.

"The SAD chief further said instead of realising his mistake and resigning immediately from his post, the minister was giving statements about the need for central forces in the state

jails.

"This proves the minister has failed in his job completely and is searching for alibis. Chief Minister Amarinder Singh should sack him immediately," he said, adding that the situation was the result of the free run given to ministers to settle political scores over their opponents.

"Criminals have taken an advantage of this. Gang wars, dacoities and snatchings have increased manifold. Young children, including girls, are dying of drug overdose," he added.

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader H S Cheema too sought Randhawa's resignation, alleging a complete breakdown of the law and order in the state.

Speed up dev projects: Haryana CM to officials

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal on Thursday directed the officers to speed the work on all the incomplete developmental works to ensure their timely completion for the convenience of the people of the state.

The Chief Minister was reviewing the ongoing developmental works in Karnal and gave necessary directions to the officers concerned.

He said that development is the main aim and objective of the present Government both at Centre and State.

Manohar Lal urged the legislators present in the meeting that they should maintain direct dialogue with the people to hear and redress their grievances at the earliest to fulfill the hopes and aspiration of the people. There is no dearth of funds in the government trea-

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sure and the funds have already been released for ongoing development works, he assured.

Later, while interacting with the mediapersons, Manohar Lal said emergency victim term has now been removed from the identity cards of Satyagrahis who have struggled during the Emergency and now they have been given the name of Loktantra Senanis.

He added that the State Government has decided to bear the expenses of medical assistance upto Rs five lakh annually to the Loktantra Senani or their spouse for treatment in government or private hospitals.

Punjab to sensitise people on sacrifices of martyrs in Jallianwala Bagh

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Government has decided to sensitise people about the sacrifices made by the martyrs of the state apart from their history during the centenary functions of Jallianwala Bagh.

Besides, the Government would also organise programmes with regard to music, plays, poetry recitals, besides making the masses aware about the history of Jallianwala Bagh.

"A letter would soon be written to all the Deputy Commissioners to ensure the success of these programmes. The presence of the local MLAs would also be ensured in these programmes," said the state Tourism and Cultural Affairs Minister Charanjit Singh Channi.

Channi, while chairing a review meeting of the functioning or activities of the Punjab Kala Parishad, Punjab Sangeet Natak Akademi, Punjab Lalit Kala Akademi and Punjab Sahit Akademi, said that special efforts would be made to include school and college students as well as the youth from the rural



or urban areas in these programmes.

He also directed the officers to undertake sustained publicity campaigns to raise awareness regarding these programmes in the public.

Channi said that Punjab Government is continuing preparations at fast pace with regard to the 50th anniversary celebrations of Guru Nanak Dev and the Jallianwala Bagh centenary functions, and the functions would be held at grand level in various big cities as well as the districts.

Briefing about the functions to be held by the Punjab Kala Parishad regarding the

50th birthday celebrations, Channi said that the main purpose of these functions is to guide the masses about Sikh history and philosophy.

"During these celebrations various functions such as poetry recitals, Rabab Utsav, Dhadhi Darbar, 'Balihari Kudrat Vaseya'-Shabad Gayan and seminar, plays, discussions, paintings' exhibition and discussion, Malwai Folk Dance — teachings of Sri Guru Nanak Dev and Folk Boliyan, Kirtan Darbar in accordance with the Ragas, Wall Paintings about Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji-Photo Exhibition and various seminars, would be organized," he said.

Rahul Gandhi asks Haryana Congress to work unitedly

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

After the party's crushing defeat in Lok Sabha polls, Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Thursday asked the senior leaders of faction-ridden Haryana state party unit to work unitedly for the forthcoming State Assembly polls, due to be held later this year.

Rahul Gandhi held a crucial meeting of Haryana state coordination committee in New Delhi to discuss the strategy for the upcoming election. This was the first meeting of state coordination committee held by the party chief, even as suspense prevails over his exit from the top post in year.

Congress. In the past, such meetings were presided over by Ghulam Nabi Azad, incharge of Haryana's party affairs. During the meeting, discussion was held on how to strengthen the Congress at grassroot level and give a tough fight to BJP, which has announced "Mission 75" in Haryana.

Ghulam Nabi Azad, Haryana state party chief Ashok Tanwar, former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda, his son Deepender Singh Hooda, former Minister Capt. Ajay Yadav among others were present at the meeting. However, the CLP leader Kiran Choudhry, Kuldeep Bishnoi, Naveen Jindal gave a miss to the meeting.

Post-Lok Sabha defeat, the factionalism and infighting is raging in the Haryana Congress party unit and may harm the party's poll prospects in State Assembly polls. In Haryana, there has been no district level or block level committees for last several years while the differences between Ashok Tanwar and former CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda have come out in the open several times now.

After the meeting, former Minister Capt. Ajay Yadav, while talking to the mediapersons said that the Congress chief has asked the party leaders to unite and strengthen the party at grassroot level for assembly elections, which is barely a few months away.

When asked whether any talks related to differences and factionalism were held in the meeting, Yadav said that no such discussion took place and Rahul asked the party leaders to unite for the elections. Differences have always been there in the party but now the focus is on the upcoming elections, he added.

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LOST AND FOUND

It is notified for the information that my original Passing Certificate of main, secondary 10th examination of Year 2001 Roll No 2136387 issued by CBSE Board & 12th examination year 2003 Roll no 2232926 issued by CBSE Board has been actually Lost. Santanu Kanojara 9609719457.

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Original Sale Deed No. 6022 Belonging to Smt. Sheela Devi W/o Sh. Partap Singh S/o Sh. Munge Ram, R/o 121/22, Gandhi Nagar, Kath Mandi, Sonapat-131001, Have been Lost on dated 10.06.2019, Fir has been Lodged in Police Station City- Kath Mandi, Rohtak Road Sonapat vide FIR No. 1323907/11901608-Date-27.06.2019.

I, Sangram Singh S/o Chap Singh R/o Vill. Salwan, Tehsil Assandh, Distt. Karnal declare that My Original 10th Education Certificate has been lost. If anybody found then please contact on above address.

I, Tripat Anchal Kaur D/o Sarbpreet Singh, H.No.1603, Sector 38 B Chandigarh, notify that my 10th original passing certificate, and Date of Birth certificate, Roll no. 2336899, session 2017 issued by CBSE has been lost. 8054495516

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Sandeep Kumar S/o Sh. Parshotam Lal # 3A, 3rd floor, Officer Residence, Policelines Mogandh, Distt. Panchkula have changed my minor son name from Ektav Kamboj to Hardik Kamboj.

I, Amit Abbott S/o Shri Prithvi Raj Abbott, R/o # 1157, Sector 8-C, Chandigarh have changed the name of my minor daughter Nehal to Nehal Abbott.

I, Nirmala Devi W/o Late Pura Chand R/o 2532, Sector 15, Panchkula, declare that Vimala Devi and Nirmala Devi both names are one and same person.

I, Nirmal Devi W/o Satya Dev R/O 1175, Sector 19-2, HUDA, Kaithal informs that I have changed my name from Nirmal Devi to Nirmala Devi. Concerned please note.

I, Vikas S/O Both Raj R/o H.No.340, New Jagatpura Hoshiarpur, Punjab have changed my Minor Daughter Name from Riya to Mehak. All Concerned Note.

I, Sarjit Kaur Wife of JC-94890P Ex Sub (Hony Capt) Darshan Singh R/o Vill. Chak Raju Singh Po. Sandhra, Teh. & Distt. Hoshiarpur (Wb) have changed My Name from Sarjit Kaur to Sarjit Kaur. Concerned note.

I, No. 3384244X Ex- Hav Ajab Singh S/O Gurbachan Singh R/O Village Sakraia, Teh Dasuya Distt. Hoshiarpur (Pb.) declare that name of my son written wrongly Jangvir Singh in my written record. According matric certificate his correct name is Jangvir Singh be amended in my army record.

I, Ramalo Devi W/o Samay Lal R/O Village Garhi Banjara, PO Udhargarh, Distt. Yamunanagar have changed my name to Rumalo Devi.

I, Savitri Deswal W/o Sh. Rajender Deswal R/O H.No.1068/23, Jai Cottage DLF Colony, Civil Line, Rohtak have changed my name from Savitri Devi to Savitri Deswal for all future purposes.

I, Pooja Sakhuja W/o Vikas Sakhuja R/O H.No-183, Sec-10 U.E Ambala City have changed my name after marriage from Pooja Bakshi to Pooja Sakhuja. Pooja Bakshi & Pooja Sakhuja are both the name of the same person.

I, Yash Dang S/o Parveen Kumar R/O Village bel wala PO Gadauli Tehsil Naraingarh Distt Ambala have changed my name from Yash to Yash Dang.

I, Sanjay Kumar S/O Jagdish Chander # 61 Sector-12 Panipat Declared that Sanjay Kumar Goel And Sanjay Goel And Sanjay Aggarwal All Three My Name.

I, Vinod Kumar S/O Chandrika Lal # 3112, Kabi Kacha Fatak Han Nagar Ram Swaroop Chowk Panipat Declared That Change My Name Vinod Prasad From Vinod Kumar.

I, Army No. 15345476K, Rank Hav Joginder Singh S/O Sh. Danaram R/O Vill. Umra, Teh. Hansi, Distt. Hissar posted at 55 Engg. Resident C/o 56 APO declare that my wife Seema Devi correct date of birth is 27.1.1985.

I, Army No. 15784708F Rank NK Name M.D. Kareemuddin R/O Vill-JP Nagar, PO-Kalwakurthy, Tehsil-Kalwakurthy, Distt-Nagarkurnool, State-Telangana-509324 have changed my name from M.D. Nafija Begam to Nazifa Begum vide affidavit dated 26.06.2019 before Session Court, Hissar.

I, M.D. Nafija Begam mother of No. 15784708F Rank NK Name M.D. Kareemuddin R/O Vill-JP Nagar, PO-Kalwakurthy, Tehsil-Kalwakurthy, Distt-Nagarkurnool, State-Telangana-509324 have changed my name from M.D. Nafija Begam to Nazifa Begum vide affidavit dated 26.06.2019 before Session Court, Hissar.

I, Dimple spouse of No. 14813954F Rank HAV/MT Name Ranjeev Kumarkantwal R/O Vill-Ward No. 9, Tehsil-Palampur, Distt-Kangra, State-Himachal Pradesh-176061 have changed my name from Dimple to Dimple Kumari vide affidavit dated 26.06.2019 before Session Court, Hissar.

I, Kabir Singh S/o Sh. Brij Pal Singh R/O H.No. 4/5, CIRB, Campus Sira Road, Hissar, Haryana hereby declare that I have changed my name from Kabir to Kabir Singh. In future I will be known as Kabir Singh.

I, Fatheema Begum spouse of No. 15784708F Rank NK Name M.D. Kareemuddin R/O Vill-JP Nagar, PO-Kalwakurthy, Tehsil-Kalwakurthy, Distt-Nagarkurnool, State-Telangana-509324 have changed my name from Fatheema Begum to Fathima Begum vide affidavit dated 26.06.2019 before Session Court, Hissar.

I, Satish Kumar Sharma S/O Birender Dutt Sharma R/O H.No. 71, Kansar, Tehsil Dadaduh, Distt. Sirmour H.P, declare that in my Army service record name and DOB of my wife Erroneously written as Bandana Sharma and 15.04.1978 whereas her correct name and DOB is Bandana Devi and 10.10.1979.

I, Rana Kumari W/o Sh. Mahender Singh R/O E - 275, Mangolpuri, North West Delhi 110083 have changed my name from Rani to Rana Kumari for all future purposes.

I, Satbir Singh S/O Late Subedar Mahinder Singh Village pundarak PO.C.S.S.R.I Distt. Karnal declare that in my father's Army record my name wrongly mentioned as Satbir Singh my actually name Satbir Gupur for all future purposes.

I, Kanav Kumar S/O Mahinder Pal R/O Village Jubbal Tehsil Radour Distt. Yamunanagar declare that Kanav Kumar & Sarukh Kamboj both are one and same person.

I, Sohan Lal S/O Sh. Atma Ram, R/O H.No.1367, Urban Estate, Jind, have changed my name from Sohan Lal to Sohan Lal Aggarwal.

I, Saroj W/o Giridhar Gopal R/O village Janesaro Tehsil Indri, District Karnal have changed my name to Saroj Bhatia w/o Giridhar Gopal Bhatia. Hence in future my name may be known and called as Saroj Bhatia w/o Giridhar Gopal Bhatia

I, No.2496550X Ex Nk/Ts Daljit Singh S/O Sh. Amir Singh R/O Vpo Talwandi Rama Tehsil Dera Baba Nanak Distt. Gurdaspur State Punjab. Have Changed The Name Of My Son Sahajpreet Singh To Sahajpreet Singh.

I, Smt. Kanwaljeet Kaur W/O Service No. 2496550X Ex Nk/Ts Daljit Singh R/O Vpo Talwandi Rama Tehsil Dera Baba Nanak Distt. Gurdaspur State Punjab. Have Changed My Name Kanwaljit To Kanwaljeet Singh.

I, Kajal Verma Alias Bindu Bala Verma S/O Rakesh Kumar R/O 373, Street No. 1, Gopal Nagar Majitha Road Amritsar have changed my name to Bindu Bala.

I, Suresh Kumar S/O Madan Lal Khurana R/O H.No.2, Gali No.2, Talwandi Bhal District Gurdaspur have changed my name to Suresh Khurana.

I, Tajashree Spouse of 15483387K LD Mulik Dattatray Mohan 53 Armd Regt C/o 56 APO have changed my name to Tejashri Dattatray Mulik Vide Affidavit No.AK 391219 Dt.24-06-2019 Before Notary Public Amritsar.

I, Sarbjit Kaur Wife Of Inderbir Singh Sidhu Residing At H.No.355/58, Gali No.1, Hargobind Avenue, Majitha Road, Amritsar-143001 Punjab have changed my name from Sarbjit Kaur Sidhu.

I, Inderbir Singh Son Of Kundan Singh Residing At H.No.355/58, Gali No.1, Hargobind Avenue, Majitha Road, Amritsar-143001 Punjab have changed my name to Inderbir Singh Sidhu.

I, Gurmit Kaur Pawar W/o Tehal Singh employed as Staff Nurse posted at Guru Nanak Dev Hospital, Govt. Medical College, Amritsar residing at 227, Gali No.2, Moon Avenue, Majitha Road, Amritsar-143001 Punjab have changed my name to Gurmeet Kaur.

I, Guljar Singh S/O Joginder Singh R/O Village Darhawali PO Padde Tehsil Batala District Gurdaspur have changed my name to Gulzar Singh.

I, Gurmit Singh S/O Joginder Singh R/O Village Sarhal Mandan Distt. Tarnatar have changed my name Gurmit Singh To Gurmeet Singh all Concerned Note.

I, Harnoor Kaur D/o Sukhwant Singh R/O 193, Opp Cambridge School V. Muradpur P.O. Bal Khurd, Amritsar have changed my name to Harnoor Kaur Gill holding Indian Passport No.H5352349.

I, Rajvinder Kaur W/o Gursharn Pal Singh R/O 123, Baba Makhan Shah Lubana Nagar, Mithapur Chowk, Jalandhar Have Changed My Name To Kaur Rajvinder.

I, Rajvinder Kaur W/o Gursharn Pal Singh R/O 123, Baba Makhan Shah Lubana Nagar, Mithapur Chowk, Jalandhar Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Son From Akashdeep Singh To Singh Akashdeep. All Please Note.

I, Rajvinder Kaur W/o Gursharn Pal Singh R/O 123, Baba Makhan Shah Lubana Nagar, Mithapur Chowk, Jalandhar Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Daughter From Marsimran Singh To Singh Harsimran.

I, hitherto known as Amrik Aujla S/O Rattan Aujla R/O Vill.Hirapur, Po.Hailer, Distt. Jalandhar-144002, Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Amrik Singh.

I, hitherto known as Jyoti D/o Manjit Ram W/o Navvot Kumar R/O Vill.Aima Muglan, Po.Garhshankar, Hoshiarpur-144531, Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Jyoti Kaur.

I, Jagjit Kaur W/o Kulwant Singh R/O Jalandhar Tehsil Bal Handa Umarpura Tehsil Batala District Gurdaspur have changed my name to Jasjeet Kaur.

I, Pooja D/o Dharam Singh W/o Paramjeet Singh Bhatti R/O 140, Baba Deep Singh Colony Village Nangli Bye Pass District Amritsar have changed my name to Pooja Rani.

I, Bhupinder Singh Mulla S/O Inder Singh R/O H.No.E-41461, Azad Road Azad Nagar Chheharta Amritsar have changed my name to Bhupinder Singh.

I, Meeta Grover D/o Harinder Pal Singh W/o Amarddeep Singh R/O 56, Basant Avenue District Amritsar have changed my name to Meeta Bawjia.

I, Sahejvir Singh S/O Kulwinder Singh R/O Village Chhina Bidhi Chand District Tarn Taran have changed my name to Sahejvir Singh Chhina.

I, Harsharan Singh S/O Kuldip Singh R/O Village Chhina Bidhi Chand District Tarn Taran have changed my name to Harsharan Singh Chhina.

I, Harmeet Kaur Chawla W/o Raminder Singh Chawla R/O 1-A, Gali No.1, Chawla Nivas Post Office Wali Gali Juhar Singh Avenue District Amritsar have changed my name to Manjeet Singh Chawla.

I, Kamal Kumar S/O Harvinder Kumar R/O H.No.342-A, Shastri Nagar Lawrence Road District Amritsar have changed my name to Kamal Kumar Sonik.

I, Joginder Kumar S/O Babu Ram R/O 1321/27, Gali Kamboj Old Lakkar Mandi District Amritsar have changed my name to Joginder Anand.

I, Ramandeep Kaur Pandher D/o Balwinder Singh Pandher W/o Sarbinderjeet Singh Sandhu R/O H.No.413, Green Avenue Opp Green Park District Amritsar have changed my name to Ramandeep Kaur.

I, Bavnaveet Kaur D/o Gurpreet Singh Randhawa R/O 4819 D.G.T Road Guru Nanak Wara PO Khalsa College District Amritsar have changed my name to Bavnaveet Kaur Randhawa.

I, Gurpreet Singh S/O Harbiral Singh R/O H.No.2, Gali No.2, Talwandi Bhal District Gurdaspur have changed my name to Suresh Khurana.

I, Sheetal Uppal Daughter Of Tirok Nath Uppal Wife Of Rakesh Kumar Soni Residing At H.No.581, New Bank Colony, Pathankot-145001 Punjab Have Changed My Name To Sheetal Soni.

I, Sunita Gupta @ Sunita Rani W/o Ravinder Singh Rajput # 873, Phase-4, SAS Nagar both names are one and of the same person

I, Arun Kumar S/O Ramesh Kohli R/O H.No.WG-162, Islam Ganj, Jalandhar Have Changed My Name To Arun Kohli.

I, Rajvinder Kaur W/o Gursharn Pal Singh R/O 123, Baba Makhan Shah Lubana Nagar, Mithapur Chowk, Jalandhar Have Changed My Name To Kaur Rajvinder.

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I, 14439311N, Hav(Ta), Ambare Samir Jayprakash, Unit 325 Fd Regt., C/O 56 APO Have Change My Wife Name Mahadik Sapna Duttaram To Sapna Samir Ambare.

I, 14808652I Hav Badru Ram, 507 Ase Sn C/O 56 APO Have Changed My Son Name From Abhishek Kumar To Abhishek Kumar.

I, Ravinder Singh S/O Mohan Singh R/O Vill: Sali Kalan (SBS Nagar) has used Singh as my surname.

I, Kulwinder Kaur W/o Ravinder Singh R/O Vill: Sali Kalan (SBS Nagar) has used Kaur as my surname.

I, Ravinder Singh S/O Mohan Singh R/O Vill: Sali Kalan (SBS Nagar) has used Kaur as a surname of my minor daughter Manreet Kaur.

I, No. 13765735-K Hav Dinesh Singh S/O Bhopal Singh R/O Vill-Talli Manley Po. Mardh Manley Teh-Pithoragath Distt. Pithoragarh (U.K) have to changed name of my wife Nima Devi to Neetu Devi vide affidavit AD 723941 Date 27-06-19 before Baba Bakala Sahib.

I, No.1577288X Hav Raj Kumar S/O Ram Singh R/O Vpo. Dhoibaha Tehsil & Distt. Hoshiarpur (Punjab) Have Changed My Minor Son's Name From Siddharth Dadwal To Siddharth Dadwal. Concerned Note.

I, Harsh S/O Ranjit Pal R/O Vpo. Shamchaurasi District Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name To Harsh Pal.

I, Pardeep Kaur W/O Jarnail Singh R/O Village Ranghar Kullian P.O. & Tehsil Mukerian District Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Minor Daughter's Name Sarmit To Kaur Sarmit.

I, Shashi Sharma W/O Gurmit Singh R/O Village Malmazara P.O. Chagran District Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Name To Shashi Kala.

I, Navneet Kaur W/O Paramjit Singh R/O Village Malanwali P.O. Gurmata District Amritsar. Have Changed My Name To Navneet Kaur. All Concerned Note.

I, Ritu Goyal W/O Bhuvnesh Bansal R/O H.No.4197 Jain Street No.3 Distt. Fazilka Have Changed My Name To Ritu Bansal. After Marriage

I, Amita W/O Rahul Waliya R/O 120/62, Dayal Nagar Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Amita Waliya.

I, Oshin Sethi W/O Paras Kapoor R/O 23 Kalka Ji Enclave, Rajpura Road Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Oshin Kapoor.

I, Luxmi D/O Bahadur Singh R/O H.No.81 St.No.2 Block-37 Jagdish Nagar Dugri Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Luxmi Kaur.

I, Sukhmander Singh Urf Sukhwinder Singh S/O Darshan Singh R/O H.No.-114 Ward No.13 Agwar Hakam Ka Moga Declare That Am Known By Both Names As Above.

I, Amritpal Kour W/O Jaspreet Singh Dhalwal R/O Vpo. Mann Tehsil Jagraon Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Amritpal Kaur.

I, Shinderpal Kaur W/O Jagtar Singh R/O Demru Khurd (Moga) Have Changed My Name To Chhinderpal Kaur.

I, Anita W/O Baljeet Singh Sadoria R/O H.No.776 Ward No.19, St.No.1, Gill Road Moga Have Changed My Name To Anita Sadoria.

I, Amar Kaur And Amarjeet Kaur D/O Tarlok Singh And W/O Pritam Singh R/O Vpo. Kakar Tihara Distt. Ludhiana Declare That Am Known By Both Names As Above.

I, Sarita W/O Rajvinder Pal Singh R/O H.No.710, Curzon Road TDI City Sector-117, Kharar changed my sons name Mihirveer Singh to Mihirvir Singh.

I, Sarita Rani W/O Rajvinder Pal Singh R/O H.No.710, Curzon Road TDI City Sector-117, Kharar changed my name Sarita.

I, Jagat Singh S/O. Sh. Ram Kumar #1087, Small Flats, Dhanas, Chandigarh Disown My Son Anil From My Moveable/ Immoveable Property Because He Is Out Of My Control. If Any Body Deals With Him, Will Do So At His Own Risk.

I, Dharam Singh S/O Sh. Daleep Singh S/O Sh. Raja Ram Residence quarter no 39, Gurukul Kurukshetra Tehsil Thanesar Distt. Kurukshetra declare that my son Om Parkash is out of my control. I disown him my moveable / immovable property. Our family is not responsible for his any act at conduct. All concerned note it.

I, Simala W/o Late Megraj # 246 Ward no. 7 Dalbir Nagar Panipat declared that my son sonu is my out of control so I disowned it to my all property and relationships.

I, Krishan Kumar Mittal S/O Gopal Mittal R/O 177/34, Janta Colony, Rohtak declares that my Son Saurabh Mittal & his wife Deepika are out of my control. I disown them from my moveable-immovable properties. Our family members will not responsible for their acts/ dealings.

I, Sajan Kumar S/o late Jogi Ram # 101 ward 3 village Luhari Panipat declared that my son Hoshiyar and his wife Sonam is my out of control so I disowned it to my all property and relationships.

We Satpal Taneja S/o Sh. Madan Lal & Smt. Asha Rani W/o Sh. Satpal R/O House No. 856, New Char Chaman, Karnal declare that our son Viney Taneja and his wife Panul Thakkar are out of my control that's why we disown them from my moveable & immovable property. Anyone deal with him at own risk.

I, Sukhdev Singh S/O Karnail Singh R/O Shri Ram Avenue Majitha Road Amritsar have declare that my son Sukhdeep Singh Sidhu is out of my control I disinherit him from my all moveable and immovable properties any body deal with him is own risk and responsibility.

I, Manjit Singh S/O Bakhtawar Singh R/O Village-Bhup Nagar (Mohali) solemnly declare that my Daughter Baljeet Kaur W/o Jagjit Singh R/O Village-Bhabat (Mohali) now out of my control. I disown her from my moveable/immovable Property. Any one deal on their own risk.

I, Harjit Singh S/O Swaran Singh R/O Village-Ladhu Bhatta Po-Udhoke Tehsil Batala Distt. Gurdaspur. Declare That My Son Amrajit Singh And His Wife Jasbir Kaur Are Not In My Sighting And Out Of My Control. So I Disinherit Them From My Moveable And Immoveable Property. I Shall Not Be Responsible.

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Replying to a calling attention notice on "situation arising out of climate change in the country and steps taken by the government in regard thereto" in Rajya Sabha, the minister said, "It is true that developed world is responsible for most of the climate change situation today?"

Elaborating, he said, "Over 70 per cent of the green house gases emission was due to the developed countries while India's contribution is just

three per cent. There was over consumption by the people in the developed world."

"There are over 800 cars for every 1000 people in developed countries while in India this ratio is just 25 cars per 1000 people. India's per capita power consumption is over 1000 units while it ranges from 10,000 units to 12,000 units in developed world." "We will not bow down to any pressure from developed countries on climate change issues. They had committed USD 100 billion and technology transfer for developing nations for dealing with climate change issue. But that has not happened."

The minister said India did not sit on the back benches during Paris Climate Summit in 2015 and rather led from the front and inked the important agreement. Under the COP21 Paris agreement, India has committed to reduce its emission intensity of Gross Domestic Product by 33 to 35 per cent by 2030 from the 2005 level and also achieve 40 per cent power generation from non-fossil fuel based energy resources by 2030.

Calling the attention of the Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Rewati Raman Singh (SP) sought to know the situation

arising out of climate change in the country and steps taken by the government in this regard.

Initiating the discussion, Javadekar said so far, 33 states and union territories have prepared their climate action plan. "India will also work towards creating an additional carbon sink of 2.5 to 3 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent through additional forest and tree cover by 2030.

The minister said emission intensity of GDP has decreased by 21 per cent in 2014 as compared to 2005 levels, thereby already achieving our voluntary pre-2020 goal of reducing emission intensity by 20-25 per cent from 2005 levels by 2020.

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In a move to ensure last mile connectivity, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has asked the Delhi Government to "expedite" its approval for procurement of 427 metro feeder electric buses. Secretary, MoHUA Durga Shanker Mishra has written to Delhi government Chief Secretary Vijay Kumar Dev, asking him to intervene in this "important issue". MoHUA has started focusing on feeder bus services, electric rickshaws, smart cycles (that can be rented out), electric scooter services, and partnerships with cab aggregators for providing hassle-free last mile connectivity to passenger.

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MoHUA TO DELHI GOVT

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"The issue has been flagged by the Delhi Metro with the State Transport Authority (STA) on numerous occasions and they have provided all necessary clarification and details. STA and Delhi government has agreed in-princi-

ple to support the proposal," Mishra said in the letter. "I request you (chief secretary) to kindly intervene in this important issue and expedite approval of Delhi government on VGF proposal of Delhi Metro for procurement of electric buses for last-mile connectivity," he said.

According to sources, Mishra said in letter that the proposed procurement of electric feeder buses will not only reduce congestion, vehicular pollution and accidents, but also enhance the ridership of Delhi Metro.

"DMRC has invited tenders for procurement of buses in anticipation of VGF approval

from Delhi government. Tenders for East, West, South and Central clusters are held up for want of VGF approval from Delhi government. The tenders for North cluster for Shastri Park has been floated," the Union Housing and Urban Affairs secretary said in letter.

Mishra said there are challenges in Delhi which needs to be addressed squarely to provide easy accessibility to commuters.

"Each states/union territories must make the metro self-sustaining, enhance other kinds of mass rapid transport systems, such as monorails or buses, and provide last mile connectivity, between the metro station and the commuters' destinations," officials of MoHUA said.

The national metro policy had also aims to enhance metro rail revenues through a feeder system. "Every proposal for metro rail should necessarily include proposals for feeder systems that help to enlarge the catchment area of each metro station at least to 5 km. Last-mile connectivity through pedestrian pathways, Non-Motorised Transport (NMT) infrastructure, and induction of facilities for para transit modes will be essential requirements for availing any central assistance for the proposed metro rail projects," the policy noted.

Improve hospital conditions to reduce child deaths: TMC

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In the backdrop of death of children due to Acute Encephalitis, Trinamool Congress member Saugata Roy on Thursday demanded the Government take steps to improve condition of state-run hospitals and reduce child deaths.

Raising the issue of children deaths in the Lok Sabha during Zero Hour, Roy said infrastructure in the Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital in the national capital was not adequate to meet demand of patients.

He said about 6,000 children have died in this hospital in the past six years for various reasons including premature death and respiratory infections.

He also said that the death toll of children due to Acute Encephalitis Syndrome has climbed to 150 in Muzaffarpur. Roy said although the union health minister visited the district, he has not yet made any statement in the House.

6K kids have died in Kalawati Hospital in past 6 yrs: Saugata Roy

Raising similar issue, Sanjay Jaiswal from the BJP said a virology centre should be set in Paschim Champaran which is itself free from encephalitis though flanked by the regions -Muzaffarpur, Gorakhpur - which are affected by encephalitis

He also said that awareness programme should be undertaken in areas including Paschim Champaran and Gorakhpur.

On other issue relating to the alleged commissions taken by party workers in West Bengal in the implementation of various government schemes, BJP MP Saumitra Khan sought an inquiry into allegation of funds going into the chief minister and her family's account in relation to the "cut money" issue.

Raising the matter during Zero Hour, Khan said the Bishnupur-Tarkeshwar rail connection has been stalled and accused the MLAs, ministers, councillors, the chief minister and the ruling party of demanding 'cut money' for the project.

"I demand an inquiry into how much fund the chief minister and her family has earned from this cut money," Khan said.

Though Khan did not take the name of Mamata Banerjee, he was apparently referring to the chief minister's recent warning to her party leaders that those involved in taking 'cut money' for government schemes and other corrupt practices would be put behind bars.

COURTESY CALL



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman during a meeting with former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, at the latter's residence in New Delhi on Thursday PTI

NiMo, sister's Swiss accounts 'frozen' by Switzerland Govt

New Delhi: Four Swiss bank accounts of fugitive diamondaire Nirav Modi, the prime accused in the ₹13,400 crore PNB credit fraud case, and his sister have been "frozen" by authorities in Switzerland as part of the money laundering probe being conducted against them by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) here.

Presently, Modi and his sister have deposits worth ₹283.16 crore and they have been frozen on the request of the ED after it informed Swiss authorities that the money is part of the "proceeds of crime" of a bank fraud perpetrated by the duo, sources said.

The ED made the request to the Swiss authorities and had also sent an official request under the criminal provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), the sources said.

A provisional order for attachment of these four accounts, and one more in the name of a company controlled by Modi, was issued by the probe agency in Mumbai in

September last year. The five overseas accounts then had Rs 278 crore in deposits.

While the accounts of Modi, under arrest in this case in London, have deposits of USD 3,74,11,596, the accounts in the name of his sister Purvi Modi has deposits of GBP 27,38,136. The total amount is about ₹283.16 crore, they said.

The ED will now move for the seizure and subsequent confiscation of these bank accounts under the PMLA.

The ED, along with the CBI, are investigating Nirav Modi, his uncle Mehul Choksi and others for alleged money laundering and corruption respectively to defraud the Brady House branch of the PNB in Mumbai to the tune of ₹13,400 crore.

Modi has been absconding since the alleged bank fraud and is houses in a prison in London. The ED has also filed a charge sheet against Nirav Modi alleging that he laundered and diverted over ₹6,400 crore of bank funds abroad to dummy companies that were under his and his family's control.

SEZ (Amendment) Bill passed in Parliament

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

A bill that seeks to allow trusts to set up units in special economic zones (SEZs) by amending the SEZ law was approved by Parliament Thursday, with the Government asserting these zones were an engine of growth and employment. The Rajya Sabha gave its nod by a voice vote, a day after the Lok Sabha passed the Special Economic Zones (Amendment) Bill, 2019.

The Bill will replace the Special Economic Zones (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019, which was promulgated in March. The ordinance had paved the way for trusts to set up units in these zones. Replying to the debate on the Bill, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said: "This is a small amendment that has large impact on investment, job and growth."

Goyal said the government expects about USD 3 billion, which is around ₹20,000 crore investments annually and justified issuance of ordinance saying that economic development cannot stop if some



members or party in Parliament create hurdles in passage of legislations.

The previous government had withdrawn exemptions in income tax, dividend distribution tax and MAT and because of it the SEZ framework faced some stress, he said, adding that it left several investors in lurch.

Participating in the debate, D Raja of CPI, sought to corner the government about the tearing hurry to bring the ordinance on SEZs. Opposing the bill, TK S Elangovan of DMK also questioned the urgency to pass the ordinance, saying it's an "insult" to Parliament.

AAP member Sanjay Singh wanted to know whether the government has any policies to return unutilised land to farmers and to provide employment

to local people in SEZs. P Bhattacharya (Cong) said barren land should be used for SEZs and not agricultural land.

Naresh Gujral of Akali Dal supported the bill, saying the country needs FDI. But he asked the government to have consistent policies to give confidence to investors.

While Congress leader Jairam Ramesh asked what the hurry was to bring an ordinance on the bill just a week before general elections were announced on March 2, 2019, TMC leader Derek O'Brien said his party grossly opposed SEZs as this business model has not worked in India. Supporting the bill, Ram Gopal Yadav (SP) asked about government scrutiny of the trust which invest in SEZs.

PACKAGED FOOD RICH IN SUGAR, SALT AND FAT

FSSAI proposes labeling in red colour coding

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

With no let up in obesity and diabetes cases in the country, the Government has decided to help the consumers make healthier food choices! Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has proposed labeling of packaged food products which are rich in sugar, salt and fat with red colour coding.

In addition to this, the draft Food Safety and Standards (Labelling and Display) Regulations announced by the top food watchdog on June 25, 2019 proposes, the food manufacturers to give details about

allergens as well as print a new logo for vegetarian food, which consists of a green colour-filled triangle inside a square with a green outline to enable colour-blind people to know about the nature of the product.

These will replace the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labelling) Regulations, 2011.

An official in the FSSAI said that information on calories (energy), saturated fats, trans-fats, added sugar and sodium per serve should be mentioned on the Front of the Pack (FoP) according to the regulation. Currently, most of the packaged food companies

print nutrition details of the contents, including their recommended daily values, at the back of the package.

The labels will also declare, per serve percentage contribution to Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDA).

In addition to the FoP label, FSSAI is planning for the mandatory red colour coding for products which are High in Fat, Sugar and Salt (HFSS), but this would be implemented in phases over the period of three years.

The new draft regulation has been brought to encourage consumers to make healthier food choices and inform them about what the product actually

contains. The regulation is out for suggestions and comments need to be submitted within 30 days, said the official.

Experts believe that obesity is the major reason for developing different types of diabetes mellitus. Several researchers have highlighted that obesity accounts for 80-85 per cent of the risk of developing type-2 diabetes.

Latest data released by the World Obesity Federation, an organisations dedicated to solving the problem of obesity, shows that the percentage of Indian adults living with obesity is set to jump to around 5% by 2025, from 3.7% in 2014.

Govt frequently misusing Ordinances: Cong

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Congress on Thursday blamed the Modi Government for frequently misusing provisions of Ordinances and accused it of "making Lok Sabha as rubber-stamp."

Participating in the debate on the passing of the bill seeking to extend the period for reconstitution of the Central Council for Homeopathy (CCH), Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, Leader of Opposition criticized the Government for bringing the matter earlier also in Lok Sabha and giving assurances to the House and change the contents through another Ordinance.

"Sometimes it is felt that the Government is running preferably on the basis of Ordinances as if it is a Government of the Ordinance, by the Ordinance and for the Ordinance. Heavens would not have fallen upon us had the Government waited for a few months. But the Government is so impatient about promulgation of Ordinances that is really beyond any rational explanation," said Chowdhury pointing out the frequent changes in Ordinances related to Homeopathy Council.

"If this Ordinance issuing is not limited by convention, only to extreme and very urgent cases, the result may be that in future, the Government may go on issuing Ordinances giving the Lok Sabha no option, but to rubber-stamp the



Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Choudhury speaks in the Lok Sabha during the Budget Session of Parliament in New Delhi, Thursday PTI

Ordinances. So, the Government should not turn the Lok Sabha to rubber-stamp the Ordinances," he said initiating resolution against the Bill.

Later the House passed Bill, rejecting the Opposition's resolution. The Homeopathy Central Council (Amendment) Bill, 2019 will enable the government to extend the tenure of the Board of Governors for a further period of one year with effect from May 17, 2019. This was the second bill which was passed by the newly-constituted Lok Sabha after the Special Economic Zone

(Amendment) Bill 2019.

The Bill, which was moved by Ayush minister Shripad Naik, will replace the ordinance issued in this regard by the previous government. Speaking on the bill, Naik said this bill aims to make the council more efficient and effective. The House also rejected the resolution initiated by RSP MP NK Preamchandran.

The affairs of the Central Homeopathy Council have been entrusted to a Board of Governors comprising eminent and qualified homeopathy doctors and eminent administrators till such a time

the council is reconstituted. The tenure has been extended since the council could not be reconstituted within one year due to non-updation of state registers of homeopathy during general elections, Naik said.

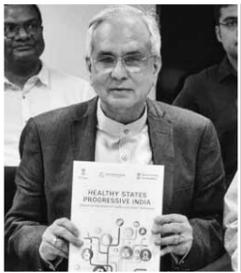
Manoj Rajoria (BJP) said all Primary Health Centres (PHCs) should have a homeopathy doctors, a suggestion which was initially made by Chowdhury. Aparupa Poddar (Trinamool Congress) suggested that a permanent Homeopathy doctor be appointed at Rashtrapati Bhawan clinic which was functioning under a contractual system.



Youth Congress activists protest outside the residence of Union Health Minister Harshvardhan over the death of children due to Acute Encephalitis Syndrome in Muzaffarpur, in New Delhi on Thursday Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer

Health warning

The NITI Aayog survey shows that top-ranking States have tackled primary healthcare well and it is not just about funds



Alarmist bells went off a couple of weeks ago when the dreaded Nipah virus struck Kerala once again. Yet a week later, the State had managed to contain it and most importantly prevent deaths as last year it lost 17 of the 18 infected. What did it do different to arrest a crisis this time? Nothing radical really. It simply set up a preventive network within its public health system, whose task was to check nearly every newly-admitted encephalitis patient so that they could track down "patient zero" or the first infected with

the virus. It simply learnt a lesson from last time that identification and response had to be prompt in isolating the first patient before he/she could transmit the virus to all the others with whom he/she had come in contact. Now compare this to the encephalitis epidemic in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. Despite consistent outbreaks over the last few years, the toll continues to spiral each year, the Muzaffarpur outbreak claiming the lives of 154 children this year. There is no containment protocol yet and kneejerk reactions year after year just end up being a national shame. The difference of attitude, intent and commitment even within a given set of resources is the reason why Kerala has topped the overall health performance index launched by NITI Aayog. And Uttar Pradesh is the worst when it comes to overall performance in the public health sector. Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra have emerged as the top ranking states based on historical performance across health indicators while Haryana, Rajasthan and Jharkhand topped the index based on incremental performance. Gujarat, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh are at fourth, fifth and sixth spots. This listing becomes significant simply because the ranking entitles each State to the amount of Budget they get from the Centre. But most worryingly, it highlights the disparity in public healthcare systems that prevents planners from drawing up a holistic and realistic plan.

This inequality is what NITI Aayog chairman Amitabh Kant had highlighted as the real problem last year while comparing infant mortality rates in deciding the human development index. The rate of children dying before their first birthday is much higher in States that figure low on the NITI Aayog index, compared with the best-performing States of Goa, Manipur and Kerala. In fact, the infant mortality rate in Goa and Kerala average the same as European nations. It is not always about the economic index but how you allocate resources and plan public healthcare delivery systems. By the prosperity logic, Uttar Pradesh should have done well considering it features among the top three States to contribute most to the national GDP. Both Kerala and Goa figure low on that scale. Yet public health expenditure in Goa, at ₹2,439 per capita, was almost four times the national average, five times that of Uttar Pradesh and twice that of Uttarakhand, according to a Health and Family Welfare Ministry report of 2017. Even in rural Goa, the average medical expenditure per hospitalisation is twice the average for all States and Union Territories in India. It has no shortfall of nursing staff at primary health centres (PHCs) and sub-health centres (SHCs), something which aggravated the AES outbreak in Bihar, where primary health centres didn't even have enough mandatory glucose drips or trained personnel as people trudged to the nearest working health facility nearly eight hours away. Uttar Pradesh has often made national headlines with PHCs being overcrowded and cataract surgeries being conducted under torchlight or them simply crumbling under pressure and lack of healthcare professionals. Estimates indicate that Uttar Pradesh requires 31,037 sub-centres, 5,172 PHCs and 1,293 CHCs to meet its healthcare demands. And considering States have the primary responsibility of healthcare coverage, their below par performance impacts the overall health scenario of the country. Even if the budget raises the allocation of public healthcare, the dissemination has to be systemised and scaled to reap rewards. Although Modicare has been a good start, there are niggling questions about implementation still with many hospitals staying away because of the fixed rates clause. Besides, what happens when an insured individual or family exceeds coverage? This is why focus must be redirected towards public health infrastructure, mainly towards strengthening primary and secondary health centres, so that effective first-line treatment can save lives.

The Trump tariff

The US President has trained his trade guns on India. How this will end depends a lot on Modi's diplomatic skills



As Narendra Modi took off on Air India 1 towards Japan, he could scarcely have imagined that while he was airborne, US President Donald Trump would make India the latest victim of his incessant tweeting. This, less than a day after his top diplomat came to India and said that trade is not a problem and India-US defence cooperation is top of the agenda for his government. But with Trump, nobody really knows what he is thinking and doing. He has truly upended global diplomacy and almost single-handedly kept the

micro-blogging service Twitter relevant, blowing hot and cold. Trump is upset that India increased tariffs on 28 American imports soon after the US removed the benefits that Indian exporters received under the Generalised System of Preferences (GSP) impacting \$5.5 billion of Indian exports. This is not the first time he has vocally complained about Indian tariffs; he has in the past complained about the extremely high import curbs India has for motorcycles, Harley-Davidson to be precise, but this is his first Twitter missive to India on trade.

India has upset the US on many fronts. The latter is angry we are purchasing the S400 Surface-To-Air missile defence system from Russia. Our e-commerce policies have been vehemently opposed by American retailing giant Walmart, now owner of Flipkart as well as Amazon. US financial services firms are upset with India's data localisation norms and, of course, Americans have always been upset at the way Indian IT firms are "taking away jobs." The US has, therefore, threatened to cut back the number of H-1B visas that India gets allotted. And while External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar made clear to US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo in Delhi that India would take its own decisions with regard to the S400 purchase and Huawei equipment for India's telecom networks, we are unwittingly playing a role in Trump's increasingly angst-ridden issues with China. But at the same time, India is a vital part of the US' strategy to contain China going forward. The Indo-US ties, despite the trade issues, have never been better, particularly militarily, and Trump and Modi appear to get along. Yet it will take extreme diplomatic caution to deal with the US President. Other countries, particularly China and Iran, have learnt not to second-guess him and hoping that a Democratic candidate will defeat him cannot be the central part of a strategy. Of course, Modi could learn golf, something that appears to have worked for Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, but dealing with Trump on trade is not going to be easy.

opinion

Increasing cases of mob lynchings indicate that either the BJP Government does not care or it has no control and has its hands tied. The latter is hard to believe



AJOY KUMAR

On June 18, Tabrez Ansari, a 24-year-old Muslim boy, was lynched by a mob in Jharkhand's Kharsawan district on the suspicion of theft. This is the 11th case of hate crime in the six months of this year. In this week's column, I will examine what the anatomy of hate crime is all about. I will attempt to raise some uncomfortable questions that need answers. Hopefully, they should press us to think afresh and take action.

What is hate crime? It can essentially be described as a type of behaviour that is spurned or motivated by hatred towards a particular group. Typical signs of hate crime are where victims are chosen because of their particular identity: Like race, religion, caste and sexual orientation among others. Furthermore, in the case of hate crime, usually, perpetrators have no direct relationship with the victims.

Let's take a look at the circumstances under which the Jharkhand incident occurred. On June 18, Ansari was tied to a pole and was brutally beaten up for hours together before being handed over to the police. Horrifying videos of the attack that have surfaced show that the mob forced Ansari to chant 'Jai Shri Ram' and 'Jai Hanuman' repeatedly. These are typical signs of hate crime. Apologists for the BJP Government in Jharkhand and at the Centre may argue that the mob was unlawfully beating up an alleged thief and that this does not mean that a particular community was targeted. To these apologists, I want to ask: What justifies the action of the mob to ask the victim to chant 'Jai Shri Ram' and 'Jai Hanuman'? And is it mere coincidence that this lynching incident occurred when chants of 'Jai Shri Ram' were in focus in Parliament? Or that it happened in the same month when a person was thrown off a train because he refused to chant 'Jai Shri Ram'? The uncomfortable answer will be that in today's 'New India', whosoever does not fall in the line with the BJP's and RSS's limited, macho view of "Hinduism", will be dealt with by an unpredictable rule of the mob.

Who has created this environment for hate crime? In terms of numbers, the Government's own data in 2017 published by the National Crimes Records Bureau (NCRB) showed that the number of offences promoting enmity on communal and racial lines went up by 41 per cent between 2014 (when Prime Minister Modi and the BJP were elected for the first time) and 2017. By the way, these numbers published by NCRB do not include incidents related to cow slaughter and those attacked on the suspicion of cow slaughter. If those figures were included, it would cause further embarrassment to the BJP and bring greater shame on us. Such numbers reach alarming proportions when there is an environment for its unabated growth.

One way in which such an environment



is created is when there is a view that the perpetrators of such crimes can escape without punishment. Just take a look at the fact that most of these crimes are recorded on phones and thereafter widely circulated. In an interview with one such member of a mob, a reporter recounted how it is common to hear the perpetrators of such a crime video-tape their act because of the notoriety it brings and the "respect" it would gather in their circles. The video-taping of such incidents shows a brazen disregard or fear of repercussion. Another way in which this belief of being above the law is encouraged is when there are clear lapses by individuals in authority. Such people may be police officers or even doctors serving the Government.

In the case of Tabrez Ansari, a few hours after being brutally beaten, the police apparently recorded a "confession" from him. Amazingly, there was not a single line about the assault that he was subject to, even though the act was recorded by attackers on their mobile phones.

Further, it is shocking that the police could not use its skills of perception (or even plain sight) or training to figure out that Tabrez Ansari had been brutally beaten up. All of it does not stop here. There is also the case of the doctor who conducted the initial medical examina-

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CAN THE BJP EXPLAIN WHY LYNCHINGS RELATED TO COW SLAUGHTER ARE CURRENTLY NOT CLASSIFIED AS HATE CRIMES? CAN IT EXPLAIN WHY, WITH A CLEAR MAJORITY SINCE 2014, NO HATE CRIME LAWS HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED?
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tion of Tabrez Ansari and found him to be "fit" to be thrown in the jail rather than a hospital. Such frightening degree of negligence treads dangerously on the thin red line between complexity and ignorance.

Some might say that these are subtle indicators and cannot be directly attributed to the BJP or the RSS. I mean it is not like a senior leader of the BJP (and a Union Minister) has garlanded the men accused of lynching a Muslim on the suspicion of cow slaughter or that an accused in a major terrorist attack (which resulted in the death of Muslims) was fielded as a Lok Sabha candidate and is currently a sitting Member of Parliament. Oops. That's exactly what has happened.

Does the BJP not care or does it have no control? The statistics highlighted above, the brazen nature of crimes and the shameless manner in which these crimes have been captured on video as also repeatedly shared by the perpetrators of heinous crimes indicate one of the two things: Either the BJP Government does not care or it has no control and has its hands tied. It's hard to believe that it has no control.

The fact is that the BJP and Prime Minister Modi were given a clear majority in 2014 and now in 2019, further, the majority of States where these crimes have occurred, are ruled

by the party. Therefore, what is the excuse? Can the BJP explain why lynchings related to cow slaughter are currently not classified as hate crimes? Can it explain why, with a clear majority since 2014, no hate crime laws have been introduced where (as was proposed by the Congress in its manifesto) officers, who are found negligent in dealing with such crimes, are dealt with firmly? Can the party explain why Pragyta Thakur, a terror accused and someone who claimed Nathuram Godse was a martyr, currently still sits as the BJP MP from Bhopal?

The Prime Minister's response to the lynching incident has been predictable and standard. He condemned the act but it appears his condemnation does not hold much weight because such crimes are still happening. Even with Pragyta Thakur, Prime Minister Modi said he would "never forgive" her for the remarks on Mahatma Gandhi.

My final question in this piece is really for all of us: If we, as politicians, journalists, actors, industrialists or as citizens don't speak up against powers that have allowed such injustice to continue, are we harmless spectators or do we have to live with the guilt of being part of the problem?

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SOUNDBITE

It is she (Mamata) who is responsible for using violence against the Left and weaken it in West Bengal. Now, what's the meaning of this appeal to join hands?

Communist leader
—S Sudhakar Reddy



I feel happy that today actors are able to take on more challenging parts. Really, the age of actors is here, the age of good content is here.

Actor
—Richa Chadha



A lack of action by US authorities on fake political content after the 2016 election helped pave the way for a subsequent avalanche of online disinformation.

Facebook CEO
—Mark Zuckerberg



With an unhealthy alliance with the Congress, he (HD Kumaraswamy) became the CM. Now, he has lost his mental balance.

Union minister
—Prahlad Joshi



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Shun intolerance

Sir — India cannot afford to tolerate the culture of lynching. Mobs have grown accustomed to grabbing individuals suspected of some crime and beating them to a pulp, often resulting in deaths. What has made lynching even more horrific than fatal mob violence is the religious tinge given to it.

In the latest episode of lynching coming in from Jharkhand, a young Muslim welder, who had come home from his workplace in Pune, was beaten for hours on end on suspicion of stealing a motorcycle. Video clips of the beating have been circulating on TV/social media, which show members of the mob asking him to chant 'Jai Shri Ram' and 'Jai Hanuman' and the victim complying. It was distressing to see his young widow crying.

Remember, soon after Prime Minister Narendra Modi exhorted his MPs to win the trust (*sabka vishwas*) of the minorities, a Muslim man was slapped by a bunch of goons in Gurugram in May. His 'crime'? He was wearing a skull cap, which was not "allowed" in the area. He was told

Bihar must prioritise healthcare

The Niti Aayog's 2019 health index report isn't surprising. It ranked a few backward States like Bihar and Uttar Pradesh as the worst performers. Only recently, over 150 children died due to acute encephalitis syndrome in Bihar's Muzaffarpur. Surprisingly, vested interests planted a canard that the deaths happened because the children had consumed litchi, the pride and the livelihood of the place. Many days after the flare-up, the Bihar Government suspended a senior resident doctor for negligence on duty; the coy act evoked instant laughter. A disturbed Supreme Court had to step in to admonish the Government to learn the art of good governance and to treat the poor and those affected with sympathy. Was litchi really the reason behind the deaths? Medical scientists have unequivocally stated that the toxin in the fruit acts only on a human body suffering from malnutrition. Fact is that people in this State struggle for even a square meal a day.

A year ago, Kerala, too was faced with a sudden attack of the deadly Nipah virus, a fast spreading disease with no known medical protocol to follow and no proven medicine to administer. The virus had sneaked in through fruit-eating bats. Led by the Health Minister,

to remove it and forced to chant 'Jai Shri Ram' and 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai'. Such deplorable incidents bely Modi's claim that the Opposition is making the minorities live in "imaginary fear." The fear is palpably real; the apprehension that things might get even

worse for the "other" during the NDA's second term is not unfounded. The onus is on the top brass to show zero tolerance to intolerance, lest the dream of a new India turns into a nightmare.
JS Acharya
 Hyderabad



the State administration swung into action, readying men, materials and medicines on war-footing. Nipah was contained. In Bihar, the State machinery exhibited no such urgency to wage a fight. In fact, it found itself unequal to the humongous threat. The Minister, who descended on Muzaffarpur, purportedly to engineer a fightback, completed his visit hurriedly and left. The sorrow of Muzaffarpur is certainly not litchi.
Haridasan Rajan
 Kozhikode

Cracks bound to happen

Sir — Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) supremo Mayawati's decision to part ways with the Samajwadi Party (SP) isn't surprising. In any case, this is not the first time that

she has dumped an ally. Way back in the 1990s, she abandoned the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which was responsible for giving her the first taste of power — she became the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh three times with the BJP's support, and each time, she slammed the door on their face.

One is surely reminded of the Prime Minister's warning that the *mahagathbandhan* was an opportunistic alliance which would fall apart soon after elections. Indeed, his description of *mahamilavat* was rather apt.

Padmini Ravghendra
 Secunderabad

Shameful incident

Sir — Incidents of mob lynching that keep happening time and again not only portray India in a bad light abroad but also insinuate political patronage. One wonders if the perpetrators of such crimes are punished. There is an urgent need to rekindle terms of brotherhood.

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FIRST COLUMN

A new Game of Thrones

With respect to ongoing trade issues with the US and China, India must tread its path cautiously and decide after weighing all its options



KUMARDEEP BANERJEE

A modern *swyamavar*, an ancient India practice where a bride, generally a princess, goes through an exhaustive talent hunt to choose her partner/husband based on the skill sets of prospective suitors, is on. The 'coy' bride is a jewel from the East, having perhaps the largest cache of "billion addressable consumers", a prized possession for all global companies. Suitor 1 is an "old ally", who would like to use historical relationships to win the bride but may fall short of scaring/bullying others in the race. Suitor 2 is the not-so-friendly neighbour, who has realised the potential of an economic partnership in the recent past and would not fall short of opening its State coffers to woo the bride.

You may have guessed the names of the players in this high-end courtship game but for now, the world's largest economies — the US, India and China — are strategically tugged against each other on trade and tariff issues, which are being discussed in high-level meetings from coast to coast.

Historically, the US and India have nurtured their relationship based on stated objectives of being "natural allies". Yet, this intimacy has led to the widening of economic interests between two nations, leading to what many call "darkening of relationships", caused by the recurrence of friction points, tariffs being a major sore point. We will not get into the entire chronology on Generalised System of Preferences (GSP), retaliatory tariffs, threats of investigations under Section 301 by the Office of the United States Trade Representative and being anointed "tariff kings". Suffice to say, India-US trade issues are not at the centre of the robust relationship developed by both countries in the past few years in the field of defence and checking the rise of unbridled dictatorial super leaders on global negotiating tables.

Meanwhile, China, slow to start but eager to finish at the top, has managed to push much of its Institute Of Computing Technology (ICT) products and services into the Indian market. One of the stated objectives of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) 3.0 Government is for the country to occupy a co-driver's seat in the upcoming leap of technology called the fifth generation networks or 5G. Digitally-aided dreams of a driverless car travel in chaotic Indian fish markets and surgeries without physical presence in electricity dark places, howsoever sci-fi and populist, are easier to sell to consumers/electorate, most of whom have recently joined the digital platform, riding on cheap data. We shall leave out the economic feasibility and willingness of major telecom operators to bite this 5G bait in India for another time.

Huawei, a large Chinese equipment vendor barred by the US, which is also facing resistance from American allies, has made deep inroads in the "leapfrogging" the Indian telecom arena and is willing to make future investments, "allegedly provide access" to the Indian Government's security needs, is eyeing to be a major player in the 5G play. The question for the Indian Government is: Will it be in a position to further deplete its economic relationship with the US and manage to convince "debt strapped telecom operators" to substitute cheaper Huawei with US/Europe/South Korea equipment? The question will also be: What impact will it have on larger India-China Strategic Economic Partnerships, read in context of "Regional Comprehensive Economic" partnerships where China is increasingly baring its teeth for wider access to Indian markets under the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) route.

There is one more human face to the India-China economic partnership framework. It is riding on billions of dollars worth of investments from the likes of Tencent (think PUBG), Alibaba (think Paytm) and ByteDance (think TikTok), whose platforms and investments in products and services have created access for a new set of Indian consumers. These three match in innovation and content delivery with US giants like Google and Facebook and have created a new data-hungry market in India. Turning the tap off, for any one of them, may now face ire from the consumers.

This brings us to the original analogy of who should the bride chose in this high-stake *Game of Thrones*? Option A would be to let the "amorous and fatal dance" linger for a bit while she enjoys the attention of both suitors before any one of them kills each other or makes a fatal mistake. Option B would be to choose one and face the wrath of the other. Option C would be to have one night/issue based stands with the suitors while not declaring anybody a clear winner and keeping the doors open. The bride has to choose wisely.

(The writer is a policy analyst)

POINTCOUNTERPOINT

THE BJP IS TRYING TO RUN A PARALLEL GOVERNMENT IN BENGAL. ALL OF US (TMC, CONGRESS AND CPI-M) MUST COME TOGETHER IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE BJP.

—WEST BENGAL CHIEF MINISTER
MAMATA BANERJEE



IF SHE IS SERIOUS SHE'LL HAVE TO TALK TO OUR SENIOR LEADERSHIP. THE WAY BJP IS GROWING IN BENGAL, IT IS DUE TO MAMATAJ'S FAILURES.

—SENIOR CONGRESS LEADER
ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY

Why women must work

Organisations must ensure friendlier workplaces with supportive policies, curb cultural and social biases to increase output and improve performances by skilled women



AISHWARYA GIRIDHAR

MEGHA PATNAIK

Chandrayaan-2 is the first mission to the moon's south pole by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) as also the first one to be led by two women — M Vanitha as the project director and Ritu Karidhal as the mission director — making it extremely special. Different fields like science, technology, engineering and mathematics all across the world have acknowledged that women account for the lowest shares world over. And this is a problem. And in India, these questions receive limited attention. To understand the issue better, we spoke to women in the tech sector. Conversations with them revealed that while policies around maternity leave and daycare are supportive, the option to work from home remains dependent on the organisation and the management. Perceptions at work about women being skewed — though there is no discernible wage gap among those interviewed — biases are reflected in promotion and pay for which processes are opaque.

Globally, historical dominance of men in the tech space has led to technological developments along particular trajectories. Outcomes include products that are not well-suited to women, including oversized phones, violent video games with the portrayal of women not too appealing to many girls and Apple watches that track multiple health outcomes but not menstruation, just to name a few. With more and more women joining the labour workforce and with the money to spend, technology companies are missing out on a growing market by continuing to design products and services for men and by men. Working in tech offers women multiple opportunities to learn, grow and contribute, making it imperative to understand the barriers that prevent their entry.

Concerns in India differ from those in the West. In India, women may relatively be more involved with the family and social networks in decisions surrounding work, marriage and family. This may constrain them from pursuing education and careers in their desired fields. On the other hand, women in India have access to child care through family support or hired help, which is expensive or almost impossible in most Western countries. There has been limited effort in understanding both the support that this sector extends to women in India and the biases they perpetuate.

To understand the experience of women in the technology sector, we interviewed women working as developers, design managers, coders and business analysts. Some of them had worked abroad in the tech sector and offered comparative views across environments. The variety of companies and roles provided a diverse understanding of company policies. According to our respondents, policies such as maternity leave and daycare are functioning well and support women at work. The Indian law provides for maternity benefits envious in the Silicon Valley.

Take for instance, the Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act was amended in 2017 and extended paid maternity leave from 12 weeks to 26 weeks. It also mandated establishments with more than 50 employees to have a creche for working mothers. The respondents recorded little trouble in extending maternity leave, using the daycare provisions and were happy with the

“IN INDIA, PERCEPTIONS ABOUT WOMEN AT WORK ARE LARGELY NEGATIVE, WITH COLLEAGUES AND MANAGERS BELIEVING THAT THEY PUT IN LESS EFFORT. FURTHERMORE, WORK FROM HOME POLICIES VARY ACROSS ORGANISATIONS AND OFTEN DEPEND ON THE DISCRETION OF THE MANAGER. THESE POLICIES ARE KEY TO PROVIDING FLEXIBILITY TO EMPLOYEES ACROSS GENDERS”



period of leave. However, there's a flip-side, too. Although multinationals and big Indian firms are better placed to be able to accommodate such policies and absorb the relevant costs, startups and small businesses prefer to hire men over women because of the required provision of benefits. Furthermore, work from home policies vary across organisations and often depend on the discretion of the manager. These policies are key to providing flexibility to employees across genders but the women we interviewed mentioned this specifically as a support mechanism offered by their organisation.

Research by Nick Bloom, James Liang, John Roberts and Zhichun Jenny Ying on Ctrip in China showed a 13.5 per cent rise in worker productivity through work from home policies as employees completed their full shift of work, thus saving commute time. This translates to about an extra day of work every week. With improvements in digital and mobile technology, companies can consider this as a viable option to improve output and performance of their teams. A combination of working from home and working from the office can allow the employees flexibility while also increase productivity.

Perceptions about women at the workplace have also affected outcomes. Meredith Brussard in her book, *Artificial Unintelligence*, describes how aptitude tests were used to select programmers in the 1960s in America, favouring mathematically inclined males. As the media continued to portray the ideal programmer in this way, the result today is an industry dominated

by men where women and girls do not feel welcomed. 'Girls Who Code' is an initiative that is confronting this stereotype through after-school and summer computer education for girls in schools.

In India, perceptions about women at work are largely negative, with colleagues and managers believing that they put in less effort. A design manager reported that despite receiving positive feedback during appraisals, she typically received average-to-below-average ratings and the opaqueness of the appraisal and promotion process did not provide her with any justification.

A business analyst in one of India's largest MNCs in the software sector revealed that "managers think women prioritise family more than office and that mentality of the people is that women work less". Women reported feeling that climbing up the corporate ladder was harder for them and that they were not considered for challenging roles. They were of the view that "promotions and important appreciations favoured men." Though women in our sample survey did not face wage gap for the same positions, biases against them appear to be reflected in appraisals, role allocations and promotions.

Globally, companies have introduced pay transparency as a way to curb the pay gap. Verve, a UK-based firm, has worked on driving equity simply by allowing all its employees the access to the pay of their bosses, their peers and even their CEO. Such initiatives do not require huge resources but simply a desire to change. Google has since its inception aimed at being a diverse workplace and has also focussed

on preferentially hiring women in both software programming positions as well as in the top management. If Google can do it, why do other firms hold back?

In terms of using technology to improve the lives of women, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is changing the lives of women in the developing world by empowering them with information and banking options they never had before. Women in South Asia are 26 per cent less likely to own a mobile phone than a man and 70 per cent less likely to use mobile internet. Mobile phone can empower women and challenge social norms as they can use the phones to learn and build skills, have financial independence, privacy and access that they are not otherwise allowed.

The Indian tech industry will stand to gain from the talent and enterprise of women employees by directing technology towards them. Friendlier workplaces with supportive policies and curbing the cultural and social biases faced by women colleagues is the need of the hour for organisations to move ahead. Introducing girls to programming at an early age and fighting stigma around 'only men' pursuing such fields is important. Communities, where women in technology-related fields promote and inspire each other, must be created. India has immense potential that is yet to be harnessed in the tech area. We need to wake up to this and push technological innovations in a direction that is all-inclusive for women.

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The missing link to nutritional safety

While the percentage of stunted children has seen marked improvements in recent times, progress has been really slow. States must follow Maharashtra's mission approach example to tackle the problem of child malnutrition



SWAPNA MAJUMDAR

Almost one in three children in India under five years of age will still be stunted by 2022 if present trends continue. This worrying revelation was made earlier this week by the UN World Food Programme in collaboration with the Indian Government's Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation after an analysis of the country's food and nutrition security.

Although child stunting, a measure of chronic malnutrition, has come down, the progress has been quite slow at an annual rate of about one per cent. This means that 31.4 per cent of the children will still be stunted by 2022 and India may not

be able to meet its *poshan abhiyan* goal to bring down stunting of children from 38.4 per cent in 2015-16 to 25 per cent by 2022.

This report states that the poorest 30 per cent of the Indian population consumes an average of 1,811 kilo calories. This is much lower than the 2,155 kilo calories required everyday. Children have borne the brunt of this economic inequality. High rates of stunting have been recorded among children in the poorest wealth quintile (51.4 per cent).

In other words, children from the marginalised communities do not have equitable access to food. While the rate is 43.6 per cent among children from the Scheduled Tribes and 42.5 per cent among those from the Scheduled Castes, it is much higher (51 per cent) in children born to mothers with no education. It comes as no surprise that almost one in two children is stunted in States like Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. Here, the percentage of stunted children stands at 48 per cent and 46 per cent respectively.

If India is to meet its 2022 target, it needs to double its rate of progress. One way to do so is to invest in high-quality interventions, especially in Early Childhood Development (ECD) for the 158 million children in the 0-6 age group. This group comprises approximately 13 per cent of the Indian population.

Globally, well-designed interventions targeting this group have already proven to be a cost-effective way of improving outcomes for all children, especially the vulnerable and disadvantaged. Since ECD involves interventions in health, nutrition, along with early education, it has the potential to prevent stunting.

Maharashtra is one of the States which showed a remarkable decline in stunting. There was a significant reduction of child stunting by around 15 percentage points during the period 2006-2012. This was possible due to focussed nutrition interventions. However, recent district health data seems to suggest that this progress has since then

reached a plateau. The State has decided to address this concern through more focussed ECD interventions.

Maharashtra has joined hands with the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) to launch a responsive care-giving programme in 18 blocks in four districts and covers 2,559 *anganwadis* centres in the tribal, rural and urban areas in Palghar, Yavatmal, Aurangabad and Pune. Under this responsive care-giving programme, children in the 0-3 age group are monitored through home visits as well as at the *anganwadi* by workers and their helpers.

Additionally, a meeting of mothers is held every month to teach better care-giving and build their knowledge on nutrition, health and cognitive skills.

For the 3-6 year age group, the focus is on improving skills and education at the *anganwadi* centre through the specially developed Aakar Early Childhood Education (ECE) programme. Here, too, a

monthly mothers' meeting is held to ensure engagement with the child's mental and physical development.

Importantly, the State-wide Aakar ECE curriculum is specific to Maharashtra. Designed by the State and UNICEF to suit children in the age group of 3-6 years, this is more contextual to the State. While it is based on the National Early Childhood Care and Education (ECE) Policy, the Aakar curriculum has been developed keeping the local culture and needs in mind.

The *Anganwadi Worker* (AWW) being the key to the success of this intervention, their capacity-building as well as that of the Child Development Project Officer (CDPOs) and *anganwadi* supervisors was first carried out. Training on early childhood education methodologies and developmental milestones as well as stimulation therapy for brain development of children were underlined because the brain makes 700 synaptic connections per second after birth and grows to 80 per cent of its

weight before three years.

Equally important has been improving their communication skills to counsel mothers on the importance of ECD in preventing stunting, especially in blocks where female literacy is poor.

In Palghar, a primarily tribal block, the programme is being implemented by Save the Children in collaboration with its local partner Grammangal. Getting the mothers here to see *anganwadis* as a place for learning and growth, (both mental and physical), and not merely for take-home rations and mid-day meals is still a work-in-progress in a district plagued by malnutrition of children.

Helping take this forward has been the low-cost teaching-learning aids developed by Grammangal which AWWs and mothers can make from locally available material to promote learning and develop diverse cognitive competencies. The process is slow but where there is will, there is always a way.

(The writer is a senior journalist)



HITTING THE WRONG NOTE

There's a dismal history of racial profiling when it comes to provocative art. Until 2017, the controversial 696 live music order form was required 14 days in advance for London shows. Events that "predominantly feature DJs or MCs performing to a recorded backing track" were targeted. Yet again, black people appeared to be disproportionately affected by authorities. (The Guardian editorial)

Govt sets up working group to revise series of WPI



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government Thursday set up an 18-member working group for the revision of the current series of Wholesale Price Index.

The revision of the base year would help in presenting a more realistic picture of the price situation and its impact on people.

The commerce and industry ministry in a statement said the current series of Wholesale Price Index (WPI) with 2011-12 as base year was introduced in May 2017.

Since 2011-12, significant structural changes have taken place in the economy, it said.

"Therefore, it has become necessary to examine the cov-

erage of commodities, weighting diagram and related issues pertaining to the existing series of index numbers of WPI," it said.

Accordingly, it said, the government has constituted a working group for the revision of current series of WPI (Base 2011-12) under Chairmanship of Ramesh Chand, Member, Niti Aayog.

The other members are from National Statistical Office, Ministry of Finance, Department of Agriculture, RBI and Department of Consumer Affairs.

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade will be the nodal office for the group and will process its report/recommendation for further necessary

action.

The Terms of Reference of the group include selecting the most appropriate Base Year for the preparation of a new official series of Index Numbers of (WPI and Producer Price Index (PPI) in India.

The group will also review commodity basket of the current series of WPI and suggest additions/deletions of commodities in the light of structural changes in the economy witnessed since 2011-12.

It will also review the existing system of price collection in particular for manufacturing sector and suggest changes for improvement, to decide on the computational methodology to be adopted for monthly WPI/PPI.

Indians' money in Swiss banks falls, hits second-lowest level in two decades

PTI ■ ZURICH

Money parked by Indian individuals and enterprises in Swiss banks, including through India-based branches, fell by nearly 6 per cent in 2018 to 955 million Swiss francs (about ₹6,757 crore) to hit its second-lowest level in over two decades, Swiss National Bank data showed Thursday.

Aggregate funds of all foreign clients of Swiss banks also fell by over 4 per cent to CHF 1.4 trillion (nearly ₹99 lakh crore) in 2018, as per the annual banking statistics released by

the Zurich-based central banking authority of Switzerland.

However, the 'locational banking statistics' of the Bank for International Settlement (BIS), which the Indian and Swiss Governments had said last year was a more reliable measure for deposits by Indian individuals in Swiss banks, showed a greater fall of 11 per cent for 2018.

According to the SNB, its data for 'total liabilities' of Swiss banks towards Indian clients takes into account all kinds of funds of Indian customers at Swiss banks, including deposits from individuals, banks and enterprises. This includes data for branches of Swiss banks in India, as also non-deposit liabilities.

The funds, described by the SNB as 'liabilities' of Swiss banks or 'amounts due to' their clients, are the official figures reported by the banks and do not indicate the quantum of the much-debated alleged black money held by Indians there.

The official SNB figures also do not include the money that Indians, NRIs or others might have in Swiss banks in the names of entities from different countries.

MG Motor announces price of Hector

Priced to take on market-leader Hyundai Creta

PNS ■ GURUGRAM

Shanghai Automotive Industrial Corporation (SAIC) on Thursday announced the price of their new Sports Utility Vehicle, the MG Hector. The large SUV is the first foray by a Chinese carmaker into India and will be sold under the formerly British 'MG' brand. The Hector is being manufactured by SAIC at the former General Motors plant in Halol, Gujarat and will feature two engine options, a

1.5-litre turbocharged petrol with 143PS of power and a 2-litre diesel with 170PS of power. The petrol variant will be available as a manual with and without a 48-volt 'mild hybrid' option as well as a dual-clutch automatic. The diesel will be available with only a six-speed manual gearbox and there will be four specification levels for the car. Prices will range from ₹12.18 lakh to ₹15.88 lakh for the manual petrol versions, ₹15.28 lakh to ₹16.68 lakh for the automatic versions and ₹13.18 lakh to ₹16.88 lakh for the diesel variants.

However, MG Motor India, managing Director, Rajeev Chaba made it clear that these prices are just introductory prices but will be valid for some time, he also said that the MG Hector has received over 10,000 bookings since the start of June. As the car is the first foray by a Chinese manufacturer into the hyper-competitive Indian car market MG Motor has a slew of incentives for buyers including a five-year unlimited warranty for private owners, an assured buyback price at 60 per cent of the selling price after three years as well as comprehensive ownership packages. Chaba said that the Hector will have the lowest ownership costs of any vehicle in the ₹10-20 lakh range.

TE Rig showcases hi-tech products

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The TE Rig on Thursday showcased products covering gaming, ICT, home & living categories — each bearing the hallmark of Taiwan Excellence.

Taiwan Excellence's Mobile Showroom named TE Rig that will cruise to different parts of India giving people the chance to lay their hands on some path-breaking technology. The TE Rig was flagged off from DLF Promenade Mall in New Delhi and will travel for 90 days covering 61 cities in 12 states.

Taiwan Excellence is an initiative by Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA) to assist Taiwan businesses & manufacturers in reinforcing their international competitiveness.

₹ settles 8 paise higher at 69.07 against US dollar

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Indian rupee pared initial losses and closed 8 paise higher at 69.07 against the US currency on Thursday, supported by easing crude oil prices and weaker crude oil.

However, the rupee movement was confined to a narrow range as forex traders took a cautious approach ahead of the G20 Summit, which is taking place amidst ongoing US-China trade tiff and rising tensions in the Middle East, according to experts.

At the interbank foreign exchange (forex) market, the domestic currency opened at 69.29 a dollar and touched a low of 69.32 and a high of 69.07 during the day.

The local unit finally closed at 69.07 against the American currency, up 8 paise over its previous close.

On Wednesday, the rupee had settled at 69.15 against the US dollar.

Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, fell 0.99 per cent to trade at \$65.83 per barrel.

BMW Motorrad brings in S1000RR Superbike

LOOKS TO DRAMATICALLY INCREASE SALES IN INDIA THIS YEAR

KUSHAN MITRA ■ GURUGRAM

BMW Motorrad, the two-wheeler division of the German automotive manufacturer on Thursday launched the latest version of the S1000RR Superbike in India with actor Shahid Kapoor rising in with the first motorcycle. The S1000RR features a 999cc four-cylinder inline engine with variable valve timing and other innovative features that allow the motorcycle to produce a peak power of 207horsepower making it one of the most powerful two-wheelers to ever go on sale in India. The S1000RR will come in three variants and prices start at ₹18.5 lakh and go up to ₹22.95 lakh for the variant with the M-Sport kit which has several weight-saving improvements.

Speaking to *The Pioneer*, Dmitris Raptis, Head of Asia-Pacific, BMW Motorrad said that he expected sales to



increase dramatically in India in 2019. "For one, this will be the first full year we will have the 310-series available. In 2018 we sold 2187 units but the 310 series has been a huge success. We are expanding from 11 dealerships to 16 dealerships in India which I feel is a sustainable level of growth."

Raptis also made clear that BMW Motorrad is working on electrification he does not see the cost of electric two-wheelers going down significantly. "I feel it will be four-wheelers that will go electric first and drive costs lower. But there is no

Business Corner



Chief Minister, Bhupesh Baghel presented first installment cheque of ₹1.25 Lakhs on Thursday at Raipur to four students of Bastar, Chhattisgarh viz., Santhuram Kunjam, Kum. Kiran Baghel, Harish Baghel and Ved Prakash Som, who qualified JEE, Advance Entrance examination recently and taking admission for engineering course in IITs



CRPF Family Welfare Association (CWA) celebrated its 24th anniversary on Wednesday at CRPF Officers' Institute, Shaurya, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi. Manu Bhatnagar, President CWA was the Chief Guest of the function. Former Presidents of CWA and many distinguished guests of Delhi & NCR graced the occasion



Projects & Development India Limited (PDIL), a Mini Ratna Category-I PSU under Department of Fertilizers, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Government of India, adopted its Audited Accounts for FY 2018-19 in the Board Meeting



E-Office in Chittaranjan Locomotives Works (CLW) was inaugurated by Praveen Kumar Mishra, General Manager/CLW in presence of other Senior Officials and GM/RailTel, Kolkata



NHPC Limited, India's premier hydropower utility and a scheduled 'A' Mini Ratna Enterprise of the Government of India conducted a one day O&M Meet at New Delhi



On International Day of Yoga, NBCC took part in celebration & propagation of India's valued art form — Yoga, to achieve harmony among Body, Mind and Soul



Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment, Thawarchand Gehlot will inaugurate a 500 Seater OBC Girls Hostel at Indore, Madhya Pradesh on 29th June 2019



FCV Tobacco Farmers appeal to Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce and other concerned Ministries to bring cigarette taxation to pre-GST level and protect their livelihoods

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Namely: Unknown, S/o - Unknown R/o: Unknown, Age: 35 years Height: 5'5", Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: White & blue colour shirt & bare footed, who was found dead near mother dairy booth, Kucha Natwa, Chandni Chowk, Kotwali, Delhi.** In this regard a case **DD No: 17 - A dated 19.06.2019 has been registered at P.S. Kotwali, Delhi.** Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

Sd/- SHO
P.S. Kotwali, Delhi
Tel. No. 011-23977100

DP/166/N/19



SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is here by informed that this woman (depicted in the photo) namely: **Rashika W/o Sh. Karan R/o H. No. 390, Gali No. 07, Shalimar Village, Delhi,** has been missing/kidnapped since **14.06.2019.** In this regard **DD No. 50-A Dated 15.06.2019** has been registered at **P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the woman but no clue has come to light so far.

Her physical description is as under:-
Sex: Female, Age: 21 years, Height: 5'3" ft., Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Thin, Wearing: Brown Top and Blue Jeans and Hawaii Chappal in feet.

Any person is having information or clue about this missing/kidnapped woman may kindly inform to the following:-

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Website: http://cbi.nic.in P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi
E-mail: cbc@cbi.gov.in Ph. No.: 011-27495198
Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 Mob. No: 8750870227
Fax No.: 011-24368639 DP/9090/NW/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Anju, D/o Sh. Rajesh, R/o: H.No. 482, Mandir Wali Gali, Azadpur, Delhi Age: 15 years, Height: 4'6", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Thin, wearing White Kurti and Pink Lagging and Pink Chappal in feet,** has been missing since 17.05.2019. In this regard a **FIR No. 233/19 u/s 363 IPC, dated 19.05.2019 has been registered at P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about her please inform undersigned.

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Fax: 011-24368639 DP/9020/NW/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that one person **Namely: Dwarka Prasad, S/o: Sh. Peeru, R/o: B-91, Sangam Park, R.P. Bagh, Delhi, Age: 75 Years, Height: 5'5", Face: Long, Built: Thin, Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: Sky Blue Shirt and Black Pant & Red Chappal in feet** has been missing since 11.06.2019. In this regard **DD No. 14-A dated 12.06.2019** has been lodged at **P.S. Bharat Nagar, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing person but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing person please inform the undersigned.

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Fax: 011-29551597 DP/9083/NW/19 Ph.: 011-27301200, 27303222

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Radha, D/o Sh. Daddan, R/o: T-Huts, 761, Kabir Nagar, Delhi, Age: 22 years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Long, Built: Thin, wearing Purple colour T-Shirt & Orange Payjami and Chappal in feet,** has been missing since 01.02.2019. In this regard a **DD No. 46A, dated 02.05.2019 has been registered at P.S. Bharat Nagar, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about her please inform undersigned.

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Appeal For Identification

General public is hereby informed that this person **Name : Umesh Kumar S/o : Unknown, R/o : Unknown, Age : 45 Years, Sex : Male, Height : 5 Ft. 6 Inch, Complexion : Shallow, ID Mark : A Tattoo Written "उमेश कुमार राम देवी", Wearing : Lining T-shirt, Blue Colour Jeans and Bare Footed, has been found dead on 22.06.2019 at Footpath, Infront of Animal Hospital, Pul Mithai, Tis Hazari, in the area of PS. Subzi Mandi, Delhi.** In this regard a **DD No. 41-A Dated 22.06.2019** has been lodged at **PS. Subzi Mandi, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far.

Any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that a female (depicted in the photo) namely **Kavita, W/o Bablu, R/o A-98, Rajeev Nagar, Begumpur, Delhi,** has been missing since 09.06.2019. In this regard a **D.D. No. 25-A, Dated 10.06.2019** has been registered at **Police Station - Begumpur, Delhi.** Her physical description is as under:-
Age: 26 years, Complexion: Sallow, Height: 5'2", Face: Oval, Clothing: Wearing blue colour Suit and pink colour Laggi.

Any person is having any information/Clue about this missing female may inform undersigned.

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Adopt zero tolerance towards terrorism: Shah

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Sending out a tough message to the terrorists active in the state of Jammu and Kashmir, Union Home Minister Amit Shah Thursday directed security forces to adopt 'zero tolerance' towards terrorism and terrorists.

Winding up his two day long visit, Shah also emphasised on continued strict action against terror funding and strictly enforcing rule of law in the state.

Referring to rising number of corruption cases, he directed the state government to take steps to ensure that the newly created Anti-Corruption Bureau focuses on cases of rampant corruption by the 'High and Mighty'.

While chairing review meeting related to preparations for the Shri Amarnathji Yatra, the Union Home Minister directed all security agencies to be fully alert and take all preventive steps to ensure violence free Yatra. He directed top bosses of



Union Home Minister Amit Shah chairs a meeting to review the security arrangements for the annual Amarnath Yatra in Srinagar on Thursday. Jammu & Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik and Home Secretary Rajiv Gauba are also seen

these security agencies that there should be no laxity in the enforcement of the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). "Senior officers should personally supervise the arrangements at all levels. Forces should

ensure best possible optimum use of latest technologies and the gadgets not only for the security of the yatra but also to facilitate the movement of the devotees and the tourists" he added. He specifically drew

attention of the forces towards anti-sabotage as well as anti-subversion drills and the access control procedures.

Appreciating the wholehearted cooperation of the people of the state in successful

conduct of the yatra, the Union Home Minister reassured his commitment towards best possible arrangements.

During his first visit to the state, Shah held a number of meetings with officials to assess

the security scenario in the state, and provide good governance in the state. He also interacted with a representative group of Sarpanches from the state to gain an insight into the current state of functioning of Panchayats in the state. During the visit, the Union Home Minister also visited the home of the martyred Inspector of J&K Police, Arshad Khan.

The Union Home Minister praised the work of J&K Police in countering terrorism and militancy and directed that the state government should commemorate the martyrdom of its policemen in their hometowns/villages in an appropriate manner each year. Prominent public places should also be named after martyred policemen.

The meetings in Srinagar were attended by the Governor, Satya Pal Malik, Union Home Secretary, Rajiv Gauba all four Advisors, the Chief Secretary and senior officials of the State and Central Governments, of Security Agencies and the Armed Forces.



Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrababoo Naidu lays foundation stone for the construction of new Secretariat buildings in Hyderabad on Thursday

11 students killed in road mishap along Mughal Road

Jammu: A joy ride planned by students via Mughal road turned out to be their last journey as tempo traveller in which they were travelling veered off the hilly road near Peer Ki Gali in South Kashmir's Shopian district leading to death of at least 11 students, including nine girls on Thursday. Seven other students received serious injuries and were rushed to the nearby hospital for medical treatment.

The students were enrolled in a private computer institute in Surankote area of Poonch and were moving towards Kashmir valley when they met with a fatal accident.

Police said, "Tempo traveller bearing registration number JK-12-3475 reportedly overturned and fell in to a deep gorge near Lal Gulam Bridge area of Peer Ki Gali on Thursday".

Soon after the mishap took place, locals and police launched a rescue operation and evacuated all those onboard the vehicle to District Hospital Shopian.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Shopian Mohammad Saleem Malik confirmed death of 11 persons and injuries to seven others who he said have been shifted to SMHS hospital. PNS

BJP, TMC preying at innocents, says Bengal civil society

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Some prominent members of Bengal civil society who on Thursday travelled deep into the by-lanes of Bhatpara a veritable war zone north off Kolkata compared the BJP and the Trinamool Congress with vultures preying on the innocent people.

Among those who condemned the two parties — mutually engaged in a bloody dogfight for political supremacy in Bengal — were film personalities Aparna Sen, Kaushik Sen, Chandan Sen and painter Wasim Kapoor. Others like dramatist Rudraprasad Sengupta, poet Sankha Ghosh supported them from Kolkata.

The intelligentsia's visit to the area and their comment becomes significance against the backdrop of the ongoing bloody battle between the two parties in Bhatpara-Jagaddal-Naihati area in North 24 Parganas. The post poll violence on daily basis have claimed at least half-a-dozen lives in this area which falls under the Barrackpore parliamentary constituency from where BJP strongman Arjun Singh defeated TMC's sitting MP Dinesh Trivedi. Incidentally Singh himself a Mamata Banerjee loyalist and a sitting MLA for years turned coat ahead of the elections after he was denied a TMC ticket by the Chief Minister.

After visiting the area for hours in a sweltering sun actor-director Aparna Sen said, "We visited the lanes and by-lanes of the area and found that the common people are the real victims of the on-going turf war between the two parties.... We spoke to the old, the young the women, the children alike and all have

expressed their deep anguish and grudge against both the parties who are fighting like vultures literally for area domination."

Kaushik Sen a multiple award winning actor who along with Aparna Sen and many other intellectual leaders of the society had taken active part in Mamata Banerjee's Nandigram movement that eventually brought the Marxist rule down in 2011 said "the people seem to have lost confidence on the politicians and have reposed faith in the present

Police Commissioner Manoj Verma who is trying to handle the situation impartially, reminding Verma known for his impartiality was brought into the scene very late.

Attacking both the parties for turning Bengal into a communal battle field they said "our State and particularly Bhatpara had never witnessed such communal clashes before. Here both the Hindus and Muslims have confided in us that they are completely in peace with each other but it is the politicians who are inciting communal disturbance"

On whether they would submit a report to the administration they tended to make loaded statements saying, "we will submit a report to the Governor who is on a neutral position as also the Chief Minister who we will approach as a person different from Mamata Banerjee the chief of a political party."

Even as the civil society walked for peace meeting hundreds of poor people at Bhatpara and the neighbouring areas, the TMC and the BJP fought yet another bloody battle at Gurap in Hooghly where alleged chanting of Jai Shri Ram by some BJP supporters, led to a skirmish between the two parties.

Prashant Kishor meets Didi again

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Even as the Left and the Congress put humiliating conditions to her Wednesday's friendship proposals Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday retraced her steps saying she was misunderstood by the media as she had only suggested forming a social pressure group against an aggressive BJP and not of any political alliance with the two parties.

The Chief Minister had on Wednesday told in the State Assembly that the CPI(M) and the Congress should join hands with her in her fight against the communal forces only to be summarily snubbed by both the parties.

Banerjee in a letter read out to the media on Thursday said she had "not spoken about any alliance but I had only spoken about a social pressure group from all the parties including the Left and the Congress against the BJP"

The Chief Minister's clarifications came hours before political strategist Prashant Kishore visited her for the second time in a month and almost in tandem with senior BJP leader Mukul Roy welcoming her alliance initiative saying, "her call for CPI(M) and Congress' support only proves her own political bankruptcy. It proves that the BJP and not the TMC is the party number one in Bengal."

Roy further said that Banerjee's alliance initiative will in the final run help the BJP. "The TMC like the Left will become a thing of the past in Bengal. The day is not far away," he said.



Flashing of pistol by jail inmates open challenge to CM Adityanath: SP

PTI ■ LUCKNOW

After a video of two inmates flashing a country-made pistol to the Uttar Pradesh's Unnao jail went viral on social media, the Samajwadi Party Thursday termed the incident an "open challenge" to Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

The party alleged the jails in the state were in the "pocket" of criminals.

"Uttar Pradesh ki jail me kuch bhi ho sakta hai. Unnao jail se mukhyamantri ko khula challenge. Raebareilly jail me lag rahi kaidi ki adalat. Apradhion ki jeb me mukhyamantri ki jail! (Anything can happen in UP jails. It's an open challenge to the CM from the Unnao jail. In the Raebareilly jail, criminals are holding a court. The CM's jail is in the pocket of criminals)," the party said in a tweet.

Commenting on the issue, party spokesman Sharvendra Bikram Singh said criminal ruled the roost in the jail.

In the video that went viral on social media, two inmates were seen flashing a country-made pistol, prompting the state government to initiate action against four officials of the Unnao district jail.

The UP Home Department, however,

Wednesday came up with a bizarre clarification, saying the pistol was made of "clay" and looked real as one of the two inmates was a "good painter".

The video of the inmates - Amrishi and Gaurav Pratap Singh, alias Ankur - was circulated on social media on June 23 and the state government had termed the entire sequence of events serious.

Additional Director General (Prisons) Anand Kumar had said, "In the probe, it was found that the incident took place in collusion with some jail officials to put pressure on the jail administration."

"Head Jail Warders Mata Prasad and Hemraj and Jail Warders Awadhesh Sahu and Saleem Khan have been found colluding with the inmates. Action is being initiated against them as per rules," he had said, adding that the video dated back to February.

"Inmate Amrishi was brought to the Unnao jail from Meerut, while Gaurav was transferred from Lucknow," he said.

In a statement, the Home Department said, "During the probe, it was found that Gaurav is a very good painter and the pistol shown in the video is made of clay."

INCIDENTS OF CRIME ON COMMUNAL, CASTE LINES IN BJP-RULED STATES DEFACTO COUNTRY: MAYAWATI

PTI ■ LUCKNOW

BSP president Mayawati Thursday said the incidents of crime on communal and caste lines in the BJP-ruled states are "defaming" the entire country and even embarrasses the prime minister.

Her reaction came after the alleged lynching of Tabrez Ansari in the BJP-governed Jharkhand and some other similar incidents elsewhere in the recent past.

Ansari was thrashed by a mob for alleged theft on June 18 and a video had emerged which purportedly showed that he was forced to chant "Jai Shri Ram" and "Jai Hanuman" in Jharkhand's Saraikela Kharsawan district.

"Why are the BJP governments allowing crimes of communal frenzy and casteism which are not only defaming those states, but also the entire country and even embarrasses the prime minister," Mayawati tweeted.

"As of now, police and government officials are also at the receiving end of this new problem," the BSP president said.

In another tweet, she termed as "embarrassing" the Niti Aayog report on Health Index under which Uttar Pradesh has remained at the bottom.

Make marriage registration must in Arunachal Pradesh: APSCW

PTI ■ LUCKNOW

Itanagar: The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) Thursday demanded that registration of marriages be made compulsory in the State.

Commission's chairperson Radhika Chai along with vice-chairperson Heyomai Towsik and members Hoksum Ori, Likha Joya and Techi Hunmai during a meeting with Chief Minister Pema Khandu said hundreds of cases related to marriage come to the APSCW.

"Due to lack of any registration, husband-wife disputes remain unresolved or partially resolved," she said and urged the government to come up with a feasible act under which all marriages are registered, an official release said.

The Commission also expressed grave concern over the menace of drug-addiction among the youths of the state.

It requested the chief minister to keep provisions in the budget for establishment of drug rehabilitation centres and juvenile observation homes with proper facilities and manpower in the state.

"The upcoming generation needs attention and care from the state government or else drug addiction would wipe them out," the APSCW members said. PTI

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Justice PK Saikia sworn in as Arunachal Lokayukta chief

Itanagar: Arunachal Pradesh Government on Thursday constituted the state Lokayukta, headed by former Gauhati High Court judge PK Saikia as its chairperson. Governor Brig (Retd) Dr B D Mishra administered the oath of office to Justice Saikia at a function held in the Raj Bhavan here. Retired IAS officer Yeshi Tsering also took oath as the member of the Lokayukta in presence of Chief Minister Pema Khandu, Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein, other ministers and officials. Incumbent and former chief ministers, ministers, MLAs, government officials and even NGOs come under the purview of the Lokayukta in the state, officials said. PTI

Missing man from MP traced to Pakistani prison

PTI ■ REWA

A 25-year-old man from Rewa district of Madhya Pradesh who went missing four years ago is reportedly lodged in a jail in Pakistan, the police said Thursday.

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs recently got in touch with state police to verify his details, the official added.

The photo and other details provided by the Union ministry matching with the profile of Anil Kumar, the missing man, Rewa Superintendent of Police Abid Khan told PTI.

Kumar went missing from village Chhadanhai on January 3, 2015, and a police complaint was lodged by his family. "We don't know how he landed in Pakistan. We only got the Ministry of Home Affairs' letter inquiring about the person," the SP said. Kumar's father Buddhsen Saket appealed Prime Minister Narendra Modi to bring his son back. "I appeal Modi-ji to help my son so that he comes home. I believe that Modi-ji helps all and he will help me too," Saket told reporters.

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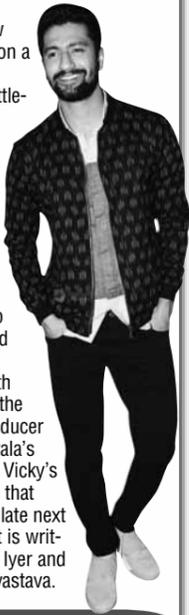
Vicky to play Sam Manekshaw

Actor **VICKY KAUSHAL** has been roped in to play Sam Manekshaw, the first Field Marshal of India, in Meghna Gulzar's next.

Manekshaw cheated death on a few occasions, both on the battlefield and away from it. He led the country to victory against Pakistan in 1971.

He was the first Indian Army officer to be promoted to the rank of Field Marshal.

On the death anniversary of the iconic man producer Ronnie Screwvala's RSVP unveiled Vicky's look in the film that goes on floors late next year. The script is written by Bhavani Iyer and Shantanu Shrivastava.



'I am happy to be part of this film (Khandaani Shafakhana) which is so close to the world, to step into the shoes of a small-town girl, and face the hilarious, madcap challenges thrown at her. It's full of flavour, fun and emotions.'
—Sonakshi Sinha



Actors **AJAY DEVGN** and **KAJOL** are on a road trip along with their children Nysa and Yug.

Kajol shared a family photograph in which the two actors along with their children are seen posing in front of their car with snow-capped mountains in the backdrop.

"Grumbles, rumbles and potato chips... Road trip. Finally," Kajol captioned the image, which has over three lakh likes already.

On the acting front, Ajay will next be seen in *Taanaji: The Unsung Warrior*.

Taylor to headline Prime Concert Day

Grammy-winning pop star **TAYLOR SWIFT** will headline the Prime Day Concert on July 10.

Dua Lipa, *SZA* and *Becky G* will also perform at the concert, which is presented by Amazon Music.

"We can't wait to celebrate Prime Day with an extraordinary night of unforgettable performances, for members around the globe. Prime Day brings members the best of both entertainment and shopping. To celebrate, we've curated a line-up across multiple genres," said Steve Boom, vice president of Amazon Music.



Who is the singer with the maximum fan following? Taylor Swift? Beyoncé? Or is it Justin Bieber? Well, the answer is Exo, a nine-member boy band formed in 2012, who have been called by some "the kings of K-Pop" or Korean pop. Does the very idea leave you flabbergasted? Then just look at the figures. In 2018 Swift, with her 85 million followers, averaged around 91,000 Twitter mentions per week. Beyoncé saw almost three times as many weekly mentions as other artists with similar reach. Bieber saw close to 390,000 hits. But Exo, which averaged 24 million, and another Korean band called BTS, which clocked over 36 million mentions in a week, were bonafides enough to establish the legitimacy of K-Pop vis-a-vis English, a language which is clearly understood by more of the world population than Korean. Add to it the fact that "Dalla Dalla, I Love Myself," that released in February this year by Itzy, a Korean girl band, logged in 17.1 million views in 24 hours! Korean bands like Big Bang, which is credited with the success of making Korean music international with *Got7*, has now even released their Japanese single *Love Loop*.

And because the Korean popstars are young, they have addressed the youth demographic in most countries, especially the multi-cultural ones in south and southeast Asia. That has generated interest in other things Korean — films, music, dramas and web series. Indian youngsters are addicts no less and students in Delhi are even participating in K-pop contests. K-pop bands may now just cut an Indian single.

WHY IS IT A CULT?

With the proliferation of internet and social media, people are naturally willing to explore other cultures. But what catches young people's fancy are visual imagery, relatable lyrics and a fusion of genres. The visual sheen, with graphic-rich videos and bright-coloured outfits for both men and women, are in sync with a generation that talks in emoji language. The music videos are a mix of VFX, animation and other such tools, the appeal of which is not difficult to understand among the techno-trained generation that loves TikTok and Instagram.

The lyrics, because the beats are short and snappy, are easy to learn and comprehend. Besides, they come with social messages, particularly addressing the challenges of youth. "Nowadays, the lyrics of popular K-pop bands carry a



The Korean wave

K-pop is spreading its wings across Delhi as it talks about life's challenges, never giving up and elevates you with foot-tapping beats. By SAKSHI SHARMA

healing message for a troubled generation, encouraging them not to give up on life and helping them gain confidence and fighting spirit," says Kim Kum-Pyoung, director, Korean Cultural Centre. Some songs even address mental illness in an open and honest manner. Others call for leading meaningful lives as an ode to the YOLO (You Only Live Once) culture. Some even call for ushering in a "girl's generation." BTS, a seven-member boy band from South Korea, is topping popularity charts only because it is talking about the competitive pressures of an education system, drug abuse and performance pressure. "This is helping them garner attention from overseas as well. Their messages of confidence and self-love have impacted



youngsters a lot. The lyrics are strong and people easily get a hang of them," says Devyanshi Agarwal, a K-pop enthusiast and blogger. "K-pop is not just upbeat music, they have ballads too. It acts as a medium of connecting those who do not speak the language," says Tarun Singh

Rana from Sejong, South Korea.

The music is a mix of pop, hip-hop, EDM and many other genres, creating a matrix for universal acceptability. Besides, K-pop artists, by virtue of taking part in dares in reality TV shows, build an immediacy of connect.

UNUSUAL THEMES

Most K-pop bands have a linear connect between all of their performances and albums, making them almost co-travellers in a journey called life. It is a live evolution in progress as it were, something which is not usual in any other performing arts. "This blend of performing arts disciplines is also the reason why K-pop bands not only focus on singing but emphasise dancing skills

equally," adds Kim. "Some fans realised lately that they release each of their albums on a solar or lunar eclipse. Isn't this cool?," asks Aeshal Fatima, a Delhi-based fan. She loves Black Pink, an all-girls' band, which is another global obsession because of hip hop beats and catchy English lines.

INDIAN FANDOM

Referring to the increasing number of participants and enthusiastic fan clubs at the Korean Cultural Centre, Kim says, "Indians are riding the Korean wave, which has grown over time. An increasing response from India has enhanced the participation of K-pop stars here."

Sakshi Mishra, one of the learners at the K-pop Academy at KCC, who has recently enrolled herself, shares her stint. "It has been an amazing experience as I have made a lot of friends through common interests. We are getting trained by teachers from Korea. Before joining the academy, I used to dance occasionally like a hobby but now I have sharper moves, the landings are on-point and in sync with the music."

The Triple Seven group, a participant at the contest, says, "It helped us develop confidence and international standards. The exposure it offers cannot be measured." Feebe from South Korea, who has been a participant at the festival since last year, says, "It is always great to come to this small family where love stems for K-pop. It is a good way to celebrate the passion everyone has towards the Korean industry. This year has been much better than the previous ones."

Sakshi adds, "There are many youngsters rising to prominence through this genre in the country, simply because it is clutter-breaking. Hence, I chose this beat." The participants for K-pop competitions have increased from 764 (2017) to 3,475 (2019). Among other artists, Priyanka Mazumdar and Siddhant Arora are the first Indian K-pop stars, being launched as members of two new groups, Z-Girls and Z-Boys, respectively. Over the last few months, BTS has had various screenings across cities. The increasing number of foot-falls with every screening, overwhelming responses from youngsters and recent visits by K-pop stars Kyuhyun Minho, Jonghyun, Sunny and Suho have only legitimised K-pop as a culture marker of Delhi's youth.

Photo: Pankaj Kumar

A villain's mind

Filmmaker **VANDANA KATARIA** tells **DHRUVIKA BHANOT** how her latest venture, *Noblemen*, while being a take on bullying and revenge, does not romanticise the feeling or the phenomenon

Ever been bullied during your teenage years? Or skipped school due to the fear of fellow students teasing you for certain things you own? Or singled out for your body size, shape or sexuality? Bullying has been the premise of several films and filmmakers have adopted innovative approaches to showcase this theme. Filmmaker Vandana Kataria's *Noblemen* imaginatively uses the Shakespearean play *Merchant of Venice* as an inspiration.

Set in a boarding school, the film talks about bullying in the context of the persecution of the play's antagonist Shylock. In a story within story format, the angst-ridden students actually enact the play as part of a school event. Fifteen-year-old Shay (played by Ali Haji), becomes the victim of grotesque bullying. But in a role reversal, he plays Antonio, particularly the sequence where the anti-Semitic merchant indulges in irrational bullying and criticism of Shylock, who is a Jew in a predominantly Catholic set-up. Perhaps, this is his way of understanding and analysing the source of hatred. The filmmaker has also touched upon homosexuality, using the male bonding of Antonio and Bassanio as a takeoff point. There is a scene in the film where actors Kunal Kapoor and Ali Haji indulge in a fleeting kiss. Is their closet passion the reason why they fire guns at Shylock? Is it a clash of sub-cultures then? Such questions, Kataria feels, "may help us be more tolerant of each other. With the digital boom in entertainment, there is space to have mature conversations around these subjects and issues."

The director, who has donned several hats as a production designer, an assistant director and now as a filmmaker, has spent her academic life in a boarding school and has seen bullying up front. She says, "During that time, 1983 to 94 to be precise, bullying was bad, not just here but in British and American ones as well. These mostly took place in boys' schools. There's a moment in the trailer, where the bullies threaten the protagonist in the bathroom with a fork down his throat, which is drawn from my own experiences."

The concept of revenge is woven into the script when Shay finds himself unable to endure the bullying and decides to avenge his mistreatment. Upon questioning whether she thought that her concept of revenge and retribution would be twisted, Kataria replies, "Of course. And which is precisely why *Noblemen*'s end is what it is. I did not want to give the audience the romanticised version of revenge, where they feel happy and satisfied that the underdog eventually got his revenge even if that came from a heinous act of violence." The conclusion of the film explores how the victim had to barter his innocence to avenge his mistreatment. "The film is a Shakespearean story with a tragic



end. It is a tale where monsters, who are left unobserved, create bigger monsters in the process," says Kataria. It deals with the darkest corners of a mind, the vulnerability that is an offshoot of bullying, she adds.

The constant battle between being satisfied with your art and being a ruthless self-critic is inevitable for creative minds. Kataria, who was a production designer for *Oye Lucky, Lucky Oye*, *Shanghai* and a second unit director for *Gully Boy*, is, therefore, able to easily spot gaps. While as a production designer, she literally created every prop with her own hands, as a director, she says, "I have to let go of that and let the crew do their job. Most importantly, I learnt that I always want to work with a crew that is better than me at the job, so I can learn from them and keep getting better at my work." She adds that this was an extremely humbling experience for her as compared to her work as a production designer. "The learnings were numerous."

She says that she is not sure if the audience will buy into her cerebral take on things. But she believes in her language of communication. She says, "I am nervous and excited at the same time to know what the verdict will be. People are always strongly affected by the film. You can't watch this one passively, you will have a strong reaction to it, good or bad."

Despite the crest and troughs in an industry as arduous as Bollywood, the creative freedom it grants is notable. That is how Kataria found herself in the shoes of a filmmaker and after the commercial release of the film, she will have another one accredited to her name. She humbly shares that she has not yet made a comfortable home in the director's shoes. She says, "I am always anxious, I never know how, till I get there." And what is the advice she would bequeath to a fellow debut director? She answers, "You've got to have doggedness, you can't survive without it. Add to that, child-like enthusiasm to explore something new. If you've got these two qualities, the rest can be learnt." (The film releases today.)

Photo: Pankaj Kumar



AUTOMATICS, AUTOMATICS EVERYWHERE

Do you really care about the type of automatic transmission you drive?

I recently found myself asking a peculiar question to some of my fellow motoring scribes, "Do you really care about the type of automatic that you drive?" Of course, they do, because they, like myself, are constantly bombarded with information about the different types of automatic transmissions. But then when I changed the question and made it, "Does the average Indian car buyer really care about the type of automatic he or she buys?" I mean to say the normal buyer, not the nerd who knows more than I do about any car, down to the exact gear ratios, which frankly is a waste of brain space unless you are studying engineering. Do you care whether your car is an AMT, CVT, DCT or a good old torque converter? As long as the gear selector has that regular P-R-N-D setting, unless of course you are in a Maruti Auto Gear Shift (AGS), which is their version of an Automated Manual Transmission (AMT) and where the N vanishes. Most folks really do not know what sort of automatic they are driving.

The reason I am bringing up this topic is because several much-anticipated new launches, the Hyundai Venue, Jeep Compass Trailhawk and MG Hector, have installed Dual-Clutch Transmissions (DCT) or if you are a Volkswagen Group car, DSG which stands for Direkt-Schalt-Getriebe, but in essence is the same thing. Basically, a dual-clutch system has two clutches, one for off-numbered gears and one for even-numbered gears, meaning that one clutch is already primed for the next gear, so gear shifts are measured in milli seconds. But as many erstwhile Skoda owners know all too well, such gearboxes are also quite fragile and even though the Volkswagen group did get its DSG act together, and the boxes installed in the Polo and Vento are downright stupendous, they are expensive. Ford, for example, actually changed from a DCT gearbox in the first-generation EcoSport to a regular Torque Converter on the updated EcoSport.

DSG and DCT transmissions are expensive, but manufacturing advances have made them cheaper, which is one reason for their sudden popularity. And there is no doubt that lightning fast gear-changes can make for exhilarating driving, particularly when a DCT is coupled with a paddle-shifter for manual changes. You press the paddle and the gear changes instantaneously. Believe me no matter how good you might think your hand-eye-foot coordination is, you cannot shift as fast as a DCT. My biggest problem with DCT gearboxes is what I would call 'Gear Bloat'. Far too many cars have eight, nine and even ten gears. I'm not a fan of six-speed manual gearboxes, one gear too many for urban conditions, but I have somehow made peace with seven-speed automatic boxes. But that ten-speed gearbox I drove on a Ford F-150 truck in America, nope, not a fan even though the engineering is awesome.

And then there is the AMT, the AGS system on Maruti's and also now fitted on the Santro, some Mahindra and Tata cars as well. These were called 'semi-automatic' gearboxes in the 1980s because that is what they are. Early AMT cars had languid, lazy gear changes and you needed to learn how to throttle the car, but these are cheap and reliable gearboxes even though there are some reports of these not ageing well. But then again, they remove the clutch and because they are effectively manual transmissions, fuel economy is decent and costs are manageable. After all, a DCT even with prices coming down costs much more than an AMT. However, carmakers have on the whole not gone down the AMT route for more expensive vehicles because

the slow shifts are not ideal for heavier and more powerful vehicles.

Then there are traditional torque-converter automatic gearboxes. There are quite a few cars with such boxes, including the EcoSport and the Creta. These boxes earlier had a limited number of gears, sometimes as few as three but manufacturing advances have made six-speed automatics quite standard. While slower changing than a DCT and lacking the economy of a CVT, they are a tried and tested technology and over the years have become better (more gears and better fuel economy) and crucially cheaper.

Honda and Toyota use CVT or Continuously Variable Transmissions, and while an ideal CVT should be one continuous gear, the problems with matching engine output and road speeds mean that usually cars have a 'stepped' CVT with fixed positions between gears. Are CVTs better or worse than DCTs? Well, that is a loaded question but in most urban conditions a CVT works. However, CVTs are not what you would call 'performance' machines and trying to take one and 'have fun', not quite the gearbox to do something like that. But a well-tuned CVT is extremely economical, better than a DSG some might argue.

But if someone were to get into a Honda City that has a stepped-CVT and paddle shifts and a Volkswagen Vento with the DSG and paddle-shifts and were to try and figure out which gearbox is which without already knowing, forget the average car buyer, many folks who write on cars would be stumped, possibly even me, unless I keep a very careful ear for engine noise and gear-shift speeds and what not. Sure, one should be able to make out an AMT, but when you walk in to buy an automatic you might not know which type you will end up buying. Cars in the same segment could have very different types of gearbox, and while you might lose a clutch, you should really educate yourselves a bit about the type of automatic you end up buying. Not knowing is not an option when almost half of all new cars sold nowadays are automatics.



For those who need to experience a variety of flavours, Dragonfly is a perfect place to hop in for a meal, says HARSHIT ARORA

Wings of fire

Why would someone, especially a restaurateur of some repute, name a restaurant Dragonfly? That was the question that buzzed in my mind as I entered Priyank Sukhija's latest offering that specialises in cuisine from South East Asia. But a bit of Googling never does anyone harm and I came to know that these insects symbolise prosperity, harmony and are even considered a good luck charm in the region.

Once inside Dragonfly, I saw that from the decorations at the entrance to the lights across the restaurant and furniture, everything mirrored the life cycle of the insect. The outlet features three levels, each with a bar. The table that I was offered was in the middle of the restaurant. A bar covered one entire side of the ground. On the opposite end was the DJ console. The wall behind the console had several cutouts in myriad colours which portrayed vibrant dragonflies. The theme of the restaurant is fine-dining but on weekends, it turns into a party place with an in-house DJ performance. Also the lighting changes with the flow of music which gives the place a lit vibe.

The menu was incredibly detailed, including soups, salads, ceviche, sushi, tempura, dim sums and puffsomes.



Coming down to what I was here for — food, I decided to place myself in the hand of the chef as I was dealing with Asian cuisine for the first time. The meal began with a *Confit chicken salad*. It was served on a plain round plate with arugula or rocket leaves. The presentation of the dish was simple yet appealing. It had a touch of vinegar and lemon which gave it a tangy taste to it. However, where it failed was that the texture of the leaves didn't really blend in with the creamed chicken.

Coming to the drinks, I preferred to try something new. Mixologist Richard Hargroves has introduced the unique Manga mixology menu with drinks like the *Sakazuki Cooler*, *Lust* and *Goku*. The menu was based on Japanese anime. On one page there was a comic story of a character and on the other, there was a drink which was related to it. Out of the specially-curated 12 alcoholic cocktails for summer and four non-alcoholic ones, I decided to order *Lust*, a mojito with a Japanese make-over. The base of the drink was gin, plum wine, cranberry and apple infused sake which was perfectly blended with fresh yuzu juice, rose petals and topped with soda. The drink was zesty and the rose flavour cooled down the body on a hot summer day.

Moving on to the starters, I

was served *Thai chi crispy chicken*. The chicken was perfectly cooked in tomato puree and was blended in classic barbeque sauce which imparted it a hint of smoked flavour. The touch of lemon on top gave it a tang.

Next up was *Sriracha bloody Mary tuna*. Baked in Thai sauce with onions, jalapenos and coriander, it was served cold and there-in sprung the reason why I didn't like the dish much. I would have preferred it to be served piping hot.

Next in the line were three types of Puffsomes — Peanut butter, mushroom and truffle and last but not the least Roasted Peking chicken. These colourful puffs were baked to perfection. Crunchy on the outside and flavoursome on the inside, these were a treat for the senses.

I travelled all the way to Japan, through cuisine, of course when I was served their signature sushi *My first time*. Served on a blue rectangular platter which gave it the look of a beach as there was a palm tree made of vegetables.

While I wasn't done savouring it, *Old is gold* made its way to my table. The dish was basically a classic *EBI Tempura* (shrimps coated in a thin batter and fried until lightly crisp) which was perfectly blended with tanuki flakes, kewpie mayo and gold dust.

The main course, which took some time to reach the table, was well worth the wait. The *Singapore hawker style noodles*, were perfectly cooked. A pinch of vinegar added to the dish imparted a sour taste to it and that is what made it stand out.

Next up were *Lamb shanks with Barley Risotto, pink peppercorn and mustard greens*. The traditional dish was served with *Kimchi* rice. The presentation and the taste of lamb was what made me dig in and polish the plate clean.

Finally it was time for desserts. On the chef's recommendation I ordered *Mandarin*. A cheese cake served with chestnut cream, citrus crumble and vanilla ice-cream, this was certainly the perfect ending to a flavoursome meal.

The food, theme and decor score full marks, though the service is a little patchy. At one point, I had to wait for a dish for a long time while another arrived before I could finish the previous one. Overall a good meal and great value for money.



Top of the chart

Mirazur, a restaurant in France, has won the first spot in World's 50 Best Restaurants list

A change in rules in the nominations for World's 50 Best Restaurants list made a profound difference to who the winners were this year. The decree that no previous winner can be No. 1 again — or even be ranked on the list worked in the favour of chef Mauro Colagreco and his Mirazur dining room, which clinched the top spot. Previously the restaurant was No. 3. This is also the first time France has gotten the No. 1 spot since the awards began 18 years ago.

The change in rules meant that the previous winners have now been relegated to a "Best of the Best" category. That includes Osteria Francescana, Massimo Bottura's modernist restaurant in Modena, which has won the award twice; Eleven Madison Park, which took the top spot in 2017; El Cellar de Can Roca; and the original Noma.

But 2.0 version of Noma, which took the second place has featured on the list before. However, a different location in Copenhagen with a new menu format made it eligible. William Drew, group editor of the World's 50 Best Restaurants, says the criteria they used, which included location and menu concept, was not just to allow Noma, one of the world's highest-profile dining spots, to be in contention.

"The aim is to have an objective set of criteria that prevails over time," he says. Leading up to the announcement, which took place in Singapore on the evening of June 25 before an audience, Noma was an insider favorite to clinch the top spot.

Mirazur is housed in a 1930s building looking out over the sea, on the Italian border. The Argentine-born chef draws inspiration from the region, serves vegetables from his own gardens and other local produce to create colourful Mediterranean dishes. Colagreco's signature creation is oyster with tapioca, shallot cream and pear. The lunch menu costs 160 euros (\$180), while the full menu is 260 euros.

"What a great year. Three Michelin stars and No. 1 all in the same year," said Colagreco while accepting the award. "It's a year I shall remember forever. I don't have words to explain. I own the sky."

He said the next step after basking in the awards is to expand his "little" 5-acre gardens into something greater. "We are fantastic producers, winemakers — we are a little paradise."

This year, the list was also expanded from 100 to 120 to coincide with the list's leading sponsor, San Pellegrino, celebrating its 120th anniversary. It's a "one-off" expansion, according to Drew.

The restaurants appearing on the list from 51-120 were released ahead of time. That half of the list included restaurants from 25 countries, which is certainly a good reason to expand the list. The expansion also makes it easier to highlight restaurants in cities that haven't caught the 50 Best's attention before, like Alcalde in Guadalajara, Mexico (109 on the list). "We embraced the opportunity to showcase an even more diverse range of restaurants," said Drew.

This year saw a lot of dramatic movements. Restaurants like Atelier Crenn in San Francisco at No. 35 and The Chairman, a Cantonese spot at No. 41 were some of the new entries. The host city, Singapore, saw the Odette move up to No. 18.

There were some disappointments as well. Attica in Melbourne, fell an astonishing 64 spots, to No. 84 from 20. And then there was Arzak in San Sebastian, Spain which was demoted to No. 53 from 31, and DOM in Sao Paulo, which fell to No. 54 from 30.

The World's 50 Best Restaurants list is organised and compiled by William Reed Business Media. Votes of 1,040 restaurateurs, chefs, food writers and foodies are taken into account. The voters are split into 26 separate regions around the world. Each region has its own panel of 40 members. The awards started in 2002 as a feature in Restaurant, a UK publication, based on the picks of journalists and chefs. The founders compare it to a music magazine compiling a best-albums list.

Ahead of the ceremony, three awards were announced: Daniela Soto-Innes, of Cosme in New York, won Elit Vodka World's Best Female Chef; the American Express Icon Award went to the humanitarian chef José Andrés; and Lido 84, a locally focussed restaurant in Lombardy, Italy, won the Miele One to Watch.

RECIPES

IDLI GOES ASIA

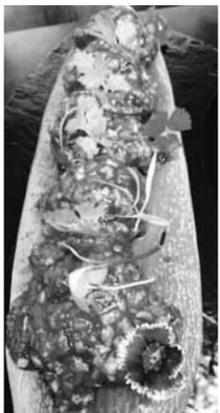
WHAT YOU NEED

- Idli mix: 100 gm
- Curd: 50 ml
- Water: 50 ml
- Salt: 5 gm
- Ginger: 10 gm
- Garlic: 20 gm
- Tomato ketchup: 30 ml
- Shallots: 70 gm
- Red dry chilli: 30 gm
- Soya sauce: 5 ml
- Vinegar: 5 ml
- Sugar: 5 gm
- Vegetable oil: 100 ml
- Microgreens: 5 gm
- Edible flower: 2

METHOD

- Make the batter with idli mix, curd, water and keep aside for 30 minutes.
- Meanwhile grease your idli mould for the schewan sauce. Heat the oil in a pan, sauté ginger, garlic and onion until transparent.
- Make paste of dry soaked red chilli and add into the pan along with some water.
- Add soya sauce, vinegar, ketchup, sugar and salt to it.
- Boil and cook until the sauce becomes thick. Oil should float on the top.
- Steam the idli in the mould for eight minutes. Then deep fry it.
- Take a wok, add the schewan sauce and add fried idli into it.
- Do the plating when sauce is piping hot.
- Garnish with some microgreen and edible flowers.

Courtesy: Naresh Chinni, executive chef at The Drunken Botanist.



PANEER PESHAWARI

WHAT YOU NEED

- Homemade cottage cheese (cut in big cubes): 1-1/2 cups
- Onions: 2
- Tomato puree: 1 cup
- Whole cashews (soaked in 1/4 cup of warm water): 2 tbsp
- Fresh cream: 2 tbsp
- Cumin seeds: 1 tsp
- Bay leaf: 1
- Ginger garlic paste: 1 tsp
- Turmeric powder: 1/4 tsp
- Cumin powder: 1 tsp
- Garam masala powder: 1 tsp
- Kashmiri red chilli powder: 2 tsp
- Coriander powder: 2 tsp
- Dried fenugreek leaves: 1 tsp
- Honey: 1 tbsp
- Butter: 1 tbsp
- Salt to taste

METHOD

- Soak the cashew nuts in hot water for 10 minutes.
- Combine the soaked and drained cashews in a mixer jar and grind into a smooth paste using a mixer grinder. Transfer to a bowl and keep aside.
- Heat butter in a wide pan on medium flame. Once the butter has melted, add the cumin seeds and bay leaf, let the cumin seeds sizzle.
- Add ginger-garlic paste, chopped onions and saute for two to three minutes, until the onions turn translucent and soft.
- Once the tomatoes have softened, add the cumin powder, Kashmiri red chilli, turmeric, garam masala, coriander powder and mix well. This will help the raw

smell go away from the onions, ginger and garlic.

- Stir the spices for a few seconds and then add in the tomato puree and cashew paste.
- Saute the Peshawari masala for about five minutes on medium heat until the gravy thickens and the tomato and cashews combine well along with the spices to form a creamy gravy.
- When you add cashew nuts, the gravy tends to thicken and hence you can adjust the consistency by adding 1/4 cup of water.
- Stir the paneer, fenugreek leaves, honey and simmer the it for another five minutes.
- Dissolve espresso into warm water and then combine with the *Kahlua*.
- One at a time, dip the ladyfingers into the *Kahlua* mixture for about four to six seconds. The longer you dip them, the stronger the flavour will be. As you dip the ladyfingers, lay them into the bottom of the 9x13 pan. You should be able to get two rows in a layer.
- Spoon half of the mascarpone mixture over the ladyfingers.
- Create another layer of ladyfinger, then top it with the remaining mascarpone mixture.
- Dust the top with cocoa powder.
- Refrigerate for several hours or overnight then remove from pan and serve.

Courtesy: Pramod Singh, executive chef at Saints and Sinners.

KHAO NEOW MAMUANG (THAI STICKY RICE WITH MANGO)

WHAT YOU NEED

- Sticky rice: 500 gm
- Coconut cream: 500 ml
- Sugar: 100 gm
- Salt: 1 tsp
- Ripe mango: 2

For Coconut cream topping:

- Coconut cream: 200 ml
- Salt: 1/2 tsp
- Toasted sesame seeds: 1 tsp

METHOD

- Wash the sticky rice eight to 10 times to remove excess starch. Soak them for an hour.
- Using a bamboo steamer or rice cooker, steam the rice until



- To a double boiler, add coconut cream, salt and sugar. Keep stirring until the sugar is dissolved. When the cream comes to boil, take off the flame immediately.
- In a big bowl, place the sticky rice and slowly pour over the sweet coconut cream. Gently mix to incorporate for a glossy and grainy pudding texture. Transfer

to a serving plate.

- For the creamy topping, heat coconut cream and salt. Take off the heat just before one boil.
- Peel and dice the mangoes. Place it over sticky rice, drizzle coconut cream and sprinkle with toasted sesame seeds.

Courtesy: Swasti Aggarwal, food strategist at Foodhall.

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The previous tender number OutsourcingEnquiry01-2019 scheduled to be opened on 05.07.2019 stands cancelled. The Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/Coaching, Northern Railway, Delhi division, New Delhi invites e-tender for the following work:

No.	Name of Work with its location	Work of outsourcing of Enquiry Executive/Clerk at Enquiry Counters at New Delhi, Delhi Jn., Hazrat Nizamuddin & Anand Vihar Terminal railway stations over Delhi Division for a period of two (2)
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2.	Notice number of tender on IREPS	OutsourcingEnquiry02-2019
3.	Approximate cost of work	As per NIT on www.ireps.gov.in
4.	Date of opening of Tender	25.07.2019 at 11.00 hrs.
5.	Cost of Tender document & 18% GST	As per NIT on www.ireps.gov.in
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N.I.T. No.		15(A,B)-19-20-W-2 dated 24.06.2019	
1	Name of work with its location	A) Construction of S&T Building on 8 L-XING No. 10, 5, 15, 70, 2, 4 on DSA-SMQL-SRE Section 7 on GZB-SRE, 4 ON TPZ-KJGY under Sr. DEN-III.	B) Construction of limited height sub-way (4x3.6 Mtr.) at temporarily Manned L-Xing No. 73, 114, 119, 128 & 143 under Railway Track between DSA-SMQL-TPZ section under ADE/SMQL.
2	Approx. Cost of work	A) 9650273.80	B) 94390074.85
3	Earnest Money	(It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only. Note:- FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no 2015/CE-ICT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016)	
		A) 193000.00	B) 622000.00
4	Completion period of work	A) 05 Months	B) 06 Months
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7	Similar nature of Work	A) Construction of building/Quarters.	B) Construction of bridges with pipe & box pushing technique/ crossing of underground cable/pipeline etc.
8	Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be seen etc.	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in	

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(Area of Jurisdiction : Part of U.P.)
Summons for filing Reply & Appearance by Publication
(Summons to defendant under Section 19(3), of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993)
Original Application No. 650 of 2018 Date: 08/05/2019
HDFC BANK LTD. ...Applicant
VERSUS
Vinod Srinivasa Parnandy ...Defendant
To, 1. Vinod Srinivasa Parnandy, 19A Pocket C 72 Nilgiri 1 Aptt Sector 34 Gauram Badh Nagar Noida 201307
In the above noted application, you are required to file reply in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent/ legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/ duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 08.08.2019 at 10.30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.
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Feisty Trump sets tone as stormy G20 looms

Osaka: US President Donald Trump set the tone on Thursday for what promises to be a stormy G20 summit by lashing out at friends and foes alike over trade tariffs and foreign policy.

The long-running US-China trade war looked set to dominate the two-day meeting of world leaders in Osaka from Friday but clashes also loomed over climate and hotspots including North Korea and Iran.



President Donald Trump walks down the steps of Air Force One at Osaka International (Itami) Airport in Osaka, Japan on Thursday

On board Air Force One en route to Japan, Trump fired off a characteristically bullish tweet, chiding long-standing ally India for "unacceptable" tariffs on American goods.

"India, for years having put very high Tariffs against the United States, just recently increased the Tariffs even further. This is unacceptable and the Tariffs must be withdrawn," tweeted Trump.

The US president had earlier taken aim at China, saying Beijing wanted to do a deal because the world's number-two economy was "going down the tubes".

Furious at what he sees as an unfair advantage in the trading system, Trump has already hit Beijing with \$200 billion in levies on Chinese imports and appeared to threaten more.

"You have another \$325 billion that I haven't taxed yet —

it's ripe for taxing, for putting tariffs on," he said in an interview with Fox Business Network.

Chinese President Xi Jinping touched down in Osaka several hours before Trump in driving rain as a potential typhoon edges towards Japan. The two leaders are expected to meet on Saturday.

Trump touched down just before 7pm local time (1000 GMT), the president clutching an umbrella and walking gingerly down the plane steps. In Beijing, commerce ministry spokesman Gao Feng said that China's attitude was "very clear".

"We consistently oppose the bullying trade tactic of unilaterally slapping on tariffs,"

said Gao.

Most experts say a formal deal is unlikely at the summit due to a lack of time to prepare the complex issues involved and believe a ceasefire and commitment to keep talking is the most likely outcome.

"I would be very, very surprised if they could work out all of these complicated disagreements in the next few days," said David Dollar, a China expert at the Washington-based Brookings Institution.

"I think if Xi Jinping and President Trump have some negotiations... That will have a very positive impact on the world economy," Naoyuki Yoshino, head of the Asian Development Bank Institute,

told AFP.

While US-China trade is likely to dominate the meeting, world leaders are also facing a perfect storm of geopolitical hotspots from Iran to North Korea and Venezuela.

Tensions with Tehran are at fever pitch after Trump pulled back from military action at the last minute in response to the downing of an unmanned US drone.

Before leaving for the G20, Trump said he did not seek conflict with the long-time US foe but warned it "wouldn't last very long" if war did break out.

Iran will be one of several topics when Trump meets his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of the meeting, along with arms control, the crisis in Venezuela, and Ukraine.

"I'll have a very good conversation with him," Trump told reporters at the White House. "What I say to him is none of your business."

Hosts Japan have desperately tried to steer attention away from the Trump show and on to the formal aspects of their G20 agenda, including the challenges posed by ageing populations and climate change.

World leaders flew into Osaka in the driving rain, with concerns over the health of German Chancellor Angela

Merkel who suffered a second shaking attack earlier Thursday.

"Confrontation tends to attract attention... But Japan, as the chair, hopes to find common ground rather than differences in opinions," said Prime Minister Shinzo Abe as he left Tokyo for Osaka.

But tensions over the final statement on climate change are likely to burst into the open, with a German source saying it was "particularly difficult this year" to reach agreement.

EU Council President Donald Tusk summed up the pre-meeting mood by predicting "a difficult summit" in talks with Abe, according to a Japanese government source.

And Trump appeared in no mood for compromise, hitting out at traditional allies one-by-one, even his hosts.

He described Vietnam as the "single worst abuser" on trade, lashed Germany as "delinquent" on funding contributions to NATO, and mocked Japan, which has been under a US military umbrella since World War II.

"If Japan is attacked, we will fight World War III. We will go in and protect them with our lives and with our treasure," he said. "But if we're attacked, Japan doesn't have to help us. They can watch it on a Sony television."

Iranian leaders don't care for their people: Trump

Washington: Iranian leaders do not care for their people, US President Donald Trump said Wednesday amid increasing US-Iran tensions.

"Iran should do the right thing for their people. The problem is I don't believe their leader...Care for their people. If they do, they'll make a deal. If they don't, they're just thinking about themselves. And they're selfish and they're stupid if that's what they're doing," Trump told reporters on the South lawns of the White House.

Recent media reports said that Trump this week stopped his military generals from attacking Iran after an American drone was allegedly shot down by the Iranian forces.

While being tough on Iran, Trump has said he does not want a war with Iran and said he

has no precondition for talks with the Iranian regime.

When a reporter asked if the ball was now "in Iran's court", the US president said, "The ball's in no court. You know what? Iran can do whatever they want, it's just fine. I have plenty of time."

"But they have a country that's in economic distress, it's an economic disaster right now. They could solve it quickly or they can solve it in 10 years from now, whatever they want is fine with me... I have all the time in the world," he said.

"...In the meantime, they have very strong sanctions, they have to live with those sanctions," said the US President.

The US has imposed stiff economic sanctions on Tehran to prevent it from acquiring nuclear weapons. PTI

Zarif rejects Trump idea of short war as 'illusion'

Tehran: Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif on Thursday warned that US President Donald Trump was mistaken in thinking a war between their countries would not last long.

"Short war" with Iran is an illusion, Zarif tweeted a day after Trump said he does not want a war with Iran but warned that if fighting did break out, it "wouldn't last very long". AFP

European, US diplomats meet in Paris for Iran talks

Paris: The US special envoy for Iran, Brian Hook, is meeting with French, German and British top diplomats in Paris for talks on the Persian Gulf crisis at a time when European powers are trying to save the 2015 nuclear deal struck with Tehran.

European countries want to avoid a further escalation in tensions between the U.S. and Iran and are trying to convince Iran not to leave the nuclear deal, which the U.S. pulled out

of last year.

Iran has said it will break out of the nuclear deal's limit on its stockpiles of low-enriched uranium by Thursday, following the re-imposition of U.S. Sanctions.

On Wednesday, Iran's U.N. Ambassador urged Britain, France and Germany to take "timely" practical steps to preserve the agreement, "which is now in critical condition." AP

Iran won't exceed uranium stockpile limit on Thursday: diplomatic source

Vienna: Iran will not exceed on Thursday a uranium stockpile limit agreed under a nuclear deal with world powers, contrary to what Tehran said earlier this month, according to a diplomatic source in Vienna.

"They won't exceed it today," the source told AFP, speaking on condition of anonymity. The source suggested there might be a "political reason" for this, given the intensified efforts by European governments in recent days to de-escalate tensions in the Gulf region. AFP

Lanka tourism fighting back from Easter bombings: Minister

Colombo: Sri Lanka's tourism industry is recovering faster than expected after the Easter on Sunday suicide bombings shook the island nation, giving a much-needed boost to the economy, Finance Minister Mangala Samaraweera told AFP.

The country was hit by mass cancellations after Islamic State-backed jihadists attacked three churches and three hotels on April 21, leaving 258 dead, including dozens of foreigners.

Yet even in the bombing's aftermath, domestic tourists filled hotels, and visitors from key European markets are already starting to return, Samaraweera said in an interview on Wednesday.

Samaraweera had initially predicted that Sri Lanka could lose 30 percent of its tourism revenues — about \$1.5 billion this year — but now believes the loss will be less than one billion.

"We are beginning to feel that the situation was not as dire as we expected," Samaraweera said. "Bookings are coming back." Hotels were able to keep staff by offering "excellent packages" to Sri Lankan tourists, he added.

The government also set

aside hundreds of millions of dollars to provide cheap credit for tourism businesses hit by the crisis.

Bus companies, bed and breakfast owners and the makers of Buddhist festival decorations all received interest-free loans, the minister said.

"Even the musicians who accompany the processions claimed they were out of pocket," he said.

After five years in which Sri Lanka has faced a series of blows, Samaraweera said the economy could get to five percent annual growth from next year if calm was restored.

"The last five years have not been easy for Sri Lanka," he said, referring to floods and then a drought, which were followed by a political crisis in 2018 and the 2019 attacks.

Sri Lanka's economy slowed to 3.2 percent last year, down from 3.4 percent in 2017, because of a power struggle between the country's president and prime minister.

Samaraweera told parliament this year that the political battle had cost the economy \$1 billion in capital flight from debt and equity markets. AFP

UK's Boris Johnson pledges post-Brexit migration controls

London: British leadership hopeful Boris Johnson pledged Thursday to introduce a new points-based system to control migration after Brexit, addressing a key issue from the EU referendum but not explicitly promising to cut numbers.

He also vowed to protect the rights of more than three million EU citizens currently living in Britain, even if the country leaves the bloc with no deal on October 31.

Johnson is vying with Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt to take over as prime minister from Theresa May, who quit over her failure to take Britain out of the European Union on time. In his first detailed policy announcement, the former foreign minister and ex-London mayor vowed to introduce a points-based immigration system modelled on that of Australia.

Broadly, these kind of systems allow in migrants who meet certain criteria such as qualifications, occupation and language skills. "We must be much more open to high-skilled immigration such as scientists," Johnson said. "But we must also assure the public that, as we leave the EU, we have control over the number of unskilled immigrants coming into the country."

"We must be tougher on those who abuse our hospitality. Other countries such as Australia have great systems and we should learn from them." Johnson was a leader of the campaign to leave the EU during the 2016 referendum, and a key promise was to "take back control" of Britain's borders. While

it remains a member of the EU, Britain is subject to rules allowing the free movement of workers around the bloc.

May's government says EU and non-EU migrants should be treated the same after Brexit — an approach Johnson backs — but is still consulting on the details of a new system. AFP

China slams Pompeo for his criticism of BRI during India visit

Beijing: China on Thursday slammed US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo for criticising its multi-billion dollar Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) during his just concluded India visit, saying that the diplomat was under a "spell" to constantly blighting the ambitious Chinese project.

The BRI, which is boycotted by India as it comprises the USD 60 billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) being laid through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, has come under constant criticism of the US which says that the massive loans being doled out by Beijing for different projects, especially in smaller coun-

tries over and above their capacity to pay, has resulted in long term indebtedness.

At a joint press briefing with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Wednesday in New Delhi, Pompeo said, "There are a myriad of opportunities that lay before us in the Indo-Pacific region. Countries...Which have signed on to the Belt and Road projects have found Beijing's deals come not with strings attached, but with shackles."

"Countries are looking to provide infrastructure, digital connectivity, and energy supplies to their people without relinquishing their sovereignty," he said. PTI

Hong Kong protesters push ahead as territory's leader unseen

Hong Kong: A small group of protesters opposed to legislation they fear would reduce Hong Kong's judicial independence have rallied outside the Justice Department.

The action on Thursday came as Hong Kong's Chief Executive Carrie Lam remained out of the public eye for more than a week, prompting one legislator to suggest she request a long-term leave of absence.

Thousands of people joined a rally Wednesday night capping a daylong appeal to world leaders to discuss issues in Hong Kong at this week's G-20 summit bringing together the heads of China, the United States and others. AP

Myanmar Army rejects ICC bid for full Rohingya probe

Yangon: Myanmar's military on Thursday rejected an International Criminal Court (ICC) prosecutor's call for a full investigation into alleged crimes against Rohingya Muslims.

Fatou Bensouda launched a preliminary probe in September into the 2017 crackdown by Myanmar's military that forced some 740,000 Rohingya over the border into Bangladesh with accounts of rape, mass killings and razing of villages.

On Wednesday she said she would take the issue to the next stage by submitting a request to ICC judges to open a full investigation.

It is not clear when that decision would be made.

Myanmar has not signed up to the ICC, but the court ruled in September it has jurisdiction over alleged atrocities because Bangladesh -- where the Rohingya are now refugees -- is a member.

Myanmar had rejected the ruling in September in a typically defiant manner, a position a military spokesman reiterated Thursday.

"The military and government have not neglected the issue and have been trying to take action against those who committed abuses," Myanmar military spokesman Brigadier General Zay Min Htun told AFP Thursday.

"Myanmar has an investigative committee looking at this and



they (the ICC) should respect what we are doing," he said, adding that the "ICC's interference harms the dignity" of Myanmar and its military.

The government and army have acknowledged virtually no wrongdoing related to the "clearance operations" they justified as a means of rooting out Rohingya insurgents in western Rakhine state.

Seven soldiers jailed for their role in the killing of 10 Rohingya were freed despite serving less time than two Reuters reporters imprisoned for exposing the massacre.

Asia Pacific Director for the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) Frederick Rawski said an ICC intervention was "entirely appropriate".

"The military has proven itself wholly unwilling and incapable of providing justice for crimes under international law perpetrated against Rohingyas," he said.

UN investigators have

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SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a person (depicted in the photo), **Namely : Satish S/o Sh. Amar Singh R/o H.No. 67, Sawan Park, Ashok Vihar, Phase-3, Delhi** is missing since 22.05.2019. In this regard a case vide DD No. 45A dated 22.05.2019 has been lodged at PS Bharat Nagar, Delhi. The description of the missing person is as under :-

SATISH
Age : 32 year, Height : 5', Complexion : Dark, Built : Thin, Face : Oval, Hair : Black, Identification : Mind disturb, Wearing : Green colour baniyan and grey colour half pant.

Any person is having any information/clue about this missing person, may inform SHO, Bharat Nagar, Delhi at E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in or Website : <http://cbi.nic.in>.

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Age : about 40-45 years, Height : 5'5", Complexion : Shallow, Face: Oval, Built : Thin Hair : Normal Small Black & Black Beard, Wearing : White colour Kurta and Black white colour pant** has been found at Back side of MTNL Building, Asaf Ali Road, Darya Ganj, Delhi on 25.06.2019. In this regard a case vide GD No : 55A dated 25.06.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Darya Ganj, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved in MAMC Mortuary for 72 hours.

Any person having any information or clue about this found dead body may kindly inform to the following:-

SHO : P.S. Darya Ganj, Delhi Central Distt., Delhi DP/6396/CD/19 Tel. No. 011-23274683, 23279331

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Namely: Unknown, S/o - Unknown R/o: Unknown, Age: 35 years Approx, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: White colour Shirt and grey colour Pant, who was found near H.No-333, Village-Ghoga, Delhi.** During treatment at BSA Hospital, Rohini, Delhi doctor declared him as dead. In this regard a case DD No: 47 A dated 17.06.2019 has been registered at P.S. Narela, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

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Indian fans cheer for their team at Old Trafford in Manchester AP

Nasser Hussain @nassercricket

Question to all Pakistan fans .. England vs INDIA .. Sunday .. who you supporting ? 😊

12:24 AM · 27 Jun 19 · Twitter for iPhone
Nasser Hussain took to social media to ask Pakistani fans as to which team they would be supporting when India and England meet on Sunday at Edgbaston

Kevin Pietersen @KP24

It's my birthday today & the only present I want this year is for England to at least qualify for the bloody semis, so I don't look like a real tit...! 🙄🙄🙄

Kevin Pietersen turned 39 on Thursday wished that the hosts at least make it to the knockouts of the ongoing WC as a birthday gift for him

Sania Mirza @MirzaSania

What an incredibly great leveler sport can be 😊😊

Tennis star Sania Mirza, also the wife of Pakistan all-rounder Shoaib Malik, reminded people that sport can be an incredible leveler

India on top

Riding on their good show so far in the ongoing World Cup, India on Thursday pipped England to become the No 1 ODI team in the latest ICC rankings. India now have 123 points to England's 122 after remaining unbeaten so far in the showpiece event. India are also the top-ranked Test side and lie fifth in Twenty20 Internationals. England, meanwhile, haven't met expectations of being the pre-tournament favourites as they are now in danger of not making it to the semi-finals. Eoin Morgan's side, in seven games have won four and lost three. After a good start, England lost to Sri Lanka and were thrashed by fellow favourites Australia in their last encounter.

What a catch!

Sarfraz Ahmed had to face a lot of backlash on social media after their defeat to arch-rivals India in the ongoing World Cup. However, on Wednesday, Sarfraz took an outstanding catch during their match against New Zealand in Birmingham which Pakistan won by six wickets to remain in contention of the semi-finals. During the ninth over of the match, Sarfraz took the brilliant one-handed catch diving to his right to dismiss New Zealand's premier batsman Ross Taylor. When Taylor got a thick edge of Shaheen Shah Afridi's full length delivery, Sarfraz threw himself full-length to his right and got the hold of the ball with his right hand to give Afridi his second wicket. As soon as the Pakistani skipper took the catch, the internet was once again flooded with memes, some praising his efforts while others taking a dig at his yawn during India's match. One of the fans tweeted that Sarfraz was able to take the catch because he slept well. "Sarfraz ne catch nahi match pakra hai... Time pe soney ke faidey," said the user. Another user tweeted the picture of Sarfraz catching a burger instead of the ball. "Sarfraz To Shoaib Akhtar: Ab bol na Unfit Sarfu you beauty. What a catch."

Agencies

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2	NZ	7	5	1	1	+1.028	11
3	IND	5	4	0	1	+0.809	9
4	ENG	7	4	3	0	+1.051	8
5	B'DESH	7	3	3	1	-0.133	7
6	PAK	7	3	3	1	-0.976	7
7	SL	6	2	2	2	-1.119	6
8	WI	6	1	4	1	+0.190	3
9	RSA	7	1	5	1	-0.324	3
10	AFG	6	0	6	0	-1.712	0

Windies bowlers make India sweat

Men in Blue put up 268 on Kohli's 72 & Dhoni's 56*



MS Dhoni congratulates Virat Kohli after Indian skipper completes his 4th consecutive fifty in the ongoing World Cup AP

PNS ■ OLD TRAFFORD (MANCHESTER)

Disciplined, impact bowling by the West Indians shoved aside the chant around the controversial TV dismissal of Rohit Sharma, and more importantly, kept the famed Indian batting brigade struggling and sweating to some extent up the score to a competitive total. In the end, India put up 268 on board, giving a lot of work to their spinners to do, especially with the prospect of Chris Gayle being the mammoth run getter in his last World Cup, not having fired so far.

A total of 269 on this difficult and slowing wicket would be considered an above par total for a contest but the other story that the show threw up, second time in a row, is the Golden Retriever tail that India has started sporting and a weak lower middle order that it joins up to. Right down from Vijay Shankar down to Jadhav and Pandya, the scores have been slim and mid field

presence short and unsweet. But for Kohli and an unbeaten MS Dhoni who scored his half century in the last over, deflecting the criticism that has been gathering around his slow-mo in the middle.

Returning to West Indies, bowlers Roach who clocked in 3/36, and skipper Jason Holder who sported 2/33 with 46 dot balls, kept the Indian crowd quiet for most part of the 50 overs and defiantly compelled score predictors to keep putting it down from 300 plus to 280 to 265 to even 250 plus at one time, giving a chance to their batsmen led by Gayle. With the lack of fireworks in the middle, the self-proclaimed Universe Boss raised some cheers by diving to field a ball or two, a trait he is not known for at all.

It all started unravelling for India when Sharma was given out to a referral by West Indies. A not-out decision by the on-field umpire was controversially overturned to send back Sharma in disbelief, shaking his

head in frustration long after the call. That put brakes on India's run machine early in the innings. The TV umpire erred on the wrong side of caution and when he should have gone with the original decision in the light of conclusive evidence, decided to give Sharma out to an edge which looked more from the pad than the bat.

The call came after a cautious start saw India's first boundary only in the 28th ball of the innings, hit hard by Sharma when India were 14 without loss. He soon followed it up in the next over with a resounding six with his typical pull shot. This was off Kemar Roach. Finally, 12 runs came off the over, with Rahul joining in the acceleration show with a good-looking straight drive.

Just then Sharma allowed the ball to pass through his bat and pad into the keeper's hand. The West Indies referred and he was given out despite the spike appearing to be pad. Sharma was given caught behind to Roach



Vijay Shankar celebrates with Mohammad Shami after Indian pacer bowled out Shai Hope AP

SCOREBOARD	
India	
Lokesh Rahul	b Holder 48
Rohit Sharma	c Shai Hope b Roach 18
Virat Kohli	c DM Bravo b Holder 72
Vijay Shankar	c Shai Hope b Roach 14
Kedar Jadhav	c Shai Hope b Roach 7
MS Dhoni	not out 56
Hardik Pandya	c Fabian Allen b Cottrell 46
Mohammed Shami	c Hope b Cottrell 0
Kuldeep Yadav	not out 0
Extras	(b 1, lb 0, w 6, nb 0, p 0) 7
Total	(7 wks, 50 Ov) 268
Bowling	
Sheldon Cottrell	10-0-50-2
Kemar Roach	10-0-36-3
Oshane Thomas	7-0-63-0
Fabian Allen	10-0-52-0
Jason Holder	10-2-33-2
Carlos Brathwaite	3-0-33-0

when India were 29. In case of doubt on technology eye, the TV umpire is expected to go with the decision of the on-field umpire who had given Sharma not out. Also, the benefit of the doubt goes to the batsman in such cases when technology is not hundred per cent sure. The decision will be taken to the cleaners in the days to come, more so if India loses the game. And it will also be compelling cricket officials to look into ways and means of narrowing the error margin of VRS. Meanwhile, Kohli scampered to his 50 almost stealthily. This was Kohli's fourth consecutive World Cup 50 and overall 94th. Kohli has a knack of getting runs almost un-noticed though a century has so far evaded him in the tournament. Kohli took 55 balls and six fours to get to this milestone.

He took just three deliveries at start before he smashed Oshane Thomas through the covers with a four for the textbooks before Rahul started taking some uppish chances to build on the scoreboard on a lovely summer morning with not a speck of cloud in the sparkling blue skies over Old Trafford and the stands bleeding blue as usual.

The stadium erupted when Kohli upper cut Thomas through cover for a boundary and gliding the next one through fine man for a single just a little after he got almost into the hands of Shimron Hetmyer at mid-wicket. Rahul got the next boundary through an exquisite shot through cover in the same over compelling Holder to walk up to the bowler for a quick piece of advice. Nine came off that over bringing in off spinner Fabian Allen. Kohli raised the hackles when he cut it tantalisingly close to Chris Gayle at second slip to finally go for another boundary bringing India's score to 62 for the errant loss of Sharma's wicket.

The 50 partnership came up through a four, past point by Rahul who picked on Allen with impunity. The Rahul-Kohli

teamed up for 68 balls and seven fours and this was the second successive 50 plus partnership for them after Afghanistan. India then were on a trot to 81, looking solid in the middle for a good score.

Finally, Holder clean bowled K L Rahul when he was just two runs short of his 50 and India equally of 100. The Rahul show took 64 balls and six boundaries to start looking menacing just when the West Indies captain made the breakthrough, ending the 69-run partnership off 89 balls.

Not that Shankar lasted long, being caught behind when he was 14 off 19 balls, giving another one to Roach and India 126-3. The three boundaries in Shankar's overall 14 in 19 balls started drawing question marks on his presence over so many others, like Ajinkya at home and Pant who has just joined the squad. Jadhav, failed to pump up the score and walked soon after, bringing in Dhoni and an innings that stayed to the end, firing up the crowd only in the last over.

India's 200 came up in the 42nd over, with just eight overs remaining for Pandya and Dhoni to bring in the harvest, and for West Indies bowlers to keep up their precision bowling and keep the score to a competitive count. After swinging his bat to no avail, Pandya was caught and sent off with no real markers and then came the long tail and its quick exit.

Dhoni finally emerged as the lone warrior (56 in 61 balls) despite his slow scoring. He made up for it in a fertile last over which would have hauled him over the flames had he not scored those 16 runs from it. He sent back Kuldeep Yadav thrice, turning down possibility of runs. In the end, and after changing his bat for the last ball, he hit two sixes and a boundary to give the Indian score a dose of much needed vitamin and a score of 268.

IT ALL STARTED UNRAVELLING FOR INDIA WHEN SHARMA WAS GIVEN OUT TO A REFERRAL BY WEST INDIES. A NOT-OUT DECISION BY THE ON-FIELD UMPIRE WAS CONTROVERSIALY OVERTURNED TO SEND BACK SHARMA IN DISBELIEF, SHAKING HIS HEAD IN FRUSTRATION LONG AFTER THE CALL

'Kuldeep, Chahal will be destructive by the end'

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Wrist spinners Kuldeep Yadav and Yuzvendra Chahal should be destructive towards the business end of the World Cup because pitches will be dry and it will put India in an advantageous position, reckons former Australia batsman Michael Hussey. Chahal has taken eight wickets in four matches while Chinaman Yadav, who came into tournament struggling for form, has managed to dismiss just three batsmen so far. However, Hussey said, it will change as the tournament progresses. "Looking at the Indian team, they are wonderfully balanced team. They have got all bases covered well and towards the back end of the tournament as the pitches (are) going to be dry and more used, the spinners would get to play more role," Hussey said. "And that is where India have got a big advantage over lot of other



Kuldeep Yadav during India's practice session AP

teams. They have got two quality wrist spinners (Kuldeep and Chahal), who can be match-winners. India are brilliantly placed at the moment, they have got lot of fire power in different departments and I expect them to certainly get to the semi-finals and possibly the final," Hussey, an ESPN Crinfo expert, added. Mahendra Singh Dhoni's slow knock against Afghanistan drew flak from various quarters but Hussey, who has worked closely with him at Chennai Super Kings, did not read too much into it. "I think he (Dhoni) is crucially important to this Indian team. It's difficult, coming in and trying to bat against these mystery spinners, rotate the strike, it is challenging. You are not sure which way the ball is turning. "On a slow pitch, it makes pretty tough (for) batting. The other batsman (Kedar Jadhav) was also struggling to rotate strike (in the Afghanistan) game. So I wouldn't be stressing too

much on it. "Dhoni plays the fast bowlers early in the innings, he can rotate them a little-bit easier. I think Afghanistan was one of trickier games for someone like MS," he added. Hussey also said that defending champions Australia have a great chance to retain the title. "I think they have a great chance now because they have qualified for the semi-finals. The team is playing is playing well. The top order (skipper Aaron Finch and David Warner) is doing a great job with the bat and Mitchell Starc with the ball. "I have been little bit worried about the fourth and fifth bowling options for Australia, but they are starting to get better, with someone like (Jason) Behrendorff coming in, and who has done a good job in the last match. I thought Nathan Lyon also did a good job. "Australia have a proud record in history of World Cup and they want

to keep that going, they know how to win those big games," said Hussey, who played 79 Tests and 185 ODIs. Asked if Australia were too dependent on their opening pair, Hussey many teams including India depend on a couple of key players. "You look at New Zealand, it is dependent on (Kane) Williamson, India are very dependent on Rohit (Sharma) and Virat Kohli, so every team has its key players and it is about other guys pulling good performances when needed and Australian team can do that. "(Usman) Khawaja had a good knock, (Steve) Smith had a good knock, Glenn Maxwell has got that X-factor and we haven't probably seen the power of Marcus Stonis yet but on his day he can be destructive. "They haven't had to play big roles just yet because the likes of Warner, Finch and probably Smith to a lesser degree have done a good job so far," he said.

Kiwis do not panic in a hurry

The one thing New Zealand won't do is panic after the defeat to Pakistan, this team doesn't panic and hasn't for a long time.

They have been playing a style of cricket that has delivered success and they have won five games out of seven, with one washout, at the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup, so this defeat to Pakistan will not change that.

That success breeds confidence and calmness, so there is no point in changing strategy just because of one loss. They will stay true to how they have played for a number of years.

Because they have played so well and set the standard so high, when you have one loss, people search everywhere for what went wrong.

I think they will remain calm and stress-free as Kane Williamson said in his post-match press conference, moving onto that next game knowing they are pretty much assured a semi-final spot. Lots of things would have to go against them for it not to happen.

I really enjoyed the game at Edgbaston against Pakistan

and the nature of the wicket. The traditional road we've seen in one-day cricket where 350 plays 350 is not quite as prevalent and it makes for an exciting game.

It brings the spinners into play and brings the bowlers in general into play. It allows real batsmanship to be on display. We saw that from Babar Azam who was just exceptional. He dealt with some very good balls and showed why he's such a classy player. If you take away the partisan nature of supporting New Zealand, I'm really enjoying watching these sort of games.

For New Zealand, they got some confidence because of how well Jimmy Neesham and Colin de Grandhomme played.

You don't often expect your all-rounders to be put in that situation where you're 83/5 but when they do and they reply like that, it's pretty exceptional.

They are two batsmen first and foremost, that's probably how they view themselves and they put that on display. I think New Zealand were feeling good about themselves going into the mid-innings break on the back of that.



New Zealand players celebrate after dismissing Pakistan batsman during World Cup game at Edgbaston on Wednesday AP

I think they were two quality innings by Neesham and De Grandhomme, which were then matched and surpassed by Babar Azam and Haris Sohail.

New Zealand's top order didn't fire, but it doesn't really

worry me. With Martin Guptill, he's such a good player and has had such a proven record for New Zealand for a really long time.

He's put together a phenomenal career and every time he misses out, it feels like he's

just closer to doing something special.

That's how I continue to think about him. If you look at the last World Cup, he started a little slow and then got a hundred against Bangladesh and everyone knows what he did in

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the quarter-final against the West Indies.

New Zealand will say to themselves they have hopefully got another four games of cricket and within those four games, Guptill, in particular, could make a real difference to our chances.

The big challenge in the next game against Australia at Lord's will be Aaron Finch and David Warner, they have been exceptional in this tournament.

They have set Australia up. No one else has had to bat that much. The ability to dismiss those two early on will be crucial and more often than not, that falls on Trent Boult to do that.

He bowls exceptionally well to left-handers, in fact he bowls exceptionally well to everyone. If the conditions suit him at Lord's, then they will really push him out there as an attacking weapon to try to break through that opening partnership that Australia have relied on.

New Zealand will have to read the wicket and make sure they prepare well, but just because they have lost one game, there is no reason to worry about them.

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By DANIEL VETTORI
Former New Zealand captain



Babar Azam celebrates after completing his hundred against New Zealand AP

Babar's invasion

AFP ■ BIRMINGHAM

Babar Azam says Pakistan have the belief they can win their remaining games to complete a dramatic turnaround and reach the World Cup semi-finals following victory against a strong New Zealand side on Wednesday.

The 24-year-old hit a match-winning unbeaten 101 to anchor Pakistan's reply to New Zealand's score of 237 for six at Edgbaston.

Captain Sarfaraz Ahmed hit the winning runs in the final over as they finished on 241-4 to win by six wickets. Pakistan had a disastrous start to their World Cup campaign, losing three of their first five matches with a single victory, against England, and a no-result.

But Sunday's win over South Africa at Lord's and Wednesday's victory in Birmingham have revived their hopes of pulling off a sensational comeback.

Their next game is on Saturday against Afghanistan, who have lost all seven of their matches at the tournament in England and Wales and they finish their group fixtures against Bangladesh, who are level with Pakistan on seven points.

Sri Lanka are also in the hunt, one point behind but with a game in hand, meaning 1992 winners Pakistan must still rely on other results going in their favour to qualify from the 10-team group phase.

"Belief has been the key," said Babar, who reached his 10th one-day international hundred off 124 balls with 11 fours.

"We have the belief that we will win our next two games and then look ahead." Babar, 24, said even when the team were struggling earlier in the tournament, they were confident they could turn their fortunes around.

"We were not winning matches but we talked to each other and had the belief that we could do it and now our focus is on the next game," he said.

Defending champions Australia are the only team to have qualified for the semi-finals so far while New Zealand,

He can match Virat: Flower

PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

Pakistan batting coach Grant Flower feels Babar Azam has got Indian run-machine Virat Kohli's "hunger" and the talent to match his idol's awe-inspiring feats one day.

"He is very special. I believe he is going to be one of the best that Pakistan have ever produced. He's really hungry, is fit and still very young," Flower said.

"I think he'll have a really good career if he keeps his feet on the ground, which I think he will. He's got Virat's hunger. I think he could be at some point in the future," Flower added when asked about comparisons with Kohli.

Impressed by his batsman's performance, Flower, a former Zimbabwe opener, said, "He's definitely got that hunger, so if you practice as hard as he does, and you have his skills, I can't see why he can't get to the top."

During his knock, Babar also became the second fastest to 3000 runs in one-day internationals.

India and England currently occupy the other top-four slots.

Babar said his role had been to bat until the end of the innings.

"I was given a role to bat until the end and others bat around me and that worked well as (Mohammad) Hafeez and then Haris (Sohail) batted well to establish partnerships," said Babar.

He said his target is to become the best batsman in the world.

"I can say that this is one of my best knocks because the aim is to be the best batsman in the world," said Babar, who is already the top-rated batsman in the world in Twenty20 cricket.

AFP ■ BIRMINGHAM

All-rounder Jimmy Neesham is confident that New Zealand's defeat against Pakistan in Birmingham on Wednesday will not derail their World Cup bid.

Neesham led New Zealand's fightback with a career-best undefeated 97 to lift them from a precarious 83-5 to 237-6 in their 50 overs at Edgbaston but they went down to their first defeat of the tournament.

Victory would have seen Kane Williamson's team become the second team to qualify for the World Cup semi-finals after defending champions Australia.

Despite the setback New Zealand, who have never won the World Cup, are still well-placed, second in the 10-team table on 11 points from seven games.

"I think you'd be pretty naive to expect to go through the whole tournament unbeaten,"

'One off day'

said the 28-year-old Neesham. "There are too many quality teams going around to expect to win every game.

"We prepared for a tournament where we'd probably lose one or two games, but for us it's all about making it to the semi-finals, and you're only two good games away from lifting the trophy. So for us nothing changes.

"We'll prepare for the next game the same way we've prepared for the last six," said Neesham, whose team next play Australia at Lord's on Saturday, with their final game against hosts England on July 3.

Neesham, who added 132 for the sixth wicket with fellow all-rounder Colin de Grandhomme (64), believed his side had enough runs on the board against Pakistan.

"I think probably being 46-4 was a pretty significant moment in the game," said Neesham of New Zealand's bad start, caused mainly by Shaheen's burst of three wickets in 20 balls.

"I think Pakistan's bowling was obviously really impressive. We sort of try and dig ourselves out of that hole and that took a lot of doing, but I think we potentially got to a score that was defensible."

Neesham said the fourth-wicket stand of 126 between Babar and Haris Sohail (68) had taken the game away from New Zealand.

"Obviously, the way Babar and Sohail batted didn't allow us to get some momentum and try to get into their middle order and that was the difference," he added.



Jimmy Neesham shares a moment with Shaheen Afridi during World Cup game AP

■ EDGBASTON

Pakistan, a historically unpredictable team specialising in theatrical comebacks, remain in World Cup contention after overwhelming previously unbeaten New Zealand in a group match which will revive unwelcome memories for the Kiwis.

Imran Khan's 1992 side, famously enjoyed by their captain to fight like "cornered tigers" after only two wins in their first six matches, an identical record to the present team, beat another hitherto undefeated New Zealand side in the semi-finals.

Pakistan went on to defeat England in the final at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in the current Pakistan Prime Minister's farewell match.

Seven years later Shoaib Akhtar bowled at lightning speed in Manchester to reduce New Zealand to 241/7 in another semi-final, a total Pakistan exceeded for the loss of just one wicket.

Now Pakistan, with seven points from as many matches, can still qualify for the semi-finals if results go in their favour after an exuberant performance with bat and ball greeted by full-throated applause from an overwhelmingly Pakistan crowd on a misty, cool day in the English midlands.

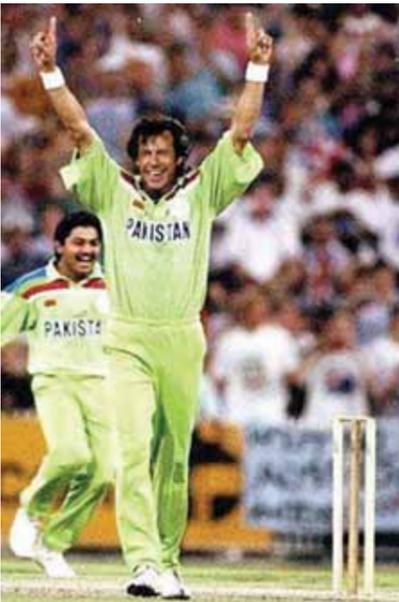
Shaheen Afridi, the towering 19-year-old who is the third youngest player at the tournament, set the tone for Pakistan with a marvellous spell of 3/11 from seven overs, including three maidens. Bowling over the wicket at high pace, Shaheen hit a perfect length after Mohammad Hafeez had opened with two overs of exploratory off-spin.

Another left-arm fast bowler Wahab Riaz was also swift and hostile and

Reliving 1992



Babar Azam and Sarfaraz Ahmed returns to pavilion after Pakistan beat New Zealand by 6 wickets AP



Imran Khan celebrates after Pak beat England in 1992 WC final File Photo

spinners Hafeez and Shadab Khan kept the brakes on in the middle of the innings.

After initial struggles against the speed of Lockie Ferguson and the left-arm spin of Mitchell Santner, who got some abrupt turn and lift, the Pakistan batsmen cut loose with Babar Azam and Haris Sohail scoring at will against one of the tightest and most disciplined attacks in the tournament.

New Zealand went into their penultimate group match with an unchanged side but with question marks over their top-order batting after relying on consecutive centuries from captain Williamson to get them over the line against South Africa and West Indies.

Williamson recorded his 14th consecutive score over 40 in one-day internationals in England dating back to 2013 but his dismissal one run later threw the struggles of the other top-order batsmen into sharp relief.

	1992	2019
Match 1	LOST WI won by 10 wickets	LOST WI won by 7 wickets
Match 2	WON Beat Zim by 53 runs	WON Beat Eng by 14 runs
Match 3	WASHOUT vs Eng	WASHOUT vs SL
Match 4	LOST India won by 43 runs	LOST Australia won by 41 runs
Match 5	LOST SA won by 20 runs	LOST India won by 89 runs
Match 6	WIN Beat Aus by 28 runs	WIN Beat SA by 49 runs
Match 7	WIN Beat SL by 4 wickets	WIN Beat NZ by 6 wickets

Martin Guptill, so prolific in his team's advance to the final four years ago, again appeared to be pressing too hard, dragging the first ball from Mohammad Amir in the second over of the day on to his stumps while aiming an extravagant drive though the off.

The restricted footwork of his opening partner Colin Munro in conditions assisting the bowlers through the air and off the pitch was again exposed and after Ross Taylor, the most consistent New Zealand batsman after Williamson fell early, the out-of-form Tom Latham continued to struggle and he was caught behind pushing tentatively forward.

Williamson's dismissal, also caught behind this time from an extravagant leg break from Shadab Khan reduced New Zealand to 83/5 from 26.2 off their 50 overs. Despite his comparative failure, Williamson retains the highest percentage of runs by any batsman at the World Cup with 31 per cent.

New Zealand reached a competitive total solely through the efforts of all-rounders James Neesham and Colin de Grandhomme, who posted their country's first century partnership for the sixth wicket at a World Cup.

Left-hander James Neesham, one of the cleanest strikers of the ball in the New Zealand side and a man now determined to enjoy the remainder of his international career, after seriously contemplating retirement 18 months ago following a form slump, played sensibly, using his long reach to good effect to knock the ball about for singles.

De Grandhomme struggled initially before clumping some emphatic boundaries through the inside. Neesham started to loft the ball and finished with a flourish, hitting a six off the final ball to end three runs short of a century.

With daunting final group matches against defending champions Australia and home team England, New Zealand will give serious thought to selecting Henry Nicholls in place of Munro to open the innings and recalling their vastly experienced pace bowler Tim Southee ahead of Henry. Pakistan, by contrast, with potentially easier fixtures against Afghanistan and Bangladesh, looked a team for all seasons in Birmingham and will be full of confidence that they can continue to defy the odds.

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IT IS BECOMING IMPOSSIBLE TO IGNORE THE PARALLELS WITH 1992. THE SIMILARITIES ARE FREAKY AND EVEN THOUGH THE PLAYERS WON'T HAVE BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT, THERE IS NO WAY THEY CAN PUT IT OUT OF THEIR MINDS ALTOGETHER
— WAQAR YOUNIS

Inconsistent SL seek continuity

High on confidence after beating England, Islanders face SA test



Sri Lankan pacers bowl during team's nets session ahead of World Cup game against South Africa at Durham

Sri Lanka Cricket/Twitter



South African pacer Lungi Ngidi during team's practice session

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UPNEXT



PTI ■ CHESTER-LE-STREET

Bouyed by the stunning win against England, Sri Lanka will look to keep their semifinals hopes alive as they train their sights on South Africa in a do-or-die World Cup encounter here Friday. Sri Lanka's surprise 20-run victory over England has suddenly thrown open the semifinal qualifications, breathing new life into their inconsistent campaign. With two wins, Sri Lanka are currently at the seventh spot with six points and need to win rest of their three matches to harbour hopes of a semifinal berth. The 1996 winners will also have a psychological advantage when they sport their second choice "lucky yellow jersey" that they wore against England. While Sri Lanka will be fancying their

chances against a lowly South African side, the Proteas would be more than keen to make a statement against the 1996 winners.

Last edition's semifinalists, South Africa were knocked out of the World Cup following a 49-run loss to Pakistan. They have failed to learn from their mistakes in what has been a disappointing campaign and with nothing to lose now, the Proteas will hope for a consolation win.

"The way we played today is borderline embarrassing. We are a mediocre team at the moment because we are making the same mistakes. One step forward and two steps back is not a good team. The guys are playing with low confidence and making the same mistakes. It just rolls on, it's such a snowball effect," captain Faf du Plessis said after the defeat to Pakistan.

Both the teams have struggled with the bat. But Sri Lanka have an experienced bowling attack led by veteran Lasith Malinga.

Along with Dhananjaya de Silva, Malinga defended a relatively modest target of 233 against England, bowling out the hosts for 212.

To ensure another win, the Sri Lankan batsman will need to step up and complement their bowling.

SQUADS

South Africa: Faf du Plessis (captain), Quinton de Kock (wk), Aiden Markram, Hashim Amla, JP Duminy, David Miller, Kagiso Rabada, Dwaine Pretorius, Andile Phehlukwayo, Tabraiz Shamshi, Imran Tahir, Lungi Ngidi, Chris Morris, Rassie van der Dussen, Beuran Hendricks.

Sri Lanka: Dimuth Karunaratne (capt), Dhananjaya de Silva, Nuwan Pradeep, Avishka Fernando, Suranga Lakmal, Lasith Malinga, Angelo Mathews, Kusal Mendis, Jeevan Mendis, Kusal Perera, Thisara Perera, Milinda Siriwardana, Lahiru Thirimanne, Isuru Udana, Jeffrey Vandersay.

XFACTOR

- Proteas' pace attack
- Dimuth Karunaratne's leadership
- Hashim Amla and Quinton de Kock's opening stand
- Angelo Mathews and Faf Du Plessis's middle order batting
- Kagiso Rabada, Lungi Ngidi's opening spell
- Chris Morris's and Phehlukwayo all-round performance

HEAD TO HEAD

	Played	SA	SL	Tied/NR
Matches	76	43	31	1/1
Day matches	33	17	15	-/1
In World Cup	5	3	1	1/-
Last 5 matches	5	5	-	-

HIGHEST TOTALS

Sri Lanka	327 in 48.1 overs at Cape Town	07-02-2017
South Africa	384-6 in 50 overs at Centurion	10-02-2017

PERFORMANCE IN WC

Team	P	W	L	T	NR	Success%
SL	77	37	37	1	2	50.00
SA	62	36	23	2	1	60.48

FAISEL FEATURES

MEN WHO MATTER

CHRIS MORRIS (SOUTH AFRICA)

Morris only made the squad after an injury took down Anrich Nortje, but he is showing why he deserves his spot. Morris has been one of the few South African bowlers to have shown a measure of incision in this tournament, and has undoubtedly been their best bowler after Imran Tahir.



LASITH MALINGA (SRI LANKA)

The veteran pacer has shown that he still has the ability to turn matches on their head and is a proven performer under pressure. Malinga has had a crucial role to play in both of Sri Lanka's wins so far in the competition, snaring seven wickets across those two games, and figures to be a prominent part of Sri Lanka's campaign going forward.



SUNNY SIDE UP
A bright day is expected at Chester-le-Street. Rain should be a non-entity, so we should get a full game in. The last match on this ground, between England and Australia a year ago, produced a high-scoring derby, with England running down a 311-run target inside 45 overs.

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High end

■ CHESTER-LE-STREET

South Africa will approach their last two matches at this ICC Men's Cricket World Cup with the joys of youth, according to middle-order batsman JP Duminy.

With just one win from seven matches, South Africa are unshackled from the pressures of needing to qualify for the semi-finals.

And Duminy believes it could bring out the best in them when they take on Sri Lanka at Chester-le-Street on Friday.

"(It's a chance to) go out and play your natural game, your naturally-gifted game - and that's not a cop-out. That is just an understanding that you have almost the licence to just go out and play with the freedom that you were allowed to play with almost as a young kid and play with a smile on your face and play to enjoy the game," Duminy said.

For Duminy, that mindset is even more crucial because this tournament is his last. The 35-year-old announced his retirement from ODI cricket prior to the World Cup and wants to end his 15-year career on a happy note.

"That's the kind of mentality that I certainly want to end my international one-day career with: just enjoying, having fun with my friends on the field and under-

standing what a huge privilege it was to represent my country so many times," he continued.

"It's something you should never take for granted."

Duminy has played 197 ODIs for South Africa and if he plays the remaining two games, will end with 199 caps.

He could have had a few more but was benched after the first three matches of the tournament, having got into double-figures only once, and admitted that has made this experience bittersweet.

"The last thing I would have thought is playing the first three games and being left out, particularly after a retirement call," he said.

"But that's the nature of the beast. You're never guaranteed a selection."

Instead, Duminy hopes he will leave a legacy in conduct and be remembered as a good team man.

"For me, legacy is not in performance. I think legacy is the person you are. It's about influencing people in the right way," Duminy said.

"When people look back or think of you and



they've had the opportunity to interact with you. I don't think a hundred is the thing they remember. They remember the impact you had on their life and I think that is the most important thing for me."

But that does not mean Duminy is not hungry for a few more big shots and he wants to see South Africa play to their potential before they leave the World Cup.

"The important mission for us is to play good cricket, the cricket we know and the brand we know we are capable of playing," Duminy said.

Then he expects South Africa to return home and rebuild, with the young players that are part of this squad as the base and the older players like him around as a sounding board ahead of the next time they play at a major tournament.

"We have always been resilient, we have always had opportunities to come back and I have no doubt that this team will come back stronger and be even more prepared and driven to put in a really good performance in four years' time," Duminy said.

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Aus plot Kiwis take-down

PTI ■ CHESTER-LE-STREET

They may have qualified for the semi-finals, but Australia could get their sternest test yet in their penultimate World Cup group game against the team flying under everyone's radar, according to Mitchell Starc.

While New Zealand slumped to their first defeat of the tournament on Wednesday, Starc believes they're the side quietly mounting a serious case to take out their maiden World Cup title ahead of Saturday's clash between the trans-Tasman rivals at Lord's.

Australia have zeroed in on ice-man Kane Williamson, who is averaging 138 in the tournament, in a bid to continue their winning ways after knocking over pre-tournament favourites England by 64 runs earlier this week.

"They are playing some fantastic cricket, they have really gone under the radar," Starc said of the Kiwis to Australian cricket website cricket.com.au. "No-one has spoken too much about them and they keep winning games."

"They've got a strong side batting and bowling, Kane Williamson is their linchpin in the middle there and they've got bowlers who swing the ball."

"It's another big game for us,



Australian players chats during team's practice session

ICC/Twitter

obviously we have cemented our spot in the semis - now we want to try and finish as high as we can and play some really good cricket headed towards the finals series."

Starc famously knocked over then Black Caps captain Brendon McCullum in the first over of the 2015 final, one of the World Cup's most iconic moments.

But David Warner stressed history will count for nothing on Saturday, when Australia will return to the game's traditional home to face

NZ on the same wicket on which they beat England.

"It is a new tournament, a new World Cup," Warner said. "They have been playing exceptional cricket, obviously led by their captain Kane - he is on fire, (and they have) obviously bowled well too with the new ball. We have to come out here fresh, it will be a used wicket, there will be some sun in England for once and it might bake the wicket a little bit. We have to prepare for what might be thrown at us."

Down but not out Control your emotions

England are in a difficult position but in some ways I think not having the favourites tag will suit them.

Of course it was disappointing to see them lose to Australia because that was an opportunity to get their ICC Men's Cricket World Cup campaign back on track.

But the Australians took early wickets and England did not, and that was the difference between the sides at Lord's.

That means England have a huge game coming up against India, but where they started this tournament with the pressure of being favourites, that is not the case anymore.

It is still in their hands to reach the semi-finals, if they win their next two they are definitely in, and even one win may well be enough.

Given they have lost a few games, I think some people have written them off, so in some ways they would come in under the radar if they do reach the semis.

For now, my advice would be to stay off social media. It's natural after a couple of losses for the doubts to creep in, and you won't be as confident as you were.

But I know during the 2017 Women's Cricket World Cup, a lot of us came off social media and I found it really useful. When we did well, we didn't get too high and carried away with the hype. And then when things didn't go as well, you missed all the stuff that was being said.

I know there has been some criticism about the performances but I'd advise them to stay tight as a group and focus on what they can control.

One person who has really impressed me has been Ben Stokes



England captain Eoin Morgan chats with coach Trevor Bayliss during team's practice session ahead of World Cup game against Australia ECB/Twitter

and he batted brilliantly against Australia. He's been an inspirational figure, showing real character on tough wickets and when wickets have been falling at the other end.

He struggled a bit from cramp at Lord's but that's nothing new. He trains so hard that the coaches have to try to convince him to take it easy. I think he'll be fine for India though and that will be a big plus.

Hopefully Jason Roy will be back as well. His return would be a massive boost because so many of England's wins over the last few years

have been after a good start, and he's been integral to that.

In pressure games, in particular, you want to settle the nerves early, and that comes down to the openers and the opening bowlers.

If you do get off to a good start that acts as a settler for the whole team. We saw against Australia how difficult it is when you lose early wickets, especially chasing a total of nearly 300.

The wickets haven't really suited England in an ideal world, but the best teams find a way to win. I think

England have evolved though. They did have periods where they went too hard but they have shown in the last year or so that they can rein it in and punch out a score, or be sensible in a chase. That perhaps hasn't been the case in the past few games, but they are capable.

The situation England are in is not ideal, but they have to find a way to adapt and to win. That is tournament cricket, you just have to find a way to get over the line.

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PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

England vice-captain Joe Root has urged his teammates to keep their emotions in check during the World Cup game against India on Sunday, a loss in which could knock the pre-tournament favourites out in a stunning reversal of fortunes.

After an impressive start, England's campaign has tapered off owing to back-to-back defeats against Sri Lanka and defending champions Australia. England are currently placed fourth in the 10-team standings with eight points from seven games.

They run the risk of losing out on a semifinal spot as they are pitted against India and New Zealand in their must-win last two encounters.

"I personally think we have to be very calm about how we approach the next couple of games because the games themselves might get quite emotional, especially with

the atmosphere at Edgbaston," said Root, who is also the Test captain.

"We believe we're still more than capable of qualifying for the semi-finals and when that happens, it doesn't really matter how you got there because that's when the tournament really starts to kick in," he added.

Wins in both the encounters would guarantee England's place in the semi-finals, and Root said the hosts are up for the challenge.

"We'll see these two games as quarter-finals if you like, which in a way when it comes round to the knockout stage should serve you well," he said.

"You're going to have to win big games at some stage in the tournament if you're going to go on and win it, so it may be that ours have come just a little bit sooner than we anticipated."

Root, however, admitted that despite playing on home turf, they will also have to cope with the pressure exerted by Birmingham's huge Indian community on Sunday.



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OTHER SPORTS

Salah stars in Egypt's win



Salah celebrates after scoring Egypt's second goal ACN/Twitter

AFP ■ CAIRO

Mohamed Salah scored his first goal of the Africa Cup of Nations as hosts Egypt secured a place in the last 16 on Wednesday with a 2-0 win over the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Ahmed Elmohamady prodded Egypt ahead on 25 minutes after a wicked Salah cross and the Liverpool star slammed in a second shortly before half-time to spark frenzied celebrations at a packed Cairo International Stadium.

Record seven-time champions Egypt rode their luck at times as DR Congo twice struck the crossbar in the first half but the Group A leaders held firm to join Nigeria as the first teams through to the knockout phase.

Salah was guilty of missing a hatful of chances in the curtain-raiser and this season's Premier League joint top scorer again threatened inside five minutes here when an interception broke his way only for the Egyptian to skew wide under pressure. DR Congo fell behind for the second straight game as Elmohamady forced home after the ball fell kindly to him following an aerial challenge with Christian Luyindama.

Having created the opener with his vicious right-wing cross, Salah then stung the palms of Ley Matampi with a powerful 25-yard free-kick.

With his side riding their luck, Salah rose to the occasion and settled nerves two minutes before half-time with a typically brilliant finish.



Luis Suarez, Neymar Jr and Lionel Messi celebrates after Barcelona win

FC Barcelona/Twitter

Neymar wants Barca return

AFP ■ BARCELONA

Brazilian superstar Neymar wants to return to Barcelona two years after quitting the club to join Paris Saint-Germain, Barcelona's vice-president said on Thursday.

"What is correct, at the current time, what I have read, what I have heard, which seems exact, is that Neymar wants to come back to Barcelona," Jordi Cardoner told a press conference at the Camp Nou.

But he stressed that Barcelona had made no contact so far with the world's most expensive footballer who joined the French champions for 222 million

euros (\$252 million). For the moment the club acknowledged Neymar's interest in returning to Barcelona but said there was no recruitment effort on their part to resign him.

"To say that Barça is working on recruiting Neymar, that is something I cannot agree with," Cardoner said.

"For the moment all that is happening — and not only with Neymar — is that a number of players would like to play for a great club like Barcelona. We will see what happens in timely fashion."

"We are currently working on the phase of deciding which players we will not be

keeping on next season," said Cardoner.

"We are recruiting no-one at the moment, especially not this player (Neymar) with whom we have had no contact."

However, media reports indicated that intermediaries between PSG and Barca had hammered out the terms of the deal which would free the Brazilian star to return to Barcelona this summer.

According to other Spanish media reports this week, Neymar has offered to take a pay cut of 12 million euros a year to return to the club and Barca have reached a 'verbal agreement' to take him back.

The 27-year-old spent four years at Camp Nou, winning the Champions League in 2015 and two La Liga titles in a potent attacking trio alongside Lionel Messi and Luis Suarez.

Any return for Neymar would likely require Barca to raise funds through sales. Antoine Griezmann is expected to join from Atletico Madrid for 120 million euros while Frenkie de Jong has already signed for 75 million euros from Ajax.

The pay cut would see Neymar's salary clipped from around 36 million euros at PSG to the 24 million euros he received at Barca prior to his departure in 2017, according to the reports.

Osaka hopes for better Wimbledon fortune

AFP ■ LONDON

With the burden of being world number one lifted, Naomi Osaka will set her sights on Wimbledon, buoyed by the support of Roger Federer and praying for a decent draw this year.

The 21-year-old Japanese star saw her hopes of a third consecutive Grand Slam title end in a dispiriting third round exit at Roland Garros.

She admitted that loss to Katerina Siniakova, ranked 42 at the time, was "the best thing that could have happened" for a player so uncomfortable in the spotlight.

Since then, she has lost her top ranking and will head into Wimbledon next week seeded at number two.

Osaka could not be more thrilled.

"During my entire clay season, it kind of mattered and it showed because I was kind of stressed out the entire time," she said when asked about the intense scrutiny which came with being the world's top player who was hunting a Paris title to add to her US and Australian Open crowns.

"Now, I'm just kind of having fun. I'm just kind of chilling."

At the French Open, Osaka complained that the pressures she faced were causing her to suffer constant headaches, stress and fatigue.

However, when the Wimbledon draw is made on Friday, more headaches could be on the way.

Her last two trips to the All England Club have ended in back-to-back third round losses against players at ease on grass courts.

In 2017, she was defeated by five-time champion Venus Williams who went on to reach the final.

Last year, she fell to eventual champion Angelique Kerber with



Naomi Osaka returns a shot during Nature Valley Classic tournament AP

Osaka collecting just six games against the German on Centre Court.

Osaka has just one win on grass this summer although she did make the semi-finals in Nottingham last year, losing to Ashleigh Barty, the Australian who has since taken her world top ranking.

"You know, grass, I'm not really that comfortable with it," admitted Osaka, who said the challenges left her "screaming inside" during her win in Birmingham against Maria Sakkari last week.

"It's just really different to everything I have played on. As a little kid, I never played on grass." It has been a roller-coaster first half of 2019 for Osaka.

Since winning the Australian Open, she split

with coach Sascha Bajin and has yet to make another final.

However, she has powerful support in the shape of 20-time major winner Federer who faced similar bouts of fluctuating form and self-doubt in his early years, especially after winning a first Slam at Wimbledon in 2003.

"After that I also didn't win anything. From having nothing to lose it suddenly changes, everyone now feels like it's an amazing win to beat you," said the eight-time Wimbledon champion.

"She has a head start with her two Grand Slams. Now she's done it, she knows she can do it again. I think she's doing pretty well. You can't win every week, nobody does that."

Lampard will succeed as Chelsea manager: Terry

AFP ■ LONDON

Frank Lampard can be a successful manager of Chelsea due to his work ethic and ability to thrive under pressure, says close friend and fellow club legend John Terry.

Lampard — who along with Terry won a treasure trove of trophies including three Premier League titles and the 2012 Champions League — is expected to leave second tier Derby after just one season in management and become Chelsea's new manager.

Maurizio Sarri's departure for Juventus after one season — in which they won the Europa League and qualified for the



Frank Lampard celebrates with former Chelsea teammate John Terry AP/Photo Picture

Champions League — opened the way for Lampard's return.

Terry told the Daily Mail it is not because of their close friendship he believes Lampard — who

will become the 14th manager since Russian oligarch Roman Abramovich bought the club in 2003 — will succeed in difficult circumstances.

He believes Lampard has the right stuff to meet the challenges head on. The thorniest could be the fact that Chelsea cannot replace their star player Eden Hazard — who signed for Real Madrid — due to a transfer ban although they are appealing it.

"After the season he has had with Derby and with Chelsea's transfer ban in place, there is no-one better equipped than Frank to succeed at Chelsea," said Terry.

"It is perfect timing for him and the club."

Terry, who is assistant coach at newly-promoted Premier League outfit Aston Villa, said Lampard is excellent in dealing with pressure.

"Frank was under pressure to