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## CBI DIG bares Govt underbelly Naidu, Mamata meet

Affidavit accuses NSA, Cabinet Secy, Law Secy, CVC, MoS of shielding Asthana from graft probe

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A day before the scheduled hearing on the fate of CBI Director Alok Verma's petition, agency DIG MK Sinha on agency DIG MK Sinha on Monday filed an explosive affidavit in the Supreme Court accusing National Security Adviser Ajit Doval, Cabinet Secretary PK Sinha, Law Secretary Suresh Chandra, CVC KV Chowdary and RAW's Dubai Officer Samant Kumar Goel and Minister for State Haribhai Parthibahi Chowdhary for trying to save Chowdhary for trying to save CBI Special Director Rakesh Asthana from corruption

In his affidavit, the CBI DIG accused Doval of interfering in the bribery investigation against Asthana and preventing searches on the premises of suspects. Sinha, who was transferred while probing bribe charges against Asthana, also claimed that a Union Minister of State took "a few crores" to help a businessman under investigation.

Challenging his transfer to Nagpur, Sinha said he possessed "documents that will shock the court". However, rejecting his request for an urgent hearing on Tuesday, Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi shot back, "Nothing shocks us."

Sinha claimed after the Government sent Verma and Asthana on "forced" leave and Asthana, he heard an officer telling "things have been managed and everything is fine".

In his affidavit, the CBI

DIG also accused the Cabinet Secretary and the Law Secretary of even intervening to scuttle the CVC's probe which is monitored by the Supreme Court. Sinha also detailed the pressure he faced in arresting Manoj Prasad, who is co-accused with Asthana for allegedly accepting bribe from businessman Sana Satish Babu, associate of controversial meat exporter Moin Qureshi.

"On the morning of October 16, 2018, accused Manoj Prasad was intercepted at Delhi Airport on his arrival from Dubai and brought to the CBI Headquarters. During the first few hours of his arrival on CBI Headquarters, Manoj was garrulous and arrogant, both at the same time and in equal measure. He was interviewed by the applicant (DIG MK Sinha) and others. He tried his best to ward off the investigation by dropping names of 'high and mighty' and mentioning his 'top contacts' to create fear in our mind.

"As per Manoj Prasad, Dineshwar Prasad, father of Manoj and Somesh, who retired as RAW Joint Secretary, has close acquaintance with the National Security Adviser Ajit Doval. This was one of the first things Manoj claimed on being brought to the CBI HQ as he transferred the entire team expressed complete surprise and anger as to how the CBI



### could pick him up despite his close links with NSA Doval," said the CBI DIG's affidavit. Verma files his reply "He started bragging and claimed that his brother to CVC charges in SC

Verma, who was asked by

if Manoj has been arrested. Enquiries revealed that the query had originated from the Cabinet Secretariat, says the affidavit

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cer in Dubai (name withheld) and to Samant Goel, presently RAW Special Secretary, and he can get us finished off/kicked out. Manoj taunted us that you people have no standing whatsoever and therefore should stay in limits and let Benched Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Director Alok Kumar Verma on Monday filed his response to the findings of the CVC's preliminary probe reports of corruption charges against him. should stay in limits and let him free. He claimed that corruption charges against him in a sealed cover in the Supreme Court. Verma's reply came after the SC told him to recently his brother Somesh and Samant Goel helped the NSA on an important personal matter. He further claimed that India opted out of a contest from INTERPOL." said do so "as quickly as possible" as the scheduled Tuesday hearing the affidavit filed by Sinha.

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the Central Vigilance Commission's (CVC) report in a sealed cover by Monday 1

pm, sought some more time from the SC for filing his reply. However the Bench, head-ed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and comprising justices SK Kaul and KM Joseph, told Verma's lawyer Gopal Sankaranarayanan, "We are not shifting the date (of hearing).

## You file it as quickly as possible as we will have to read it." Continued on Page 7

strong in a particular place should fight the BJP and the remaining parties should support them

Sabha polls.

the nation.

Talking to the reporters after the meeting, the TDP chief said the BJP Government had crossed all the limits of 'intolerance towards the

future plans).
"We will chalk out a pro-

gramme to move forward and

take this momentum further on the agenda to protect the

floated the "one against one" theory according to which she

said, "the parties that are



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee greets Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu before a meeting at Nabanna in Kolkata on Monday

and Income Tax Department to harass and malign them.

nation," he said.
Incidentally Mamata had been among the earliest lead-In fact these premier instiers to call for an Opposition unity through Federal Front against the BJP in which she tutions, including the Reserve Bank of India and CAG, were under "severe pressure" from the Government to serve its interests, he said.

The two leaders, who met in Kolkata for about an hour and a half, said majority anti-BJP parties have expressed their opinions to unite for the single-most important cause of

ousting the BJP from power. Both leaders are in touch with their Opposition parties' counterpart like Congress Opposition parties and the minorities" and was using the Central agencies like CBI, ED president Rahul Gandhi, former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda, his son and

Karnataka Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy, NCP chief Sharad Pawar, National Conference's Farooq Abdullah, DMK chief MK Stalin and others.

Meanwhile, the Bengal BJP on Monday staged road block-ades in Kolkata and district headquarters protesting alleged attacks on State BJP president Dilip Ghosh and senior leader Joy Banerjee. The two leaders were attacked allegedly by Trinamool workers in Hooghly district while they were returning from a meeting.

Blockades were staged at Midnapore, various places in Kolkata, Hooghly, Asansol and elsewhere, sources said.

## Last stretch opens KMP e-way to public

### **Modi also inaugurates Ballabhgarh-Mujesar Metro rail link project** PARVESH SHARMA

e Minister Narendra  ${
m P}$ Modi on Monday inaugurated at Sultanpur village in Gurugram the long pending 83-kilometre stretch between Manesar and Kundli of the Kundli-Manesar-Palwal (KMP), also known as Western

Peripheral Expressway (WPE).

The PM also inaugurated
₹580 crore 3.2 km-long
Ballabhgarh-Mujesar Metro rail link project, which would facilitate travel for people of Delhi and Faridabad, and laid the foundation stone of the Shri Vishwakarma Skill University, which will come up at Dudhola in Palwal district.

Ballabhgarh becomes the fourth city in Haryana to get Metro connectivity after Gurugram, Faridabad and Bahadurgarh.

With the inauguration of the Kundli-Manesar section of the KMP Expressway, the entire stretch of 135-km highway, which is intended to ease congestion by bypassing Delhi on its western border, is now open

Addressing a public gath-



Khattar looks on at Sultanpur village in Gurugram on Monday

ering in Sultanpur later, Modi said with the inauguration of the KMP project, Ballabhgarh-Mujesar rail link and the foundation stone of the skill varsity being laid, Haryana has taken one more step towards all-round development.

Inaugurating the express-way, Modi said, "It is a signif-icant day for Haryana and it will bring about a transport revolution in the State. He also blamed the previous Congress regime in Haryana for creating obstacles and delaying development projects.

"Work was going on this (KMP) Expressway for 12 years. You should have got this expressway 8-9 years back. It was to be used during the (2010) New Delhi Commonwealth Games. This shows the work culture of the previous Government which

encouraged delays and wastage of public money," Modi said. During a public rally at Sultanpur, the PM recounted the achievements of his Government in developing infrastructure in the country.

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### Four killed in laundry fire in Karol Bagh

 $F^{
m our}$  people, including two women, were charred to death after they were trapped inside a narrow cloth laundering unit in Beedanpura area of Karol Bagh on Monday. The tragedy struck when "solvent", a chemical used for ironing clothes made of cotton, spilled on to the floor and caught fire.

Delhi Fire Services Chief Fire Officer Atul Garg said fire-fighters received a call at 12.23 pm regarding the fire in a house at street number-3 in Beadonpura following which

Beadonpura following which two fire tenders were rushed to the spot and fire was brought under control by 12.50 pm. However by then the four had died in the blaze.

"The owner of the illegal unit Ajay Khurana (45) has been arrested. The bodies have been handed over to the families concerned after post-

mortem. A case under Section 304 of Indian Penal Code has been registered at Karol Bagh police station and investigation is underway," said Amit Sharma, Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Central district.

## **Expert panel to look** into capital surplus issues: RBI Board

Mumbai: Signalling a temporary truce, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Government on Monday agreed to refer to an expert committee the contentious issue of appropriate size of reserves that the RBI must hold, while restructuring of stressed loans of small businesses would be considered by the Central bank.

The setting up of the committee, whose members will be decided by the Government and the RBI, followed a marathon nine-hour meeting of the central board that discussed threadbare issues that had brought the RBI and the Finance Ministry at logger-



"The Board decided to constitute an expert committee to examine the ECF, the membership and terms of reference of which will be jointly deter-mined by the Government of India and the RBI," the Central bank said in a statement.

The capital base of the RBI ₹9.69 lakh crore, and independent director and Swadeshi ideologue S Gurumurthy and the Finance Ministry have been wanting it to be lowered in line with global practices.

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### **CAPSULE**

### MALDIVES TO PULL OUT OF CHINA FREE TRADE DEAL Male: The Maldives Government

will pull out of a free trade agreement with China because it was a mistake for the tiny nation to strike such a pact with Beijing, the head of the largest party in the ruling alliance said.

### NISSAN CHIEF GHOSN ARRESTED FOR GRAFT

**Tokyo**: Nissan chairman Carlos Ghosn was taken into custody in Tokyo on Monday as his firm accused him of "significant acts of misconduct" and said it would seek to oust him.

### AIR QUALITY LIKELY TO IMPROVE TODAY

New Delhi: Air quality in Delhi and the adjoining areas worsened further to the "very poor" category on Monday. However, pollution is expected to decrease from Tuesday due to favourable winds and a "significant drop" in stubble burning in neighbouring States, officials said.

## Dubai court orders Christian HC raps Kerala Govt for excesses on Ayyappa devotees Michel extradition to India

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Atop Dubai court on Monday ordered the extra-dition of British national and alleged middleman Christian Michel, who is wanted by the Indian investigative agencies in the ₹3,600 crore AgustaWestland VVIP chop-

pers deal case.

Michel, 54, is currently in jail in Dubai since he was arrested and sent to custody pending the legal and judicial procedure in the UAE.

The Court of Cassation upheld on Monday a lower court order which ruled that Michel could be extradited, dismissing appeals filed by his defence lawyers, PTI quoted Khaleej Times as having reported.



bench, pronounced

the decision in the presence of member Musabeh judges Thaaloub, Mostafa Al Shinawi, Mahmoud 3 Sultan and another judge, report said.

Judge Abdelaziz Al Zarouni, who headed the

On Monday, Michel's

lawyer Abdul Moneim sub-mitted documents showing that courts in Switzerland and Italy had ruled not to extradite

his client. "The judicial authorities there concluded that there was no criminal element in the case," the lawyer argued. Earlier, he argued at Dubai's highest court that the extradition request procedure of Michel would be a "violation" of the international treaty signed between the UAE and India.



## **KUMAR CHELLAPPAN**

 $T^{\text{he Kerala High Court on}}_{\text{Monday came down heavily on the State Government}}$ while hearing a series of petitions filed by various Hindu organisations challenging the restrictions imposed at Sabarimala, the holy shrine in

the Western Ghats. Justices Ramachandra Menon and N Anil Kumar lambasted police for "blatant violation of human rights" against women devotees and children who were taking rest at the covered walkway at the shrine on Sunday night by pumping water to make them leave the spot.

The State had a sleepless night on Sunday following the crackdown by police on devotees who were taking rest at the walkway and were reciting hymns and Ayyappa devo-

tional songs. Police arrested 69 devotees, threw down their holy "Irumudikettu", (the bundle containing offerings to the deity which could be opened only inside the sanctum of the temple) and assaulted them for

reciting Ayyappa hymns. They were taken to a court in Pathanamthitta, and were remanded in 14 days custody under non-bailable sections of the IPC on Monday and sent to Central Jail at Thiruvananthapuram. This led hundreds of Ayyappa devotees to undertake Nama Japa Yatra (rallies in which the participants recite hymns and devotional songs in praise of Lord Ayyappa) at police stations across the State.

The rallies concluded peacefully but not before some of them were assaulted by police. The devotees staged a Nama Japa Yatra in front of Cliff House, the official resi-



dence of the Chief Minister in the Capital city.

hearing the petitions filed by Capital city. Hindu organisations on The High Court while Monday took police to task for

their actions which were not in synch with a pilgrimage centre. Continued on Page 7



## Rahul Gandhi has betrayed people of Amethi: Smriti

Bharatiya Janata Party launched a scathing attack on Congress chief Rahul Gandhi, accusing him of betraying the people of his Lok Sabha constituency Amethi.

Union Textiles Minister Smriti Irani stormed her political bete noire's bastion accompanied by Union Minister of State Vijay Sanpla, Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad

Maurya, UP Energy Minister Shrikant Sharma and other leaders on Monday. She laid foundation stones of develop-ment projects worth Rs 77 crore and distributed tricycles among the specially-abled per-

Irani had lost to Rahul Gandhi in Amethi during the 2014 Lok Sabha poll despite a Modi wave sweeping the coun-

acumen of the Congress chief, Irani said, "Rahul Gandhi should at least tell us the names of five villages of his constituency and then think of a debate with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.'

While campaigning in Chhattisgarh on Sunday, the Congress president had dared the Prime Minister for a 15minute debate on the controversy over Rafale deal with France and the turmoil in the

Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya also attacked the Congress chief saying, "Rahul Gandhi, being a dynast, can become the president of a party but he can never become the Prime Minister of

Maurya said that despite being represented by top Congress honchos for three decades, including a Prime Minister, as many as 13 villages of Amethi were not linked by Questioning the political all-weather roads but the BJP



government had allocated Rs 35 crore for roads in Amethi ok Sabha constituency.

Energy Minister Shrikant Sharma said that the people of Amethi had elected a factory of lies' in the 2014 Lok Sabha elections. "Their MP (Rahul Gandhi) never cared for the people of his constituency despite his father and him being regularly elected from Amethi. On the other hand, the Yogi Adityanath government has launched projects worth Rs 448 crore in Amethi and most of them are expected to be completed by December," he said.

'Those unable to handle their own Lok Sabha constituencies are nursing lofty dreams even when they cannot handle states like Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. If you want rapid development in the area, then liberate Rae Bareli and Amethi from the Gandhi family," Sharma said.

Irani arrived in Lucknow

on Monday morning and left for Gauriganj in Amethi by a helicopter. During the threehour stay in Amethi, Irani distributed equipment to 1,492 specially-abled persons and later laid the foundation stones of development schemes worth Rs 77 crore, including four industrial training institutes and a scheme for empowerment and employment of

## Dec 13 to 16

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m AS}$  Week, the annual event of UP IAS Association, will be held in Lucknow from

December 13 to 16.
Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath is slated to address the meeting of the UP IAS Association, on December 14.

The same day, the Chief Minister will host a lunch for the IAS officers at his 5, Kalidas Marg official residence in the state capital.

The general body meeting of UP IAS Association will be held on December 15.

Besides taking up issues of the Association and its members, the meeting will also elect the new office-bearers of the body.

A cricket match between Indian Administrative Services and Indian Police Services officers from the state will be played in Lucknow on December 16.

## IAS Week to | Raut: Shiv Sena committed to be held from | construction of Ram temple

Owning up the demolition of Babri mosque in Ayodhya on December 6, 1992, Shiv Sena has asked the Narendra Modi government to bring a legislation for the construction of a temple at Ram Janmabhoomi Complex as the issue has been pending in court for over two decades and now the people are losing patience.

"People today are talking about the construction of Ram temple at Ayodhya. This would not have been possible had Shiv Sainiks not demolished the disputed mosque on December 6, 1992," Shiv Sena's senior leader Sanjay Raut told media persons in Lucknow on Monday

Raut said the Union government should bring a legislation for the construction of Ram temple at Ayodhya and the Shiv Sena would support it.

"Shiv Sena is committed to the construction of Ram temple. We have struggled for it. For us, Ram temple is not a 'jumla' as the Shiv Sena believes that Ram temple is not a subject of courts



but of public sentiment and national honour," the Shiv Sena ader said.

When asked how the Modi government could get a legislation passed when it does not have majority in the Rajya Sabha, Raut said that as the National Democratic Alliance had a majority in the Lok Sabha, it should get the legislation passed from there and then it could be analysed what could be done in the Ŕajya Sabha.

"It is up to Modi to bring a legislation and then the Yogi Adityanath government will have to ensure proper construction of Ram temple without section of society," the Shiv Sena leader said but added that Ram temple should not be made an election issue.

Recently, Raut had visited Ayodhya where he had held discussions with several leaders on the construction of Ram temple.

"I also had a meeting with the plaintiff from the Muslim side, Iqbal Ansari, and had a very cordial meeting with him," Raut said.

The Shiv Sena leader said that his party chief Uddhav Thackeray would visit Ayodhya on November 24 and attend a programme at Lakshman Qila and also attend 'Saryu aarti'.

Uddhav would pay obeisance at Ram temple on November 25 and participate in a 'jan samvad' at Ĝulab Bari. Thackeray was earlier

scheduled to visit Ayodhya on November 25 but in view of the proposed dharma sabha of Vishwa Hindu Parishad, he preponed his visit.

Later on Monday, Raut called on Governor Ram Naik at the Raj Bhawan.

## Rahul sends Israeli | BJP all set to take banana saplings for Amethi farmers

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If the Bharatiya Janata Party is wooing the electorate in Congress citadel Amethi through frequent visits of Union Textiles Minister Smriti Irani, local Member of Parliament Rahul Gandhi has kept his promise to local farmers by sending Israeli banana saplings for them.
"The local farmers had met

Rahul Gandhi during his last visit and talked about the scope of cultivating bananas in the area after which the Congress president has sent 40,000 banana saplings for them," Congress spokesman Anshu Awasthi said on Monday.

"These saplings of G-9 variety have been brought here from Israel. This particular variety will help farmers double their income as it is low cost and high-yielding variety. The responsibility of their distribution among farmers has been given to Khetihar Mazdoor Awasthi said.

"This is not the first time that Rahul Gandhi has taken care of the needs of the people of his constituency whom he considers as his family.

The distribution of saplings, which started on Indira Gandhi's birth anniversary, will continue upto Sonia Gandhi's birthday on

**CPIM** hits out at BJP for



December 9," Awasthi said. The BIP leaders have been

charging Rahul Gandhi of not doing enough for his con-stituency and electorate, which they claim still lacks infrastructure and facilities despite being represented by the Gandhi family for over three

Despite losing the 2014 Lok Sabha poll to Rahul Gandhi, Union Textiles Minister Smriti Irani has been ensure that she wrests the seat from the Congress in the 2019 general elections.

However, Awasthi dismissed Irani's sops to the locals saying, "Had there been any real concern, she could have brought schemes of her ministry in the past over four years. This concern at election time indicates other motives."

## out fortnight-long padyatras

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After a successful bike rally that brought Lucknow's chaotic traffic to a grinding halt, the Uttar Pradesh unit of Bharatiya Janata Party is set to embark on a fortnight-long padyatras from December 1 to propagate the good works being done by the Narendra Modi and Yogi Adityanath governments.

A decision in this regard was taken at an organisational meeting held in Lucknow on Monday.

Briefing reporters after the meeting, BJP state chief Mahendra Nath Pandey disclosed that after Kamal Sandesh Bike Rally, it has been decided to take out a padyatra across the state on the 150th birth anniversary year of Mahatma Gandhi from December 1 to 15.

:The padyatras will be taken out in all the 403 Assembly constituencies. Six groups compriswill take out the padyatra and cover a minimum of 150 kilometres in each Assembly constituency. The elected members and party's office-bearers and workers will participate in the padyatra," Pandey said.

The BJP state president said that preparatory meetings for the padyatra would be held at local level.



The meeting for Awadh region will be held on November 21, of Kanpur and Kashi regions on November 22 Gorakhpur and west UP regions on November 23 and of Braj region on November 24. After these, meetings will be held at Assembly level on November 26 and 28.

"During the padyatra, the party workers will contact people and make them aware of the policies of both the Central and the state governments. If possible, they will also try to redress problems of the mass-

In the meeting, which was also attended by party's organisational secretary Sunil Bansal, it was decided to organise castebased meetings. The BJP's Scheduled Castes Cell will organise Samajik Pratinidhi meetings from November 21 to 30. Similar meetings of Backward Cell members will

## Shivpal to challenge SP in Sambhal, Ferozabad

Lucknow (PNS): Sambhal and Ram Gopal, who during the crucial family Ferozabad Lok Sabha constituencies are set to be the next battlegrounds of Samajwadi Party's first family in the 2019 parliamentary elections. The fledgling Pragatisheel Samajwadi Party (Lohia) (PSPL) floated by Shivpal Singh Yadav, uncle of SP chief Akhilesh Yadav, is determined to give a tough fight to SP candidates on both seats.

SP general secretary Ram Gopal Yadav is likely to contest from Sambhal while his son Akshay Yadav is the sitting Member of Parliament from Ferozabad. Sources in the PSPL said that party chief

Shivpal Yadav was planning to contest Lok Sabha election from Ferozabad and would not mind challenging his nephew and sitting SP MP Akshay Yadav.

The sources claim that Shivpal believes that it was Ram Gopal who fuelled the family feud two years ago and "manipulated" Ákhilesh Yadav against him. In fact, it was meeting at Saifai in March, 2012, lent his support to Akhilesh as the most deserving chief ministerial candidate, a proposal which was vehemently opposed by Shivpal.

Ferozabad has been a SP bastion since 1999, except in the 2009 bypoll, when Raj Babbar of Congress defeated Akhilesh's wife Dimple Yadav. The constituency has over 16 lakh voters of which 3.75 lakh are Yadavs and 2.25 lakh are Muslims which form the vote base of Samajwadi Party. In October, Shivpal Yadav had held a roadshow in Ferozabad that drew massive response from the people. The local SP MLA, Hari Om Yadav, had also joined Shivpal's road-

"Almost the entire organisation of Samajwadi Party has been built by Shivpal Yadav. After Dimple Yadav lost the 2009 byelection, Akhilesh virtually abandoned the local party office-bearers, holding them

responsible for his wife's defeat. These leaders are now inching closer to Shivpal," said a PSPL office-bearer. Shivpal Yadav has already made it clear that the PSPL will contest against all family members of the Yadav clan barring Mulayam Singh. Akshay Yadav will hence find it difficult to change his seat as it will send wrong signals.

Meanwhile, Shivpal's son Aditya Yadav s said to be preparing to challenge Akhilesh Yadav from Kannauj. "I will contest from wherever my party asks me to. As for Kannauj, I am ready to contest election against Akhilesh or Dimple Yadav and ensure their defeat. The Samajwadi Party has strayed from its ideology," said Aditya, who will be making his political debut in the Lok

Though he remained by his father's side throughout the family strife, Aditya never issued any statement against any family

### **DGP** suspends **Gkp** CO (Traffic)

Minister Yogi Adityanath ordered that the CO (Traffic) of Gorakhpur be given compulsorv retirement.

Singh is accused of extorting money from vehicle drivers. As per official commu-

niqué, a probe by ADG Gorakhpur Zone was ordered in the case in which a woman accused Singh of extorting

In the probe, it was found DGP OP Singh on Monday suspended Gorakhpur's that Singh was taking the side of one Vishwajeet Singh alias Circle Officer (Traffic) Santosh Kallu Singh with whom the dispute over illegal extortion of money from Padleganj tempo traveller stand in Gorakhpur.

The ADG Gorakhpur Žone found that the conduct of the CO (Traffic) was not up to the mark and recommended action against him. Subsequently, the DGP suspended the CO (Traffic) and sent a report to the UP government.

### लखनऊ विकास प्राधिकरण 🕳 निविदा सूचना

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है, कि लखनक विकास प्राधिकरण, लखनक द्वारा संचालि विभिन्न पार्किंग स्टैण्डों एवं पार्क प्रवेश टिकट की सीलबंद निविदा (जो जहां हैं जैसे हैं के आधार प दिनांक 04.12.2018 को आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा में वही व्यक्ति पात्र होंगे जो रूपया 1050/-सहित का निविदा फार्म प्राधिकरण के यूको बैंक, गोमती नगर से प्राप्त कर उसे भरकर निर्धारित प्रपत्रों व साथ आरक्षित मूल्य की धनराशि का 50 प्रतिशत का बैंक ड्राफ्ट (जो सचिव, ल.वि.प्रा. के पक्ष में देय होगा साथ) प्रस्तुत करेंगे। चेक मान्य नहीं है। नियम व शर्ते निविदा फार्म के साथ संलग्न है। आवेदन पत्र के साथ 2018-2019 का चरित्र प्रमाण पत्र जो जिलायिकारी/पुलिस अधीक्षक द्वारा निर्गत हो, संलग्न करना अनिवा है। निविदा फार्म प्रातः 11:00 बजे से 3:00 बजे तक भूतल स्थित कमेटी हाल लखनऊ विकास प्राधिकरण विपि इण्ड गोमती नगर, लखनऊ में रखे निविदा बाक्स में डाले जायेगे तथा अपरान्ह 3:00 बजे निविदा कमे के समक्ष खोली जायेगी। निविदा स्वीकृत होने के उपरान्त् एक सप्ताह में निविदादाता को पूर्ण धनराशि, 18 प्रतिशत जी.एस.टी. व 02 प्रतिशत टी.सी.एस. जमा करनी होगी। धनराशि न जमा करने पर जमानत धनरारि जब्त करते हुये ठेका निररत कर दिया जायेगा। किश्तों में बनराशि जमा करने का कोई प्राविधान नहीं है। पार्किंग शुल एवं पार्क प्रवेश टिकट की वसली लखनऊ विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा निर्धारित दरों पर ही की जायेगी। पार्किंग के लिये निर्धास्ति दरें:-

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## **QUICK TAKES**

Lucknow: With speculations rife of

raking up temple issue PNS LUCKNOW

ommunist Party of India (Marxists) state secretary Heera Lal Yadav lambasted the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party for raking up the temple issue and said that the saffron leaders aimed to grab power by covering up their misgovernance and misleading the people by raising frivolous issues.

Hitting out at BJP president Amit Shah's comment on the Supreme Court verdict on Sabarimala temple issue, Yadav said that the BJP could go to any extent to fulfill its ambition.

"For faring well in the coming 2019 elections, the BJP



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are attacking leaders

sub judice, the BJP leaders were issuing statements on construction of temple every day and at times, they were whipping up public passion up communal frenzy over the

temple is to gain the support of the majority Hindu voters," Yadav said, adding that the CPIM would launch a 'Bhaichara Abhiyan' (brotherhood campaign) across the state and expose the communal and anti-people face of the BJP.

the people were aware that the BJP government in UP was squandering public money on temples and fetes.

Constitution and important institutions. There is no stopping and they may go to the extreme to fulfill their electoral ambition," he said. Yadav said that even

though the Ayodhya issue was "The sole aim of whipping

The CPIM leader said that

"It would have been much better had this money been spent on generating employ-

ment and helping farmers and

students. The people are fed up

with the state government and

will teach BJP a lesson in the

Lok Sabha election," he added.

SP MLA OPPOSES MOVE TO SHIFT UPP HQ FROM PRAYAGRAJ

UP Police headquarters being shifted from Prayagraj (Allahabad) to Lucknow, Samajwadi Party MLA from Karchana (Prayagraj) Kunwar Ujjawal Raman Singh has appealed to Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to intervene and roll back the proposed move. In a letter to the Chief Minister, the SP MLA said that Allahabad or Prayagraj housed the High Court and other important Central and state government offices, including the office of CAG (Comptroller and Auditor General) "Earlier, Allahabad was the capital of the state and it is an important religious place. The people of Prayagraj will be forced to protest and come to the streets if the UP Police HQ is shifted to Lucknow," Singh further said in his letter.

### PLAY POSTPONED AT AMU AFTER POSTERS DEPICT INDIA MAP

Aligarh: A controversy over the display of a map of India, with parts of Jammu and Kashmir missing, stalled the staging of a play on the country's partition at the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) here, authorities said. The play, penned by famous Hindi playwright Asghar Wajahat and scheduled for Sunday evening at the AMU drama club, was put off after objection was raised over its publicity posters carrying the erroneous map. The matter came to light a day earlier when Manvendra Singh, vice-president of BJP's Brij Prant regional committee, pointed out that the posters carried an erroneous map of India without portions of Jammu and Kashmir. Left red-faced, AMU authorities immediately pulled out all posters and issued notices to staff associated with the drama club.

### **RAJBHAR FIRES FRESH SALVO**

Lucknow: Sulking UP Cabinet minister Om Prakash Rajbhar on Monday fired a fresh salvo at the BJP-led Yogi Adityanath government, accusing it of denying funds to open schools for 'divyaangjan' (specially-abled people) in the state. Rajbhar's fresh attack at the BJP comes a day after he challenged the ruling party to dump him for daring "to call a spade a spade". Rajbhar, who heads the Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party, an ally of the BJP in UP, said in a tweet, "In Uttar Pradesh, there are 16 'divyaang' schools in 75 districts. In the state, there are 1.5 crore 'divyaang' people. Now, how will they study in these 16 schools?" He said, "If we speak up in this regard, it is said that we are speaking against them in revolt." In another tweet, Rajbhar said, "Keeping in mind the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, the Ram Mandir issue is being fanned. Through Kumbh, branding of the Lok Sabha elections is being done. In Kumbh thousands of crores of rupees are being spent, but when I seek budget for Divyaangjan Empowerment Department, there is no budget." When contacted, UP's Finance Minister Rajesh Agarwal said the question should be asked to the Chief Minister. I am a minister who is equivalent to Rajbhar.

### TEEN SET ABLAZE FOR REFUSING TO MARRY COUSIN

Banda: A 16-year-old girl was set ablaze in Hamirpur district, allegedly by her cousin for refusing to marry him, police said on Monday. The girl had gone out to attend nature's call on Sunday evening in Jarakhar village when the cousin met her and started putting pressure on her to flee and get married, said additional superintendent of police Santosh Kumar Singh. When she refused, the accused poured kerosene on the girl and set her ablaze. The girl suffered 50-per-cent burns and is undergoing treatment at a hospital. A case has been registered on the complaint of the girl's father and efforts are on to nab the accused who is absconding,

### PRINCIPAL DIES AS BOUNDARY OF GOVT SCHOOL COLLAPSES ON HER

Gorakhpur: The principal of a government primary school here was killed on Monday after the boundary wall on the premises collapse on her. Sharda Singh (55), principal of government primary school at Kasarwal in Sahjanwa block, was fatally injured when the boundary wall near her collapsed. She was rushed to hospital where she died during treatment.

### **MAN STABBED**

Muzaffarnagar: A man was injured after he was stabbed following an altercation over money on Sunday. According to station house officer Kushal Pal Singh, the injured was rushed to a hospital. The accused had borrowed money from the victim, the SHO said.

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## Rizvi's movie on Ayodhya set to raise poll pitch

Central Shia Waqf Board chairperson insists the story is a work of fiction

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**¬**he trailer of movie 'Ram Janmabhoomi', written and produced by Central Shia Waqf Board chairperson Waseem Rizvi, was launched at a city hotel on Monday. Addressing mediapersons, Rizvi insisted that the story was fictional but based on true incidents which occurred between October 30 and November 2 in 1990 when shots were fired on Kar Sevaks, aggravating the issue. The movie is likely to be released in December.

Rizvi said he had also tried to project his own personal views on the issue in the film. "The film does not touch upon the issue of whether or not the temple should be built in Ayodhya. The film does not target any person, nor does it portray any religion in bad light. My prime aim is to highlight that there are certain mullahs and foreign agents who are trying to spread hatred and vitiate the atmosphere in the country. I truly believe Islam is a religion of love and piece," he said.

Clarifying that personally, he had always supported the construction of Ram temple in Ayodhya, Rizvi pointed out that a place of worship could



Waseem Rizvi and others at the trailer launch of movie 'Ram Janmabhoomi' at a city hotel on Monday

built after razing a temple.
"As per Sharia law, mosques cannot be constructed on disputed lands or where there has been so much of bloodshed," he pointed out.
Rizvi said he also favoured

settlement of the issue and proposed a mosque called Masjid-e-Aman in Lucknow. "I am still hopeful about the proposal," he said.

Giving details of the movie. he pointed out that the movie centred around the firing on Kar Sevaks. "The story shows what a happened and how people used it for their own benefit. The main character is that of Sadanand Shastri who, after his retirement, takes up not be called a masjid if it was the cudgels of Ram temple

construction. The villain of the movie is Maulana Zafar Khan, a Pakistani agent who indulges in all kinds of terror activities and has also carried out halala with his daughter-inlaw," Rizvi said.

He said director Sanoi Mishra and his team faced problems while they were shooting in Ayodhya, Neemsar and Faizabad (now Ayodhya). "We could not shoot openly because any revelation on the subject would have brought more opposition," he added.

Regarding media queries about the timing of the film when elections are round the corner, Rizvi said: "The film has taken almost one-andhalf-years and it is a fact that his experiences.

that I have always been supporting construction of the temple. On reports that the film could spark controversies and add to tension, he said the aim was to target those spreading ill will. "People should see the film. It has not cropped up sud-denly even tough the matter

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has taken centrestage," he said. He admitted that the budget was small and they had tried to make a big film with limited resources. "Most of the well-known actors such as Govind Namdeo have consented to take their fees after the film is released," he added.

The movie has been directed by Bhojpuri film-maker Sanoj Mishra, who also shared

### **State Children Home supdt** hushes up boy's death

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW

Aboy staying at State Children's Home (SCH), being run by Nirvan Sansthan on Mohan Road under Para police station, died under mysterious circumstances on Sunday evening. The superintendent of the Children Home and local police hushed up the incident and shared the details only after the news was leaked to the media. The 12-year-old boy was admitted to the SCH some time back. Around 12:30 pm on Sunday, he suffered bouts of stroke and fell unconscious. He was taken to a hospital around 1 pm and was declared "brought dead" later.

The 12-year-old was taken to hospital after he suffered bouts of stroke. He was declared 'brought dead'

After the incident, superintendent of Nirvan Sansthan Rashi Verma of Sarojini Nagar delayed in informing the police about the incident. "The super-intendent informed the incident to Para police about three hours later," the police spokesman said. But the Para police also hushed up the case and did not inform their senior officials till Monday. The news, however, was leaked to the media and newsmen started querying senior police officials. It was then only the news came to their notice. The police spokesman said the autopsy on the body was conducted. "The autopsy failed to ascertain the cause of death. The police had recommended preserving the viscera of the body. A team, led by sub-inspector Surendra will be investigating the case. The team will record the statement of the superintendent of the Nirvan Sansthan which is running the SCH," he said.

## Mystery shrouds death of BTech student PIONEER NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW KRISHNA MURARI WAS

A BTech student of a Central Institute of Plastic Engineering and Technology (CIPET) died under mysteri-ous circumstances at his hostel room on Monday. Police were clueless about the reason which claimed the life of the student and said the autopsy report would ascertain the cause of death.

As per reports, Krishna Murari was staying in a hostel room located on the third floor of the building inside the institute's campus. Around 10:15 am on Monday, he fell unconscious after he went to the bathroom to take bath in the hostel. Another student Shivam Mishra reached the bathroom and found Krishna Murari lying unconscious on the floor. He immediately informed the warden of the hostel. Owing to the lack of ambulance, Murari was rushed to the Lok Bandhu Hospital in a car owned by college teacher HN Choube. However, the doctors declared him "dead upon examination". The doctors said that the boy died because of the delay in medical care. However, they could not explain the cause of death. The hospital later sent a memo to the Krishna Nagar police and this way the news reached the police officials.

Subsequently, sub-inspector Santosh Singh was assigned the investigation into the case. The S-I reached the Lok Bandhu Hospital and sent the body to morgue after completing the formalities.

The police spokesman said no injuries were detected during the examination of the body. "The cause behind the death of the student was not known. His roommates/classmates are also clueless about the cause which claimed the victim's life. The police are waiting for the autopsy report to reach to a conclusion. If anything fishy surfaces, the police



will probe the case from that

angle too," he said. After the incident, the student of CIPET staged a protest at the institute forcing the work and classes to remain suspended for hours. They alleged that they had informed the college administration immediately after the incident came to their notice. "The college did not have an ambulance and the delay caused the death of the victim," they alleged. The college administration said Krishna Murari was ill for the last few days and his death was due to some disease. Murari's father runs a shop in Jharkhand.

### TWO KILLED AS LMC DUMPER HITS SCOOTER

Two men died after their scooter was hit by a moving LMC dumper at Daliganj crossing under Hasanganj

RUSHED TO THE LOK BANDHU HOSPITAL IN A CAR OWNED BY **COLLEGE TEACHER HN** CHOUBE. HOWEVER, THE DOCTORS **DECLARED HIM 'DEAD** UPON EXAMINATION'

police station on Monday. Agitated over the same, the public thrashed the drunk driver and later handed him over to the police.

The deceased, identified as Nitin Srivastava (26) and Shikhar Verma (28), were going for some work. Around 6 pm when the duo were moving on their scooty on the wrong side on Daliganj crossing, a speeding LMC dumper came and hit the scooter. As their vehicle got stuck, the dumper dragged them to several feet. Seeing the incident, commuters came for the rescue of the victims and thrashed the dumper driver, who was drunk. Both were rushed to KGMU's Trauma Centre where both succumbed to injuries. The Hasanganj police said that the driver, identified as Sandeep (22), was drunk and had been detained.

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## Mahotsav promises to be a grand affair



The annual cultural extravaganza, on November 25 with a nritya natika, 'Chakravyuh', by actor Nitish Bhardwaj (of Mahabharat fame). There will also be a performance by Solitaire Band consisting of participants from Ukraine, Russia and

Addressing mediapersons after releasing the poster of Lucknow Mahotsav at Collectorate on Monday, District Magistrate Kaushal Raj Sharma said the extravaganza was back at the previous venue, Smriti Upvan, and usual time slot

Among the highlights are bhajan sandhya by Maithili Thakur on November 27, Kavi Sammelan on November 28, performance by Javed Ali on November 29, Mushaira on November 30, performance by Pawan Singh on December 1, Malini Awasthi on December 2, Brijesh Shandilya on December 3, Guru Randhawa on December 4 and Padma Ghosh on

The Kavi Sammelan will have few

### Kin of deceased seek arrest of all killers

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rin of Bablu Rajput, whose body was burnt after The was done to death by his rivals in Maal police station area, put the corpse on the road and staged a protest demanding arrest of miscreants. The protesters helped by workers and leaders of a farmers union lambasted the police for failing to respond timely in the case and said police callousness was exposed in the case. Demanding action against policemen for the apathy, the protesters said Bablu's father Phoolchand had lodged a complaint in March after a fight broke out first time between deceased Bablu and his rivals. "Phoolchand had also sought police help on November 16, the day Bablu on the part of police and gives an impression that the Maal police were taking side of persons accused in the case," the kin alleged. The agitators ended the protest on assurance of a speedy action against miscreants named in the case.

A group of youths had killed Bablu after abducting him and later burnt his body in a forest cover in Devkali village under Atrauli police station area of Hardoi. This gory incident of crime had come to the fore after the police arrested two suspects on the insistence of victim's father Phoolchand who also had petitioned his case to senior police officials. The police arrested two suspects Deepu and Anshu, both named in the FIR given by victim's father. In his confession, Deepu disclosed that he, along with one of his aides kidnapped Bablu soon after he left the house to attend a religious function on November 16. Bablu was later taken to the poultry farm owned by Anshu, another accused in the case, and later was shifted to the forest area in Devkali village under Atrauli police station area of Hardoi where he was killed and his body was burnt. The police on Sunday evening recovered the semi-burnt body of the victim on the disclosure of the miscreants and later Bablu's father identified the body. To trace his son, Phoolchand ran from pillar to post and send his complaint to police and district administration officials. He had also contacted the Maal police immediately after Bablu was not found at the place where he had to attend the religious function. "When I was frantically searching my son, the accused were transporting my son to Hardoi where they killed and burnt him later," the

# Bhojpuri and Awadhi nights will be

held separately. "Singer Shirley Setia

has also been selected on the basis of

her massive popularity on social

media," the DM said. The entry fee

has been increased this time with

daily tickets being priced at Rs 20 each

and seasonal tickets Rs 100 each.

uine crowds and keep out frivolous

visitors at the venue. The entry of chil-

dren below the age of 5 years will be

free," the DM said, adding: "Drones will be used to take photographs of

the Mahotsav as also for surveillance

for security reasons," he added. The

theme of the Mahotsav this year is 'Atal Sanskriti, Atal Virasat'. "We had

several suggestions from people to dedicate the Mahotsav to former

Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, but the catch line was decided by the

Mahotsav committee. Theme mod-

els associated with Vajpayee such as

Kargil War, Pokharan and incidents

associated with his life will be present-

ed at the Mahotsav. His speeches will

be displayed on screens and books

will be sold at the counters at Atal Art Gallery. Various activities will be

organised for which there will be no

separate entry fee," the DM said.

This has been done to bring in gen-

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■ Lucknow Mahotsav will kick off Germany on November 26.

(November 25 to December 5).

but well-known poets and the

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LUCKNOW- 226018.

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL

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Summons to defendant under Section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts due to the Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rule 12

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publication of the summons and thereafter to appear before the fribunal on **26.11.2018 at 10.30 A.M.** failing which the

Registrar Debts Recovery Tribunal, Lucknow

oplication shall be heard and decided in your absence.

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Dated 08/10/2018

## LDA property sale from November 24

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from Saturday.

Once more attempt is being made by Lucknow Development Authority (LDA) to dispose of houses and flats lying unsold and vacant for more than 15 years. Now they will be sold on first-come-first-take basis without filling any forms or submitting applications. This exercise will begin

LDA secretary MP Singh said those interested would not have to meet officials but to select houses or flats of their liking. They only have to contact property officials there and expressed his or her liking. The officer will state the cost of the house and the concession which the LDA administration will give to them. However, the details of such concession and other benefits are kept a secret in public interest. The LDA administration will

hand over the possession after minor repairs such as whitewash and repair of the electric fittings. These shelters are not in good shape as they were constructed a long time back and no maintenance work was executed since then.

The estimated cost of a property

will be the average of then market price (the year in which it was constructed) and the prevailing market price. The LDA administration has not publicised private one) have agreed to provide the and cautions to avoid any blunder and maintain transparency.



their sale on a big scale so that the public should come up with fresh mind to buy properties without being influenced by any lobby. The two banks (one nationalized and other one is a loan to people after quick completion of formalities. Vice- Chairman PN Singh has instructed officials and engineers engaged in this job to be alert



## RDSO holding global meet from Nov 22

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 $T^{ech} \ \ representatives \ \ from \\ 14 \ countries \ will be \ visiting \\ Research \ Design \ and \ Standard$ Organisation (RDSO) to attend InnoRail International Exhibition and Conference to be held on November 22 on the RDSO campus. The three-day programme is being organised in association with Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) and will conclude on November 24.

Giving information, member, Rolling Stock, Rajesh Agrawal said technology on track knowledge and electronics and signaling would be the main focus area. "Indian Railways is constantly working to upgrade passenger facilities.

He added that RDSO was going to launch a website raildevelopmentbandhu. "It will be like a single window system to address the work relat-

**CANTTWATCH** 

**RAISING DAY** 

disaster relief operations.

began in the morning by paying homage to the martyrs. A wreath

was laid at the 'Smritika' war memorial. All officers of the Corps of

Engineers posted in Lucknow were in attendance during the solemn

ceremony. The main role of Engineers is to provide mobility to own

forces by constructing bridges, tracks and helipads and deny the same

to enemy by creating obstacles such as laying mine fields and demol-

ishing bridges. During peace, the Corps of Engineers have also been

actively involved in assisting the civil administration in flood and

**Ex-incharge of Hindi** 

daily shoots self

disclosed the conference would open a wide horizon of development and would enable the railways to greatly contribute in the GDP. "The conference will also open job opportunities for the unemployed," he said. At the same time, Agrawal

stressed on the need of promo-tion of artificial intelligence in the railways saying its introduction would improve the technology and would make India one among the countries which had the best technology.

Replying to a question about the introduction of LBH coaches having better safety features, Agrawal said the conventional coaches were being phased out. "Approximately 8000 LBH coaches have been attached to trains at present," he added. Agarwal said he hoped that the conference would promote small scale industries, start-ups and also centres of

excellence. Executive director (Research) SK Singh said the seminar would discuss about high speed technology, business opportunities and urban mobility. "The event will be showcasing the newer technology in passenger and freight trains. We will try to complete projects which are in the last stage of completion by February 2019," he informed. The ED added that the countries taking part in the programme included German and Austria. CII director Subhashish Bose said passenger safety was the major issue to be addressed and those participating in the programme would display technologies related to that. The meeting was attended by senior RDSO officials including director, RDSO, Virendra Kumar, ED, Administration, NK Sinha and member, Railway Board,



Women performing Tulsi puja at Hari Om temple on the occasion of Ekadashi on Monday

## **World Heritage Week kicks off**

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Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) organised the opening ceremony of World Heritage Week and National Integration at Centrally protected monument, General Wali Kothi, in Lucknow on Monday. The function was presided over by KK Thaplyal, former dean (Arts. Faculty), and head of (Arts Faculty) and head of Ancient Indian History, Culture The Surya Sappers celebrated the 238th Raising Day of Corps and Archaeology, Lucknow of Engineers in Lucknow Cantonment on Sunday. The celebrations

Former head of LU's Medieval and Modern History Department, PK Ghosh was the chief guest on the occasion. A photo exhibition showing world heritage monuments of

India and monuments under Lucknow circle of ASI was also inaugurated. It will remain open for visitors for a week at General Wali Kothi near Chatar Manzil. Leaflets on some important monuments were also released at the opening ceremony. emony. The monuments include Rumi Darwaza, Shahnajaf, Imambara Imambara Sibtainabad, Juma Masjid and Dashavtar Temple.

A book titled 'Treasures of World Heritage in India, written by former superintending archaeologist of ASI Atiq R Siddiqi was also released. The book contains detailed information about the world heritage sites in India. speaking on

the occasion, Ghosh mentioned that Archaeology as a subject in Ancient History departments but history without archaeological and epigraphic sources could not be imagined, hence it was high time for universities and University Grants Commission to include Archaeology and Persian script and language in Medieval History departments also, so that students could get inclined towards primary sources of history. În his presidential address, Thapliyal thanked the agencies involved in conserva-

Superintending archaeologist, ASI (Lucknow circle), Indu Prakash said that the government was trying to make all efforts to safeguard the monuments, but cooperation from citizens was the need of the hour. Essay and drawing competitions on 'National inte-gration and our heritage' were also organised. In the essay contest, Riya Yadav walked away with the first prize while Prerna Singh and Riddhima Singh stood second and third, respectively. Riya Bharti and Sadiya got consolation prizes. In drawing competition, Ishani Mishra stood first while Gauri Mishra and Saumya Gautam achieved second and third positions, respectively. Zinat Bano and Sonalika Yadav were given

tion of ancient monuments.

away consolation prizes.

## Clamour for safety, security to youths

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On the fourth day of the 19th International Conference of Chief Justices of the World, justices and law personnel said in one voice that the young generation would definitely be provided to clean anyionment. a clean environment, peaceful world order and secured future. BJP MLA and general secretary Pankaj Singh inaugurated the conference.

Justice Said Yousuf Halim of address that the time was ripe to establish international law and order because it was the only way to find solutions to global issues. "In this scenario, when the cloud of dangers has engulfed the safety, hopes and lives of children of the world, this conference is quite apt to the aspirations of children of the world," he added. On the 4th day, great personnel of the judiciary put their heads together for a new world order at various parallel sessions. At the parallel session on the theme



world order on democratic lines, structure of global democracy, consideration of options for global structure suggested by various organisations for effective global governance and role of youth in social transformation. Similarly, on the theme Tackling global issues, topics like regional and international terrorism, ethnic and civil wars, genocide by misguided forces, nuclear proliferation and disarmament, conflict resolution and refugee problem were covered. Aaron Michael Oquaye 'Global governance structure', the topics from Ghana said in his

address that right to education must be provided to all children. "We adults are responsible for giving them a secured and happy atmosphere, because they them-selves cannot have it. We should be more thoughtful for the underprivileged children. Needs of all children of the world are the same, like education and safety," he observed. Speaker of Legislative Assembly Hriday Narain Dixit hosted a dinner at Indira Gandhi Pratisthan in honour of distinguished and eminent The dinner was accompanied with scintillating educational, cultural items and the dignitaries cherished Lucknowi cuisine while getting acquainted with the culture and tradition of India. The result of the intense discussions and deliberations of four days will come out as the 'Lucknow Declaration' to be released on Tuesday at a press conference to be held at Hotel Clarks Avadh. These dignitaries will apprise the media personnel of various issues taken up in the 'Lucknow Declaration'.

### CITYBRIEFS



### INNOVATION FESTIVAL

Regional Science City is organising a three-day Innovation Festival from November 19 to 21. The event was inaugurated by director of Institute of Engineering & Technology HK Paliwal. Senior scientist Anand Akhila and a large gathering of students, teachers and visitors were present on the occasion. More than 70 innovative projects are on display in the Innovation Festival which comprises a display contest from schools and engineering college students, teachers' training, and workshop for Science and Maths teachers. Paliwal interacted with participants on almost every project and expressed his views on the quality and theme of the projects. He appreciated some of the projects having high innovativé components like gravity-driven bicycle, eco-poly tiles, Math-O-Magic, grass cutter, water alarm, and AC helmet

### FOUNDATION DAY

Indira Gandhi National Open University celebrated its 33rd Foundation Day in Lucknow on Monday. All the officials and staff members were present on the occasion. Regional director Manorama Singh inaugurat-



ed the celebrations. She shared how within a span of 33 years, IGNOU became the world's largest open university catering to more than three million students through over 250 programmes. A seminar on Machine learning and data analysis' was organised in collaboration with Digipodium. Digipodium also organised a workshop on 'Python and its radius' for the learners of MCA programme. Five learners have been selected for the 3-week training of Google certification. The main function was organised in New Delhi, where various cultural and academic programmes marked the celebrations.

### TRAINING PROGRAMME

A training programme is being organised at Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (CIMAP) under the CSIR Aroma Mission'. It was inaugurated by chief scientist and acting director of CIMAP Alok Kalra on Monday. In the threeday programme, 74 participants from Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, New Delhi, Haryana, Meghalaya, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Chhattishgarh, Rajasthan and Jharkhand are participating. Kalra said that cultivation of traditional crops did not give handsome profit to farmers. "These crops get frequently damaged by wild animals and cattle. It can be compensated by adopting the cultivation of medicinal and aromatic crops," he added. Saudan Singh explained the advanced agricultural practices in mint production while HP Singh delivered a lecture on vetiver cultivation techniques. Sanjay Kumar spoke about the production technology of palmarosa while VKS Tomar about lemongrass. The participants also visited the demonstration field at CIMAP research farm.

### MANFEST CONCLUDES

With the 3-day Manfest coming to an end at the IIM-L, highlights of the annual biz and cultural event were shared on Monday. The 'Leaders Express' segment gave the students an opportuni-ty to interact with deputy CEO, Edelweiss Global Asset and Wealth Management, Hemant Daga besides critically acclaimed author Ashwin Sanghi, CEO of Nearbuy Ankur Warikoo, and CEO of Niine Richa Singh among others. Several management events were conducted in partnership with the UP government, Thailand Tourism, NTPC, ITC and other major companies. Students from pated in the event. The formats were case-study based compe titions on real-life business issues, business-quizzing and simulations. Music director duo Vishal-Shekhar set the stage on fire and had the crowd grooving.

### ALLAHABAD BANK'S MD&CEO VISIT

The managing director and chief executive officer of the Allahabad Bank, CHMS Mallikarjun Rao is arriving here on Tuesday. It would be his first visit to the state capital after he took over the charge. He will review the programmes and schemes initiated by the bank for public welfare with the senior officials.



### in Uttar Pradesh's Shamli district on Monday, police said. Vijay Singhal, 48, committed suicide house, circle officer Ashok Kumar said. The cause behind the step

Lucknow (PNS): A former district incharge of a Hindi daily apparently shot himself to death

has not been identified yet, Kumar said, adding that the body had been sent for postmortem. In another incident, an unidentified man is suspected to have been stoned to death in Shamli, the officer said.

The body has injury marks and a bloodstained brick was found near it, he said, adding that



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an investigation was on Meanwhile, in Muzaffarnagar, a 70-year-old undertrial prisoner of the district jail allegedly died after suffering from an illness, the jail superintendent said Ishhaq was rushed to a hospital in a serious condition on Sunday evening, the official said, adding that he was declared dead on Monday.



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## **Public sentiment on Ayodhya** should be respected: Min

ment on the Ayodhya issue should be respected and a Ram temple should be built in the town, a senior Uttar Pradesh Cabinet minister said on Monday. Laxmi Narayan Chaudhary, the Religious Affairs, Culture, Minority Welfare, Muslim Waqf and Haj Minister, said the construction of the temple would restore the "glorious ĥistory" of Ayodhya, with lakhs of tourists visiting the place.
"Whether it is the govern-

ment or any other institution (in the country), everyone must respect the public sentiment. And, the public sentiment, which is prevailing across the country, wants that the construction work of the

Ram temple in Ayodhya must begin at the earliest," Chaudhary told PTI in an interview here.

Claiming that the entire world was keeping a watch over the developments, Chaudhary affirmed the country "owes its identity to Lord Ram". "As soon as a grand Ram temple is built in Ayodhya, it will restore the glorious history of Ayodhya. Subsequently, lakhs of tourists will visit the place and it will eventually give a boost to tourism in the temple town," he said.

The minister said the aim of the recently-organised 'Deepotsav' in Ayodhya was to send a message across the globe that "people should learn a lesson from the life of the Marvada Purushottam, who made India a global superpower". "Lord Ram is a personality, which is incomparable be it as a son or a warrior. Lord Ram is our role model... It was due to Lord Ram that India became a global superpower," Chaudhary said. The minister claimed that during the Mughal rule, British rule and even after decades of Independence, no attention was paid for the development of Ayodhya. "It was only after Yogi Adityanath became the UP chief minister that attention was paid for the beautification of Ayodhya and to enhance its grandeur. In the last 100 years, no work was done for development of Ayodhya and it was virtually

## HC quashes order of Mahoba dist admn

PNS ALLAHABAD

The Allahabad High Court quashed the order of Mahoba district administration by which two annual increments of an employee were permanently stopped as he was found in possession of and consuming tobacco/pan masala in office premises.

The order was passed by Justice Yashwant Varma allowing the writ petition filed by Mithlesh Kumar Tiwari. Allowing the writ excessive quantity of the sub-

view that stopping two increments permanently was a major punishment as provided under UP Government Servant (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1999, and thus the petitioner was required to give an opportunity of show cause against the proposed punishment. But in the present case the petitioner was awarded impugned punish-

ment merely by saying that he

petition the court was of the stance in question, the court

added. It was further observed by the court that it was mandatory on the part of the respondent authority to follow rules but in the present case neither any chargesheet was served upon the petitioner nor were any witness examined and thus quashed the order of punishment. However the bench made it clear that authority may proceed in was found in possession of accordance with law if so

Children taking out an awareness rally, led by SP (Traffic) Ravi Shankar Nim, from Polytechnic under Traffic Month

## Hoodlums gun down man

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ ALLAHABAD

Tn a sensational incident, a 35 1-year-old man was shot dead by some motorcycle-borne miscreants at Karma Bazar under the Ghoorpur police station of trans-Yamuna area at a liquor shop here on Sunday night. The victim was immediately taken to the SRN Hospital here for treatment where he was declared as brought dead.

According to a report, Vinay Patel, a resident of Karma area, was at the crossing when the assailants opened fire from a close range. After

committing the crime they fled on their motorcycle towards the Naini area. When contacted, Ghoorpur Inspector Brijesh Singh said that force had been deployed in the area to avoid any untoward incident. An FIR was lodged against unidentified miscreants in this connection on the basis of a complaint being given by the family members of the deceased.

Vinay was the son of a former village head and had a tiff with a youth of another com-

munity a few months ago. Meanwhile the Mumbai police arrested a youth from the Kareli area here for alleged-

ly issuing threats to the person al assistant of the actor Salman Khan over phone. The arrest was made with the help of the local police. The accused and his aide had claimed that they were shooters of Chhota Rajan gang and demanded a role in a movie. According to a report, Shera, a resident of Kareli and Rauf, a resident of Phulpur, had gone to Mumbai some days ago where they managed to get Salman Khan's mobile number. They called on the number and claiming to be the henchmen of Chhota Rajan threatened the actor's personal assistant with dire consequences. They demanded work in films.

## **6 N-E States ready** to implement RERA

Nearly two years after the Real Estate Regulation Act (RERA) was enacted by the Parliament, six northeastern States have finally agreed to implement the law, paving way for protecting the interest of homebuyers in these States. Pradesh. Arunachal Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland and Sikkim have failed to notify RERA due to land and other issues.

The development comes after a team of the Union Housing and Urban Affairs (HUA) Ministry visited the northeastern States on October 26 and held a workshop with their representatives and discussed the issues coming in the way of notifying the Act.

According to HUA secretary Durga Shankar Mishra, the northeastern States have agreed to implement RERA. We are helping them in notifying the



RERA rules.

Sources said representatives of these states had some issues about the implementation of RERA, but the Ministry officials cleared all their doubts in the last month's workshop.

The Act, which provides proper protection to home buyers, was enacted by the Parliament in 2016. The States were given powers to notify their respective rules and appoint regulatory authori-

All States and Union Territories in the country had notified the rules under RERA, except the six northeastern states and West Bengal. The Act

Kashmir. "There are 27 States that have established the Authority. Out of them 14 States have set up interim ones. All the States of northern region have established permanent Regulatory Authorities except Himachal Pradesh, Delhi and Chandigarh," an official of HUA said.

According to the Ministry, 33,750 real estate projects have been registered under RERA, while 26,018 agents have been registered across the country. Maharashtra tops the list of States with 18,392 projects reg-

Instead of implementing RERA, West Bengal had notified its own real estate law the Housing and Industrial Regulation Act, 2017 (HIRA). Mishra had written to the Bengal Government, asking it to repeal its own act as there was already a central law on the

### **WORLD TOILET DAY**

## PM praises sanitation coverage increase

With as many as 60.53 lakh individual household toilets constructed and 4.7 lakh seats of community or public toilets under construction under the Swachchh Bharat Mission (Urban), Prime Minister Narendra Modi praised the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (HUA) for its remarkable speed of construction on the occasion of World Toilet day. Hailing the HUA Ministry,

Modi said India is proud of the remarkable speed with which sanitation coverage has increased in the last four years reiterated Government's commitment to enhancing sanitation facilities. The Prime Minister said the drive for a cleaner India and ensuring better sanitation facil-

Modi took to Twitter to thank women and youth for taking the lead in the sanitation

ities is in fact a people's move-

According to the Ministry, around 4.7 lakh public toilet seats have been constructed so far. The target set under the mission was 5.07 lakh public

drive. World Toilet Day, celebrated on November 19, is about taking action to ensure that everyone has a safe toilet

toilet seats

"Today, on World Toilet Day, we reiterate our commitment towards enhancing cleanliness and sanitation facilities across the nation. We in India take pride at the remarkable speed with which sanitation cover has increased in the last four years," he wrote. He said it is the 130 crore Indians, particularly women and youths, who have taken the lead in the movement. "I congratulate all those working to fulfil the dream of a Swachh Bharat," he

According to the Ministry, around 4.7 lakh public toilet seats have been constructed so far. The target set under the mission was 5.07 lakh public toilet seats. More than 12,000 public toilets have been built in Delhi since 2015, the ministry said. Speaking at an event here, HUA Secretary Durga Shanker Mishra said 19 states and UTs were already Open Defecation Free (ODF) in their urban

"This has been achieved by the construction of nearly 60.53 lakh individual household toilets (against a mission target of 66 lakhs; i.E. 91.7% constructed and under-construction against target)," Mishra said in an official statement.

"In the area of solid waste management, at least 40 percent of the total waste generatprocessed, and 52 percent of wards are practising source segregation," the ministry officials said.

On the occasion of the "World Toilet Day", the gov-ernment also released Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for cleaning of sewers and septic tanks for field staff who respond to sewer overflows or

The workshop on urban sanitation is aimed at addressing challenges in the urban sanitation space thereby enable participating states and cities in proactively implementing riable, affordable and sustainable sanitation solutions for a Swachh Bharat.

The Swachh Bharat Mission (Clean India Mission) aims to achieve 100 per cent open defecation free (ODF) and scientific solid waste management in India by October 2, 2019, the 150th birthday anniversary of Mahatma

### **Mizoram for** public meet PNS NEW DELHI

**Shah to visit** 

BIP president Amit Shah will be on a day visit to Mizoram on Tuesday, where he will address a public meeting first at Ariopagi, Lawngtlai and thereafter, at Varirengte in the State.

Shah will also address a Press conference and release Vision Document of the BJP for Mizoram at the State BJP Office in Aizawl.

The first public meeting will be at Lawngtlai in the morning followed by Joint YMA playground, Vairengte later in the evening. The battle for votes in Mizoram is a direct fight between ruling Congress which has been in power since 2008 and Mizo National Front (MNF), the biggest regional outfit. An optimist BJP which already penetrated North-East well and succeeded in Assam, Manipur and Meghalaya has fielded 39 candidates for the 40-strong Mizoram Assembly. The State has 87 per cent Christian population.

## Amritsar blast: Rajnath reviews security situation

 $I^{\rm n}$  the wake of the "terror" attack in Punjab, where three people were killed and 20 others injured in a grenade blast, Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday reviewed the security situation in the

Senior officials of the Home Ministry and security agencies briefed the Home Minister regarding the explosion at a religious gathering near Amritsar on Sunday, an incident which police are treating as a "terrorist act".

The Home Minister directed the officials to provide all assistance to the Punjab Government in their investigation to nab the perpetrators of the crime, a Home Ministry

official said. Singh was told that a team der.

of the National Investigation Agency has already visited the blast site along with their inves-

tigators and explosive experts. Three persons, including a reacher, were killed and 20 others injured when twomotorcycle borne men threw grenade on a religious congregation on the outskirts of

The incident took place inside the Nirankari Bhavan's prayer hall at Adliwal village near Amritsar's Rajasansi, police said.

A religious congregation of the Nirankari followers was being conducted inside the Bhavan at the time of the incident. The Sant Nirankari Mission is a spiritual organisation and the Bhavan lies close to the Amritsar international airport and the Indo-Pak bor-

## Cong's plea to restrain Swamy from tweeting about Herald case rejected

The fast track court handling National Herald case on Monday dismissed senior Congress leader Motilal Vora's plea seeking to restrain complainant Subramanian Swamy from tweeting about the case and using "derogatory language" against Congress leaders. Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Samar Vishal rejected the plea of Vora, also an accused in the case, saying there was nothing to show that the tweets caused any damage to the trial of the case, or any prejudice to the court.

Vora, in his application, had alleged that Swamy was trying to influence the court proceedings with his tweets. He also accused Swamy of using derogatory language against Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi often on the social media platform. The



court said the tweets cited by Vora "cannot be said to interfere or obstruct the administo prejudice the due course of any judicial proceedings, firstly because no such instance due to which the applicant can say this has either been stated in the application, nor has been put forth in the argument".

"The trial is going on and has reached the stage of evidence, and I am unable to find anything on record nor anything has been put forth to show that these tweets may have caused any damage to the trial or any prejudice to the

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court," the judge said. It said "a court cannot prohibit any person from reporting the proceedings of a case unless it is shown that the reporting is patently and malafidely false". "The tweets may not be

happily worded from the point of view of the applicant or other accused, but how they interfere in the administration of justice or are prejudicial to the defence of the accused is not clear," the court said, posting cross examination of Swamy in the main case to January 11.

## Hope RBI Guv shows Modi his place: Rahul

PNS NEW DELHI

Tn the wake of confrontation between the Government and the RBI, Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Monday hoped that the Central bank gathered the courage to put the onus of liquidity crisis on Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Rahul said if RBI Governor Urjit Patel has "spine" he will show the Prime Minister "his place".

Later, the RBI's crucial board meeting on Monday took up the liquidity crisis that has triggered a tiff between the government and the central bank. "Mr Modi and his coterie of cronies, continue to destroy every institution they can get their hands on. Today, through his puppets at the RBI Board Meet he will attempt to destroy the RBI. I hope Mr Patel and his team have a spine and show him his place," Rahul tweeted earlier in the

The Congress has accused the Modi Government of destroying every institution in the country and the latest one being the RBI. The meeting is being held in the background of tension between the Centre and the RBI after Finance Ministry cited the never-used-before Section 7 of the RBI Act which empowers the Government to issue directions to the RBI Governor.

The Government on November 9 had said it was discussing an "appropriate" size of capital reserves that the central bank must maintain but denied seeking a massive capital transfer from the RBI. Economic Affairs Secretary Subhash Chandra Garg had also clarified that the Government wasn't in any dire needs of funds and that there was no proposal to ask the RBI to transfer ₹3.6 lakh

### INSHORT

**CSE TO GET 2018 INDIRA GANDHI PRIZE** 

New Delhi: Delhi-based environment think-tank CSE will be honoured with the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace Disarmament and Development this year for its work in environmental education and protection. According to the Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust Monday, CSE has been awarded the prize for its steadfast advocacy of measures to combat environmental deterioration and for its success in influencing public policies and programmes that have benefitted social and economic development in India

### **RAILWAYS GIVES SPECIAL OFFER TO MELA DEVOTEES**

New Delhi: To clear the rush of passengers travelling to Allahabad during the period of Mahakumbh next year, Railways have decided to extend the window for buying unreserved tickets to 15 days from the current three days on the railway ticketing app. This facility is only available to travel to 12 stations

### FOR DEVOTEES OF KARTARPUR SAHIB

## Govt to install high-powered telescope along Indo-Pak border

**New Delhi:** A high-powered telescope will be installed along the Indo-Pak border for devotees to view Kartarpur Sahib in Punjab, one of the holiest shrines of Sikhs. The Government on

Monday also announced that a commemorative coin and postage stamps will be released as part of a series of activities planned to mark the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev.

The Ministry of Electronics and IT will install a high-powered telescope in India for the devotees to view Kartarpur Sahib in Pakistan, while the in Punjab. Railways Ministry will run a

places associated with the Sikh The National Implementation guru, a Home Ministry state-

Sahib came into focus after Punjab Minister Navjot Singh Sidhu visited Pakistan in August to attend the oath-taking ceremony of his cricketer-turnedpolitician friend Imran Khan as Prime Minister of that country. After his return, Sidhu

claimed that Pakistan Army chief Qamar Javed Bajwa had told him that Pakistan may open a corridor to Kartarpur Sahib, which is located just across the International Border

Kartarpur Sahib is the final train, which will pass through resting place of Guru Nanak.

Committee, chaired by Rajnath Singh, also launched events, The issue of Kartarpur including the release of commemorative coin and postage stamps. Following this, it was decided that the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev will be commemorated through a series of activities, commencing in November, throughout

> globe, the statement said. "The year 2019 marks the 550th birth anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the great saint and founder of the Sikh faith. Guru Nanak's teachings of love, peace and brotherhood hold universal **PTI** hearing. The plea will be heard appeal," it said.

### FROM SUPREME COURT

## Zakia Jafri case: Plea challenging clean | Malegaon case: Bombay HC chit to Modi deferred till November 26

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday deferred till November 26 hearing on the plea of Zakia Jafri challenging the clean chit given by the Special Investigating Team (SIT) to Narendra Modi, who was then Gujarat Chief Minister, in connection with the 2002 post-Godhra riots.

Zakia, the wife of Ehsan Jafri, the country and across the an ex-MP who was killed in one the SIT's decision.

of the worst incidents during the riots, has challenged the Gujarat High Court's October 5, 2017 order rejecting her plea against A bench headed by Justice A M Khanwilkar said, "The

matter will take some time for

on November 26".

At the outset, senior Advocate Mukul Rohatgi appearing for the SIT, said Zakia's plea was not maintainable and social activist Teesta Setalvad cannot be the second petitioner in the case. The bench said it will look into the application before hearing the matter on making Setalvad as the second petitioner in Jafri's plea. During the previous hearing, Jafri's counsel had said that notice needs to be issued in the plea as it pertains to the aspect of alleged "larger conspiracy" during the period from February 27, 2002 and May 2002 and had also maintained that after the SIT

report in the case before a trial judge, a protest was filed by the petitioner which was dismissed by the magistrate without considering "substantiated merits".

On February 8, 2012, the SIT filed a closure report, giving the clean chit to Modi and 63 others, including senior government officials, saying there was "no prosecutable evidence" against them. Ehsan Jafri was among 68 people who were killed at the Gulberg Society in Ahmedabad when a mob attacked it on February 28, 2002, a day after the S-6 Coach of the Sabarmati Express returning from Ayodhya at Godhra was burnt, triggering the riots in

## asked to deal with Purohit's plea

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday asked the Bombay High Court to deal with the plea of Lt. Col. Prasad Shrikant Purohit, one of the accused in the 2008 Malegaon bast case, that he was being prosecuted in the matter without any valid sanction.

A bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi directed the High Court that Purohit's plea be dealt with on November 21. A special court on November 2 had commenced the formal trial against Purohit, Sadhvi Pragya Singh Thakur and five other accused after framing of charges under various penal law in the Malegaon blast case.

Purohit, in his plea, referred to the earlier apex court order

by which the trial court and the Bombay High Court were directed to deal with the claim of Purohit that he was being prosecuted under penal laws including the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act without any sanction from the authorities.

The plea also alleged that the charges have been framed against Purohit and others by the trial court which had commenced the trial without dealing with the claim on sanction.

Six people were killed and over 100 injured when an explosive device strapped on a motorcycle went off near a mosque in Malegaon, a town about 200 km from north Maharashtra, on September 29, 2008.

## 3-day 'youth against leprosy' festival begins

PNS INDORE

With an aim to break the myth and stigma surrounding leprosy, a three-day Youth Festival 'Youth against Leprosy' was kicked off from Monday here. Mentionworthy, India accounts for 60 per cent of global cases. Its purpose is to work towards the socio-economic development of those affected by the crippling disease and their families.

Several youths from leprosy colonies across the city have congregated at the festival organised by Sasakawa-India Leprosy Foundation (SILF), an organisation that focuses on creating economic opportunities for leprosy-affected people.

Vineeta Shanker, executive director of the SILF said that idea behind holding the Youth Festival, bringing youth and stakeholders under one roof here, is to make the younger generation aware about the disease. "They have a little idea or understanding on leprosy as a disease. Whatever little they



and reaffirms the stigma against the disease. It is unfortunate that despite

being non contagious and fully curable, leprosy is still considered as a curse and the myth is still there that whoever will get in touch with these people will get affected, Shanker said. She pointed out that "In 2005, while we were applauding ourselves, we did not look deep enough to see the regional variations. That, in itself, should have given us a pointer that this problem was far om over."

Tehseen Communications and Advocacy Manager with SILF informed that the collaborations like Youth Festival provides a platform for

the youth from the sector to share their ideas and challenges in tackling the disease.

Prestigious Rise to Dignity Awards is being given for the hard work and dedication shown by persons affected by

leprosy who are now effiscimination iciently running livelihood enterprises. "This initiative has enabled them to make a successful transition from begging to a dignified livelihood," said

The awardees of the 8th Rising to Dignity Awards-2018 are two groups from Indore, Madhya Pradesh and Kamareddy District in Telangana. An all women group of Indore, dealing in Sari retailing project and a mix group of men and women from

Vendrikal, Kamareddy running Dairy and Goat Rearing (Agricultural Development and financing) project have won the award

gave a clean chit in its closure

India still accounts for 60 per cent of new cases reported globally.

In the year 2007, new cases detected in India were 137,685, and nine years later in 2016, the number remained almost the same at 135,485, a significant increase over the 127,326 new cases detected in 2015, according to a study.

## India led world in reducing malaria in 2017: Report

New Delhi: India and 10 other countries in sub-Saharan Africa accounted for around 70 per cent of estimated malaria cases (151 million) and deaths (274,000) globally last year, with only India reporting progress in reducing its malaria cases when compared to 2016, a report said on Monday.

India has turned out as the only country among the 11 highest-burden countries to mark progress in reducing its disease burden, registering a 24 per cent decrease in 2017 compared to 2016, according to WHO World Malaria Report

By leading the world in

malaria case reductions in 2017, India is no longer among the top three countries with the highest malaria burdens. However, 1.25 billion Indians remain at risk of malaria. India has set a target of

being malaria-free by 2027 and eliminating the disease by

### Change data collection procedure: CIC to RGI **Information Commissioner**

New Delhi: The CIC has directed the Registrar General of India (RGI) to change its practices of data collection, especially with regard to births and

Information Commissioner Yashovardhan Azad, in an important order, issued directives to make changes in the software and practices of the

He was hearing a petition filed by an RTI applicant, seeking information about the deaths reported in all the wards of Mumbai in 2016. The information was not

provided to him, following

which he approached the

Central Information Commission (CIC). During the hearing, the official representing the RGI said the office was a data aggre-

He submitted that the States were tasked with the Yashovardhan Azad, in an important order, issued directives to make changes in the software

and practices of the RGI

section 3 of the Registration of Births and Deaths (RBD) Act, whereas the ground-level record was maintained by the registrars appointed by the respective States, Azad noted.

"Despite the contention of the PIO that the CRS (Civil Registration System) Division of the Registrar General, India cannot be held to be the custodian of ward-wise data as sought by the appellant, the commission finds that the role of the Registrar General in the implementation of the RBD Act

cannot be lost sight of," he said. Azad added that the present controversy was limited only to the practices related to overall implementation under data maintenance and preser-

"There is no legal impedi ment in creation of two or more equally effective access points of information, both at the central as well as at the state level. It is rather a question of 'data mirroring' and the essential question raised in the present case requires forging new practices of data management, which is in furtherance of the RBD Act as well as the RTI Act," he said.

The CIC also took note of the PIO's submission that it was comparatively difficult to reg ister the data of deaths with the cause of the deaths, in contrast to the data regarding births, Azad added.

"The judicious aggregation as well as the preservation of the 'data of death' are very important for ensuring the quality of life of the living. The data is a crucial indicator of various factors, which is a key for ensuring good governance and effi-

cient policy planning. PTI

### SABARIMALA ROW

## **'Kerala Govt treating** pilgrims like dacoits'

Union Minister Alphons Kannanthanam on Monday hit out at the Kerala Government for turning the Sabarimala temple complex into a "war zone" and treating the pilgrims like "dacoits".

They have imposed Section 144 (prohibitory orders). The pilgrims are being treated like dacoits. Where is the basic infrastructure...This is pathetic," the Minister, who arrived here to take stock of the facilities at the hill shrine, told reporters.

'The State Government has turned the temple complex into a war zone. The devotees are not terrorists, they are pilgrims," he said.

Restrictions have been imposed at the temple complex following protests by activists of the BJP, RSS and right-wing outfits over the State Government's decision to implement the September 28 Supreme Court order allowing the entry of women of all ages into the shrine.



THE STATE GOVERNMENT HAS TURNED THE **TEMPLE COMPLEX** INTO A WAR ZONE. THE DEVOTEES ARE NOT TERRORISTS, THEY ARE PILGRIMS,' HE SAID

"The state government must take responsibility...The Union Tourism Ministry had given ₹100 crore...They have not spent even a rupee.., Kannanthanam said.

The Union minister visited Nilackal, the base camp, Pamba and Sannidhanam Monday morning, hours after police removed around 200odd people who had gathered

at the temple complex late Sunday night. They held "nama japam" (chanting the name of Lord Ayyappa) protest against the police restrictions. The police had also taken into custody 68 pro-

testors on Sunday night.
The CPI(M)-led LDF Government is making life difficult for all the pilgrims coming here, the Minister said. "This is like the Stalin era of the Soviet Union," he said.

"Sabarimala is one of the biggest pilgrims centre in the country. Here, everyone lives peacefully. This Government is determined to ensure that people do not have the right to their belief," the Minister said.

Pointing out that there was no basic facilities at Pamba, he said there were no toilets and all the three sheds at Nilackal are waterlogged.

"What is the intention of the Government? They want to make sure the pilgrims are not provided with basic facilities. What is happening with law and order? Section 144? Is this a democracy?" Kannanthanam

## **MUZAFFARPUR HORROR**

## 5 girls, not 2, died in shelter home

Patna: The Central Bureau of Investigation has discovered that five minor girls, and not two as reported earlier, died in the shelter home in Bihar's Muzaffarpur district.

Their post-mortem examinations were conducted at a Government hospital, police

said on Monday.
The CBI, probing the alleged rape of 34 girls at the shelter home, on Sunday searched documents at Shri Krishna Medical College and Hospital and found that the post-mortem examinations of five girls of the shelter home were conducted there.

According to the hospital register, the post-mortems of two girls were conducted in 2013, two in 2015 and one in 2017.

The CBI officials are now trying to find out as to whom the bodies of the girls were handed over after their autopsies and also whether cases were registered in the matter.

"A team of CBI officials is likely to soon interrogate some hospital doctors to collect more details about the case," a district police officer said.

The CBI had earlier found human bones at a cremation ground on October 4 following a tip-off. It had also carried out an extensive excavation at the shelter home premises on suspicion that some inmates might have been killed and buried there, but could not recover anything from there.

Last month, a shelter home employee Krishna Ram, who also ran the press of Brajesh Thakur — the main accused told the CBI sleuths that some bodies were stuffed in gunny bags and disposed of in the Burhi Gandak river a year ago.

However, the CBI could not recover anything from the river. According to the CBI, Ram disclosed that Brajesh Thakur had ordered the disposal of the bodies. He revealed that two inmates of Thakur's NGO, Seva Sankalp Ewam Vikas Samiti, had died under mysterious circumstances and their bodies were dumped in the river from Akharaghat Bridge with the help of Guddu, another employee of the shelter home, and Vijay Tiwari, Thakur's driver.

Of the 42 girls lodged at the short-stay home run by Brajesh Thakur's NGO, 34 were found to have been sexually assaulted. The crime came to light after a social audit by the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, five months ago

## K'taka sugarcane farmers hold protest in Bengaluru for higher price, loan waiver

**KESTUR VASUKI** ■ BENGALURU

Sugarcane farmers from across the State staged protests here on Monday seeking loan waiver, higher minimum purchase price and relief for losses incurred due to drought in 17 districts, which have been declared drought-hit.

Farmers from Ramanagara, Mandya, Mysuru, Kodagu, Kolar, Gadag, Tumukuru, Shivamogga, Hassan, Haveri, Hubballi, Belagavi and Bagalkot came to Bengaluru to protest against the anti-farmers policies of the JD(S)-Congress Government in the State.

"Farmers from all over the state have come to force the State Government meet our demands on loan waiver, higher price for sugarcane and compensation for kharif crop loss due to drought this year," Karnataka State Farmers President Association Chamaraj Patil told reporters. "Though Chief Minister

Kumaraswamy announced farm loan waiver in June, the banks have not written off a rupee even after five months. Except for making announcements and giving assurances, nothing has happened. "We are also unable to take fresh credit as old loans have not been waived off yet," Patil added.

Bengaluru City Police stopped hundreds of agitators from marching towards the Vidhana Soudha from Freedom Park as prohibitory orders were in place.

The Sugarcane farmers are demanding payment of ₹1,500 crore dues from state-run and private sugar mills for fiscal 2017-18; ₹3,000 per tonne higher minimum support price (MSP) for sugarcane from ₹2,500 per tonne fixed last year; fresh loans from cooperative and state-run banks for the rabi crop, supply of seeds

Karnataka is the third argest sugarcane producer after Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh, which had harvested 32 million tonne in 2017-18. The drought has affected 15-lakh hectares of agricultural and horticultural crops in 17 districts across the state, with an estimated loss of ₹8,000 crore

Meanwhile Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy had created a controversy by calling farmers goondas and also allegedly abused a woman farmer who was protesting in Belagavi. This has severely hit the pro farmer image of the coalition Government led by Kumaraswamy and also angered the coalition partner the Congress.After Jayashree Gurannavar, a woman farmer who was leading the agitation, called Kumaraswamy "a good for nothing CM", the CM hit back calling them "goondas in the guise of farmers". After his statement farmers were angry and intensified their agitation across the State.

Later the farmers' anger forced Kumaraswamy to retract saying that his statement was misinterpreted.

"My intention was not to hurt anyone. My statement has been misinterpreted by the media. I apologise if the farmers are hurt," Kumaraswamy said. Coalition partner Congress has criticised Kumaraswamy for making such a statement against the farmers. Deputy Chief Minister G Parameshwara said that he would apologise to the farmers for the CM's angry statement. "I don't know in what context he has used the word 'goondas'. But he should not have said that. The Congress party has always been with the farmers

them," Parameshwara said. The BJP was quick to demand an apology from chief minister for his remarks on the farmer. Yeddyurappa said "The Gowdas call themselves a fam-

and I personally apologise to

ily of humble farmers. But their attitude is exactly the opposite. How could a CM call farmers "goondas"? he demanded a clarification from former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda.

However JDS chief H D Deve Gowda has blamed a section of the media for Sunday's incident in Belgaum. Meanwhile Chief Minister has called for a meeting of the agitating farmers on Tuesday to resolve the issue. "I appeal to the farmers to be patient as the Government is committed to find solutions to their problems. I held meetings with officials and stakeholders on demands of sugarcane growers. I have directed the district deputy commissioners to resolve their issues," said the statement citing the Chief Minister. Though debt waiver was not a solution to the farmers' woes, Kumaraswamy said the State Government was working hard to waive off farm loans taken from cooperative, scheduled and State-run banks. "I hope the waiver will enable the farmers to seek fresh loans for the next crop. The loan waiver will begin soon as the process is at the final stage," said the Chief Minister.

Claiming that the Janata Dal (Secular)-Congress coalition Government was pro farmer, Kumaraswamy said a permanent solution was being worked out to ensure that farmers would not have to protest or resort to an agita-

"I have been always on the side of farmers and don't have bias against those from the northern or southern regions of the State.

"All are equal and same for me. As the loan waiver amount is about ₹48,000 crore, we need time and workforce to verify each account. I want farmers to be patient and not be desperate," said the Chief Minister.

**Former Assam** 

**Min Chandan** 

**Kumar Sarkar** 

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## Police warn of action against uploading of execution videos

IANS SRINAGAR

The Jammu & Kashmir Police on Monday threatened action against those uploading videos on social media of executions carried out by militants.

Inspector-General of Police (Kashmir Zone) SP Pani told the media: "Action will be taken against those who upload these videos on social media."

Videos of executions of two youths carried out by the Hizbul Mujahideen outfit in south Kashmir were recently uploaded on the social media. Facebook account.

The outfit accused the youths of providing information about militants to the security forces.

Pani also said that the police were investigating the role of two overground women workers arrested recently.

While one woman was arrested along with ammunition during the search of a vehicle in Lawaypora on the outskirts of Srinagar, another, from Sumbal in Bandipora district, had been detained for luring youths to terrorism through her



### **DELAY IN BUNKER CONSTRUCTION**

## J&K residents along LoC spending sleepless nights

**MOHIT KANDHARI JAMMU** 

Escalating tension between India and Pakistan is keeping border residents worried ahead of a harsh winter season in Jammu & Kashmir.

In the absence of start of construction work on individual/community bunkers along the line of control and International Border in Jammu division, the border residents are spending sleep-less nights. Over 14,000 community and individual bunkers were approved at a cost of ₹415.73 crore for border residents facing Pakistani shelling in Jammu division.

A total of 13,029 individual bunkers and 1431 community bunkers were sanctioned to accommodate border residents during cross bor-

### **FACTOID**

- Rajouri: 4918 individual and 372 community bunkers ☐ Kathua: 3076 individual and 243 community bunkers
- Poonch: 1320 individual and 688 community bunkers ☐ Jammu: 1200 individual and 120 community bunkers.
- Samba: 2515 individual and eight community bunkers On ground zero, the the

border residents of most vulnerable areas, falling in the direct line of firing of Pakistan army, continue to wait for start of construction work. 'We are now tired of hear-

ing big announcements regarding sanction of bunkers from Central Ministers and local BJP leaders but on ground zero the construction work is yet to begin in frontier Rajouri district", border residents of worst affected villages in Nowshera sector told *The* 

Pioneer. Confirming the status of construction work of bunkers, Deputy Commissioner, Rajouri Mohd Aijaz told The Pioneer, "the construction of bunkers is expected to begin soon after the fixation of rates in the district". He said talks are going on to resolve the issue with the contractors. He said an estimated number of over 5000

bunkers were sanctioned by

the central government for

the frontier district. Under a

pilot project as estimated 100

bunkers were constructed in to take up construction work the district during peak hostilities last year.

Meanwhile, Executive engineer, Public works Department (R&B) Division, Kathua Monday issued a warning to the contractors to start construction of bunkers within seven days time and complete the construction by December 2018.

At least 3076 individual and 243 community bunkers were sanctioned for Kathua.

According to official sources, the construction work of bunkers were sanctioned on political considerations, without ascertaining their credentials. Speaking to The Pioneer, Deputy Commissioner, Kathua, Rohit Khajuria said, "majority of contractors who have been awarded contracts are not adequately equipped

of these bunkers in one go". He said they lack experience and do not even possess capacity to

execute the task on this scale. He said despite repeated reminders they have failed to start construction work on ground zero.

J&K Chief Secretary is monitoring the construction work of bunkers on weekly basis. These contractors have been directed to execute the task within stipulated time period failing which fresh tenders will be floated,official sources said. Out of 14460 bunkers, 7298 bunkers would be constructed along the LoC in the twin districts of Poonch and Rajouri, and 7162 underground bunkers would be constructed along the IB in Jammu, Kathua and Samba

## Purohit to get copy of photos, videos of Malegaon blast site



Mumbai: A special NIA court here on Monday directed that a copy of photographs and videos pertaining to the 2008 Malegoan blast be provided to Lt. Col. Prasad Shrikant Purohit, who is one of the accused in the case.

Purohit, in an application filed last week, had asked the special National Investigation Agency (NIA) court to give him copies of photographs and videos related to the incident to prepare his defence.

During the argument on Monday, the prosecution objected to his plea, saying no other accused had asked for these documents and that this was a delay tactic.

However, special judge V S Padalkar directed the court The special court had on October 30 framed terror charges against Purohit, Sadhvi Pragya Singh Thakur and five other accused in the 2008 Malegaon blast case, setting the stage for their trial to commence

the photographs and videos of the incident to Purohit. The matter was then adjourned till November 21. The photographs and videos are part of the charge sheets submitted by the prosecution in the case.

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On September 29, 2008, six people were killed and over 100 injured when an explosive device strapped on a motorcycle went off near a mosque in Malegaon, a town in Maharashtra's Nashik district and located about 200

### a statement. Sarkar was elected to the legislative assembly thrice-1991, 2001 and 2011- from Abhayapuri South constituency and served as the irrigation Minister in the third term of

the Tarun Gogoi-led Congress Government. Assam Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) presi-This meant that "they have dent Ripun Bora expressed shock at Sarkar's death and offered his condolence to the

bereaved family. "I had held a meeting on the forthcoming panchayat elections only three days ago where he was present and had spoken to him even

It is a big loss for the Congress and during the bad times of the party, it was he along with Bhumidhar Barman who had played a pivotal role in maintaining the party's

An APCC delegation, led by Bora, has left for Bongaigaon to attend the last rites of the former Minister.

Finance Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has also condoled Sarkar's death and prayed for the eternal peace of the

## Pak to hand over body of Indian fisherman

IANS MUMBAI

The body of an arrested Indian fisherman, who died in a Karachi jail, is expected to be sent back to India on November 29, an

activist said on Monday. Nanubhai Kanabhai Solanki, 45, who was arrested in November 2017 by the Maritime Security Agency of Pakistan for allegedly straying into Pakistani territorial waters, was ailing for some time before his death on

September 20. "Solanki hailed from Una tehsil of Gir Somnath district of Gujarat. His body was kept at Edhi Foundation's morgue in Karachi for couple of months. It is expected to be sent back to India to his family on November 29," Pakistan India Peoples' Forum for Peace and Democracy activist Jatin

Besides, another 460 Indian fishermen continue to languish in Pakistani jails for years, as against 90 Pakistani fishermen in Indian jails, he said.

"Both countries need to work out a mechanism through which - if someone dies in the custody of the other country - his body should be immediately returned to his country. The sad reality is it takes minimum one month for this process. In Solanki's case, it took over two

months," Desai added. He said both countries must immediately revive the India-Pakistan Judicial Committee on Prisoners comprising retired judges of higher judiciary on both





People look on at Punjab-police-SWAT-team standing guard at Hall Gate of Golden Temple, in Amritsar on Monday. Security was beefed up in the state following a grenade attack on a religious congregation inside the Nirankari Bhavan's prayer hall at Adliwal village near Amritsar's Rajasansi on Sunday

### registrar to provide a copy of km from Mumbai. Mamata banned CBI from Bengal to hide TMC's misdeeds: CPM

Kolkata: The CPI(M) on Monday attacked Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for banning the CBI from Bengal.

Wondering as to why the State Government made a prior permission mandatory for the Central investigating agency to carry out investigations in the State, State CPI(M) secretary and party politburo member Suryakanto Mishra said "the order itself smacks of something fishy."

He said "when we were in power we had given a "general consent order" allowing the CBI to conduct any kind of probe in the State because we were sure of our clean records and were not afraid of the CBI," adding "why this Government had to withdraw that order making it mandatory to seek the Government's permission from the State before a probe."

something to hide from the people," Mishra said adding "the reason why they have stopped the entry of CBI is that the Agency is catching new faces every day and getting information regarding the involvement of senior TMC leaders who flank the Chief Minister." These leaders' involvement

could jeopardize the entire Government and the TMC which was why the CBI had been blocked in Bengal, Mishra said adding the TMC was also afraid of the way the BJP was utilizing its leaders' involvement in corruption to make them leave that party. "The way many TMC corrupt leaders are negotiating with the BJP to save themselves — for tickets" a nervous ruling outfit was forced to block the ČBI itself in Bengal, he maintained. PNS

on Sunday.

unity," Bora said

### SPURRED BY QUOTA SUCCESS

## Maratha outfit floats political party

Maratha Kranti Sena to contest all 48 LS. 288 Assembly seats in Maharashtra

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

In an apparent attempt to cash **⊥**in on its popularity gained during its crusade for Maratha reservations for the past two years, the hitherto social outfit Maratha Kranti Morcha (MKM) on Monday floated a political party - Maratha Kranti Sena -(MKS) and announced that the new party would contest all the 48 Lok Sabha and 288 Assembly seats in the forthcoming elections in the State.

A day after the Maharashtra Government accepted the recommendations of the Maharashtra State Backward Class Commission (MSBCC) and announced that it would grant reservations to Maratha community under a new Socially Educationally Backward Class (SEBC) category, MKM convenor Suresh Patil, along with the outfit's senior leaders Bapusaheb Shirsat and Nanasaheb Moshre,

announced the formation of the MKM and said that it would contest the forthcoming Lok Sabha polls and subsequent Assembly elections in the State.

Addressing a news confer-

ence at Kolhapur in western Maharashtra, Patil said: "Our party Maratha Kranti Sena will contest all the 48 Lok Sabha seats and 288 Assembly seats in Maharashtra. We are convening our party's first convention at Vadgaon in Hatkanangale town in Kolhapur district on November 25. At this convention, we will devise a strategy mobilise cadres for our new olitical party in the run-up the Lok Sabha polls to be held in May next year".

As a first step towards roping in a prominent political personality into their party, Patil urged Maratha warrior Chhatrapati Shivaji's descendant and NCP MP from Satara Udayanraje Bhosale to contest the forthcoming Lok Sabha polls on a MKS ticket. "Since he has extended his blessings to our political, we would like to contest the Lok Sabha polls on MKS ticket. We will call on him tomorrow at Satara and discuss issues relating our political party," Patil said.

The significance behind

the formation of a political party by the MKS should be seen in the context of massive mobilisation of Marathas as part of as many 58 mammoth silent morchas organised by MKM in various district headquarters and major towns and cities across Maharashtra to demand reservations for

Maratha community which

accounts of 32 per cent of the

state's total population. It is mainly because of the tremendous pressure mounted by the MKM - which enjoyed the support of the Opposition Congress, NCP and ruling Shiv Sena — on the ruling BJP that the Devendra Fadnavis Government has now decided to accord reservations to the Maratha community under an independent SEBC category. During the winter session of the Maharashtra Legislature that began on Monday, the State Government is likely to introduce a bill according reserva-

tions to Maratha community. It may be recalled that after a 15-year-old Maratha girl from their community was gang-raped and murdered allegedly by three Dalit men in Ahmednagar district of western Maharashtra on July 13, 2016, members of Maratha

community came together and floated Maratha Kranti Morcha to demand among other things demanding reservations in education and jobs to Marathas, scrapping of the "misused SC and ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, initiation of stern action against the culprits behind the gang-rape of the Maratha girl. The MKM took out silent

morchas in one and district headquarter or major town after another to press for its various demands. Despite being without a prominent leader to head the outfit, the MKM became a force to reckon with in the following months.

The tremendous response that the MKM evoked for its massive silent morchas benumbed the Maharashtra Government and various political parties. What captured the attention of the state government, various political parties and people across the state was the disciplined and peaceful manner in which an apolitical outfit like MKM organised its various silent morchas.

On August 9 last year, more than five lakh Marathas owing allegiance to MKM virtually laid seize to south Mumbai for

reservations and other demands, compelling the BJP-led saffron alliance Government to come with a package for Marathas, including concessions in education along the lines of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and announce its readiness to accord reservations to the community in education and Government jobs.

Mumbai's was the 58th silent morcha that the MKM took out every since the members of Maratha community came together and floated the outfit in August 2016. Later on, MKS also became a party to the public interest litigations in the Bombay High Court which on August 7 2018 directed the Maharashtra State Backward Class Commission (MSBCC) would submit its report to the State Government on the socioeconomic status of the Marathas by November 15, so as to expedite the process of according reservations to Marathas.

It remains to be seen if the new political outfit MKS would evoke as much response from the people in the run-up to the Lok Sabha as the MKM evoked during the course of its 58 silent morchas taken out in various parts of the State for a period spanning one full year.

the outlawed Maoists. He dared Congress president Rahul Gandhi to expel Singh from the party.
"Now that it has become

RBI Deputy Governor Viral Acharya had in a speech last month talked about the independence of the central bank, arguing that any compromise could be "potentially catastrophic" for the econ-

In his first public comments since the spat between the RBI and the Finance Ministry came out in the open, Gurumurthy had last week said the stand-off "is not a happy thing at all". Gurumurthy, who was appointed to the board of RBI a few months back, had said the capital adequacy ratio prescribed in India is 1 per cent higher than the glob-Basel norms. He also pitched for easing lending norms for small and medium enterprises, which account

# BJP dares Rahul to expel Digvijaya from Cong for alleged Maoist links

A move by the Pune police to question senior Congress

leader Digvijay Singh in con-nection with the investiga-

tions into the activities of the

banned CPI (Maoist) took a

political turn on Monday with

the ruling BJP making an issue

in the campaign for the

Madhya Pradesh Assembly

polls and daring the Congress

leadership to expel Singh from the party for his alleged Maoist

alleged Maoist links.

clear that Digvijay Singh has

links with the Maoists. The

From Page 1 "On what ground you

passed orders making it illegal

for the devotees to stay in the

walkway during night hours?

How can you pump water and

make the walkway wet to keep

old devotees and tiny tots away

from the walkway? Do you

have made alternate arrange-

ments for their stay in the

Sannidhanam after the clo-

sure of the temple doors every

night?" asked the judges to the

tent with the explanations given

by the advocate general and asked the State Police Chief to

file a comprehensive report by

genarian senior lawyer, who

represented the devotees said

the Court told the Government

K Ramkumar, the septua-

The court said it is not con-

Government advocate.

Thursday.

After news reports

matter is serious and it involves national security. I would like to know if Rahul Gandhi would expel the senior Congress from the party or decorate him as a revolution-

emanated from Pune that the ary," Patra asked. Meanwhile, Pune's Joint local police planned to question Singh over the finding that Commissioner his mobile number was men-Shivajirao Bodkhe confirmed tioned in one of the letters that the team investigating the claimed to have been seized Bhima-Koregaon riots, which from the arrested Maoist symhas so far arrested ten human pathisers, BJP spokesperson rights activists from various Sambit Patra targeted the parts of the country for their senior Congress leader for his alleged links with Maoists, might question the senior Talking to media persons Congress leader for his links at Ujjain in Madhya Pradesh, with the arrested activists. "We may call him for ques-Patra alluded to the reported recovery of a letter allegedly tioning, but we have not fixed linking Singh to the CPI any time-frame for it," Bodkhe (Maoist) and charged that the said. The investigations by the senior Congress had links with Pune police have revealed that

in a letter written on September 25, 2017, one 'Com

Prakash' purportedly tells one 'Com Surendra' that Congress

leaders were "very much will-

ing to assist" in their efforts to

"intensify nationwide protests

and police that they have no rights to fix the schedule for the

devotees to pray at the temple.

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devotees were sent back from

the temple without permitting

them to offer the Irumudykettu

at the sanctum, They also asked

the Government to implement

the apex court verdict permit-

ting women of all ages in the

temple peacefully and without

upsetting the other devotees."

violation of human rights at

Hindu United Front told

reporters after her darshan at

the temple on Monday that the

CPI-M led Government has failed in making any kind of

basic arrangements at the tem-

He said there was blatant

K P Sasikala, leader of the

said Ramkumar.

Sabarimala.

'The judges were taken

HC raps Kerala Govt for excesses on Ayyappa devotees

allegedly mentions a mobile number that 'Com Surendra' can contact "in this regard". This is reportedly Singh's mobile number.

'Com Surendra', according to the investigators, is a reference to Surendra Gadling, a Nagpur-based lawyer who was arrested on June 6. 'Com Prakash' is said to be one of the top CPI(Maoist) commanders.

The purported letter, in which there is alleged reference to the senior Congress leader, became public after the Pune police submitted it in court as evidence of the links between the arrested activists and the top Maoist brass

Singh had earlier dared the Centre and statement to arrest him. Singh was earlier quoted as saying: "If I am guilty, I challenge the Centre and the State Government to arrest me".

On their part, the Pune police claim that they have ascertained the mobile number mentioned in the incriminating letter was that of Singh.

It may be recalled that five Maoist-linked activists Human Rights activists Rona Wilson Jacob, Surendra Gadling, Sudhir Dhawale, Prof Shoma Sen and Mahesh Raut were arrested by the Pune police on June 6, in connection with the Elgaar Parishad and subsequent Bhima-Koregaon caste riots.

ple. "It is to cover up the fail-

ure of the Government that

police were being used to scare

away the devotees. It is pathet-

ic to see that infants have to

sleep near heaps of garbage

where wild boars and pigs

come in search of food," said

Sasikala. But Chief Minister

Pinarayi Vijayan said at

Kozhikode that the RSS and the

BJP were behind all the trou-

bles at Sabarimala. "The

Government is duty bound to

implement the Supreme Court

order allowing women inside the temple. What is important

is to protect the rights of the devotees. But the RSS and the

BJP are fomenting troubles all

over the State," said the Chief

Minister while inaugurating

the annual meet of the Kerala

Union of Working Journalists

at Kozhikode.

### **Expert panel...**

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The expert committee to be set up will now decide about the adequate size of cap-

The central board headed by RBI Governor Urjit Patel, which met amid the on-going tussle between the Finance Ministry and the central bank over various issues, discussed the Basel regulatory capital framework, a restructuring scheme for stressed MSMEs, bank health under Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework and the Economic Capital Framework (ECF).

Patel and his deputies came face to face with government nominee directors — Economic Affairs Secretary Subhash Chandra Garg and Financial Services Secretary Rajiy Kumar — and independent members like S

Gurumurthy to arrive at a middle ground on some of the contentious issues.

According to sources, no voting on any proposal took place and a detailed presentation was made by Deputy Governor NS Vishwanathan to the board. Vishwanathan is the incharge of banking regulation and supervision.

The Board also advised that the RBI should consider a scheme for restructuring of stressed standard assets of MSME borrowers with aggregate credit facilities of up to Rs 25 crore, subject to such conditions as are necessary for ensuring financial stability. Most of the RBI's 10 inde-

pendent directors, including Tata Sons Chairman N Chandrasekaran, attended the meeting that had drawn intense media and market attention.

With regard to banks under Prompt Corrective that the matter will be examined by the Board for Financial Supervision (BFS) of the RBL Of the 21 State-owned

banks, 11 are under the PCA framework, which imposes lending and other restrictions on weak lenders. These are Allahabad Bank, United Bank of India, Corporation Bank, IDBI Bank, UCO Bank, Bank of India, Central Bank of India, Indian Overseas Bank, Oriental Bank of Commerce, Dena Bank and Bank of Maharashtra. The PCA framework kicks in when banks breach any of the three key regulatory trigger points namely capital to risk weighted assets ratio, net non-performing assets (NPA) and return on assets (RoA).

Globally, PCA kicks in only when banks slip on a single parameter of capital adequacy ratio, and the govern-

Action (PCA), it was decided ment is in favour of this practice being adopted for the domestic banking sector as

> The Board, while deciding to retain the capital adequacy ratio or CRAR at 9 per cent, agreed to extend the transition period for implementing the last tranche of 0.625 per cent under the Capital Conservation Buffer (CCB), by one year, that is up to March 31, 2020. CCB currently stands at

1.875 per cent and remaining 0.625 per cent was to be met by March 2019, as per the deadline fixed by the RBI. According to sources, the

next meeting of central board

of the RBI is scheduled to be held on December 14. Amid growing tensions with the central bank, the Finance Ministry had sought discussions under the never-usedbefore Section 7 of the RBI

Act which empowers the gov-

ernment to issue directions to the RBI Governor.

for 50 per cent of the country's GDP.

## Dubai court orders Christian Michel

Contesting the lower court's ruling, according to which his client could be extradited, the lawyer argued that the Indian authorities did not follow 'the proper procedures' when requesting the extradition, the newspaper reported.

"The request should have been filed by India's Ministry of Home Affairs rather than its Ministry of External Affairs," Abdul Moneim was quoted as saying. He contended that the procedure was 'flawed' since it did not comply with the clauses of the treaty signed on the issue, the paper said. "Accordingly, the lower court order should be reversed," he argued.

Michel filed his appeal before the Dubai Court of Cassation within 30 days after the lower court's ruling. With Dubai's top court upholding the lower court's decision, it

has become final but it will need approval from the UAE Minister of Justice for the extradition procedure to start.

The extradition procedure executed in coordination with the Interpol and the Criminal investigation Department.

Since the appellate court ruled on September 2 that he could be extradited, in response to a request filed by the Indian authorities to the UAE in connection with corruption-related charges, Michel lost his bail conditions, the paper said.

Michel, whose passport had been impounded by the judicial authorities in Dubai and had been granted release on bail, became 'wanted' on September 2, following the decision issued by the Dubai Court of Appeals.

India officially made the request to the Gulf nation ear-

lier this year for his extradition, based on the criminal investigations conducted in the case the CBI and the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

The ED, in its chargesheet filed against Michel in June 2016, had alleged that he received EUR 30 million (about Rs 225 crore) from AgustaWestland.

The money was nothing but 'kickbacks' paid by the firm to execute the helicopter deal in favour of the firm in 'guise of' genuine transactions for performing multiple work contracts in the country, accord-

ing to the chargesheet. Michel is one of the three middlemen being probed in the case, besides Guido Haschke and Carlo Gerosa, by the ED and the CBI. Both the agencies have notified an Interpol red corner notice (RCN) against him after the court issued a non-bailable

warrant against him. The ED investigation

found that remittances made by Michel through his Dubaibased firm Global Services to a media firm he floated in Delhi, along with two Indians, were made from the funds which he got from AgustaWestland through 'criminal activity' and corruption being done in the chopper deal that led to the subsequent generation of proceeds of

Following allegations of corruption, India on January 1, 2014 scrapped the contract with Italy-based Finmeccanica's British subsidiary AgustaWestland for supplying 12 AW-101 VVIP choppers to the IAF over alleged breach of contractual obligations and charges of

paying kickbacks to the tune of

### **Verma files** in SC his...

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Verma's reply will deal with the CVC report, which was categorised into four parts by the apex court as "complimentary, very complimentary, not so complimentary, and very uncomplimentary" for the CBI Director.

The SC on November 16 had directed Verma, Attorney General KK Venugopal and Solicitor General Tushar Mehta --- who were also supplied

with the confidential report of the CVC --- to maintain secrecy, saying it was needed to ensure people's faith in the CBI as an institution.

Earlier, the apex court had said the CVC had made some "very uncomplimentary" findings in its probe on corruption allegations against Verma and wanted further investigation Rs 423 crore by it for securing into some of the charges which required more time.

He said that IAS officer Rekha

### Last stretch opens KMP E-way to public Manesar stretch was over 83 From Page 1 "Development of infrakm. The stretch has fourteen

structure plays a very important role in raising the standard of living of the people of this country. Highways, railways, airways, waterways, as well as electricity-related infrastructure, our focus areas of this Government," the PM said.

During the occasion, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said the expressway would lead to more development of the National Capital Region (NCR) here. He also blamed the previous Congress regime of delay in the KMP project.

He said the 83-km Kundli-Manesar section was completed four months ahead of the revised deadline.

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari had formally inaugurated the 53-km Manesar-Palwal section of the expressway, which was opened to traf-The expressway will pro-

vide an alternative route to vehicles headed for Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan and is expected to help ease traffic flow, especially that of heavy vehicles. It is estimated that it will divert 50,000 vehicles. The total cost of the project

is Rs 6,400 crore, 3,846 acre was acquired at a cost of Rs 2,988 crore. The expressway will reduce 30 per cent pollution and ease 40 per cent traffic jam in Delhi.

The significance of the sixlane KMP expressway is that it will connect four major national highways (NH), NH-1 (Delhi-Ambala-Amritsar), NH-2 (Delhi-Agra-Varanasi-Dankuni), NH-48 (Delhi-Jaipur-Ahmedabad-Mumbai) and NH-10 (Delhi-Hisar-Fazilka-Indo-Pak border).

major and minor bridges, four railways over bridges, 56 underpasses, 7 intersections, 7 toll plazas 64 pedestrian cross-

The exact toll rates for various vehicles are yet to be revealed but it will be about 1.25 times more expensive than regular national high-

Similarly, the Manesar-Palwal stretch is over 52 km long and has 32 underpasses, three intersections and four toll plazas. The design speed of the expressway was 120 kmph for light vehicles and 100 kmph for heavy ones.

Furthermore, commuters travelling on the KMP will pay for the distance they travel and not for the entire corridor. Seven toll plazas have been set up on the 83-km stretch of the six-laned KMP Expressway, which is accesscontrolled to charge the commuters according to the distance travelled by them.

Of the seven toll plazas, two of the toll plazas will be in Sonepat district at Abbaspur and Pipli villages, while another two will be in Jhajjar district at Mandholi and Badli. The remaining three toll plazas will be in Gurugram at Sultanpur, Patli-Hazipur and Mokalwas.

There are also weigh-inmotion machines installed at all entry points to stop the entry of overloaded vehicles on the super expressway. Amenities for users include one ambulance, one crane and one police patrolling vehicle with a helpline number has been stationed in every 20km for speedy response in case of accidents or emergencies.

The Haryana Government has announced plans to devel-The length of the Kundli to op five new cities over an area

of 50,000 hectares on each side of the KMP (KMP) expressway.

Apart from this, near the toll plaza, a world-class Art and Culture Gallery has been set up to depict the project development history through 3D Holographić models. Fountains, historical and cultural monuments connected to Shrimad Bhagwad Gita and Yoga have been placed at various locations to improve the aesthetic look of the express-

The expressway, which was conceived in 2002, was to be originally completed in July 2009. However, on account of litigation and various controversies, the project continued to hang fire during the 10-year rule of the previous Congress government led by Bhupinder Singh Hooda.

The PM was accompanied by Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, Union Ministers Rao Inderjit Singh, who is a Gurugram MP, Haryana Governor Satyadev Narayan Arya and PWD Minister Rao Narbir Singh was also present

on the occasion. Khatttar said the inauguration of the KMP expressway and extension of Faridabad Metro Rail by PM was the beginning of the 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

Khattar said he was sure the BJP will win as much as 350 Lok Sabha seats in the 2019 general elections. He said under the guidance of the PM, the Party would win all the ten Lok Sabha seats in Haryana.

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"Regarding genuineness of this claim of Manoj, no attempt was made to verify the claim regarding NSA Doval," said the affidavit filed by Sinha. He said later he found that Manoj Prasad's information about India opting out from Interpol was factually

When the IO, AK Bassi, came to know that Samant Goel/ Somesh had stopped talking and were exchanging WhatsApp messages, he insisted that we need the cellphone sets of the public servants as the evidence is likely to be stored on the device and that search be conducted. The CBI Director did not give immediate permission and reverted that the NSA has not permitted the same," said the affidavit.

The CBI DIG in his affidavit also said that during

Manoj Prasad and brother Somesh Prasad were in regular touch with Rakesh Asthana and Somesh Goel. He said that there were several WhatsApp messages to prove this "dubious links." The officer further said his team has records of conversation between Rakesh Asthana and Samant Goel, when Manoj Prasad was in

their custody. The affidavit filed by Sinha brings to light the role of the Cabinet Secretary PK Sinha in protecting Astana. "In the morning of October 17, 2018, a call came from the DCP of Special Cell of the Delhi Police on the mobile of Investigating Officer AK Bassi, DSP, CBI, who did not take the call. Later another Inspector of Special Cell called up and sought to know if Manoj has been arrested. Enquiries revealed that the query had originated from the Cabinet Secretariat."

Further, the interesting part is how a Minister in the Modi Government intervened with the DoPT to protect interrogation they found that Asthana. "As per Sana, Shri

Haribhai (Minister of State) had intervened with the senior officers of CBI through the office of the Minister of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension, to whom, apparently, the CBI Director reports to," said the CBI DIG.

He also said that CVC Chowdhray also met Sana to save his relative from these issues. The officer said that the CVC and Asthana were also in touch during these days. "Sathish Babu Sana also disclosed that he met CVC KV Chowdhary along with one Gorantla Ramesh (close relative of Chowdhary and owner of Delhi Public School Hvderabad, as per Sana) somewhere in Delhi (exact date and location was not informed) and that they discussed Moin Qureshi's case. As per Sana, in the year 2011, Gorantla Ramesh sold some land and gave around Rs 4 crore out of the said sale consideration to Sana, in the same month, in which Sana had given Rs 50 Lakhs to Moin Qureshi. Therefore,

Gorantla Ramesh was exam-

ined by CBI in the Moin Qureshi's case. "As per Sana, subsequent-

the deal.

CVC Chowdhary called Rakesh Asthana to his residence and made enquiries. Asthana informed the CVC that there is not much in evidence against them. There is no illegality in this, but the same is put on record here for the sake of completeness. No verification was undertaken and the same is based on disclosure made by Sana"

"On October 23, 2018, the applicant herein was informed by DIG/DD (SU) that someone spoke to Samant Goel (who was in Chandigarh at that time) and asked to help him to which Samant Goel replied things have been managed with the PMO and everything is fine. The same night the entire investigating team was shifted," said CBI DIG pointing a finger at the PMO.

The CBI DIG also said that on November 8, Sana was advised by Law Secretary Suresh Chandra to save Asthana from the Supreme Court monitored CVC probe.

Rani met Sana to contact the Law Secretary. The woman IAS officer was owner of Sana's office premises. According to Sana, Chandra told him that he was talking to him on behalf of Cabinet Secretary PK Sinha. "Sana spoke to him on WhatsApp on the evening of November 8. The Union Law Secretary, Suresh Chandra, said he was in London for some work related to the Nirav Modi case, that he was trying to contact him for last 4/5 days in order to convey message of Cabinet Secretary PK Sinha that the Union Government will offer full protection to him, that there will be a drastic change on Tuesday (13th) and that he (Sana) should meet him (Suresh Chandra) on Wednesday(14th)," the petition says. Responding to the allega-

tion, the Law Secretary told media that the allegations were total baseless. "This is all false. I never went to London, I don't know who Satish Sana or Rekha Rani is. It is complete fabrication," said Chandra.



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### — PAPER WITH PASSION —

## **Chilling reminder**

The Amritsar blast revives gory memories of a decade of insane terror in Punjab. It must be nipped in the bud



he deadly grenade blast inside Amritsar's Nirankari Sadan last Sunday, which killed at least three and injured 20 persons, is a chilling reminder that the surface calm in Punjab betrays the tensions that lie beneath. It has been known for some time that unwilling to throw in the towel after secessionist terror was mostly quelled, Pakistan's ISI has tried continuously to revive militancy in the border State which has a history of unrest. Although public sentiment never endorsed secessionism in Punjab and all efforts to cause a permanent rupture

between Hindus and Sikhs were conclusively defeated, Pakistan has never tired in its bid to avenge its humiliation in the Bangladesh war of 1971. Pakistan has focused on fomenting insurgency on a mass scale in Jammu & Kashmir after getting a bloody nose in the 1980s and 90s, but there too it has not encountered the success it had hoped for as Indian security forces have put up fierce resistance and routinely felled a growing number of militants sent from across the Line of Control.

Since terrorism in Punjab has a bloody history and cost India over 30,000 lives, any fear of a return to gun culture causes alarm bells to ring in Chandigarh and New Delhi. Incidentally, Sikh militancy in the 80s had also begun with wanton attacks on followers of the Nirankaris, a sect not recognized by the Khalsa as being part of the community. Clearly, there is an attempt to fall back on that gory past and invoke memories of bloody clashes with that sect in order to revive the cult of terror in Punjab. No chances, therefore, can be taken with the perpetrators of Sunday's crime. Punishment must be fast and severe in order to nip this mischief in the bud. On a previous occasion political patronage of Sikh radicals by sections of the Congress and Akalis had helped secessionists to proliferate. This time, no quarter must be allowed to them and both the ruling and Opposition parties of Punjab must leave aside political calculations to deal with budding terrorists ruthlessly.

Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh faces a serious challenge yet again in his long political career. This time, he is required to remain steadfast in the face of all odds and firmly instruct the intelligence and law-enforcement machinery to root out terrorism in all its manifestations. He also has to ensure that frustrated elements in his party and the bureaucracy don't resume playing footsie with secessionists as they had done in the past. Terrorism cannot flourish without covert state patronage and it is the job of Punjab's rulers to ensure that those suspected of extending such support are weeded out of the system without mercy. For Prime Minister Narendra Modi, too, this is a huge challenge in an election year. Much of his rhetoric against the Congress will sound hollow if he cannot ensure that terrorism in Punjab, which was stamped out by a Congress Prime Minister, PV Narasimha Rao, does not come back to haunt India despite a strong leader at its helm. In many ways, Punjab is a jewel in India's crown, not just its granary or mainstay of its security. We cannot afford to let it drift again.

## **Quota question**

The Maratha community may be rejoicing and the BJP Government exultant but reservations are not the only panacea



n announcing his Government's decision to accept the Maharashtra State Backward Class Commission recommendation to grant reservations to the Maratha community in jobs and education, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has opened a Pandora's Box. While political exigencies may have led to the decision to grant privileges to this traditionally dominant community in the countryside, much like the Jats in western Uttar Pradesh. Haryana and parts of Rajasthan and the Patidars (or Patels) in Gujarat, the domino effect of conceding the demand bears thinking about by all responsible politicians.

While it is true that these communities nurse a genuine sense of grievance given the decline in farm incomes over the past few decades compounded by a lack of access to quality education and job opportunities, which has led to a concomitant loss of social status for the current generation, this is by no means a phenomenon exclusive to these communities but a structural issue that impacts all citizens of India in more or less equal measure. Unlike Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, who have suffered well-documented social ostracisation and violent repression, these culturally dominant agrarian communities do not suffer from a comparable disadvantage. Of course, the argument from the pro-quota lot is that comparisons are more apt with the Other Backward Classes (OBC) communities which have been given quotas (albeit with a creamy layer proviso) post the implementation of the Mandal Commission recommendations but that in itself is a highly contentious and controversial discussion.

Of more immediate concern to the BJP Government in Maharashtra is how it will implement Maratha reservations given past judicial pronouncements on the issue of quotas over and above the 50 per cent limit. Its predecessor Congress-Nationalist Congress Party coalition in Maharashtra had also announced reservations for Marathas and Muslims just before the last Assembly election which were struck down in court. The way out being spoken of in Mantralaya, Mumbai, is to introduce a Bill in the forthcoming Winter Session of the State Assembly to create a new, State-specific Backward Classes category in which Marathas will be included for possibly a 16 per cent quota. This will be over and above the current SC/ST and OBC reservation in the State which is already at 52 per cent. Therefore the idea is to add the law, once passed, to the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution as any law in it is non-justiciable. The Supreme Court, however, has held that even laws included in the Ninth Schedule will be open to judicial review to the extent that they must conform to the basic structure of the Constitution. In fine-tuning its strategy to implement quotas to win political support from the Maratha community, however, the BJP has shown it is no different from the Congress when it comes to avoiding the root causes of the sense of diminished status prevalent in these communities clamouring for reservations.

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## Not a model policy

The syncretic Islam traditionally practised in Bangladesh is being undermined as the country embarks on a Saudi-inspired mosque-building project



PRIYADARSHI **DUTTA** 

angladesh, in an ironical move, is seeking the cooperation of Saudi Arabia to popularise model Islam' amongst her population. The project will crystallise in the form of 560 'model mosques' across the country built with Saudi funds. Paradoxically, in 1971, Saudi Arabia along with other Arab nations, had strongly opposed the independence of Bangladesh. Her war of liberation, actuated by Bangla nationalism, was perceived as anti-thetical to Islam. Even secular Turkey and progressive Egypt had chosen to side with

Tajuddin Ahmad (1925-1975), the Prime Minister of the wartime provisional Government of Bangladesh based in Mujibnagar (district Meherpur), had a tough time convincing the Arab nations that the Pakistani armed forces were not fighting a battle of Islamic righteousness in Bangladesh. They were rather indulging in "well-documented crimes of arson, loot, rape and murder." Ahmad had to remind the Arabs how they had once to fight for their own independence from the Turkish Ottoman Empire albeit Turks were also fellow Muslims.

The professed aim of the 'model mosque' project is to salvage Islam from the hands of radicals and militants. Prime Minister Hasina feels that Islam, a religion of peace, has been usurped by these extreme elements. But how to be sure that the religion is in its pristine and peaceful state in Saudi Arabia? After all, 15 of the 19 citizens involved in the hijacking of airplanes used in 9/11 attacks were citizens

Being starry-eyed about the project, Hasina has put Bangladeshi Taka 8,722 crore from the public exchequer into the initiative, not having received Saudi funds as yet. But what model of Islam is expected from Saudi Arabia? The desert kingdom is infamous for exporting Wahabism, a rigid and intolerant variant of Islam, worldwide. In September 2015 it had offered Germany to build 200 mosques roughly one for each of the 100 refugees fleeing Syria.

Susane Schröter, Director, Frankfurt Research Centre for Global Islam, estimates that Riyadh has invested at least 76 billion Euros (\$86 billion) in the last 50 years of oil boom to promote Wahabism not complain if she finds Bangladesh drifting towards gender segregation, Sharia penal code and prohibition on the public practice of other religions and traditions.

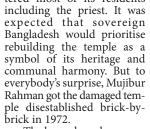
Saudi Arabia could not be the model for Bangladesh, not merely because the former is a retrograde dynastic monarchy. The identity of the desert kingdom is defined merely through its religion. Islam historically originated in the territory of

Saudi Arabia (formerly called Hejaz), thus the kingdom is to Islam what a shadow is to an object placed in the sun. But the same is not true of Bangladesh, which is placed in a different geographical, envi-ronmental and cultural zone. To make Bangladeshis 'more Muslim' is surely to foment internal trouble.

If, today, to believe Sheikh Hasina, Islam has gone into radical hands, the reason is not because any Government of Bangladesh deliberately promoted radical Islam. The reason is that every Government of Bangladesh has tried to infuse more and more Islam into Bangladeshi society. As a result, Bangladesh, by negating its foundational principles, is en route to becoming a mirror image of Pakistan.

Ironically, the initiative was started by Bangabandhu Mujibar Rehman, the absentee founder of Bangladesh (he was a prisoner in Mianwali Jail in Pakistan through the months of the Liberation War). Rahman as the first President (later Prime Minister) of Bangladesh prohibited horse racing, gambling and sale of liquor in Bangladesh in deference to Islamic traditions. Thus, activities that were permitted in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan became haram in secular Bangladesh.

The Pakistani Army, during the Liberation War, heavily damaged the ancient Ramna Kalibari, an iconic Dhaka structure; it also slaugh-



tered most of its residents

The huge cleared up space (along with the dismantled Race Course) was converted into a park viz Suhrawardy Uddyan named after Huseyn Shahid Suhrawardy, the architect of the Great Calcutta Killings (1946) who happened to be the mentor of Rahman during his early years in the Muslim League.

What is distinctive about Bangladesh is its language, Bengali. It was consistently seen with suspicion by the Pakistan authorities. They saw it as an impediment to true Islam. The people of Bangladesh (then East Pakistan) rebuffed attempts by Karachi to impose Urdu. The language agitation of February 21, 1952, that led to seven deaths in police firing, left an enduring legacy for Bangladesh. The UNESCO has hon-

February 21 as International Mother Language Day'. The Bangladesh Liberation War of 1971 — as against popular misconception in India —was not prompted by the language issue. Yet the demolition of the Shaheed Minar (estd 1963) dedicated to the language martyrs of 1952 by the Pakistan

Army during 1971 war created widespread hurt among Bengalis. It was rebuilt after the war and subsequently expanded it in 1983. It has attained the status of a pilgrimage centre in Bangladesh.

So, why has the Bengali language been exalted to a cult status in Bangladesh? This is because they would be bereft of their cultural moorings to their soil without it. Their religion, Islam, connects them with Arabia, in a psychological sense but it also alienates them from their ancestry, history, culture and environment. Hasina should introspect. Why is only an emphasis on Islam needed for course correction in an already Muslim majority state? Successive Governments have promoted only Islam in Bangladesh, whether out of piety or political expediency, but the result is the deracination of a large section of the population dependent on Islamic curriculum.

Until 1970, says Abul Barkat in his signal book, Political Economy of Madrasa Education in Bangladesh, there were 2,721 madrasas. But by 2008 their number increased to 14,152. The net effect is that Bangladesh's foundational legacy is under threat. The 'model mosques' project will only contribute to the deracination process.

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The Opposition is suffering from 'Narendra Modiphobia'. They just want to get rid of him from the Afghanistan's benefit Prime Minister's post.

**BJP** president -Amit Shah



Hopefully, we will be able to identify specific projects which can be jointly initiated by China and India for

**India's Deputy Ambassador** in China -Acquino Vimal



For me, finding a combination of a good script and good people is a rarity. That is why selective work is happening

-Arshad Warsi



If my involvement in antinational activities is proved, then Modiii. Rainathii and Fadnavisii can act against me and initiate proper action.

Senior Congress leader –Digvijaya Singh



### LETTERS THE EDITOR

SOUNDBITE

### **Restore lost pride**

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Whose wings clipped?' (November 19). Undoubtedly, the IT department started questioning and raiding the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) leaders only after the party parted ways with the National Democratic Alliance (NDA). But by revoking general consent to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), TDP chief, N Chandrababu Naidu and West Bengal Chief Minister, Mamata Banerjee, have sent negative signals, hinting that there's a lot more than meets the eye.

It will take some time before the CBI gets its act together as both its chief and deputy are fighting a dirty battle. But the Centre will do well and assure both the leaders that they are not in for a witch hunt. This is the least it can do to restore glory of the investigative body. Police reform has become the dire need of the hour and should not be delayed come what may. It is institutions like these that need to have this pride restored for the larger interest of the country.

**Bal Govind** 

### **Conflicting history in discovery**

his refers to the article, "Don't undermine national heroes" (November 19) by Prashant Tewari. The article appears to be a rejoinder to the critics of Jawaharlal Nehru and Gandhiji, alleging "distortion of historical facts" on public platforms and television debates. The writer not only glorifies the two leaders, but also states that the nation that "does not worship its heroes" will head to "the path

Both Nehru and Gandhi had great qualities as well as flaws. No sensible Indian can overlook their tremendous sacrifices in the cause of freedom, and at the same time, one should not ignore their faults. For example, in the case of Jawaharlal Nehru, his policy on Kashmir, agreeing to Mountbatten's proposal to make a referendum was a blunder that continues to

bleed the nation till date. Similarly, his championing the issue of



Communist China's membership of the UN Security Council and his over-enthusiastic emphasis on 'Hindi-Chini bhai bhai' culminated in China's invasion of India in the winter of 1962. Nehru's "secularism" and socialistic economic policy were equally flawed. The first was regarded by many as "minority appeasement" and the second as 'licence raj'.

Via mail

### **Irreparable loss**

Sir — It is alarming that more than two tonnes of thick furnace fuel oil spilled when a flexible hose snapped while discharging oil at the Kamarajar Port in Chennai in the wee hours on Sunday. It may be recalled that this is the second oil spill within two years — another occurred on January 28, 2017, when an LPG tanker rammed into another petroleum tanker two nautical miles off the Kamarajar Port at Ennore, resulting in massive oil spill that polluted close to 35-km coastline.

Though immediate steps have been taken to recover the spilled oil with help from skimmers and absorbent pads, how much it would succeed is the concern. Besides, it will also cause irreparable damage to the environment. Had the port authorities taken extra care, the disaster could have been averted.

TK Nandanan

### **Rehabilitation challenge**

Sir — Despite the Government concentrating on protecting the Nadu and the resulting magnitude of landslides were high. The disaster management team has been in full swing and the Navy too extended help that salvaged the situation. However, with the Centre assuring help, it needs to be seen how soon the affected get rehabil-**KR Srinivasan** 

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asters, the severity of cyclone

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### **Big relief**

Sir - Finally, after years of Maratha reservations battle, the Maharashtra Cabinet cleared the decision to extend reservation to the Maratha community by creating a new category called the Socially and Educationally Backward Class on the recommendations of the State Backward Class Commission. The decision will bring relief to the State from the chain of protests which continued since a long time

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### FIRSTCOLUMN

## More than meets the eye

In a power battle between the providers and consumers of electricity, the latter lose, yet again



UTTAM GUPTA

uring the first decade of the 2000s, in a bid to boost power generation and to make it available at 'affordable' and 'stable' price to consumers, the then Government had mooted the idea of ultra mega power projects. Two such plants were bagged by Tata Power Ltd (TPL) and Adani Power Ltd (APL) under tariff-based competitive bidding (TBCB), each with an installed capacity of 4,000 MW and 4,620 MW, respectively. While the TPL is based entirely on imported coal, APL uses 70 per cent domestic and 30 per cent imported coal. Under long-term power purchase agreements (PPAs), they committed to sell to power distribution companies at fixed tariff — in case of the TPL, tariff was ₹2.26 per unit and for APL, it was ₹2.35/ 2.94 per unit. The beauty of this dispensation was that unlike all subsisting PPAs, wherein increase in cost of fuel was pass-through for supplies from UMPPs, they were fully shielded against the hike.

This meant that the projects would have arrangements in place to ensure that they got coal supplies at a fixed price all through. Even if they were to pay more, tariffs would not change. In other words, higher fuel cost would be absorbed by the generator. Indeed, both TPL and APL took steps to ensure an uninterrupted source of coal supply at the desired price. For instance, TPL acquired 25-30 per cent equity in three Indonesian mines. Likewise, Adani acquired a coal mine in Queensland in 2010. Yet, these project promoters left no stone unturned in insisting on pass-through of the fuel price hike. Even worse, the executive, regulators and judiciary, whose prime role is to uphold sanctity of the PPAs and protect the interests of consumers, went out of the way to extend them a helping hand. In 2012, TPL/APL petitioned the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, seeking the so-called "compensatory tariff" — a sophisticated nomenclature for hike in tariff. Their argument was that in September 2011, the Government of Indonesia imposed a minimum 'benchmark' price below which coal could not be exported from that country, and this event being beyond their control, they had no option but to seek pass-through.

In February 2014, the CERC sanctioned hike of 52/41 paise per unit for TPL/APL. The Appellate Tribunal for Electricity — vide an interim order (July 2014) — endorsed it and further confirmed in its final order (December 2016) given under directions from the Supreme Court. The Tribunal used 'force majeure' clause euphemism for an event beyond control — to justify its order. In its order (April 2017), the apex court rejected the claim of Tata/Adani for compensatory tariff under 'force majeure' clause to an extent the hike was caused by increase in price of coal imported from Indonesia. For domestic supplies, however, it agreed with the interpretation of the APTEL resulting in corresponding relief to the APL, which sources 70 per cent of its requirement locally.

However, in an order dated October 29, 2018, the Supreme Court reversed its own decision by directing the CERC to amend their PPAs to facilitate pass-through of future fuel price escalation, which was subject to a cap. Apart from accepting the main contention of generators viz 'force majeure', this is based on the recommendations of a committee (set up by the Gujarat Government in July 2018), which argued that at tariff allowed under the extant PPA, plants are running at low utilisation forcing the state/PDCs to buy power from other sources at a much higher rate. None of these arguments is sustainable. The change in Indonesian law cannot be given the benefit of 'force majeure' as at the time of bidding and signing PPAs, TPL/APL were expected to be aware of all possible factors (regulatory changes included) having a bearing on the fuel price. Indeed, they were as reflected in their decision to acquire stakes in mines located in foreign jurisdictions. The very rationale of such acquisitions was to immunise the generation cost against fuel price hike. The second argument that PDCs/states will have to pay much more (buying from other sources) if the said projects are rendered unviable is also not tenable. The generators must honour the terms of the contract/PPA by supplying power at the agreed price. If they can't, they should compensate PDCs for excess price paid for purchasing from other sources. Both companies belong to conglomerates which have diversified interests and deep pockets. If their initial projections/calculations went haywire, they must be prepared to pay for it instead of expecting consumers to bear the burden. Yet, they went for the easy option.

Unfortunately, the executive/regulator/judiciary — all have abdicated responsibility. The Gujarat Government, which along with other affected States, had put up a brave fight until last year, is the biggest culprit as it has done all the ground work leading to meek surrender to untenable demands of generators. The apex court's verdict is the last word. Hence, there is no hope for hapless consumers who will have to pay more for electricity. It also forestalls any chance of getting immunity from fuel price hike in the future.

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### POINTCOUNTERPOINT

CONGRESS THREW SITARAM KESRI, SOMEONE FROM A DALIT AND MARGINALISED COMMUNITY, ON THE FOOTPATH TO MAKE WAY FOR SONIA GANDHI. —PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI





KESRI WAS A BANIA OBC FROM BIHAR AND NOT A DALIT. HOWEVER, WHEN HAS THE PRIME MINISTER ALLOWED FACTS OR TRUTH TO STAND IN THE WAY? —CONGRESS LEADER

## Maker of modern India

Nehru taught us to look outward, express solidarity and become, in the process, cosmopolitan. Sadly, contemporary history has not treated this statesman kindly



PRASHANT **TEWARI** 

awaharlal Nehru provided India a distinct place of importance in the international sphere with his policy of non-alignment and Panchsheel. He firmly rejected communalism. We cannot think of any state which can be called communal or religious. We can think of a secular, non-communal, democratic state in which every individual, to whatever religion he/she may belong, has equal rights and opportunities. To him, first and foremost, democracy meant individual freedom. On socialism, Nehru said: "Socialism is...not only a way of life but a certain scientific approach to social and economic problems." On capitalism, he said: "The forces in a capitalist society, if left unchecked, tend to make the rich richer and the poor poorer."

During the Nehruvian era, industrialisation became the first fundamental principle for economic development of the country. Nehru had a strong conviction that the well-being of the Indian community lay in rapid industrialisation and the use of science and technology. He preferred to set up key industries in the public sector for sustenance of economic independence and took the public sector to commanding heights of the Indian economy. Nehru said that the application of science and technology is inevitable and unavoidable for all countries and people today. Scientific approach and temper are, or should be, the way of life, process of thinking, method of acting and associated with our follow countrymen.

Science deals with the domain of positive knowledge but the temper which it should produce goes beyond that domain. It is science alone that can solve problems of hunger and poverty, of insanitation and illiteracy, superstition and deadening custom and tradition, of vast resources running to waste, or a rich country inhabited by starving people. Simultaneously, he worked for 'trained personnel' to effectively implement the policy. Nehru was convinced that modern technology should come in a big way to help India solve many of its chronic problems. The launching of Panchayati Raj was without doubt a great step forward in taking democracy meaningfully to the people in rural areas. The process of institution-building received a further fillip when it was launched

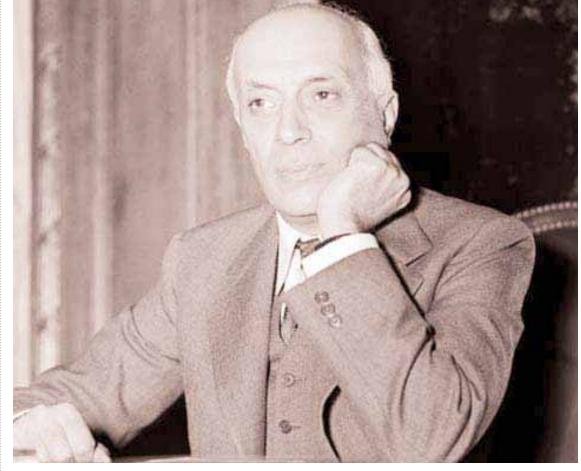
That people should be actively involved in the process of nation-building and that India's diversity and vastness required a wide institutional framework for developmental work were stressed by Nehru right from the dawn of India's Independence. Thanks to Jawaharlal Nehru's vision, India not only adopted and operated successfully the Westminster type of parliamentary democracy, but created new institutions to meet the challenging demands of speedy development. In this regard, Nehru's leadership was dynamic and innovative.

Nehru's Cabinet colleague, MC Chagla, summed up his personality: "Most people who become Prime Minister or Chief Minister owe the adulation they receive from the people solely to the position they occupy. Nehru's case was quite different. He honoured the office of the Prime Minister by holding it and the prime



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ministership in itself did not add any further lustre to the reputation which he already enjoyed either at home or

Nehru was an institutional builder. Most institutions established by him struck roots despite the lack of adequate resources and the number of trained personnel. He paved way for India's educational exaltation by envisioning the country's top-tier institutions, like the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Indian Institute of Management (IIM) and many more world-class commercial public sector undertakings which subsequently became the backbone of the Indian economy.

has not treated this statesman kindly. This is a pity because today's generation might know what globalisation is but not about cosmopolitanism. Even as our society globalises at a frenetic pace, it has turned inwards and become claustrophobic. History must remember Nehru because he taught us to look outward, express solidarity and in the process become cosmopolitan.

An American research scholar, Granville Austin, brilliantly summed up the Nehru era by publishing in his research work that Nehru and his generation initially created tensions in the seamless web, many of which subsided by the close of the period. It is difficult to imagine how it could have been otherwise. Citizens' expectations were high, and that of their leaders were even higher. But the successes of the period were fundamental. Power relationships were sorted out constitution-

ally, the parliamentary system became entrenched, democracy not only survived Nehru's charisma but popular participation strengthened it, power was democratically transferred from one Prime Minister to another twice in 16 years. One-party Government combined internal party democracy and political variety with preserving national unity and integrity: The foundation was laid for an industrial economy and the social revolution was set in motion. This was no golden age but the Nehru years set the standards against which others would be measured — and many fell short.

Nehru was a human being perceived to be a demi-god by a large seg-ment of Indians during his life span. It was believed that Nehru could do no wrong but he faltered on Kashmir and China issues. His peace-loving approach and over-dependence on trusted friends caused us deep embarrassment on both the issues. Two significant setbacks in his long distinguished political career were the reason why he never recovered from the trauma. With all its faults, the Indian democracy under Nehru's leadership grew to be the most enduring system in the Third world. Flourishing democracy and scientific temper of the nation were the two greatest gifts of Nehru to his motherland India. Unfortunately, this freedom might be the reason why he is freely abused by a handful of countrymen in his absence without any fear.

Even more depressing is the fact that the Grand Old Party, which was nurtured by the blood and sweat of Nehru, is defenceless against the onslaught from political opponents —

Commission data in New Delhi, there

is a 20-30 per cent increase in the enrol-

ment of Indian students, totalling

70,000 in 2017 at Australian universi-

ties. But this is good news for Australian

literacy in India, as many will return as

Australia's brand ambassadors and

help nurture the constituency of

Australia champions in India. At

Indian universities, Australia remains

a passing reference in courses on Asia-

Pacific. New centres are emerging but

Australian literacy in India remains far

from satisfactory. In the absence of

country champions and specialised

institutions, overnight experts assume policy-making responsibilities, which is worrisome. During an interview at a high-profile federal department in

Canberra, once a 'expert' in the panel asked this writer whether he spoke

'Hindu', unaware of the distinction

between Hindu and Hindi. Such

knowledge gaps can only be filled by

investing in people and institutions on

both sides, and creating Constituencies

reason being that the current Congress leadership is intellectually hollow and is controlled by political advisers, secretaries and peons rather than mass base leaders.

On a positive note, today, when we talk about the state of affairs, which can be best termed as 'Advantage India' that somehow India seems to possess and we hold every single of those attributes needed for economic development in the 21st century, we pause and do a historical analysis of the situation. How did this advantageous state of affairs come about? Clearly, it was not some hidden potential in India that was waiting to be resuscitated from time immemorial. Nor is it simply the economic reforms of the last couple of decades. The roots for this success lie deeper than that. It is in Nehru's vision for India that we need to seek the real root

of this development. The success of India actually owes a lot to the domestic capacities built in India to withstand global pressures and produce completely innovative solutions to important economic challenges. The personality of Jawarharlal Nehru can be scanned by the endorsement he got from the two greatest political giants of his era: "I have wanted to see you (Nehru). If you had not come I would have come to you. You are a man of peace". (Fidel Castro). "This man has overcome two of the greatest failings in human nature — he (Nehru) knows neither fear nor hatred." (Winston Churchill).

(Concluded) (The writer is Editor-in-Chief, Opinion Express Group)

## Australia must up its Asian literacy

For the long-term future of bilateral relations between India and Australia, creating Constituencies of Country Champions is paramount to shape strategic thinking, influence policy-making and facilitate people-to-people interaction



ASHUTOSH MISRA

resident Ram Nath Kovind's President Rum Australia comes close on the heels of the release of Peter Varghese's report, 'An India Economic Strategy to 2035: Navigating from Potential to Delivery, a comprehensive and incisive India strategy to be commissioned by any Prime Minister till date. While the report bodes well for economic ties, the future of India-Australia relations hinges on reinventing the 3Cs -

Curry, Cricket and Commonwealth with a new 3Cs approach — nurturing Constituencies of Country Champions — that requires investing in people and institutions. Six years ago, Australian economist Ken Henry was delegated by the then Prime Minister Julia Gillard to develop the 'Australia in the Asian Century White Paper 2012, which recommended Australia to expand its strategic net in Asia, engage with Indonesia and rising power India and shape the future of the region.

The Varghese report, too, said that engaging with India was no more an option but a necessity. Importantly, both reports recognised that policy-making is not a purely Government-task but a joint exercise involving academics, scholars, analysts and institutions, who possess knowledge and expertise on the region and regional matters. Varghese went a step ahead to posit that the Australian Government neither had the capacity nor the inclination to implement a strategy of its own. Let us be mindful that the report is largely an economic strategy. Business and trade strategies remain susceptible to periodic market volatility, domestic politics and ever altering policy priorities. Therefore, for a long-term future of bilateral relations, creating Constituencies of Country Champions is paramount to shape strategic thinking, influence policy-making and facilitate people-to-people interaction.

This requires a three-pronged approach. In the immediate term, focus must be on people and institutions who possess requisite country

expertise, lived experiences and professional linkages. In the intermediate term, lessons must be drawn from the recommendations of research works and Government reports, notably, the Melbourne Declaration on educational Goals for Young Australians, 2008, which noted, "India, China and other Asian nations are growing and their influence on the world is increasing. Australians need to become 'Asia literate, engage and build strong relationships with Asia". In the long-term, schools and universities must be encouraged to introduce courses and programmes on India, not only supporting existing institutions specialising in India-Australia studies but also creating new ones. The US and Singapore are two examples where people and institutions, possessing country expertise, have played a vital role in shaping strategic thinking, lobbied as peace advocates during testing times and bolstered a vibrant and wellinformed Constituency of Country Champions. Australia must solve its Asian literacy conundrum, which has fuelled debate among academics and policy-makers.

Asian literacy is not just about language proficiency. It is about understanding values, customs, traditions, socio-political and cultural nuances to decode how a nation thinks and acts. It requires familiarising oneself with Asian history, values and culture early in school, alongside developing language skills and undertaking country visits as a part of immersion programmes or other study visits. Unfortunately, a steady decline across Australian primary and secondary schools in Asian language and history teaching has made Australia knowledge-deficient on Asia, especially, India and Indonesia. During school dropoff/pickup hours, it is common to see Asian kids conversing with their Asian parents in English than in native language. While English learning is vital, developing Asian multi-lingual proficiency and country knowledge will trigger intellectual curiosity in young minds, which can be tapped and satiated by universities.

But most Australian universities don't offer India studies in their curriculum, an indication of how they perceive Australia's interests in the Asian century. The Ken Henry report has cut little ice in building Asia-oriented university curriculum, at least from the Indian viewpoint. There appears a disconnect between national and institutional visions which can be melded by introducing core and elective courses on India with integrated field study for gaining in-country experience.

Most importantly such courses would serve the domestic Australian students more on whom leadership may be thrust upon at various institutions for developing or leading India strategy. The Commonwealth Government funds several fellowships, such as the New Colombo Plan, which supports over 10,000 research fellowships in 40 Asian countries, including India, producing around 900 Australian undergraduates undertaking research, study and internships in India during 2015-16. The Australia India Council grants, Australia-Indian Strategic Research Fund and Endeavour Leadership grant also fund research projects on India-Australia issues but they develop subject exper-

(The writer is CEO and Founding Executive Director, Institute for Australia tise, not necessarily country expertise. As per the Australian High India Engagement, Brisbane)

of Country Champions.



**NEEDED: A SOLUTION FOR SRI LANKA** 

Political unrest that had created a negative image of Sri Lanka would deal a body blow to the tourism industry and dent investor confidence. The tumble of the rupee against the dollar is continuing apace and is bound to have direct consequences on the economy. The cumulative effect will soon see this country pushed over a precipice if drastic action is not taken.

(Daily News editorial)

# pioneer

ResistantWoes

Antibiotic-resistant infections are spreading wings in India, killing over 58,000 children every year. The nation has seen a 103 per cent increase in antibiotic usage in 15 years, says Centre for Disease Dynamics Economics and Policy



### **DOCYARD**

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## Manage & treat this cancer

eukaemia can be confusing because it refers to a group of cancers that aren't all that similar except for the fact that they involve the bone marrow and blood. Leukaemia can be divided into four main groups — acute, chronic, lymphocytic, and myelogenous leukaemia. Depending on how quickly the cancer progresses, leukaemia is either classified as acute (acute lymphocytic leukaemia (ALL) and acute myeloid leukaemia (AML)), or chronic (chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL) and chronic myeloid leukaemia (CML)).

The disease is one of the most common cancers in the world affecting approximately 3.5 lakh people and killing about 2. 65 lakhin 2012. Great strides, however, have been made in our ability to better treat and manage certain forms of the disease, including in children.

### TREATMENT

■Chemotherapy: It is the main treatment for all kinds of

■Stem cell transplant: It is an option for high risk and recurrent acute leukaemia patients.

**Radiation therapy:** It is most often used to prevent leukaemia from spreading to, or treat leukaemia that has spread to, the central nervous system (CNS). It is also used to prepare the bone marrow for stem cell transplant.

Targeted therapy is offered for some types of leukaemia.

Watchful waiting is a treatment option for some people with chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL).

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Supportive therapy is given to manage the expected complications of the leukaemia and its treatments.

Treatment for leukaemia is given with the intent to achieve remission. Remission means when no more leukemic cells can be detected in the blood or bone marrow and the bone marrow is functions normally again.

In patients treated for acute leukaemia, remission may last many years, and then they are

considered cured. CLL is still incurable but treatment can relieve symptoms and induce long-lasting remissions. Some people with acute leukaemia were told they had achieved remission after their first course of chemotherapy, but treatment was continued to destroy any remaining leukemic cells and give the best chance of a long-lasting remission or cure.

Many factors contribute to the leukaemia survival rate including patient's age at the time of diagnosis; whether the cancer cells have spread to the brain or spinal cord; whether the leukaemia is a recurrence of a condition for which the patient was previously treated and the patient's response to treatment. Current research is aimed at developing novel therapies that

address an unmet medical need in acute leukaemia therapies to obtain disease control, maintain remission, prevent relapse, and prolong survival. The evolution of therapy from stem cell transplants and chemotherapy to the use of tyrosine kinase inhibitors (TKI) has changed the course of the disease for CML patients and provides an encouraging example for the leukaemia community as they work to advance new treatments which will hopefully bring similar success to acute leukaemia patients.

Only through the continued commitment to research and innovation will we identify important and cumulative advances that give patients more time until our goal of a major transformation becomes reality, treating both acute and chronic leukaemia as manageable diseases.

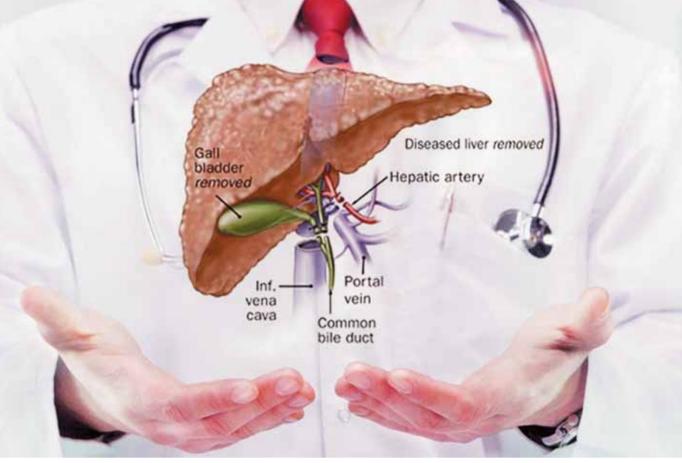
### WARMFOODS

**N**UTMEG: Is believed to be the warmest of all spices. A pinch of its powder is mixed in mother's milk and given to babies to keep them warm from within. It is considered to be high in potassium, calcium, iron and manganese, and Vitamin C and B. Consuming a pinch of it daily can not only stimulate digestion but can treat intestinal problems as well. Nutmeg can contribute to treating various oral problems such as cavities, bleeding gums and toothache. It can prevent your liver from the adverse effects of environmental pollution, stress and unbalanced diet.

Copper is an important nutrient in nutmegs which helps to balance the blood pressure and consequently helps in the maintenance of heart rate. It reduces hair fall by increasing blood circulation and enhancing hair growth. It is also rich in minerals that help in keeping the immune system

of the body robust. According to Ayurveda, you should add a pinch of nutmeg to a glass of warm milk and have it before sleeping. You can also add in some almonds and a pinch of cardamom for added benefits. Nutmeg is a good ingredient for skincare

because of its anti-microbial and anti-inflammatory properties as well as its ability to remove blackheads, treat acne and clogged pores.



## The historical surgery

Apollo Hospitals marks the historic 20th anniversary of India's first successful liver transplant. PIONEER HEALTH reports

Kandasamy did not have an ordinary childhood. Though you couldn't tell, at just 20 months he had a part of his father's liver transplanted into him in November 1998. In doing so, Kandasamy and his doctors created history in the annals of Indian medicine as the country's first successful liver transplant surgery. Remarkably, not only has Sanjay done exceedingly well, he is now training to be a doctor himself — a testament to the exper-tise of the treating team and the tenacity of Sanjay and the family.

On the 20th anniversary of the era-changing operation that changed the face of medical sciences in India, Indraprastha Apollo that liver transplants have gone through over the last two decades as well as felicitate Kandasamy and his family for the bravery

shown since the surgery. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Preetha Reddy, vice-chairperson, Apollo Hospitals Group, said: "Liver disease is a major cause for concern in the country with as many as two lakh people dying from it every year. While around 1,800 liver transplants are done annually, as many as 20,000 people need a liver transplant at any given point. The fact is around 10 lakh people are diagnosed with the liver disease every year, making it the 10th most common cause of death in India as per the World Health Organisation. While India has come a long way since the first operation, there is still a huge gap

wenty-one-year-old Sanjay to be filled. We have endeavoured to create world-class transplant centres with leading clinicians running the program. Going forward we will expand our services to hitherto unreachable geographies and populations."

Cricketer Gautam Gambhir, a long time proponent of organ donation was also present at the occasion. "Every three minutes a person gets added to the list who need a transplant. Today, over two lakh Indians are on the list while less than 10 per cent get a transplant. We have to wool as a patient plant. We have to work as a nation to increase our organ donation rate. I pledged my organs in 2011 and encourage the youth to raise awareness on organ donation and needs to become a national movement," Gambhir said.

Kandasamy said: "I would like to thank the doctors at Apollo who gave me a new lease of live 20 years back. I would not have made it this far without this help. My parents and family have always encouraged me to make the most of this second chance at life. Seeing the work that doctors do from such close quarters made me determined to become a doctor myself. I want to contribute towards saving the lives of our countrymen and also set an example that any challenge in life can be overcome."

Kandasamy was born with a rare condition called Biliary Atresia. This is a disease that affects one in 12,000 babies with the only lasting remedy being a liver transplant surgery. Highlighting the expertise



developed at Apollo, Dr Neerav Goel, Senior Consultant, Liver Transplants, said: "Over the past 20 years our expertise has greatly developed. Today, we are doing ABO incompatible and combined liver-kidney transplants. We are also operating on babies as small as four kg. We intend to further develop our program to help an even larger section of the population in the future."

Ashok Bajpai, Managing director, Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, said: "As we mark this historic day, we would like to thank our patients and families who have entrusted us with their faith. Our transplant program is today a beacon of hope for thousands thanks to the expertise and commitment of our specialists and staff. We intend to dedicate the

coming years to become the best transplant centre in the world." Marking the occasion, Apollo

Hospitals' Group Medical Director Senior Pediatric Gastroenterologist, Dr Anupam Sibal said: "Today marks a special day for Indian medical sciences. It was over 20 years ago that India finally entered the hallowed exclusive club of countries that carried out liver transplants. This pioneering work and the awe-inspiring attitude of patients like Kandasamy has ensured that over the last 20 years the Apollo Institutes of Transplant has performed more than 3200 liver transplants in patients from over 50 countries of which 302 have been children. We endeavor to offer our the world who seek liver transplant

By performing 1,200 solid organ transplants in 2013, the programme is amongst the largest olid organ transplant program in the world, a position which Apollo has held for six consecutive years While there is still a lack of

infrastructure for life-saving organ donations and transplants, the numbers in the country are showing some improvement in the country. Out of 301 hospitals equipped to handle the process, 250 have registered with National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO), showing that in order to conduct an organ transplant, there exists one fully equipped hospital for around 43 lakh people.

### TRADITION ON **A PLATTER**

KAVITA DEVGAN talks about how we should go the traditional way in order to maintain a healthy lifestyle

We are nearing the end of 2018 and 2019 does not seem very far. In the last couple of years, a lot has changed about what and how we eat. Omega 3's have become more commonplace, trans-fats have become a common food villain, probiotic milk have raided our fridge space getting pride of place along with humble homemade dahi, the egg (whole egg mind you) and good fats like ghee and coconut oil have made a come back and wisdom of following a

low-fat diet is being questioned extensively.

Carbs are no longer being branded as clear cut villains anymore, and even though new diets are breaking the internet and joining the bookstore rack masses weekly (and there are multi-ple takers for these fad diets still), people are now beginning to question their very veracity. These are all healthy signs of healthy times! But there's still lots more that is about to happen. Here's what we will see more going forward:

### **FOCUS ON NUTRITION**

There is a non-diet approach towards seeking wellness. The focus has always been on habit changes. Only sustainable way to gain health is to live a life and lifestyle where your good habits outnumber the bad onest. This is what I write about in the book *Don't Diet! 50 Habits of Thin People Too* and reiterate in my new book People Too and reiterate in my new book Ultimate Grandmother Hacks Too. There is more acceptance for this way of gaining health (and losing weight). Millennials, although a little confused, are driven by logic and looking to put health first.

### **BACK TO THE PAST**

Today, everyone is taking a hard look at how they are eating, moving away from our traditional way of eating, and cooking is gaining ground. People are going back to our roots to find the right way of eating and living. Nutrition science is simply trying to catch up with many age-old nuggets of wisdom and observation-led beliefs that we have been following since vesteryears.

### **PROTEIN MATTERS!**

There's also now far more understanding about the importance of protein in our diet and thus, I see a renewed push for protein. Plus the talk has moved from just protein quantity to protein quality — the kind of amino acids the food delivers, and this is good news, as quality always scores over quantity.

### **PLANTS WIN**

We will see a perceptive shift towards eating on meat will become a thing of the past. I foresee a rise in the numbers of part-time vegetarians, who will reduce their meat consumption. And that is a good way to eat and live.

Some local trends that gaining strength are: ■Local staples and grains like *amaranth*, *ragi* and sattu will become more commonplace. The younger generation is now getting interested in them, as their health benefits are hard to ignore. ■Brown rice may become passé, instead more

prominence.

Organic jaggery, coconut sugar and healthier, unrefined sugar options finding more acceptance and becoming a part of grocery shopping

red rice and local lesser-known varieties will gain

lists as a norm. It's time to slow down a bit and choose how we want to live our life. Our health will become

a priority only when we make it a priority. The writer is a nutritionist and author of Ultimate

Grandmother Hacks

### **DadiKaKehna**

Winters are here. This means that the elderly prefer to stay indoors rather than venture out. This may affect their health but by following a few tips they can remain healthy this season, says



enough water. This can lead to many problems especially for the elderly. But here are a few things that they can do to stay Drink plenty of water. It's easy to

get dehydrated in the winter. Try and drink at least eight glasses of water a day. if you are not Diabetic, you can drink fresh juice as

Eat a healthy and balanced diet. Women need to be extra careful. Eat six to seven small meals instead of three large ones. Ensure that you eat



If you are used to going for a morning walk try using a walking stick even if you don't need it. Winter months tend to affect the limbs and the joints. However don't give up on your exercise

take up yoga instead. Not only will you keep fit, but it will also keep your limbs and joints fit as well.

Even if it is not very cold always wear socks and shoes especially in the mornings and evenings. These will help you keep warm and protect you from the cold and chances of catching an infection are

### **TIPTOP**

Brush your teeth for two minutes, twice a day, every day. The Mobile Dental Clinic Project, under the aegis of Maulana Azad Institute

of Dental Sciences, New Delhi, and Dr Mahesh Verma, Director-Principal, celebrated National Tooth Brushing Day, an annual campaign designed to reach undeserved populations to reinforce the importance of oral health and promote good tooth-

brushing habits. Tooth decay is the single most common chronic childhood disease, and the most common disease after common cold. Despite the high rates of oral disease in children, dental health in India is still perceived as a low priority health benefit. The correct method of brushing:



■Place your toothbrush at a 45degree angle to the gums ■Gently move the brush back and forth in short (tooth-wide)

> ■Brush the outer surfaces, the inner surfaces and the chewing surfaces

of the teeth. ■Brush your tongue to remove bacteria and keep your breath fresh.

■Don't forget to floss, eat a balanced diet and visit a dentist regularly. The project supported school children,

and conducted competitions related to dental health. Dr Swati Jain and Dr Shekhar Grover (consultants, Dental Public Health) visited Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Yamuna Vihar. Around 200 students participated and spread the message of oral health.

### SLIMLINE

o mark World Diabetes Day, Novo Nordisk Education Foundation (NNEF) and Novo Nordisk India Pvt Ltd have launched a 1000-day Challenge programme along with leading healthcare practitioners to address uncontrolled diabetes in India.

Uncontrolled Diabetes is a serious challenge in India with over ₹63,000 crore incurred in healthcare costs per year due to diabetes. The challenge intends to improve awareness and education amongst 1.5 lakh

practitioners and 10,000 paramedics through over 6,000 medical meetings and continuous medical education programmes

Dr AK Das, senior Professor, Department of Endocrinology and Metabolism, Pondicherry Institute of Medical Sciences. said: "The HbA1c levels will be adopted as the key performance indicator. The India Diabetes Care Index reveals that the current average HbA1c of India is 8.56% against the usually recommended target of <7%.

### **STUDY**CENTRE

Preastfeeding for six Bound lower the risk of developing nonalcoholic fatty liver disease

(NAFLD) years later during mid-life in women, according to recent research. While the benefits of breastfeeding in babies are known, this research highlights those for the mothers. Estimates indicate that globally tens of millions of people are living with NAFLD and NASH. Weight loss and a healthier diet are the current standards of care. The NAFLD is usually asymptomatic

until advanced stages of liver disease and includes a spectrum of disease severity, with nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH) being the most aggressive type. Multiple genetic and environmental factors contribute to NAFLD, and certain health conditions, such as obesity and Type 2 Diabetes, can be predisposing factors.

Some signs and symptoms of this condition include enlarged liver, fatigue, pain in the upper right abdomen. When it progresses to cirrhosis, it can cause ascites, enlarged blood vessels and spleen, red palms, and jaundice. Tips from HCFI: Eat a healthy diet rich in fruits, veg-

etables, whole grains and healthy fats. ■If you are overweight or obese, reduce the number of calories you eat each day and get more exercise. If you have a

healthy weight, work to maintain it. ■Éxercise most days of the week. Try to get at least 30 minutes of physical activ-

## **Sensex rallies over 300 pts** ahead of RBI meet outcome

 $T^{he\,BSE\,benchmark\,Sensex}_{rallied\ over\ 300\ points}$ Monday to end at over a sixweek high of 35,774.88 as investors widened their portfolios ahead of the RBI's board meet outcome amid foreign fund inflows.

Also, positive cues from other Asian markets and a firm opening in European shares buoved investor sentiment here.

A crucial meet of the Reserve Bank's central board is underway amid a rift between the central bank and the government over future course of policies.

The finance ministry nominees and some independent directors were expected to take on Patel and his team over issues ranging from MSME credit to the central bank's reserves, though both sides are in favour of reaching a common ground.

Expectations of a positive outcome boosted market mood after the meeting began.

According to analysts, domestic bourses are focusing on RBI's board meet to get cues on liquidity crunch with nonbanking financial companies (NBFCs) and relaxing norms for state-run banks.

The Sensex started off on

NIFTY 50

a high note at 35,647.62 and continued its upward march to hit a high of 35,818.65 as buying activity gathered momentum. It finally settled 317.72 points, or 0.90 per cent, higher at 35,774.88.

This is the benchmark's highest closing since October when it had closed at 35,975.63. The barometer had gained 315.17 points in the previous two sessions.

Also, the broader NSE Nifty raced past the 10,750mark to touch a high of 10,774.70 before settling at 10,763.40 points, showing a rise of 81.20 points, or 0.76 per

Yes Bank was the star performer among Sensex constituents, jumping 7.19 per cent, its biggest gain in almost three weeks.

Tata Motors, IndusInd Bank, Vedanta, Sun Pharma, RIL, M&M, Maruti Suzuki, Tata Steel, L&T, Wipro, ΓCS, Hero MotoCorp, Bharti Airtel, Adani Ports, Kotak Bank, PowerGrid, HDFC Bank, HUL, Infosys, HDFC and Coal India also gained up to 2.77 per cent.

However, ONGC, ICICI Bank, SBI, Asian Paints, NTPC, Axis Bank and, Bajaj Auto all succumbed to profitbooking and ended lower by up to 1.37 per cent.

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Jet Airways stock plunged 6.88 per cent, after Tata Sons said on Friday that it was only in preliminary talks with the struggling carrier, but had not made a proposal to acquire a

Sectorally, the BSE realty index surged 1.45 per cent, followed by FMCG 1.27 per cent, metal 1.16 per cent, auto 1.05 per cent, capital goods 0.94 per cent, consumer durables 0.91 per cent, healthcare 0.78 per cent, IT 0.63 per cent, teck 0.62 per cent, power 0.60 per cent, infrastructure 0.52 per cent and bankex 0.28 per cent.

While, PSU and oil and gas indices ended in the negative zone. Broader markets too showed strength in line with overall trend, with the smallcap index rising 0.67 per cent and mid-cap index gaining 0.47 per cent.

Strong rupee and fall in oil prices provide leeway to India macros and consequently influence foreign institutions to change their stance towards emerging markets, experts

Meanwhile, foreign institutional investors (FIIs) bought shares worth a net of ₹844.82 crore on Friday, while domestic institutional investors (DIIs) sold shares worth a net of ₹372.24 crore, provisional data

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## Trai to meet telcos next month to finalise 2019 agenda

Trai is expected to meet telecom industry players next month, to deliberate on the issues that will be taken up during 2019, its Chairman RS Sharma said Monday. The discussion — now an annual feature — is however expected to entail a wider set of players in the telecom space this time, spanning operators, infrastructure providers and others.

The meeting will take place next month. We will talk to them and ask them about the items they think, should be taken up in the next calendar year," Sharma told PTI on the sidelines of an interactive session on 'New Regulatory Framework for Broadcasting and Cable Services'. This time around, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai's) discussion would not be limited to telecom service providers alone but expected to include infrastructure providers and "couple of other stakeholders in telecom space" as well, he noted.

"So it will be a broader consultation to figure out the new areas to be deliberated next year," Sharma said.

He noted that the priority areas for 2018, too, were identified through a prior discussion with players. "We certainly have our own list of areas too," Sharma said. He said Trai will be able to finalise its views on the issue of a regulatory framework for Over-The-Top (OTP) players in the coming 5-6 months. Last week, the telecom regulator had launched a consultation to explore the regulatory framework for OTP apps like WhatsApp, Facebook and Google Duo that provide calling and messaging services similar to that by telcos.

Trai sought public opinion on whether same rules should be applied on OTT applications providing calling and instant messaging services as applied on telecom players.

Meanwhile, addressing the interactive session on broadcasting, Sharma said the new comprehensive framework for the sector entailing tariffs, service quality and interconnect aspects, is aimed at 'growth" and not hurting players.

"It is not aimed at hurting players but ensuring growth of the sector in an orderly manner and keeps the interest of stakeholders in mind," Sharma said.

The fiery session saw concerns being raised by Local Cable Operators and Multi System Operators on issues ranging from operationalising the new norms to 'a la carte rates'.

Sharma urged players to give the new framework a fighting chance and assured that Trai will keep an "open mind" and address issues as and when they emerge after the regulation is fully implemented. He cautioned that technological changes, which improve service quality and enhance capacity, can also be disruptive. The Supreme Court recently dismissed a plea challenging Frai's March 2017 regulations and tariff order relating to fixation of charges for free and pay channels. The apex court's verdict paved the way for implementation of Trai's new tariff order for the broadcast sector. Trai's framework of July, allows consumers to select and pay only for the channels they wish to view, and requires TV broadcasters to disclose maximum retail price (MRP) of channels individually and that of bou-

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### **BUSINESS CORNER**

### **RUPEE SHEDS 9 PAISE AGAINST US DOLLAR**

Mumbai: The rupee depreciated by 9 paise to 72.02 against the US dollar in early trade on Monday at the interbank foreign exchange, halting its four-day winning streak, ahead of RBI's board meet. Fresh demand for the American currency from importers amid rise in crude prices weighed on the domestic unit, dealers said. However, weakness in the US dollar against some currencies in global market and a higher opening of the domestic equity markets limited the rupee fall ahead of Reserve Bank of India's board meet, dealers said. Finance Ministry nominees and some independent directors are expected to take on Governor Urjit Patel and his team later in the day over issues ranging from micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) credit to the central bank's reserves, though both sides are in favour of reaching a common ground. Meanwhile, the international benchmark, Brent crude was trading higher by 0.72 per cent to USD 67.40 per barrel. The rupee on Friday strengthened by 4 paise to close at a fresh two-month high 71.93 against the US currency, despite a rebound in oil prices and a stronger dollar. Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) bought shares worth ₹844.82 crore on Friday, as per provisional data. The benchmark BSE Sensex was trading 159.66 points, or 0.45 per cent, higher at 35,616.82 in opening trade.

### **SUGAR PRODUCTION DOWN 15%**

New Delhi: India's sugar production fell by 15 per cent to 1.16 million tonnes till November 15 of the current marketing year that started last month as many mills have not yet started crushing operation in this season, industry body ISMA said on Monday. Indian Sugar Mills Association (ISMA) had last month forecast that the production in the current 2018-19 marketing year (October-September) may decline to 31.5 million tonnes (MT) from record 32.5 MT in the previous year. ISMA had in July projected 35.5 MT of production for 2018-19 but revised its production estimates downward as the sugarcane crop in the three main growing states of Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Karnataka, which contribute around 80 per cent to the total sugar output, have been impacted adversely. "As expected, crushing for sugar season 2018-19 has started on time. As on November 15, 2018, 238 sugar mills were already crushing sugarcane, as compared to 349 sugar mills which were crushing sugarcane last year on November 15, 2017," ISMA said in a statement. Sugar production stood at 1.16 MT as on November 15, 2018 compared to 1.37 MT as on November 15, 2017, it added. Due to late start of crushing this year, sugar mills in Uttar Pradesh have produced 1.76 lakh tonnes of sugar till November 15, 2018 as against 5.67 lakh tonnes produced till November 15 last year. In Maharashtra, however, sugar output rose to 6.31 lakh tonnes from 3.26 lakh tonnes during the period under review. Sugar production in Karnataka declined to 1.85 lakh tonnes as compared to 3.71 akh tonnes. Fall in production augurs well for mills as they have an opening stock of over 10 MT.

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### **BSE 500**

NIFTY 50	10,731.25	10,774.70	10,688.80	10,763.40	81.20
YESBANK	198.10	205.95	194.35	205.95	14.95
ITC	277.35	285.00	276.50	284.50	7.95
TATAMOTORS	180.60	185.50	179.10	184.80	4.90
INDUSINDBK	1,503.00	1,541.30	1,484.35	1,537.10	36.00
VEDL	207.80	212.80	207.40	211.50	4.70
SUNPHARMA	525.00	533.00	519.70	531.50	11.75
RELIANCE	1,132.90	1,151.70	1,131.00	1,149.65	22.25
GRASIM	836.00	861.75	830.00	848.15	16.25
HINDALCO	231.10	237.40	230.40	234.40	4.45
DRREDDY	2,545.50	2,545.60	2,490.00	2,522.05	45.00
M&M	775.30	783.60	770.10	781.20	13.60
HCLTECH	1,022.20	1,042.80	1,014.25	1,040.00	17.80
ULTRACEMCO	3,970.40	4,047.00	3,952.45	4,024.00	61.60
WIPRO	325.50	335.40	321.50	330.95	4.75
TATASTEEL	577.45	583.80	574.00	582.30	8.20
MARUTI	7,360.00	7,449.00	7,290.00	7,444.75	103.55
LT	1,400.00	1,419.85	1,395.05	1,418.35	19.30
BHARTIARTL	329.40	338.90	319.00	337.00	4.25
HINDPETRO	243.00	246.95	236.65	246.40	2.75
ADANIPORTS	348.20	352.00	342.40	351.00	3.55
POWERGRID	188.20	190.50	187.65	189.90	1.80
HINDUNILVR	1,693.30	1,707.00	1,677.00	1,705.10	16.00
HEROMOTOCO	2,973.30	2,998.90	2,963.10	2,988.00	26.10
EICHERMOT	24,990.00	25,340.00	24,726.40	24,949.00	214.00
TCS	1,899.00	1,907.35	1,864.30	1,902.00	15.40
BPCL	320.75	324.55	316.90	324.55	2.50
ZEEL	449.95	449.95	438.25	447.00	3.40
BAJAJFINSV	5,720.00	5,765.00	5,650.00	5,739.00	43.35
KOTAKBANK	1,175.00	1,188.95	1,165.00	1,177.00	8.40
HDFCBANK	2,011.00	2,021.00	2,001.90	2,016.10	11.8
UPL	773.00	777.75	767.30	775.50	3.65
TECHM	730.00	734.75	724.25	730.65	2.65
JSWSTEEL	336.70	339.55	333.20	336.25	1.15
COALINDIA	264.50	264.7	262.65	264.30	0.65
INFRATEL	259.50	261.80	257.50	260.20	0.60
HDFC	1,899.95	1,906.95	1,872.80	1,893.20	4.2
INFY	659.00	662.00	649.25	651.95	1.10
TITAN	922.00	927.00	915.05	921.00	-0.35
ASIANPAINT	1,329.00	1,329.85	1,305.00	1,320.00	-1.3
CIPLA	535.00	536.00	523.95	529.5	-1.10
AXISBANK	619.80	620.30	608.60	617.60	-2.20
IOC	144.00	144.65	140.00	142.70	-0.65
BAJAJ-AUTO	2,704.00	2,708.00	2,670.00	2,680.25	-15.10
NTPC	154.00	154.50	151.90	153.00	-1.05
ONGC	156.00	156.50	153.10	154.85	-1.50
SBIN	293.50	293.50	286.05	288.05	-2.85
ICICIBANK	368.30	370.70	360.75	363.50	-4.05
BAJFINANCE	2,420.00	2,422.30	2,350.30	2,367.00	-35.10
GAIL	342.50	343.60	330.20	334.70	-7.50

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ASHOKLEY	105.95	109.50	105.50	108.95	3.4
ABCAPITAL	114.10	117.00	114.00	116.65	3.1
DABUR	396.10	409.90	393.25	405.70	10.0
MOTHERSUMI	150.10	154.80	147.55	152.85	3.6
MARICO	349.00	355.00	347.30	354.60	8.0
DLF	170.25	176.25	168.10	173.15	3.7
ABB	1325.00	1359.00	1325.00	1350.00	27.1
CADILAHC	357.95	365.90	353.00	362.40	7.2
BHEL	66.80	68.35	66.80	68.05	1.3
DMART	1399.90	1421.90	1378.70	1412.05	24.1
AMBUJACEM	218.00	221.65	214.95	221.00	3.7
SUNTV	613.20	622.30	609.65	617.85	9.7
HAVELLS	674.70	686.50	669.40	685.00	10.8
ICICIGI	815.05	844.70	815.05	832.00	9.4
AUROPHARMA	786.15	799.30	783.00	791.10	8.4
LICHSGFIN	455.25	460.90	451.25	457.60	4.2
BIOCON	625.30	631.70	619.65	630.70	5.7
L&TFH	133.40	134.40	132.10	133.70	1.1
BEL	93.00	94.50	92.40	93.65	0.8
BRITANNIA	5990.00	6024.00	5940.00	5988.00	40.3
MRF	65770.00	66400.00	65501.00	66200.00	448.0
GODREJCP	730.00	730.55	710.35	728.00	4.6
OIL	203.60	204.40	199.50	200.30	1.1
SAIL	64.00	64.85	63.80	64.40	0.3
NMDC	102.25	102.65	100.50	101.20	0.4
PEL	2355.05	2383.50	2331.05	2355.05	9.6
PIDILITIND	1122.00	1132.70	1110.60	1123.20	4.3
MCDOWELL-N	647.95	654.45	643.00	649.00	1.9
COLPAL	1150.00	1156.75	1137.95	1150.50	2.9
BANDHANBNK	479.40	485.70	472.30	477.00	0.8
PGHH	9481.30	9562.85	9311.00	9530.00	15.7
BANKBARODA	116.40	118.40	114.35	115.20	0.0
NHPC	26.15	26.40	26.00	26.25	0.0
BOSCHLTD	19000.00	19396.35	18680.00	18725.00	0.9
PETRONET	216.00	216.90	212.10	215.55	-0.4
HINDZINC	269.00	270.30	264.55	265.65	-1.0
INDIGO	1047.95	1050.00	1017.10	1045.00	-4.4
GICRE	310.00	310.00	306.20	307.85	-1.3
CONCOR	675.80	692.45	665.00	668.20	-3.5
SHREECEM	16098.30	16300.00	15750.00	15841.10	-94.8
ACC	1502.60	1523.05	1481.40	1489.90	-11.5
LUPIN	868.00	875.00	851.70	856.10	-8.6
IDEA	42.25	44.00	39.90	42.55	-0.4
SRTRANSFIN	1250.00	1250.00	1210.00	1221.45	-13.7
ICICIPRULI	330.90	331.75	321.00	323.20	-5.3
SBILIFE	583.90	583.90	566.10	567.00	-10.3

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ADVENZYMES	186.35	-4.25	-2.23
AEGISLOG	222.55	3.55	1.62
AIAENG	1660.25	-20.5	-1.22
AJANTPHARM	1143.6	23.95	2.14
AKZOINDIA	1593	9.25	0.58
ALBK	43.45	0.2	0.46
ALKEM	1940.5	-1.8	-0.09
ALLCARGO	108.6	0.65	0.60
AMARAJABAT	732.05	-2.50	-0.34
AMBUJACEM	219.15	2.35	1.08
ANDHRABANK	29.00	0.30	1.05
APARINDS	629.95	11.2	1.81
APLAPOLLO	1290.05	2.65	0.21
APLLTD	562.60	-2.25	-0.40
APOLLOHOSP	1224.70		
APOLLOTYRE	228.60	-9.25 2.00	-0.75
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ARVIND	320.1	1.10	0.34
ASAHIINDIA	271.50	-4.40	-1.59
ASHOKA	126.90	1.35	1.08
ASHOKLEY ASIANPAINT	108.8	3.10	2.93
	1311.9	-8.55	-0.65
ASTRAL	1035.00	-4.60	-0.44
ATUL	3543.20	9.05	0.26
AUBANK	599.00	3.65	0.61
AUROPHARMA	792.2	11.95	1.53
AVANTI	368.75	-5.10	-1.36
AXISBANK	615.15	-3.15	-0.51
BAJAJ-AUTO	2683.05	-13.75	-0.51
BAJAJCORP	357.30	1.50	0.42
BAJAJELEC		-18.85	-3.72
BAJAJFINSV	5738.95	54.55	0.96
BAJAJHLDNG	3085.75	-58.95	-1.87
BAJFINANCE	2360.65	-36.5	-1.52
BALKRISIND	962.85	9.7	1.02
BALMLAWRIE	194.6	-1.8	-0.92
BALRAMCHIN	108.00	-1.45	-1.32
BANDHANBNK	479.6	3.55	0.75
BANKBARODA	115.45	0.30	0.26
BANKINDIA	87.50		-0.74
BASF	1548	11.75	0.76
BATAINDIA	996.5	-6.35	-0.63
BAYERCROP	4055	-14.8	-0.36
BBTC	1366.35	9.20	0.68
BEL	93.95	0.85 29.05	0.91
BEML	729.45	29.05	4.15
BERGEPAINT	315.95	-1.10	-0.35
BHARATFIN	951.10	24.95	2.69
BHARATFORG	591.10	-1.30	-0.22
BHARTIARTL	336.70	3.10	0.93
BHEL	67.70	1.05	1.58
BIOCON	629.3	4.95	0.79
BIRLACORPN	673.9	24.8	3.82
BLISSGVS	164.00	-5.25	-3.10
BLUEDART	3110.05	-8.6	-0.28
BLUESTARCO	656.00	42.60	6.94
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ENIL	648.95	34.95	5.69	IGL	266.45	-1.60	-0.60
EQUITAS	111.60	2.40	2.20	IL&FSTRANS	19.50	0.25	1.30
ERIS	612.15	5.90	0.97	INDHOTEL	133.15	-2.50	-1.84
ESCORTS	670.95	7.35	1.11	INDIACEM	95.95	2.10	2.24
ESSELPRO	87.70	-0.10	-0.11	INDIANB	228.00	-0.90	-0.39
EVEREADY	209.10	7.05	3.49	INDIGO	1046.8	-2.90	-0.28
EXIDEIND	243.55	-2.75	-1.12	INDUSINDBK	1537.75	38.90	2.60
FCONSUMER	50.30	-1.25	-2.42	INFIBEAM	48.60	1.40	2.97
FDC	191.00	1.05	0.55	INFRATEL	259.90	0.50	0.19
FEDERALBNK	81.30	1.50	1.88	INFY	651.80	1.35	0.21
FINCABLES	476.80	-10.10	-2.07	INOXLEISUR	219.65	4.50	2.09
FINOLEXIND	514.05	0.75	0.15	INOXWIND	82.30	-1.20	-1.44
FLFL	382.10	0.60	0.16	INTELLECT	236.50	-4.80	-1.99
FORBESCO	2035.00	-20.00	-0.97	IOB	15.25	0.25	1.67
FORCEMOT	1797.15	-11.35	-0.63	IOC	142.75	-0.65	-0.45
FORTIS	148.80	2.45	1.67	IPCALAB	763.00	4.90	0.65
FRETAIL	526.50	-7.75	-1.45	IRB	139.65	5.20	3.87
FSL	54.75	1.80	3.40	ISGEC	5450.00	118.05	2.21
GAIL	334.80	-7.20	-2.11	ITC	283.90	7.65	2.77
GDL	160.50	-4.90	-2.96	ITDC	307.15	0.95	0.31
GEPIL	851.10	13.80	1.65	ITDCEM	114.90	2.90	2.59
GESHIP	281.70	0.35	0.12	ITI	86.90	-0.20	-0.23
GET&D	228.00	-5.90	-2.52	J&KBANK	39.70	0.00	0.00
GHCL	215.45	-2.20	-1.01	JAGRAN	117.00	2.65	2.32
GICHSGFIN	250.45	2.00	0.80	JAICORPLTD	114.25	-1.90	-1.64
GICRE	306.30	-3.55	-1.15	JAMNAAUTO	71.05	-0.10	-0.14
GILLETTE	6470.00	-30.00	-0.46	JBCHEPHARM	310.10	0.40	0.13
GLAXO	1340.00	2.20	0.16	JCHAC	1760.00	-18.00	-1.01
GLENMARK	646.35	-1.25	-0.19	JETAIRWAYS	323	-23.85	-6.88

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ZYDUSWELL	115	55.00	20.15	1.78
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ZYDUSWELL	1155.00	20.15	1.78
KRBL	335.60	-3.25	-0.96
KSCL	512.35	-7.00	-1.35
KTKBANK	107.80	-0.2	-0.19
KWALITY	8.47.00	0.40	4.96
L&TFH	133.65	1.20	0.91
LAKSHVILAS	89.30	0.10	0.11
LALPATHLAB	837.75	1.05	0.13
LAOPALA	227.40	-3.15	-1.37
LAURUSLABS	398.00	1.20	0.30
LAXMIMACH*	5947.00	-18.65	-0.31
LICHSGFIN	457.50	4.40	0.97
LINDEINDIA	625.15	-19.2	-2.98
LT	1416.05	20.05	1.44
LTI	1643.75	3.55	0.22
LTTS	1537.50	18.00	1.18
LUPIN	855.95	-7.5	-0.87
LUXIND	1535.00	9.75	0.64
M&M	780.35	13.00	1.69
M&MFIN	435.10	-2.50	-0.57
MAGMA	110.25	-0.20	-0.18
MAHABANK	14.78	1.12	8.20
MAHINDCIE	255.7	-3.45	-1.33
MAHLIFE	405.95	0.00	0.00
MANAPPURAI	M 85.80	-0.10	-0.12
MANPASAND	96.10	0.65	0.68
MARICO	354.00	7.55	2.18
MARUTI	7417.60	85.55	1.17
MAXINDIA	71.80	-1.60	-2.18
MCX	715.10	12.85	1.83
MEGH	68.00	-0.05	-0.07
MFSL	440.70	20.30	4.83
MGL	848.55	5.25	0.62
MHRIL	216.25	-3.15	-1.44
MINDACORP	128.25	-1.75	-1.35
MINDAIND	343.00	-14.6	-4.08

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## **Trump: No reason to hear** Khashoggi death tape

President Donald Trump said there is no reason for him to listen to a recording of the "very violent, very vicious" killing of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi, which has put him in a diplomatic bind: how to admonish Riyadh for the slay-ing yet maintain strong ties with a close ally. Trump, in an interview that aired Sunday, made clear that the audio recording, supplied by the Turkish government, would not affect his response to the October 2 killing of Khashoggi, a columnist for The Washington Post who had been critical of the Saudi royal family. "It's a suffering tape, it's a terrible tape. I've been fully briefed on it, there's no reason for me to hear it," Trump said in the interview with "Fox News Sunday." "I know everything that went on in the tape without having to hear it." On Saturday, Trump said his administration will "be having a very full report over the next two days, probably Monday or Tuesday.

He said the report will include "who did it." It was unclear if the report would be made public. American intelligence agencies have concluded that the crown prince ordered the killing in the Saudi Consulate in Turkey, according to a US official familiar with the assessment

The official was not authorised to discuss the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity. Others familiar with the case caution that while it's likely the crown prince was involved in the death, there continue to be questions about what role he played. Trump noted to "Fox News Sunday" that the crown prince has repeatedly denied being involved in the killing inside the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul. "Will anybody really know?" Trump asked. "At the same time, we do have an ally, and I want to stick with an ally that in many ways has been very good." A Republican member of the Senate intelligence committee said that so far, there is no "smoking gun" linking the crown prince to the



killing. Sen Roy Blunt of Missouri, who has received a confidential intelligence briefing on the matter, told ABC that "it's hard to imagine" that the crown prince didn't know about the killing, but he said, "I don't know that we absolutely know that yet."

He said that Congress will await the Trump administration's report in the next two days and that the US will need to be clear about the ramifications of sanctions, given Saudi Arabia's strategic role in the Middle East. For his part, Sen Lindsey Graham, a Trump ally, said the crown prince has been a "wrecking ball" in the rela-tionship between the US and Saudi Ârabia.

"I hate to say that because I had a lot of hope for him being the reformer that Saudi Arabia needs, but that ship has sailed as far as Lindsey Graham's concerned," the South Carolina Republican told NBC's "Meet the Press." "I have no intention of working with him ever again," said Graham, who is in line to be the next chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Intelligence officials have been providing information to Trump for weeks about the death, and he was briefed again by phone Saturday by CIA Director Gina Haspel and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo as he flew to

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders provided no details of his call but said the president has confidence in the CIA. "The United States government is determined to hold all those

responsible for the killing of Jamal Khashoggi accountable," the State Department said in a statement. "Recent reports

indicating that the US govern-

ment has made a final conclu-

sion are inaccurate. There

remain numerous unanswered

questions with respect to the murder of Mr Khashoggi." The statement added: "The US government has taken decisive measures against the individuals responsible, including visa and sanctions actions. We will continue to explore additional measures to hold those accountable who planned, led and were connected to the murder. And, we will do that while maintaining the important strategic relationship between the United States and Saudi Arabia."

Before his call on Air Force One, Trump told reporters that when it came to the crown prince, "as of this moment we were told that he did not play a role. We're going to have to find out what they have to say." That echoed remarks by national security adviser John Bolton, who said earlier this week that people who have listened to an audio recording of the killing do not think it implicates the crown prince.

Trump has called the killing a botched operation that was carried out very poorly and has said "the cover-up was one of the worst cover-ups in the history of cover-ups."

But he has resisted calls to cut off arms sales to the kingdom and has been reluctant to antagonise the Saudi rulers. Trump considers the Saudis vital allies in his Mideast agen-

## 'US Prez's attacks on media 'greatest threat to democracy'

Donald Trump's attacks on the news media represent the "greatest threat" to democracy, the retired Navy SEAL, who oversaw the killing of Osama bin Laden and the capture of Saddam Hussein, has said. William McRaven's remarks on Sunday came after Trump derided the retired Navy SEAL and Special Operations commander as a "Hillary Clinton fan" and an 'Obama backer".

Trump also suggested that the four-star admiral, who recently left his post as chancellor of the University of Texas amid a battle with chronic lymphocytic leukemia, should have caught bin Laden faster. "Wouldn't it have been nice if we got Osama bin Laden a lot sooner than that, wouldn't it have been nice?" Trump told Fox news. "I did not back Hillary Clinton or anyone else. I am a fan of President Obama and President George W Bush, both of whom I worked for. I admire all presidents, regardless of their political party, who uphold the dignity of the office and who use that office to bring the nation together in challenging times," McRaven said. McRaven oversaw the May 2011 covert raid of the US Navy Seals which killed former Al-Qaeda leader bin Laden in a com-pound in Abbottabad in Pakistan. He also supervised the capture of former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein during his 37 years in the US military.

"I stand by my comment that the President's attack on the media is the greatest threat to our democracy in my lifetime," McRaven told CNN, referring to remarks he made about Trump last year. When you undermine the people's right to a free press and freedom of speech and expression, then you threaten the Constitution and all for which it stands," he said.

Trump coined the term 'Fake News' during his presidential campaign, targeting media houses and has been repeatedly using it for "biased" news coverage. The term is now popularly related to news one does not agree with. He has also announced the 'Fake News Awards' for the "very corrupt and dishonest" press for



"bad reporting". McRaven's comments escalated a war of words that began last year when McRaven called Trump's description of the news media as the "enemy of the people" the greatest threat to American democracy he had ever seen.

In August, McRaven issued a stunning rebuke of Trump in an op-ed published in the Washington Post, writing that through his actions, the US President "embarrassed us in the eyes of our children, humiliated us on the world stage and, worst of all, divided us as a nation". Former CIA deputy director Michael Morrell pointed out on Twitter that McRaven's forces had nothing to do with locating bin Laden. Morrell said it was the CIA that did the "finding" and McRaven's forces that did the "getting", moving out within days of receiving the order.
The president's remarks

about McRaven came amid broader questions about Trump's relationship with military mat-ters. During a recent trip to France, the president did not attend a ceremony commemorating the centenary of World War I because of the rain, with the White House saying his helicopter couldn't fly in the inclement weather and a motorcade would have caused too much traffic. Trump also has been criticised by his political opponents for not visiting either Afghanistan or Iraq in the first two years of his presidency.

He, however, said he was planning to visit the two countries."I think you will see that happen. There are things that are being planned. We don't want to talk about it because of - obviously because of security reasons and everything else," he said in an

## 'Donald Trump suffers from perpetual historic amnesia'

Monday reacted angrily to Donald Trump's latest tirade against it for not doing "a damn thing" for America in curbing terrorism, saying the US President "suffers conveniently from perpetual historic amnesia!

Human Rights Minister Shireen Mazari's terse remarks came a day after President Trump defended his adminis-tration's decision to stop hun-dreds of millions of dollars in military aid to Pakistan for not doing enough to curb terror-ism and criticised Islamabad for offering a hideout to Al Qaeda chief Osama bin Laden in the garrison city of Abbottabad.

The minister, known to be a hawk, in a series of tweets said that whether China or Iran, US policies of "containment and isolation" do not coincide with Pakistan's strategic interests. Mazari, a close aide of Prime Minister Imran Khan, said Trump's latest criticism of Pakistan should be a "lesson" to those Pakistani leaders who "appeased" America, especially after the 9/11 terror attacks.

"Trump's tirade against Pak & his claim that that Pak does not do 'a damn thing' for the US shd be a lesson for those Pak ldrs who kept



of Pak lives in US WoT (war on terrorism); the free space for Raymond Davis & other operatives; etc etc," she tweeted. "The illegal killings by drone attacks; the list is endless but once again history shows appeasement does not work. Also, whether China or Iran, US policies of containment & isolation do not coincide with Pak strategic inter-

In reply to another tweet calling out Trump over his remarks, Mazari said: '@realDonaldTrump suffers conveniently from perpetual historic amnesia!" Former foreign minister Khawaja Asif said Pakistan continues to 'pay in blood" for what it did for the USA and described the bilateral ties as a "relationship appeasing the US esp after of betrayals & sanctions." "We 9/11! The renditions; the loss continue to pay in blood for

Beda Ber to fighting wars wich weren't ours. Reinvented our religion to suit US interests, destroyed our tolerant ethos, replaced it with bigotry & intolerance. A relationship of betrayals & sanctions," Asif tweeted. Referring to bin Laden and his hideout in Abbottabad, Trump in an interview to Fox News on Sunday said, "You know, living – think of this – living in Pakistan, beautifully in Pakistan in what I guess they considered a nice mansion, I don't know, I've seen nicer."

The compound was demolished shortly after US Naval Special Warfare Development Group forces, in a daring helicopter raid, killed bin Laden in 2011.

"But living in Pakistan right next to the military academy, everybody in Pakistan knew he was there," he added. "And we give Pakistan USD 1.3 billion a year. ... (Laden] lived in Pakistan, we're supporting Pakistan, we're giving them USD 1.3 billion a year which we don't give them anymore, by the way, I ended it because they don't do anything for us, they don't do a damn thing for us," he said.

The ties between the two

countries strained after Trump, while announcing his Afghanistan and South Asia policy in August last year, hit

Dubai court

extradition in

choppers case

Dubai (PTI): A Dubai court on

Monday ordered the extradition

of British national and alleged

middleman Christian Michel

who is wanted by Indian inves-

tigative agencies in the Rs 3,600

crore Agusta Westland VVIP

choppers deal case, according to

a media report. Michel, 54, is

currently behind bars in Dubai

since he was arrested and sent

into custody pending the legal

and judicial procedure in the

upheld on Monday a lower

court order which ruled that

Michel could be extradited, dis-

missing appeals filed by his defence lawyers, the Khaleej

Times reported. Judge Abdelaziz

Al Zarouni, who headed a

bench, pronounced the decision

in the presence of member

judges Musabeh Thaaloub,

Mostafa Al Shinawi, Mahmoud

Sultan and another judge, the

Abdul Moneim submitted doc-

uments showing that courts in

Switzerland and Italy had ruled

not to extradite his client. "The

judicial authorities there con-

cluded there was no criminal

On Monday, Michel's lawyer

paper said.

The Court of Cassation

orders Michel's



Prince Albert II of Monaco, left, with his wife Princess Charlene thank the crowd as they attend from the Monaco Palace to the

## World powers clash over chemical arms watchdog's new role

powers traded accusations of hypocrisy in bitter clashes on Monday over the global toxic weapons watchdog's new ability to attribute blame for attacks like those in Syria and Salisbury. The United States and Britain went head-to-head with Russia, China and Syria over the boosted powers that members agreed to give the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in June.

At a tense meeting in The Hague, Moscow and Beijing were accused of trying to stall the watchdog's new role indefinitely by proposing that the changes be subjected to "open ended" scrutiny before going live. US Ambassador Kenneth Ward said Russia's claims that the OPCW's new powers were illegitimate were "pungent hypocrisy", and warned against allowing a "new era of chemical weapons use to take hold".

"What have they done for the last few years but to connive with their Syrian ally to bury the truth of what has happened in Syria, along with the dead killed by the use of chemical weapons by the Assad regime," Ward said. "And as if that was-

The Hague (AFP): World n't bad enough, Salisbury comes along."

The West pushed through the new powers after a string of chemical attacks in Syria, as well as a nerve agent attack on Russian former double agent Sergei Skripal in the British city of Salisbury in March. Britain accused Russia of carrying out the attack using a Soviet-era chemical called Novichok and the West has since imposed a series of sanctions on Moscow. British envoy to the OPCW Peter Wilson called any attempt to limit the watchdog's power to attribute blame for chemical attacks "unacceptable".

But Russia's envoy Alexander Shulgin hit back, saying that Western claims of chemical weapons use by Damascus and Moscow were a "scam" and "out and out lies". He added that Russia had a "principled position regarding the illegitimacy" of the new investigative powers, adding that they "infringe on the properties of the UN Security Council", where Russia has a

Syrian Deputy Foreign Minister Faisal Mekdad meanwhile launched a fierce broadside at the US and Britain.

## EU ministers agree terms of 'painful' Brexit divorce



EU chief Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier, center, speaks with Spain's Minister of Foreign Affairs Josep Borrell, left, and Spanish Secretary of State Luis Marco Aguiriano Nalda, left, during a meeting of EU General Affairs ministers, Article 50, at the Europa building in Brussels on Monday.

**AFP** BRUSSELS

 $E^{uropean\ ministers\ signed}_{off\ Britain's\ draft\ divorce}$ deal on Monday as they launched an intense final week of negotiations on future cross-Channel ties. Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier and the Union's Austrian rotating presidency said the negotiated text would be presented to EU leaders at a signing summit on Sunday.

"The first, difficult step is done," said Austrian minister for Europe Gernot Blumel, whose country holds the rotating EU presidency, after the ministers

met. Meanwhile, detailed discussions continue on a parallel political statement setting out the bloc's ambitions for future relations with post-Brexit Britain — and on a possible extension to the transition peri-

Britain will leave the Union on March 29 next year, but remain within its single market for a further 21 months as negotiators seek a deal to avoid a potential breakdown in trade between the key economic partners. If no deal remains in sight within this period, Britain can

### THERESA MAY VOWS TO GIVE INDIAN SOFTWARE DEVELOPERS FAIR POST-BREXIT CHANCE

to offer, can jump the queue

or software developers from

Delhi," she said in her speech

the skills or experience they have

ahead of engineers from Sydney

London (PTI): British Prime Minister Theresa May on Monday vowed that Brexit would level the playing field for migrant workers in the UK, with migrants from the European Union (EU) no longer be able to jump the queue ahead of those from countries like India. Addressing the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) annual conference in London, she said the country's post-Brexit immigration system will be based on skills and talent rather than which country the immigrant comes from.

Once we have left the EU, we will be fully in control of who comes here. It will no longer be the case that EU nationals, regardless of

request a one-off extension. Barnier has suggested that this should expire at the end of 2022, but he admitted that the other 27 member states have yet to sign off on this date.

"I think that during this week we'll have a definitive proposition for this date. The decision will be made jointly between the United Kingdom and the 27," Barnier said. Neither European member states, who want to protect access to their single market by non-member Britain, nor hardline British Brexiteers, who fear

"Instead of a system based on where a person is from, we will have one that is built around the talents and skills a person has to offer," she said, adding that the core of the post-Brexit

immigration system will be "skills based" rather than "quota based". Under the current EU freedom of movement rules, migrant workers from within the economic bloc are free to come in and find work in the UK, while workers from non-EU countries like India have

being trapped in a bloc where they don't make the rules, want an endless transition

to undergo strict visa application

Barnier stressed it was Prime Minister Theresa May's government that had requested the extension option and that he had agreed to it to reassure nervous businesses, but warned: "It can't be indefinite. It needs to be decided." Meanwhile, preparations for Sunday's summit, where May and her 27 colleagues will sign the withdrawal agreement, continue apace."A painful week in European politics is starting," Blomel said.

government has indicated that after Britain has formally left the EU, workers from any part of the world will be subjected to similar visa rules. Theresa May's speech came

requirements. The UK

against the backdrop of rebel MPs within her Conservative Party carrying on with their plotting of a possible coup to oust her as leader of the party and British PM. However, there is no clarity over whether the number of Tory MPs submitting letters of no-confidence in May's premiership will hit the required 48-MP mark to trigger a noconfidence vote in her leadership any time this week.

"We have the divorce papers on the table. Forty-five years of difficult marriage are coming to an end." May has said she will be in the city herself this week to see the president of the EU commission, Jean-Claude Juncker, for last-ditch talks on the future relationship.

"Now that there is a concept withdrawal agreement we think that it is satisfying, it's workable, and we will invest our energy now in the political agreement," Dutch foreign minister Stef Blok said.

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## **Study: Women more resilient to** physical activity than thought

London (PTI): Women can be just as resilient as men in undertaking arduous physical activity with appropriate training and preparation, a study has found. Researchers showed that women who underwent extreme physical training and completed a transantarctic expedition did not show any more negative health effects than would be expected in men. It has been reported that the female reproductive system and stress responses are more sensitive to the negative effects of extreme



There is some evidence that arduous physical activity can suppress normal female reproductive hormone activity, impair bone

mone levels to a greater extent than in men. However, the reasons underlying these reported gender dif-

strength and elevate stress hor-

ferences in response to extreme endurance exercise remain poorly understood.

Gifford and colleagues from the University of Edinburgh in the UK examined the effects of extreme exercise on hormone levels and the health of six women participating in the first all-female transantarctic expedition.

element in the case," the lawyer Earlier, he argued at Dubai's highest court that the extradition request procedure of Michel would be a "violation" of the international treaty signed between the UAE and India. Contesting the lower court's ruling, according to which his client could be extradited, the lawyer argued that the Indian authorities did not follow "the proper procedures" when requesting the extradition, the paper said. "The request should have been filed by India's Ministry of Home Affairs rather than its Ministry of External Affairs," Abdul Moneim was quoted as saying. He contended that the procedure was "flawed" since it did not comply with the clauses of the treaty signed on the issue, the paper said.

### Lanka parties agree to form select committee to conduct parliamentary affairs amidst crisis Colombo (PTI): Political parties Parliament, almost 20 months in Sri Lanka agreed on Monday to before its term was to end, and members of the committee. The decision to form the select comform a select committee to conordered snap election.

duct parliamentary affairs amidst a power struggle set off by President Maithripapala Sirisena's controversial decision to remove prime minister Ranil Wickeremesinghe last month.

Sri Lanka's Parliament, which was convened on Monday for a third floor test against disputed prime minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, was adjourned just ten minutes after its opening as the mittee came a day after an all-party meeting called by President Sirisena to resolve the crisis ended inconclusively. The crisis erupted when

President Sirisena suddenly announced on October 26 that he had sacked prime minister Wickremesinghe and installed ex-strongman Rajapaksa in his

Sirisena later dissolved

The Supreme Court on

Tuesday overturned President Sirisena's decision to dissolve Parliament and halted the preparations for snap polls on January
5. When the House was convened on Monday, Deputy Speaker Ananda Kumarasiri said the party leaders who met earlier in the day resolved that a select committee would be appointed to conduct the parliamentary business. The lead-

ers from Wickremesinghe's United National Front, Tamil National Alliance and the JVP or the People's Liberation Front discussed the proposal by Sirisena made at the all party meeting to have a floor test by name or electronic vote for the third motion of no trust against Rajapaksa.

Mano Ganesan, one of the leaders who attended the meeting, said the United People's Freedom Alliance (UPFA of Sirisena and Rajapaksa) "flatly refused and backtracked" on the proposal.

physical activity.

## Taliban confirms talks with India for more joint projects with **US officials on Af conflict**

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m US\ officials\ in\ Qatar\ on}$ ending the Afghan conflict last week, the militants confirmed Monday, but said no agreement was reached on "any issue". The statement comes a day after US envoy Zalmay Khalilzad expressed hopes in Kabul that a peace deal could be struck before the Afghan presidential election, scheduled for April 20 next year.Khalilzad was in the Afghan capital after a second round of regional meetings with top government officials to coordinate efforts on ending the 17-year war.

Senior Taliban officials met with a "high-ranking" US delegation in Qatar on November 14, 15 and 16, the militant group said in a WhatsApp message, without mentioning Khalilzad. The Taliban has a political office in the capital never agree to anything that



Doha that serves as a de-facto

"These were preliminary talks and no agreement was reached on any issue," spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid

"We want to reassure our Mujahideen and Muslim nation that the representatives of the Islamic Emirate will does not adhere to Islamic

ed level of casualties. The death toll among Afghan soldiers and police is nearing 30,000 since the start of 2015, Afghan President

principles." The second

Taliban-US meeting in as many

months come as the militants

step up attacks on beleaguered

Afghan security forces, which

are suffering an unprecedent-

month — a figure far higher than anything previously acknowledged.

In a recent report, the US Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR) cited the NATO mission in Kabul as saying this summer's toll had been worse than ever for Afghan forces. Khalilzad told reporters

on Sunday that he recognised the "complexity" of the conflict, but insisted he wanted to "make as much progress as possible as soon as possible". His comments underscore

an apparent increasing sense of urgency in the White House and among American diplomats for a peace deal to be done quickly. Washington is facing competition from Moscow, which this month hosted an international gathering on Afghanistan that was attended

## China in Af after diplomats' training

**T**ndia on Monday said it Lwould like to pursue more joint projects with China in war-torn Afghanistan as the first batch of 10 Afghan diplomats being jointly trained by both countries started their training programme here after they completed their stint in New Delhi. The Afghan diplomats, who underwent training in New Delhi from October 15-26, began a 10-day training stint at the China Foreign Affairs University on Monday.

This is the first joint programme being undertaken in Afghanistan by India and China. It was part of an understanding at the informal summit between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Xi Jinping held in April in China's Wuhan city. For China, which shares a border with Afghanistan, this is a rare initiative as it closely coordinates its Afghan policy with Pakistan. Kabul has been



accusing Islamabad of backing the Taliban's frequent violent attacks destabilising the country. Addressing the inaugural session of the China training programme, India's Deputy Ambassador in Beijing, Acquino Vimal said "We are hopeful that in the months to come we will be able to identify more specific projects which can be jointly done by the government of India and government of China for the benefit of Afghanistan as desired by the government

and people of Afghanistan". Vimal said India, which is

committed to Afghanistan's efforts to emerge as a united, peaceful, secure, stable, inclusive and economically vibrant nation, has committed USD 3 billion for its development in the last 17 years. "India and Afghanistan are close neighbours as well as strategic and development partners. All efforts of India as a development partner of Afghanistan have been based on the priorities set by the government and

has been our fundamental basis for any development partnership," an Indian Embassy press release quoted him as saying.
India's development pro-

grammes in Afghanistan focus particularly in the areas of building infrastructure, development of human resources, enhancing connectivity and promoting trade and investment links, he said. "Most of these major development projects have been completed over the years," he said. Since 2017, the next generation of new development partnership has been launched in Afghanistan through high impact community development projects in all the provinces of Afghanistan,

"I am happy to inform that through our scholarship and training programme, more than 3,500 Afghan diplomats are being trained in India

### China completes deployment of BeiDou navigation system, adds two new satellites

Beijing (PTI): China has com- regional cooperation and conpleted the deployment of its home grown BeiDou Navigation Satellite System (BDS) constellation with the successful launch of two more satellites and will start providing services to countries participating in the Belt and Road Initiative by next month, the state media reported on Monday. The BDS, which will rival ÚS' Global Positioning System (GPS), will provide highprecision, reliable positioning, navigation and timing services anywhere in the world by the end of 2020, Xinhua news agency reported.

The BeiDou system, named after the Chinese term for the Big Dipper constellation, added two more satellites to its BeiDou Navigation Satellite System (BDS) on Sunday night.

The satellites were launched into space on a Long March-3B carrier rocket from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in Sichuan Province. The satellites entered a medium earth orbit more than three hours later and will work with 17 other BDS-3 satellites already in space, he report said. With the launch of two new BDS-3 satellites on Monday China will the basic navigation system and start to provide services for countries participating in the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) by the end of this year, the report said. The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), a pet project of Chinese President Xi Jinping, is an ambitious effort to improve

nectivity on a trans-continental scale. The initiative aims to strengthen infrastructure, trade, and investment links between China and some 65 other countries. It is also expected to boost Beijing's influence in these coun-

"This is a key step for BDS developing from a domestic Chinese system to a regional and then a global navigation system," said Yang Changfeng, chief designer of the BeiDou system. China plans to launch another 11 BDS-3 satellites in the coming two years. By the end of 2020, the BeiDou system, named after the Chinese term for the Big Dipper constellation, will become global, and provide high-precision, reliable positioning, navigation and timing services anywhere in the world, the report said.

"China developed BDS through a unique technological approach, contributing Chinese wisdom to the theory and construction of international satellite navigation systems," said Xie Jun, deputy chief designer of the Beidou system.

Altogether 18 BDS satellites the Xichang Satellite Launch Center in southwest China's Sichuan Province in 2018. Chi Jun, head of the BDS-3 satellite team from the China Academy of Space Technology (CAST) said this year has seen the most intensive launch of the BDS

### China downplays failure to reach APEC joint statement

**Beijing (AFP):** Beijing on Monday chose instead to focus on the "positive results" of the unprecedented fallout from this summit. "The meeting pushed year's APEC summit, which for the first time ever failed to issue a joint statement after US-China trade tensions boiled over. Clashes between the world's top two economies over the rules of global trade blocked agreement on a formal written declaration by the 21 nations represented at the Port Moresby

Washington had pressed for leaders to issue what amounted to a denunciation of the World Trade Organization and a call for its wholesale reform — a step too far for Beijing, which would likely suffer in the event of any change to trade rules. But China on

forward different areas of practical cooperation under the APEC framework," Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang told a regular press briefing, adding that many APEC leaders "clearly expressed that they were against protectionism".

"I think they are standing on the right side of history," he

Beijing also denied attempting to barge into the office of host country Papua New Guinea's foreign minister during the summit. Police were stationed outside of foreign minister Rimbink Pato's office after Chinese delegates tried to enter the office in a last-minute bid to influence the summit's draft statement, according to several sources. "This is purely a rumour from someone with ulterior motives," said Geng. "Any plot to undermine China-Papua New Guinea relations will not succeed." The spat ramps up the stakes for a crunch meeting between US President Donald Trump and his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping at a G20 summit in Argentina later this month.In a speech at the APEC summit, Xi lashed out at "America First" trade protectionism, while US Vice President Mike Pence warned smaller countries not to be seduced by China's massive Belt and Road infrastructure

## Putin told Pence Russia did not meddle in vote: Spokesman

Moscow (AFP): President Vladimir Putin denied any Russian involvement when US Vice President Mike Pence asked last week about meddling in the 2016 election, the Kremlin's spokesman said. skov told Russian television that Pence had "started the conversation with this subject" in a 10-minute talk with Putin on the sidelines of an Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) summit in Singapore. "The Americans are con-

stantly repeating election inter-



ference as a mantra," Peskov said on a Sunday night talk show on Russian state television. "The Russian side... also repeat as a mantra: 'Why don't you understand us, how can we explain to you once again that the Russian

state has nothing to do and can have nothing to do with interference in internal affairs or electoral processes," he said. 'This, by the way, was also said to Pence," Peskov said. "We presume that all of Putin's words be passed on to the head of the American state." Russia has been accused of manipulating the 2016 US presidential vote through a vast propaganda campaign in favour of Trump.

US investigators are currently probing alleged collusion between Russian agents and Trump's election campaign.

### Chinese Prez Xi Jingping visits Brunei

Bandar Seri Begawan (Brunei) (AFP): President Xi Jinping visited Brunei on Monday, with the sultanate turning to China to boost its flagging, oil-dependent economy as warnings mount about Beijing drowning small countries in debt. Xi, who arrived from a tense summit in Papua New Guinea dominated by a war of words between China and the US, was treated to an official welcome at Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah's enormous, golden-domed palace.

Like in many other parts of Asia, Chinese companies are investing huge sums in the absolute monarchy on Borneo island, part of an infrastructure drive aimed at extending Beijing's economic and geopolitical clout. Initiatives include a multi-billion-dollar oil refinery — Brunei's biggest ever foreign investment project — a dam and a highway.

The wealthy former British protectorate, which is surrounded by Malaysia, long depended on abundant oil deposits but was plunged into recession when prices fell several years ago, and crude reserves are also in a long decline. "Brunei, whose income from hydrocarbons will decrease in the coming years, is looking for help from China in developing economic alternatives," Murray Hiebert, a Southeast Asia expert from think-International Studies, told AFP.After talks between the sultan and the first Chinese president to visit the country in 13 years, a joint statement said that Brunei "will continue to support and jointly promote cooperation in the Belt and Road Initiative", China's infrastructure drive, official news agency Xinhua reported.

### President Kovind to embark on 4-day Aus tour from November 21

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President Ram Nath Kovind will embark on a four-day Australia tour from November 21, in the first ever state visit by an Indian president to the country, during which he will discuss ways to strengthen bilateral ties with top Australian leaders. Kovind is currently in Vietnam as part of his two-nation tour. He will arrive Sydney from Hanoi.

The President will visit Sydney and Melbourne on an invitation from Governor General Peter Cosgrove, according to a statement issued by the High Commission of India, Canberra. A ceremonial welcome for the President will be held in Sydney. It will be followed by talks between Kovind and Cosgrove, the statement said.

During his visit, the President will also meet Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison, Both the leaders will jointly unveil a statue of Mahatma Gandhi at Parramatta in New South Wales as a part of the ongoing brations of Gandhiji. Kovind will also address the Australian Financial Review Business summit and will also grace the annual dinner of the Australia-India Business Council (AIBC).

The bilateral trade between the two nations stands at USD 19.7 billion. On Friday, Kovind



will visit Melbourne and meet Victoria's Governor Linda Dessau, who will host a banquet lunch in his honour.

The President will also address students at the University of Melbourne and will attend a special lecture on Australia and India as knowledge partners.

Australia has a large Indian student population of 70,000. The President will also

lrece Indian diaenora Australia during his visit. The President will be accompanied by Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Anant Kumar Hegde, parliamentarians Kamakhya Prasad Tasa and Heena Vijaykumar Gavit and other senior officials.

### Indian-origin professor in US accused of using students as 'servants'

Washington: A prominent Indian-origin professor in the US has been accused of exploiting his students as servants and compelling them to do his personal work, an American daily has claimed. Ashim Mitra, a longtime pharmacy professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, made his students tend his lawn, look after his dog and water the house plants, sometimes for weeks at a time when he and his wife were away, the Kansas City Star reported.

According to the paper, over Mitra's 24 years as a leader in the UMKC School of Pharmacy, the professor compelled his students to act as his personal servants, a charge dismissed by him.

They hauled equipment and bused tables at his social events, it said quoting nearly a dozen former students of Mitra. Former Indian student Kamesh Kuchimanchi told the daily that he considered his life at UMKC "nothing more than modern slavery." He alleged that Mitra exploited cultural kinship with students from India.

When Kuchimanchi once told Mitra he wouldn't be a servant, "he threatened to kick me out of the university and force me to lose my visa and lose everything. That was his ammo. Either fall in line or you would be thrown out.

## Khaleda Zia challenges 10-year prison term in orphanage graft case

Dhaka (PTI): Bangladesh's former prime minister Khaleda Zia on Monday challenged the 10-year sentence handed out to her for embezzling funds meant for an orphanage trust in her late husband's name, claiming that she has been convicted in a "fabricated" case. A bail petition was also submitted alongside the petition seeking stay order of the jail term, reported bdnews24.

On February 8, Dhaka Special Court convicted the former premier in the Zia Orphanage Trust graft case and sentenced her to five years of imprisonment for embezzling 21 million Bangladeshi Taka (USD 252,504) in foreign donations meant for the Trust. Five others accused - including her son and BNP senior vicechairman Tarique Rahman received 10 years' imprisonment each. On October 30, the High Court doubled the jail term of Zia to 10 years.

'Usually a sentence is reduced on appeal. But in Khaleda Zia's case it was increased.

This is completely motivated by politics," the former premier's lawyer Kaysar Kamal was quoted as saying by the report. The BNP chairperson has been "sentenced in a false, fabricated and fake case", he added. The petition to stay the verdict in the Zia Orphanage Trust graft case was filed a day



after she challenged the trial court's verdict in the Zia Charitable Trust graft case in which she was sentenced to seven years in prison and fined Tk 1 million (USD 12,024). Zia, 73, has been in custody since February 8, when she was handed jail term in the case related to embezzlement of funds in the orphanage trust named after her husband late president Ziaur Rahman.

Zia was made vice-chairperson of the BNP in March 1983 after the assassination of her husband. She became chairperson of the party on May 10, 1984, a post she is holding till now.

In her 35 years of political career, Zia went to the jail several times. During the 2007-2008 tenure of the army-backed caretaker government, she was in jail for about a year on charges of corruption.

## UN calls for calm after shots fired in Myanmar Rohingya camp

Yangon (AFP): The UN has called for calm after several Rohingya Muslims were shot and wounded in a Rakhine state camp, in a raid linked to the failed escape of more than 100 of the stateless minority from the grim settlements.

Some 120,000 Rohingya have languished in displacement camps near Rakhine's capital, Sittwe, since riots in 2012. Their movement, access to healthcare, work and education is severely restricted in conditions decried as amounting to apartheid by Amnesty International.

Rohingya refugees who fled military crackdown to

Bangladesh refuse to return to Rakhine without equal rights, citizenship and safety - fearing similiar long-term confinement

if they do. Villagers told AFP that four Rohingya were shot and wounded as Myanmar police entered the Ah Nauk Ye camp in central Rakhine state's Pauktaw township Sunday morning.In an emailed statement Knut Ostby, head of the UN office in Mvanmar, called for "calm, nonviolence and restraint" in an area which can be accessed only with official permission — but is believed to suffer from some of the worst conditions in the displacement camps. One wit-

ness said that officers were trying to arrest two Rohingya suspected of links with a boat carrying 106 Rohingya that was found last week off the coast of Myanmar's biggest city Yangon.

The discovery fuelled speculation of a fresh exodus of Rohingya by boat. The group, who told reporters they were trying to reach Malaysia, were taken back to Rakhine on Sunday by Myanmar's navy.

Noor Hakim, an Ah Nauk Ye resident, told AFP that the trouble started on Sunday soon after 20 police arrived and crowds gathered."I am not sure where the police shot but four people got injured and among them, one seriously," he said. He added that one of the ounded was sent to Sittwe hospital. Another man told AFP his

son was hit on the left

thigh. Police in Sittwe declined to comment. More than 4,000 people live in Ah Nauk Ye.

The NGO Solidarites International described it last year as a "natural environment unsuitable to human settlement", citing water shortages, hostile host communities, lack of proper shelter and toilets.

For years Rohingya have fled persecution in Myanmar by boat, usually starting around this time of year when the monsoon

season ends. But a crackdown on sea trafficking in 2015 closed the route. The 720,000 Rohingya living in crowded camps in Bangladesh were last week supposed to begin the complex and controversial process of returning to Myanmar.But they did not leave Bangladesh after an outcry that conditions in northern

Rakhine were still dangerous. The UN says Myanmar's generals should be prosecuted for genocide in connection with the army campaign that expelled the Rohingya. Myanmar has denied almost all claims of abuse and says it was defending itself against Rohingya militants who attacked police posts.



An anti-migrant demonstrator is surrounded by the press as she argues with a woman during a protest against the presence of thousands of Central American migrants in Tijuana, Mexico on Sunday.

### Tijuana protesters chant 'Out!' at migrants camped in city Tijuana (AP): Hundreds of Asylum seekers register their

Tijuana residents congregated around a monument in an affluent section of the city south of California on Sunday to protest the thousands of Central American migrants who have arrived via caravan in hopes of a new life in the US.

Tensions have built as nearly 3,000 migrants from the caravan poured into Tijuana in recent days after more than a month on the road, and with many more months ahead of them while they seek asylum.

The federal government estimates the number of migrants could soon swell to 10,000. US border inspectors are processing only about 100 asylum claims a day at Tijuana's main crossing to San Diego. managed by migrants themselves that had more than 3,000 names even before the caravan arrived. On Sunday, displeased

Tijuana residents waved Mexican flags, sang the Mexican national anthem and chanted "Out! Out!" in front of a statue of the Aztec ruler Cuauhtemoc, 1 mile (1.6 kilometers) from the US border. They accused the migrants

of being messy, ungrateful and a danger to Tijuana.

They also complained about how the caravan forced its way into Mexico, calling it an "invasion". And they voiced worries that their taxes might be spent to care for the group.





### **DeepVeer rituals** stoke a row

**DEEPIKA PADUKONE** and RANVEER SINGH's surreal wedding in Italy at Lake Como has incited a new controversy among the Sikh community. It has been alleged that the couple's Anand Karaj ceremony has violated the Sikh code of conduct as the Akal Takht sternly prohibits taking Guru Granth Sahib to any place outside a gurudwara, particularly a hotel, resort or a pleasure palace. The president of an Italian Sikh organisation has taken

up this matter further to the Akal Takht Jathedar for action. The latter has said that once they receive a formal complaint, the matter will be forwarded to five high priests, who will then take a decision.





fought for it. We need to value what we have today. She was a true patriot

who wanted her country to be a glorious one. To pursue this would be the best way to pay her a tribute.' —Kangana Ranaut



Actress Kareena Kapoor Khan said that her step-daughter SARA **ALI KHAN** is a born star. She shares a warm bond with Sara, who will soon mark her Hindi film debut with Kedarnath. At the trailer launch of the film, the debu-

tante had said that she wants to imbibe the professionalism of Kareena. On her part, Kareena said, "I am quite sure that the film will be a super hit but irrespective of that, I think she is a born star." Featuring Sushant Singh Rajput in the lead, Kedarnath is set against the backdrop of the devastation

that struck the holy shrine in 2013.

### **Moore marries** Goldsmith

Actress-singer MANDY MOORE and TAYLOR GOLDSMITH married in an intimate boho-style backyard ceremony at her home here. The star and the musician walked down the aisle at sunset in front of just 50 guests, including Mandy's co-stars Milo Ventimiglia and Chrissy Metz, three years after meeting on Instagram. The actress is said to have arranged "very boho" nuptials with "rugs on the floor surrounding the altar" and a selection of "beautiful" floral arrangements. Minka Kelly, Milo Ventimiglia, Chrissy Metz and Mandy's former flame Wilmer Valderrama were among the guests.

India is back on track towards acknowledging its creative heritage as a specimen of luxury thanks to a movement by designer RITU BERI. By Asmita Sarkar



uxury has been synonymous with hand-made crafts and ✓customised comforts in India, a boutique quality of living that was quite commonly ingrained though exaggerated as a showpiece by the royalty. But somewhere along the ages, the Indian concept of luxury had lost its lustre when juxtaposed with the Western flood of couture. Our pashminas, handlooms, silverware or even the leatherwork have been products of immense skill and opulence that continue to be the pride of our creative heritage. With multiple for aand exhibitions, The Luxury League, helmed by Ritu Beri, is reintroducing us to our own intellectual property.

"The definition of luxury has certainly changed through the years. There was a time when luxury was available only to the rarefied and aristocratic world of old

money and royalty. Luxury isn't simply a product, it is a lifestyle, one that denotes a history of tradition, superior quality and offers a pampered buying experience. For me true luxury is exclusive, unique and not easy accessibility," said Beri who will be organising The Luxury Symposium 2018. "Promoting Indian artisans and revival of a lost pride in our creative heritage lie at the foreground of a symposium of this scale," she told us. Beri herself will bring khadi in a new couture avatar. "The look is about voluptuous indulgence — essentially an eclectic blend of modern and traditional," said she. "I always try to bring design elements from our heritage in my creations. Khadi for me still is an effective and powerful symbol of the futility of 'Western imitation' and the need for a revival of local textiles. This gets

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more than just a mere cloth but something that always brings us back to our history and heritage," she added. In that sense, the revival of lost arts is also akin to the "Make

in India" process.

Apart from Beri, other brands too will be making a point or two at the symposium. PASHMA, a luxury brand, will be selling shawls, scarves, knitwear and suiting fabrics sourced from the Changthama goat, which is the the source of the rarest and finest Pashmina fibres. The Changpa tribe of Ladakh herds the purest breed of Changra

goats at an altitude of 14,000ft. These natural, pristine, undyed shawls in both traditional and modern weaves are also embellmodern weaves are also embeli-ished with precious stones and pearls. Complementing the shawls is the range of pure pashmina hand crafted knitwear, displaying the most intricate needle craft of cables,

tuck knits and intarsia. One can also find products of practical use and grandeur, from coasters in leather, to ornate silverware and handwoven shawls that can be heirloom pieces. External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj told Shilu Kumar from PASHMÁ

during a courtesy call that India lacks official agencies to certify real pashmina. She hoped that issues like these would be raised at the symposium and that The Luxury League could lead the industry and relevant stakeholders to move in a definite direction. She also proposed facilitating necessary guidance to the relevant brands through The Luxury League. She agreed with brand representatives who pointed out that there is a need to boost robust mechanisms in the market to avoid exploitation of the weavers and artisans.

NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant discussed the possibility of reviving the lost grandeur of the monuments of India by creating boutique heritage shopping hubs in their premises. He felt a need for the participation of more start-up

brands in the luxury business.
"Our heirloom textiles are a product of in-depth research on the finest Indian textiles and architecture. We translate the finest weaving techniques into contemporary renditions by infusing colour palettes, silhouettes and design layouts which resonate with modern Indian," said founders of Ohfab, Aanchal Sagar and Akshita Sagar. They try to revive forgotten elements of our heritage by studying designs and techniques used in antique textiles and assimilate them. ThreeSixty, a leather store, which too is taking part, creates products that are an amalgamation of the contemporary styles and the customary. They promote local artisans through their brand. "In that way, the whole emotion behind the products is a home-narrative as the craftsmen bring into light their own distinct design styles inspired from design traditions across India," said Vikash Gupta. Kalyani Chawla of Rezon, a silverware brand, said, "Every element that is used is intrinsically Indian, whether it's the lotus or the craft of enamelling or the elephant and peacock designs used in various forms."

The Luxury Symposium 2018 will be held on Friday, November 30 at Hyatt Regency Delhi

Highway." "Board exams." "Donald Trump." "Basket ball." Seemingly disparate words thrown by the large audience were strung together in an impromptu story by film director Imtiaz Ali in an openair spin-a-yarn contest. Since story-

telling was an essential part of the Kathakar — International Storytellers' Festival at Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, the film maker, who has incidentally made a film *Tamasha* with one as the protagonist, also wove a tale with these words. And of his felicity with story-telling, he attributed it to his life of ordinariness which he dressed up from childhood with his imagined details to look and sound good. "I was average in sports. But at school I excused myself from els at the neighbourhood competitions and vice versa. You could say it all began from there. Also, I am always fascinated by the outsider's perception of the insider."

Imtiaz played raconteur to the



## Stories are about what we can be

IMTIAZ ALI and MOHIT CHAUHAN discuss the many layers around the films and music that are built around them. By SAIMI SATTAR

were being recorded at AR Rahman's studio in Chennai. Prodded by festival director Prarthana Gahilote, he recounted incidents which gave an insight into the reclusive music director's sense of humour. "Mohit had been recording Sadda Haq for 16 hours inside the recording room while the two of us sat outside. I asked Rahman sir if he wanted a coffee and when he agreed, I slipped in the suggestion that we should give one to Mohit too. He refused and said, 'the pain of denial would show in his voice, which in turn would reflect Janardhan/Jordan's state of mind, without missing a beat," recalled the director.

He also recounted incidents, where during a drive back post-dinner, the team was caught by the local police. "Since Rahman sahab was the only one who knew Tamil, he was talking to the cops but did not want to say that he was AR Rahman. However, finally one of the police personnel figured out who he was and let us go," said Imtiaz.

Asked how different it was working with Rahman and Pritam, both of whom have done the music scores for him, the filmmaker said, "Pritam is a friend. We knew each other for a long time. But Rahman sir, he was someone we looked up to much before, since school. But one thing he made clear at our very first meeting that I was the director and at the helm of the project. So I would have to give the direc-

hilt as he recalled stories from the time that the songs from his movie the way they work. There is no script in the way they work. While recording Sadda Haq, we continuously worked on these two words and the innumerable ways to say it while the remaining song was still

being written."
With the discussion returning to Rockstar every few minutes, it was not surprising that singer Mohit Chauhan, who is co-curating the festival as well, belted out two of the numbers from the film, Kun Faya Kun and Tum Ho Sath Mere and the way the audience was

'Technology is nothing but story-telling in images. So do not abhor it but use it as your tool'

transported by the voice that was soaked with the feel of the mountains was what memorable moments are made of.

But even as people professed love for the film, Imtiaz could not help pick holes in it. "There is a fidayeen squad in defence of *Rockstar* who would not like it if I say anything against the film," he said with a laugh and added, "But I find there are many portions in the movie which are hollow."

gradually seeping in, the audience was unwavering and wanted to hear more. And he obliged. When Gahilote expressed her regret that she could not meet the original rockstar, Shammi Kapoor, while they were shooting the movie, Imtiaz had a story ready to qualify the description. "There is a scene in the movie where Shammiji sees the poster and realises that Ranbir is a big star now. When we shot this, he was nearing the end of his life. He was suffering from a debilitating condition, had lost two toes, undergone blood transfusion and was in a lot of pain which could be seen in his eyes during the shot. I approached him and told him as much and asked him, 'kya karna hai?' and he replied, 'karna kya hai, let's do it again.' That's the measure of a star," said Imtiaz.

Going on to Jab We Met and his much-loved character Geet, the director recalled how the idea came about. "A friend of mine suggested a character of a man who wants to commit suicide. I came up wants to commit suicide. I came up with a counterpoint of a girl who talks endlessly and is on a train. And then I decided to put this man on the train and the girl saves him. While my friend moved on to more tragic stories, convinced that I would try and make any sad story happy, I made the movie."

Many in the audience wanted to know why a sad character always embedded himself/herself in his films, be it *Rockstar* or *Jab We Met* or the more recent Laila Majnu. Imtiaz replied, "Don't go looking for Despite the November chill pain or unhappiness to be success-

ful. Many people in real life have had really tough lives before they could be successful but others haven't. So you do not have to go looking for a heartbreaker like Heer to be successful." On the same note when someone asked why did Jordan, who was initially looking for success in music, put his career at stake on several occasions for his love? Imtiaz said something that most of us identify with: "We always want what we can't have while we ignore what we have got."

There were aspiring filmmakers in the audience who wanted to know more about filmmaking to which Imtiaz said, "You do not need to relocate to Mumbai to start making films. Start with short ones, make use of the social media and if you are good, you will be spotted." Mohit too added, "When I made my first album, *Dooba* Dooba as part of Silk Route, I was very much in Delhi. You can do the same." And like all good story-tellers, Imtiaz is cooptive and doesn't consider technology a burden. "That's storytelling in images. So do not abhor it but use

## '*Maa* you can do it'

PARIDHI SHARMA and ASHNOOR KAUR tell TEAM VIVA what makes the mother-daughter relationship special in their new show, Patiala Babes

ife doesn't come with a manual, it comes with a mother. This Lholds true for any child, especially a daughter. A girl always sees a role model, a friend and a confidant in her mother. But can this work the other way around? Can a mother find inspiration in her daughter and turn to her for life lessons? One such mother-daughter duo, Paridhi Sharma as Babita Khurana a.k.a Babes oor Kaur as Mini Khurana, are all set to be a pa small screen through Patiala Babes. It's a journey where the daughter not only gives wings to her mother but helps her take the leap

"I am excited to be a part of Patiala Babes. This show has redefined my relationship with my own mother in many ways. As children we tend to take our parents for granted without realising the fact that since their world revolves around us, they are more dependent on us. I am proud to say 'Maa you can do it' to all the mothers out there. The best part about the show is that I'm playing my age, because before this I was getting offers for roles that were above my age. I'm just 14 in real life, so I was really thrilled when I got to know about Patiala Babes. I enjoyed the story and the way they have portrayed a mother-daughter relationship," says Ashnoor, who has been a part of shows like Jhansi Ki Rani, Na Bole Tum Na Maine Kuch Kaha, Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai, and many more.

She adds that the character finds resonance in real life as well. She says, "Mini is completely Ashnoor as Mini loves her mother and so does Ashnoor. Mini is really outspoken, what's on her mind is on her lips, nothing's filtered. She's very blunt, short-tempered, and same is true about me as I feel that when you know you're right, you have to fight for it. She's really bubbly, chirpy and Punjabi, so I really feel the character is like me which is why it was effortless and natural to play it on-screen."

The story is set against the backdrop of Punjab where Babita is an ideal home-maker who feels everything is perfect in her life. But is it really true or is she living a life of denial? "Babes usually forgets herself, her aspirations and dreams while managing her relationships. She draws strength from her daughter Mini, who constantly tries to teach her the power of self-reliance. Patiala Babes also has a tag line which says Janam maa ne diya par jeena beti seekhayegi. I'm wise beyond my age and that sure helped in enact-

ment. I think every individual will be able to relate and connect with the show as the story is entirely based on realism," adds the 14-year-old.

Paridhi feels happy and excited to face the camera once again after a long gap as she's a mother of a daughter now. Says the actress who became a household name as Jodha, "It was not that challenging for me to play the role of a mother because now I'm a mother in real. Earlier when I portrayed Jodha in the show Jodha Akbar, I was the

mother of Salim but at that time I just had an understanding of what motherhood would evoke in me. But now being a mother, I have the actual experience. My actions come naturally as I feel them even while acting. I know what all it

"Acting is my passion and it feels good to live it. Initially, I was bit apprehensive as I had to play a mother's role. But, when I sat for the narration and heard the story, I was completely sold on the relationship that the character has with her daughter. I am glad to have had the opportunity to portray Babes." After her initial hesitance Paridhi was won over

takes to be a mother now.

because of how versatile the role was. The actor had catapulted to fame with her portrayal of Jodha in *Jodha Akbar*, the TV show that began in 2013 and went on for two years. The show is slated to release on November 27 on

Photo: Pankai Kumar



## India continue brilliant run

Sonia, Pinki and Simranjeet join five others in quarterfinals lineup to boost India's hope of repeating 2006 feat in World Championship after Saweety loses in second round

PTI NEW DELHI

judging controversy couldn't A stop the Indian juggernaut from rolling with as many as eight pugilists reaching the quarterfinals in the ongoing AIBA Women's World Boxing

Championships on Monday. Sonia Chahal (57kg), Pinki Rani (51kg) and Simranjit Kaur (64kg) won their respective pre-quarterfinal bouts to place themselves just a step away from assuring a medal while Saweety Boora (75kg) was the lone Indian boxer to lose her bout on an eventful day at the K D Jhadav

(69kg) and Kachari Bhagyabati (81kg) booked their quarterfinals on Sunday while Seema Poonia will directly begin her campaign at the last-eight stage on Tuesday against Xiaoli Yang of China.

Former champion L Sarita Devi (60kg) was the second Indian boxer to bow out of the tournament in the pre-quarterfinals after losing to 2016 World Championship Silver medallist Kellie Harrington of Ireland in a split 3-2 verdict on

The best show for the Indians was in the 2006 edition at home when the country won 8 medals. The country won just two and one MC Mary Kom (48kg), Manisha
Moun (54kg), Lovlina Borgohain

medal in the last two editions and this one may turn out to be the best medal in the last two editions and

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in recent times.

The fifth day's proceedings were, however, marred by a judging controversy when 2014 Gold-medallist Stanimira Petrova of Bulgaria (57kg) accused the judges of "corruption" after losing her pre-quarterfinal to India's Sonia Chahal.

"I want to say only one thing, it is corruption by the judges. It is not a fair result," the 27-year-old Petrova, who won a Gold in 54kg in the 2014 edition, told reporters after losing to

She was seen laughing when threw a water bottle inside the ring

Saina Nehwal and Kidambi Srikanth will start

favourites when they spear-

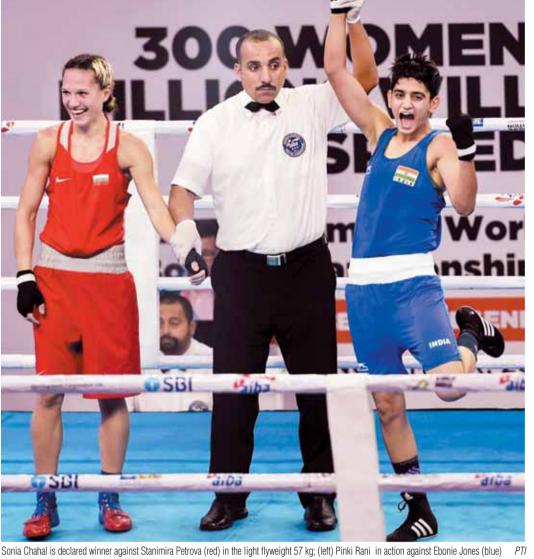
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PTI ■ LUCKNOW



### Indian coach questions referee's decision

faced a standing count in the third round while Saweety

endured the same situation in the second round of her 75kg bout

Singh said both Sarita and Saweety fell down not from the

punches of their opponents and

wondered how standing counts

entangled with those of her

"Sarita slipped after her legs

against Elzbieta Wojcik.

were done against them.

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Indian boxing coach Shiv Singh on Monday questioned the referee's decision to award standing counts against Sarita and Saweety Boora but refused to term it the reason for their loss-

Former world champion Sarita, who lost a close bout in 60kg against Kellie Harrington in a 3-2 split decision on Sunday,

Sonia was announced the winner and also waved his index finger in

displeasure. Her coach Petar Yosifov Lesov

opponent and it was not from a and the world body AIBA later withdrew his accreditation and barred

him from the ringside.

SAINA, SRIKANTH START FAVOURITES

pulled down. It was not from a point scoring punch," the coach told reporters.
"In case of Saweety, the ref-

punch. In Saweety's case, she was

eree was on the blind side (and so did not see it) when she fell down but still gave a standing count. In case of Sarita, the referee saw it (how Sarita fell after entangling with her opponent) but he also still went for a standing county against Sarita," he added.

after the second round but recovered well in the final round to win the

close bout on 3-2 split decision. The 21-year-old Sonia, daughter of a Haryana farmer, was trailing points in favour of the Indian in the 27.

third round and that sealed the win for the local hope. Sonia, on her part, said it was a

fair result.

"How can all the five judges go wrong? It was a fair decision," she

This was Sonia's first major international event having risen to senior level by winning a Gold in the

National Championships in 2016. Last year, she won a Gold in the Serbia Cup. She won a Bronze in the Ahmet Comert Boxing Tournament this year. Sonia next faces Arias

Castenada Yeni Marcela of Columbia

in the quarterfinals on Tuesday. Pinki and Simranjit, on the other hand, notched up easy wins with all the judges giving unanimous 5-0 verdicts in their favour.

The 28-year-old Pinki was trailing behind her English opponent Alice Ebonie Jones in the first round but recovered in the next two to emerge victorious in the end. It was a close call on the part of four judges who gave 29-28 in favour of the Indian while the fifth judge gave a clear 30-27.

"It was an easier one than my earlier (opening round) bout. Today's opponent was young and inexperienced while my previous opponent (Armenia's 2014 youth world champion Anush Grigoryan) was more experienced," she said.

Pinki next faces Pang Chol Mi of North Korea in the quarterfinals on Tuesday.

The 23-year-old Simranjit's 5-0 win against Megan Reid of Scotland, was the most impressive among Indian bouts of the day as she won all the rounds for an a 30-27, 30-27, 29-28, 30-27, 30-27 win.

Simaranjit, who won Gold in the Ahmet Comert tournament in Turkey this year, was taking the ring three months after he father passed away. She said on Sunday that she would try hard to win a medal for

Simaranjit from Chakar village in Ludhiana next faces Amy Sara Broadhurst of Ireland in the quarterfinals on Tuesday.

India, however, suffered a jolt with Saweety Boora losing her opening to Elzbieta Wojcik of Poland in 75kg in a unanimous decision.

The 23-year-old Saweety won Silver in the 2014 World Championships in 81kj but was competing here in 75kg.

All the five judges were not in favour of the Indian in all the three rounds with the Polish boxer winning 30-26, 30-27, 30-26, 30-27, 30-

## Zverev beats Djoker in ATP Finals decider

**AFP** ■ LONDON

Alexander Zverev emphatically announced his arrival at the top Novak Djokovic 6-4, 6-3 to win his first ATP Finals title.

The 21-year-old German, making his second appearance at the endof-season showpiece, outlasted sixtime champion Roger Federer in the semi-finals and repeated the feat against the world number one on Sunday.

Djokovic had not been broken once in the tournament coming into the match, winning all 36 service games and only facing two break points but Zverev wrecked his numbers, breaking four times in the match.

The German, coached by Ivan Lendl, faltered just once when Djokovic broke him early in the second set but that was the only blemish on an extraordinary performance of power and skill.

"I really can't describe it," said

"It is the biggest title I have ever won. Firstly, I want to congratulate Novak and we may never have seen the tennis he has played in the last few months before. He barely lost a match but thankfully he did to me.

"We (Djokovic and Zverev) had so many talks, not only about tennis but all different types of subjects — I won't mention what — but you are a sharing person and you have shared some titles with me. I appreciate you letting me win one

today."

The Serbian top seed, 31, came into the match seeking to equal Federer's record of six ATP Finals wins but was immediately aware he had a fight on his hands at London's O2 Arena.

Djokovic beat Zverev 6-4, 6-1 in their round-robin match on Wednesday but it was a different story in front of a packed and vociferous

crowd on Sunday.

With both players going toe-to-toe from the back of the court, the first set went with serve until the ninth game, when Djokovic dumped a forehand into the net to concede the break.

### **ACE COUNT**

Roared on by the crowd, Zverev hit three aces on his way to sealing the first set 6-4.

Still on a high, the third seed broke an out-of-sorts Djokovic immediately at the start of the second set to leave the top seed with a mountain



Alexander poses with ATP Finals trophy

Nitto

Showing nerves for the first time, he double-faulted twice in his next service game as Djokovic got back on level terms but the German broke again to lead 2-1 as the Serb's error

count mounted. Zverev broke Djokovic for the third time in the second set in the ninth game, producing a stunning backnand down the line at full stretch to win the champi-

onship.

The young German has often been talked about as the leader of the next generation but despite having three Masters titles

has a poor record at the Slams. Djokovic slipped to an unaccustomed low of 22nd in the world earlier this year but has lost just three matches since the beginning of Wimbledon as he charged back up the

under his belt in his short career, he

rankings "Sascha (Zverev) definitely played much better than he did in the group stage," he said. "He deserved to win. He's still quite young but he's had an amazing career so far and I wish him all the best for his future.

"Speaking of being young, hopefully I'll play many more years and I'll see you guys here in years to come.'

Elsewhere, Mike Bryan and Jack Sock won the doubles title in thrilling fashion, coming from a set down to beat Pierre-Hugues Herbert and Nicolas Mahut 5-7, 6-1, 13-11.



The tournament begins here on Tuesday. With Sindhu missing, India will have two defending champions in the tournament with Sameer Verma looking to retain the title to enhance his chances of qualifying for the year-ending World Tour Final. The mixed doubles pair of Pranaay Jerry Chopra and N Sikki Reddy,

too, will eye a repeat. Sindhu decided to Sindhu decided to skip the event to focus on next month's World Tour Finals in China but there won't be any shortage of star power when the World Tour Super 300 event gets underway with the qualifiers.



In Sindhu's absence, Saina will be the cynosure of all eyes and the celebrated Indian has been in decent form this year having won a Gold at

the Commonwealth Games and a Bronze at the Asian Games. She will look to secure her maiden BWF title of this season when she begins her campaign

against Mauritius' Kate Foo Kune in the opening round.
With a host of Indians

making up the draw, Saina is likely to face little resistance till her journey to the finals, where she is expected to meet former Olympic champion China's Li Xuerui, who has won at Canada, US and the China Masters after making a comeback.



Srikanth, too, will be looking for his first title of the season after being in rampaging form last year, winning four titles. The Indian has been in decent form, winning a Silver at the Commonwealth Games and reaching the quarterfinals consistently.

The Indian will hope to

claim the men's singles title after winning it in 2016 following three final appearances. However, he will face tough resistance from second seed H S Prannoy and Sameer, who won titles at

Srikanth is likely to meet Parupalli Kashyap in the second round if the 2014 Commonwealth Games champion manages to beat Tanongsak Saensomboonsuk in the opener.

While, Prannoy will start against Thailand's Adulrach Namkul and is likely to meet 2014 Commonwealth Games Bronze medallist R M V Gurusaidutt in the third round.

For that, Guru, who is trying to make a comeback after recovering from a career-threatening ankle injury, will have to fight his way against Germany's Jonathan Persson and probably Misha Zilberman of Israel to enter the quarterfimatch, while Subhankar Dey, who claimed his maiden titl at SaarLorLux Open, will open against China's Zhou Seventh seed Sourabh Verma, who won titles at Russia and Dutch Open, will start against China's Zhou

Fourth seed B Sai Praneeth, who had won the

Singapore Open last year,

will square off against Russia's

Sergey Sirant in the opening

Also in action would be eighth seeded India's top men's doubles pairs of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, who are the Silver medallists at the Commonwealth Games, and National champions Manu

Attri and B Sumeeth Reddy. The women's doubles pair of Ashwini Ponnappa and N Sikki Reddy will also look to put their best foot forward, while Ashwini will also pair up with Satwik in mixed

## Seferovic scripts Swiss comeback

Haris Seferovic starred with a hattrick as Switzerland staged a sensational comeback to thrash Belgium 5-2 in Lucerne on Sunday and qualify for the Nations League finals in dramatic

Thorgan Hazard's early double left Switzerland needing to win by two goals to qualify from Group A2 but the hosts quickly fought back, with Ricardo Rodriguez's penalty and Seferovic's first two goals seeing them into a 3-2 half-time lead.

Nico Elvedi nodded home a Xherdan Shaqiri cross in the 62nd minute, and Vladimir Petkovic's men sealed a stunning win when Seferovic completed his treble late on. I want to congratulate each play-

er, there was a big mental reaction, the players never gave up, they always believed," said Swiss coach Petkovic. They played with will, intelligence and with their heads.

After a thrilling match that continued a trend of goal-filled encounters in the inaugural edition of the Nations League, Switzerland will play at the finals in June next year, alongside European champions Portugal and England, with the final spot going to either France or the Netherlands on



Roberto Martinez's men saw their six-match unbeaten run since reaching the World Cup semi-finals brought to an shuddering halt.

"We forgot to defend well, we gave Switzerland the opportunity to get back in the game," said Spanish coach

'We had a lot of excitement, we really wanted to finish top of the group. The disappointment will make us more focused when the (Euro 2020) qualification starts.'

Earlier on Sunday, Valentino Lazaro

scored an injury-time winner as Austria beat Northern Ireland 2-1 in a dead rubber in Belfast that Marko Arnautovic described as a "fight"

Northern Ireland had already been

relegated from Group B3, while Austria were guaranteed to finish second.

"We can be proud of the win. We wanted to come here, to finish well with a win and we did that," West Ham forward Arnautovic told Sky Sports. "He (Gareth McAuley) tried to

choke me, fight with me, I don't know why. It is not good to fight with me."

## Spain beat Bosnia after heartache

**AFP** ■ LAS PALMAS

Cpain responded to their Nations League disappointment by beating Bosnia 1-0 on Sunday but an unconvincing victory will have done little to lift the mood.

Luis Enrique's side needed 21-year-old debutant Brais Mendez, on as a substitute, to score the only goal of a scrap-py game at Estadio Gran Canaria, in which neither side would have been unfairly represented by a stalemate.

Spain already knew their hopes of progressing to the Nations League finals were over after England snatched top spot in Group 4 following a last-gasp win at Wembley over

A thrilling conclusion, which would have sent Spain through had Croatia held on for a point, was a feather in the cap for the inaugural tournament and came in stark contrast to this rather underwhelming

friendly a few hours later. "Bad luck and mistakes we



made meant we didn't make the finals," Luis Enrique said. "I would have liked a draw (between England and Croatia) but I'm focused on qualification for the European Championship and I think the team looks good." A narrow win over Bosnia

came with a rotated and youthful line-up, in which only Isco and Dani Ceballos survived from Thursday's defeat by Croatia in Zagreb.

Harry Kane's late winner against Croatia had the Spanish press swooning for a striker of his calibre and another erratic performance from Alvaro Morata hardly promoted the

## WE'RE READY FOR AUSSIE CHALLENGE, SAYS ROHIT

Indian deputy feels the side is determined to change things this time despite hosts pacers tough challenge

**PTI** ■ BRISBANE

ustralia's towering pacers are at an advantage against the "not An advantage against the that tall" Indian batsmen, says visiting vice-captain Rohit Sharma but insisted that his team is ready to rewrite the script of the battle this time.

India start the tour with the T20 Internationals from November 21 here and Rohit said it would a tough task to counter the fast pitches.

"India have always played either at Perth (venue for second Test from December 14-18 this time) or Brisbane. These two conditions are challenging and the Australians have tall bowlers who exploit those conditions and use it to their advantage," he said.

"Indian batsman are generally not that tall, so it is not easy for us but the guys are determined to change things this time, we are ready to accept the challenge," he asserted.

"It is challenging for our batsmen...But most of the guys have come to Australia before. So they understand the conditions. Of course their bowling attack will challenge us whichever format we play but as a batting unit, we are prepared," Rohit said.

India will start with a three-match T20I series, followed by a four-match Test series and a three-game ODI



Series. The visitors have never won a Test series in Australia, drawing three and losing eight of their previous 11

outings.
"Whenever we travel outside India there is always a special feeling and Australia is one place where we want to leave our mark and do well as a unit," Rohit said after India's practice session at The Gabba.

"Last time we played a Test series here, although we lost two games and drew one, but I thought we played few close games, especially at Brisbane.

"We want to make it count this time around, there is a real good feeling

### BESIDES KOHLI. WARY AUSTRALIA PLAN TO STOP ROHIT

**BRISBANE:** Trap him in front of the stumps with a sharp inswinger or test him with a short ball: These could be the tactics employed by Australia against dangerous India opener Rohit Sharma, says pacer Nathan Coulter-Nile.

Besides India captain Virat Kohli, Rohit is another batsman that could give the home team plenty of headache in the limited overs leg of the series beginning Wednesday.

"He's an unbelievable player. His record speaks for itself. He's got a good record all around the world, so he's a definite player

to watch," Coulter-Nile said at the Gabba. "But we've also had a bit of success against him with the new ball as well - I think 'Dorff' (Jason Behrendorff) got him out last time we played him - rapped him on the pads - so we'll look to do that again early." Coulter-Nile also fancies bowling short to Rohit, who has an impressive record in Australia and has scored 810 runs at an average of 62.31 in the last eight years. Behrendorff could be Australia's trump card as he had troubled the Indians with a sensational spell of four for 21 in a T20 played in Guwahati last year.

inside the group. The motive is to seize all the moments and win."

Stressing on the significance of putting up a good performance in Australia ahead of the 2019 World Cup, Australia anead of the 2019 world Cup, Rohit said: "When you do well in Australia, you feel good as a team and thinking about the World Cup ahead, it can only give you confidence winning in places like Australia."

Rohit said everybody in the team needs to step up against a formidable side like Australia.

'Australia in Australia will always be dangerous without a doubt. In places like Australia you want the whole unit to come together, that is our focus," he said.

'We don't want few individuals to step up, we want whole lot of guys to put their hands up and take up the challenge. So, we want everybody to step up and make it count.

'We have some quality bowlers, in particular, spinners, so we will try to challenge them with our spinners. They still have a quality batting lineup, so let's see how we go."

Rohit has an impressive record against Australia in one-day cricket Down Under, having scored 805 runs in 16 matches at 57.50. The Indian opener said the pace and bounce of Australian pitches helps his game.

"I had a good time playing white ball cricket here. In places like Brisbane and Perth, the good bounce allows me to play my game because I have grown up playing on cement pitches back home," he said.

"I have done well in limited overs here but the challenge obviously is redball cricket which right now I am not thinking of, just want to do well in T20 format and take it forward where we go.

### SINGLES

ANJUM WINS 10M AIR RIFLE, 4 GOLD FOR MEHULI THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: Anjum Moudgil of Punjab continued her brilliant run of form by winning the women's 10m air rifle competition while Bengal's Mehuli Ghosh, the other star of the day, claimed four Gold medals at the 62nd National Shooting Championship. Anjum followed up her 50m rifle 3 positions victory a day earlier with another top podium finish. Anjum shot 249.1 in the finals to lead a Punjab 1-2 with Jasmine Kaur coming second with a score of 247.9. Ghosh was the other star of the day winning four Gold, including the junior and youth women's 10m air rifle individual and team event. She shot 253 in the youth final and 249.1 in the junior final respectively to emerge triumphant. Among other notable names, Olympian Apurvi Chandela made it to the air rifle finals but finished fourth to miss out on an individual medal.

**ALGERIA QUALIFY FOR CUP OF NATIONS** 

LOME: Manchester City star Riyad Mahrez scored twice as Algeria trounced Togo 4-1 in to qualify for the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations finals in Cameroon. Mauritania, for the first time, Guinea and the Ivory Coast later raised to 13 the number of qualifiers for the biennial tournament. Cameroon, Egypt, Madagascar, Mali, Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal, Tunisia and Uganda had booked places before Sunday. That leaves 11 places up for grabs during matchday 6 next March with former champions Congo Brazzaville, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana and South Africa among the contenders. Mahrez, the 2016 African Footballer of the Year, netted either side of a Youcef Attal goal to give the Desert Foxes a three-goal advantage within 30 minutes. Kodjo Fo-Doh Laba pulled one back for Togo in the second half before Baghdad Bounedjah completed the scoring in stoppage-time.

ASHMITA GRABS GOLD IN DUBAI CHALLENGE New Delhi: Nineteen-year-old Shuttler Ashmita Chaliha defeated Jeon Jui of Korea 21-19, 21-15 to win the women singles title in the Dubai International Challenge on Sunday. But Subhankar Dey had to settle for a Silver medal after going down in the final to Vladimir Malkov 10-21, 15-21 in men singles. The Indian-Malaysian pair of Tarun Kona Lim Khim Wah also had to satisfy with a Silver medal in men's double when it went down to Kim Sang Soo and Yoo Yeon Seong 13-21, 16-21 in the final. Ashmita, who has six career wins, took just 33 minutes to dispose of the Korean, who is ranked 29 in the world.

**GOVEAS, MANISH CRASH OUT IN 1ST ROUND** PUNE: India's Aryan Goveas and Manish Sureshkumar got a taste of Challenger-level tennis and made hasty first-round exits along with two seeded players in the KPIT-MSLTA Challenger here Monday. Local wild card Goveas played well in patches before losing 3-6, 4-6 to Canada's Brayden Schnur in 69 minutes. Third seed and world number 132, Elias Ymer from Sweden, handed wild card entrant Manish a good tennis lesson with an easy 6-4, 6-1 win. In the doubles, local boy Arjun Kadhe and Saketh Myneni, progressed to the quarterfinals with

a crushing 6-1 6-1 win over the wild card pair of

Dakshineshwar Suresh and Parikshit Somani.

**LOBERA PENS FC GOA CONTRACT EXTENSION** MARGAO: FC Goa on Monday announced that head coach Sergio Lobera has extended his stay at the Indian Super League club. The Spaniard put pen to paper on a one-year contract extension that will see him stay with the club till the end of the 2019/20 season. Under Lobera, FC Goa reached the semi-finals in 2017/18 and now in his second season, the Gaurs find themselves at the top of the leader board heading into the second international break. With the Head Coach preaching a philosophy of attack, FC Goa scored 43 goals last season and look set to challenge the mark in this season after having already

bagged 21 goals in their first 7 games.

## in draw against NZ A

PTI ■ MOUNT MAUNGANUI

ustralia-bound Test spe-Acialists — veteran Murali Vijay and youngsters Prithvi Shaw and Hanuma Vihari helped themselves to half-centuries on the final day of India A's first unofficial 'Test' against New Zealand A, which ended in a tame draw.

India A scored 247 for 3 in 65 overs in their second innings when the match was called off. However, openers Shaw (50,

53 balls) and Vijay (60, 113 balls) they added 74 runs for the first wicket, largely due to the contribution of the young Mumbaikar, who hit eight fours

Test vice-captain Ajinkya Rahane (41 no, 94 balls) and Vihari (51 no, 63 balls) added 86 runs for an unbroken fourthwicket stand.

On the final day with little chance of a result, the two seniors Vijay and Rahane put their heads down and showed a lot of application.

Young Shaw didn't last long as he was out soon after completing his second century of the match. Shaw was caught by



Prithvi Shaw in action PTI/File Photo

In-form Mayank Agarwal (42) then joined Vijay and the duo added 81 runs for the second wicket with Agarwal being the aggressor. The Karnataka right-hander hit six boundaries

Blair Tickner got rid of Agarwal, breaching through the defence, and Vijay soon followed, offering a catch to Theo van Woerkom.

Rahane and Vihari then batted out the next 25 overs. Vihari, in fact, was more aggressive with three fours and three sixes in 63 balls as the match meandered towards a draw.

## Test specialists shine B'DESH CALL ISLAM FOR WI TEST

**AFP** ■ DHAKA

Bangladesh selectors on Monday called up uncapped opening batsman Shadman Islam for the first Test squad against the West Indies starting later this

The left-hander was rewarded for a strong showing with the Bangladesh Cricket Board XI in a two-day match against the visitors that ended in a draw in Chittagong on Monday. Shadman hit 73 off 169 balls

with 10 fours and a six in the



match, sharing 126 runs with opening partner Soumya Sarkar. The 23-year-old has been a

prolific run scorer in domestic cricket. He tallied 648 runs at an average of 64.80 in the domestic first-class National Cricket League and played for the Bangladesh Under19 team.

Bangladesh were looking for an opener after veteran batsman Tamim Iqbal was injured during a recent training session, delay-

ing his Test comeback.

The West Indies will also play three ODIs and three Twenty20

long tour. Al Hasan (Capt), Shakib Soumya Sarker, Imrul Kayes,

matches during their month-

The first match of the two-

Mohammad Mithun, Mominul Haque, Mushfiqur Rahim, Ariful Haque, Mahmudullah Mehidy Hasan. Rivad. Mustafizur Rahman, Taijul Islam, Shadman Islam, Khaled Test series starts in Chittagong on Ahmed and Nayeem Hasan.

PTI ■ GROS ISLET

Tndia will face a formidable England in the second semifinals on Friday after the West Indies defeated 2009 champions by four wickets in their last group match of the ICC Women's

India have been invincible so far in the tournament, winning all their four games in the group stage. The inform team will also have revenge on its mind, having lost to England in the 50-over World Cup final last year.

En route to the semifinals,

Harmanpreet Kaur's side also hammered three-time former champions Australia in its last pool match.

Defending champions West Indies, on the other hand, topped group A with eight points after beating England in the last-over thriller to set up a clash with Australia in the first semifinals in Antigua on November 22.

In the last group A match, the West Indies dished out a disciplined performance as they first restricted England to 115-8 and then over-

hauled the target with three balls to spare, riding on Deandra Dottin's 52-

After winning the toss, West Indies opening bowler Shakera Selman

A mid-innings collapse then reduced England to 50 for six before Sophia Dunkley (35) and Anya Shrubsole (29) put on a 58-run part-

The pair was only separated in the penultimate over, helping England to 115 for eight.

And it seemed it would be enough when Shrubsole picked up two wickets in her first over, sending back Hayley Matthews and Stafanie Taylor, both bowled.

Then Deandra Dottin and

Shemaine Campbelle combined for a 68-run partnership.

Dottin (46) was dismissed with the home team still needing 45, but some bold hitting from Campbelle kept them in the hunt.

Needing 26 off the last 18 balls, Campbelle was dropped twice in the penultimate over, but she helped the West Indies get close enough; they hit the five runs that remained in the last over, much to the delight of the

West Indies' Deandra Dottin, who was adjudged Player of the Match.

## Delhi face Hyderabad without Gambhir, Ishant

**PTI** ■ HYDERABAD

Having missed out on a golden opportunity to log full points in the opener, Delhi, sans senior stars Gautam Gambhir and Ishant Sharma, will face Hyderabad in an away encounter of the Ranji Trophy from Tuesday. Delhi failed to win outright

in their opening group league match at home against Himachal Pradesh and Hyderabad were no better, having conceded first innings lead in both their matches.

However, Delhi will miss Gambhir more as they were always aware that Ishant was available for only

Delhi vs Hyderabad one match as per BCCI's specific workload man-STAR SPORTS NETWORK agement programme.

Gambhir, who scored 44 and 49 in the opening game, is suffering from a shoulder niggle and had excused himself from this away encounter. "It's always nice if an

experienced player like Gautam is around. He will certainly be missed as he also guides the juniors. But at the same time, Í would look at it as an opportunity where a junior

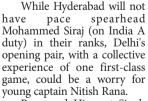


player will get a chance to make a mark," Delhi coach Mithun

Manhas said on Monday. There is still a bit of grass cover on the pitch and let's

see how it pans out on Tuesday. We will take a call on the playing XI on Tuesday," the coach

While the coach didn't reveal who will be Gambhir's replacement, it was learnt that Sarthak Ranjan is expected to open the innings along with



Rana and Himmat Singh will be aiming to come out all guns blazing against the likes of left-arm spinner Mehidy Hasan and pacer M Ravi Kiran before they also leave on national duty (for Emerging India in U-23 Asia Cup). There could be a couple of

Simarjeet Singh.
The two left-arm spinners Varun Sood and Vikas Mishra looked pedestrian on a helpful

more changes in the playing XI

fourth day track at the Kotla. With off-spinner Pulkit Narang in the squad, Rana might be tempted to drop one of the two slow left-arm orthodox from the playing XI.

In other Elite group B clash Eden Gardens, Mohammed Shami will feature for Bengal against Goa. Shami's inclusion in the squad has revived Bengal's hopes for season's first win after they secured six points from two matches on basis of their first

## Mumbai, Karnataka eye maiden win

BELGAUM: Both Mumbai and Karnataka will be eyeing their first victory of this Ranji Trophy season when the two sides clash here from Tuesday in their Elite Group A match.

Mumbai drew the first game of this season against Railways in New Delhi, but more importantly they earned three crucial points as they took the first innings lead.

Same was the case with Karnataka, who grabbed three points after settling for a draw with Vidarbha at Nagpur after taking the first innings lead.

Mumbai, led by pacer Dhawal Kulkarni, have a strong batting line-up, despite the absence of Rohit Sharma, Ajinkya Rahane and Prithvi Shaw, who are all on the national duty.

For Mumbai, a lot will depend on how their crisis man Siddesh Lad performs. Other regulars - Akhil Herwadkar, Surya Kumar Yadav, Jay Bitsa and experienced wicket-keeper and former skipper Aditya



Tare - will have to play their

roles to perfection.

On the bowling front, Kulkarni has the support of pacer Tushar Deshpande, besides spinners Karsh Kothari and Shams Mulani. If both the spinners play, then mediumpacer Aakash Parkar is likely to

Karnataka, led by Vinay Kumar, also has strong players and they would also be keen to beat Mumbai on their home



AFP ABU DHABI

Debutant spinner Ajaz Patel took five wickets to lead a never-say-die approach from New Zealand bowlers as they pulled off a thrilling four-run win over an indisciplined Pakistan in the first Test in Abu Dhabi on Monday.

Defending a modest 176run target, New Zealand bowlers led by Patel (5-59), fast bowler Neil Wagner (2-27) and Ish Sodhi (2-37) bowled out Pakistan for 171 on a dramapacked fourth day at Sheikh Zayed Stadium.

It is the fifth smallest win in terms of runs in Test cricket history and gives New Zealand a 1-0 lead in the three-match series.

"The attitude, certainly today and throughout the game, was brilliant," said New Zealand captain Kane Williamson who now has nine wins in his 18 Tests in charge.

Azhar Ali fought a lone battle for Pakistan with 65 and was the last man out when he was trapped leg-before wicket by Patel. He reviewed Bruce Oxenford's decision but the television replays upheld the decision.

Resuming on 37 without loss, Pakistan began the day as favourites to chase down the 176 they needed for victory.



New Zealand players celebrate after defeating Pakistan by four runs in 1st Test

Kiwi spinners Patel and Ish Sodhi opened the bowling and immediately caused problems as Pakistan lost three wickets in the first six overs.

Pakistani nerves were eased by the sight of Azhar and Asad Shafiq carefully rebuilding the innings with a fourth wicket

partnership of 82. Shafiq made a cultured 45, but his dismissal in the last over before lunch, edging Neil Wagner to wicketkeeper BJ Watling, changed the game as Pakistan lost their final seven

wickets for just 41. After lunch, Babar Azam ran himself out for 13, the guilty party in a mix-up with Azhar and skipper Sarfraz Ahmed fell

for a second time sweeping Patel, this time gloving the ball to Watling.

Bilal Asif tried to slog a

bowled leaving Pakistan 154 for seven, still 22 runs short of In the next over Wagner had Yasir caught in the slips and then Hasan Ali attempted a slog-

straight ball from Patel and was

sweep off Patel, picking out substitute fielder Tim Southee on the midwicket boundary. Azhar then tried to inch Pakistan across the line, farming the strike from Mohammad Abbas. But with five runs still

needed to win Patel found the delivery to win the match for New Zealand.