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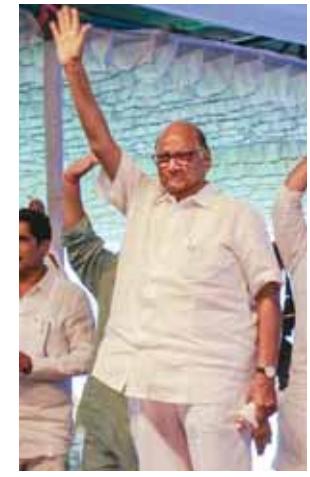
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After SP & BSP, NCP decides to go solo in MP

**Cong bid to prop
up anti-BJP front
ahead of LS polls
gets another jolt**

DEEPAK KUMAR JHA ■ NEW DELHI

In yet another shocker for the Congress, Sharad Pawar-led Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) on Friday announced to contest over 200 seats in the forthcoming Assembly election in Madhya Pradesh.

The NCP is a constituent of the United Progressive Alliance (UPA). Other major Opposition parties — Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) and Samajwadi Party (SP) — have already announced they will go solo in the crucial MP polls.

The NCP's decision comes days after Pawar had announced that the party will contest only those seats in Rajasthan, MP and Chhattisgarh where his party candidates would not harm the prospects of the Congress.

Pawar had announced this after sharing the platform with Congress chief Rahul Gandhi, former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi at a Congress event called Bharat Bandh to protest rising fuel

prices on September 10. "We will only help the Congress and in a large way consolidation of the Opposition against the Modi regime which has failed on all fronts," Pawar had said.

The NCP, the SP and the

BSP have little influence in MP, but their decision not to side with the Congress raised serious question marks over the Congress's bid to stitch together a grand alliance of the Opposition parties in the next year's Lok Sabha polls.

Releasing the NCP manifesto, senior NCP leader and Maharashtra Legislative Council (MLC) member Rajendra Jain announced that the Pawar-led party will try to have a coalition with like-minded parties in the MP.



Women shout slogans during a protest against sexual harassment in the workplace, in New Delhi on Friday

Ranjan Dimri ■ Pioneer

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Judiciary too plagued with rampant sexism: Bombay HC judge

Mumbai: Justice Gautam Patel of the Bombay High Court on Thursday said the judiciary is plagued with "rampant sexism and the culture of patriarchy". He said, "This incessant bullying of women, no matter how competent they are, is because this is the archetypal, nauseating patriarchy of our legal profession. It is not discussed, it happens everywhere."

DU girl kidnaps landlord's toddler for ₹5 cr ransom

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI



Easy money and lure of filthy lucre drove a BA first year girl student of Delhi University's Deshbandhu College to kidnap a three-year-old son of her landlord with the help of her minor brother, according to police.

However, after the abduction for a ransom of ₹5 crore, the girl failed in her mission as a South West district police team swooped on her after monitoring her calls to the victim's family. The zeroed in on the location where the child was kept, and rescued him. The girl and his minor brother were arrested from the spot.

The ordeal of the parents started on Thursday when the boy went missing. Following which they lodged a police complaint.

According to the victim's mother, the girl and her brother were living in the first floor of their house on rent with their parents. "Our child was kidnapped around 7 pm on

caught," said the mother, adding that the girl is in relationship with a boy in her college and on his influence she might have taken this step.

Throwing light on the incident, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Southwest) Devender Arya said, "On Thursday, we received a Police Control Room (PCR) call at Vasant Kunj south police station regarding a missing child. Initial enquiry revealed that the accused person demanded ransom for the child's release from the victim's father through WhatsApp messenger."

Teams were constituted and after several raids, a girl was arrested from her residence in Ghitorni. During sustained interrogation, she revealed that she hatched the conspiracy to kidnap the child for ransom along with her brother. For this purpose, they had hired a room in Ghitorni. She disclosed that they were planning to kidnap the child since August this year for easy money," the DCP said.

Thursday. The incident was captured in our neighbours CCTV camera in which a young boy is seen taking the child. An hour later my husband received a message demanding ₹5 crore as ransom for the release. My husband

negotiated the amount and they finally came down to ₹2 crore," said the mother.

"Again a message was received stating that if we want our child back safely we should remove people gathering outside the house. Meanwhile my husband had already informed police and number was traced down by police and she was

Shivpal gets Mayawati's bungalow out of spite!

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On Re recovery, crude oil tumble, Sensex surges to 19-month high

Mumbai: Driven by fall in crude prices and the recovery in rupee by 55 paise, the BSE Sensex on Friday posted its biggest single-day gain in 19 months, soaring over 700 points, as global markets rebounded after two straight sessions of losses.

The rupee strengthened 53 paise to 73.59 (intra-day) against the US dollar in the foreign market. This is its biggest gain since September 19, when it had jumped 61 paise.

Both indices ended the week higher for the first time in six weeks. During the period the Sensex climbed 366.59 points and Nifty rose 156.05 points.

After opening on strong footing, the Sensex advanced to hit a high of 34,808.42 on buying momentum after retail investors returned to the market. It later gave up some of the gains, but still ended notably higher by 732.43 points, or 2.15 per cent, at 34,733.58.

Detailed report on P10

Shotgun to take on big gun as SP face in Varanasi?

VIRENDRA NATH BHATT ■ LUCKNOW

A day after the two dissident ABJP leaders — Yashwant Sinha and Shatrughan Sinha, a party MP — attended the Jayaprakash Narayan birth anniversary at the Samajwadi Party office here, the SP indicated that "Bihari Babu" should be its candidate from Varanasi Lok Sabha elections against Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

The actor, popularly known as "Shotgun", who has been sulking ever since the NDA Government came to power at the Centre in May 2014, has stepped up his attack on the Prime Minister for quite some time.

SP sources said Bihari Babu could be an asset for the party, as besides getting a lion share of the Kayastha community votes, he may also polarise the

anti-BJP votes in Varanasi Lok Sabha constituency. Varanasi is also closer to his home State Bihar and Patna Lok Sabha seat, presently held by him.

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Plane hits wall, unwary pilots fly for 4 hrs

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Ministry orders probe, Air India de-rosters pilots

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As many as 130 passengers and six member crew onboard Dubai-bound Air India Express flight had a narrow escape, as its wheels hit the perimeter wall at Tiruchirappalli airport while taking off from there early on Friday morning.

Unaware of the damage caused to the aircraft due to the mishap at Trichy airport, the pilots onboard the affected Boeing B737-800 flight IX-611 that had taken off from Trichy at 1.30 am continued their journey.

After the commander of the aircraft Capt D Ganesh Babu was informed of the Trichy incident, he reported that the aircraft systems were operating normally. However, the flight was diverted to

Mumbai, where the aircraft made a safe emergency landing around 5.40 am. No one was injured in the mishap.

Boeing 737 including 500 hours as a commander, and co-pilot Capt Anurag with experience of around 3,000 hours.

After the aircraft hit the periphery wall of Trichy airport, the belly of the Air India Express aircraft was badly damaged, while a sizeable portion of thick red brick wall was pierced. The airline officials in Mumbai are examining the

damaged aircraft.

"After flight IX 611 from Trichy to Dubai had taken off from Trichy at about 1.30 am today, it was reported by local Airport officials at Trichy, that they have observed that the aircraft might have come in contact with the airport perimeter wall," a statement by the Air India Express said.

Minister of Civil Aviation Suresh Prabhu has ordered an inquiry into the incident.

In a series of tweets put out after the mishap, Prabhu said, "Spoke to Secretary and other senior officials of MoCA_GoI and directed them to conduct a High Level Enquiry into the incident. In a recent review on airline safety, I have ordered to put in place a third party professional organisation to look into various safety aspects at airindia."

In order to have continuous attention towards air safety, I have also ordered concerned officials to put in place a regular 'safety compliance report' of all airlines".

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With #MeToo campaign in India gaining momentum, the Government on Friday stepped in promising to set up a high-level panel to look into all issues related to sexual assaults in the workplace.

Supporting the #MeToo movement, which has encouraged countless women to share their stories of sexual harassment, Union Minister for Women and Child Development Maneka Gandhi said her Ministry will soon propose a panel with senior judicial and legal persons as members to look into all issues surfacing from the campaign.

Maneka's comments came a day after her colleague Textiles Minister Smriti Irani urged people not to mock women speaking out against the harassment meted out to them. "That is my only appeal to everybody who is witnessing this surge of outpouring of emotion, of anger on the internet and offline also," she had said in Mumbai. However, senior BJP leader Sushma Swaraj has chosen to remain silent on the issue despite being repeatedly asked for her comments.

Maneka said she believes in all the women who have come out with complaints of sexual harassment. More women should come out and address the issue of sexual harassment and narrate their experiences, Maneka said.

"I believe in all of them. I

and threatened bank employees and customers before escaping on two bikes parked outside the bank.

The robbers, who had probably done a recce of the area before committing the crime, entered the branch unchallenged and before anybody could even bathe the eyelids, they were at the counter of the cashier identified as Santosh and shot him from the point blank range for resisting the robbery, said eyewitnesses.

While running away with the cash, they also took along the gun of the security guard

Detailed report on P10

Much to the chagrin of Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, the Uttar Pradesh Government on Friday allotted Akhilesh's uncle Shivpal Yadav the spacious bungalow occupied by BSP chief Mayawati till last year. The bungalow is located on Lal Bahadur Shastri Marg.

The UP Government's decision to allocate the sprawling bungalow to Shivpal has sparked criticism from the Opposition. "He is just an MLA from Jaswantnagar seat. How can he be allotted that bungalow?" said a Samajwadi Party leader.

Sources close to Shivpal said this newly allotted property could be used as the office for his recently-founded political outfit. A source claimed that preparations are in full swing at the bungalow to welcome the leader.

A view of BSP supremo Mayawati's old office 6/LBS which is now allotted to Shivpal Singh Yadav in Lucknow on Friday

"I have been a five-time MLA and former Minister, owing to which I had applied for a bigger space. After which a report was sought from the Intelligence department and only after their report, this new house was allotted to me by the Government. All the rules and regulations have been followed in allotment of the bungalow," Shivpal Yadav said here on Friday.

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Washington: India's decisions to continue buying oil from Iran after November 4 and purchase the S-400 Triumf air defence system from Russia are "not helpful" and the US is reviewing them "very carefully", the State Department has said.

It is going to be a landmark assessment regarding India-US relations.

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When Cassettes were Treasured!


Jaskiran Chopra

could not imagine a world without audio and video cassettes. It began with audio cassettes which gripped our interest greatly while we were in school. I remember seeing the first audio cassette when I was in Class 8 or 9. It was a cassette of Ghulam Ali's ghazals which my brother had brought from Delhi to Dehra Dun in the summer vacations. He studied at Delhi University while I was still in school in the Doon valley.

When the Video cassettes came in, our wonder was immense.

Just imagine, not having to

wait for Doordarshan to telecast a film of one's liking! We could just go out there, to the video libraries and pick up any film we wanted and watch it at home on our TV by using a VCR or a VCP. The VCR had the recording function too while the poor VCP could only play a video cassette. We had a VCP that was very efficient and gave us years of happiness as we watched on it our favourite golden oldies like "Jungle", "Janwar", "Professor", "Arzoo", "Mere Mehboob", "Mera Saaya", "Sholay", "Parichay" and many others. It was like a dream come true!

We thought that this was the end of the rainbow and we had found our pot of gold. We could not have thought at that time that there would be more sophisticated technologies coming our way in the future. Yeh Umm Dinon ki Baat Hai!

There was a time when we

had three audio cassettes, we were rich! Our friends began buying the audio cassettes and then we would exchange them with each other to increase our enjoyment. It was a world full of innocent friendships and lilting music! Jagjit Singh's and Chitra Singh's "Unforgettables" was a great hit, bringing the ghazal to the masses, with simple lyrics and musical scores that still echo in our hearts today.

These days, a truly wonderful television series is being telecast. Titled "Yeh Umm Dinon ki Baat Hai", it is taking me into a world about which I always feel nostalgic—the days of the 1980s and 1990s, more of 1990s. It shows a time when romantic songs and romantic films were quite popular. Songs of the 1990s have been beautifully used to tell the love story of young Naina and Sameer. In this show, audio cassettes and video cassettes play an important role. That makes me long for those days!

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U'khand, Haryana to sign MoU soon on Kisau, Renuka projects

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

A memorandum of understanding between Uttarakhand and Haryana will be signed soon regarding the Kisau and Renuka multi-purpose projects. A decision has been taken on the share of electricity and water related to the Kisau multipurpose project between the two States.

The project will supply electricity to Uttarakhand and 47 per cent water supply to Haryana. Uttarakhand and Haryana will jointly request the Central Government to give permission for tender for Kisau

project. These points were deliberated upon during a meeting between Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat and his Haryana counterpart Manohar Lal Khattar at the Sahastadrha helipad in Dehradun.

The Haryana CM also visited the Badrinath shrine and paid his obeisance to the deity there on Friday.

The emphasis is on the joint efforts of the States to complete the multi-purpose projects of Kisau, Lakhwar and Renuka projects. Target to complete Lakhwar multi-purpose project in the next four

years has been fixed. The Lakhwar project will supply 160 cusec water annually to Haryana.

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat said that concerted efforts are being made to complete these three projects. As part of the final joint effort of the States, the Central Government will be requested to give permission for the start of the tender process for these projects.

Rawat, further, said that the Kisau, Lakhwar and Renuka multi-purpose projects will fulfill the power and water

Uttarakhand CM & his Haryana counterpart hold discussions

needs of both the States.

Soon, an MoU will be signed in connection with transportation between Uttarakhand and Haryana. He said that the work which had been pending for past 40 years are now being completed fast with better coordination between the Central and the State Governments. Today, at the Central and State levels, the Governments are working in a decisive manner.

On Friday, discussion regarding the Kisau, Lakhwar and Renuka hydro-power projects was held between Rawat and his Haryana counterpart Manohar Lal Khattar at Sahastadrha helipad guest house.

The State's principal secretary Anand Wardhan and managing director of the Uttarakhand Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited, SN Verma and other senior officials were also present on the occasion.

The project will supply electricity to U'khand and 47 %water supply to Haryana



Uttarakhand CM TS Rawat and his Haryana counterpart ML Khattar hold talk in Dehradun on Friday

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POCSO court rejects bail plea in GRD school rape case

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

A Special Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act Court on Friday has rejected the bail application of five persons accused in the alleged rape of a minor girl and its alleged cover-up involving GRD World School.

Anxious relatives and sympathisers of the accused had assembled outside the POCSO court on the day in hope that the court would grant bail to them.

However to their dismay, the court rejected the bail applications. The courtroom witnessed long arguments between the counsels of both prosecution and defence after which the judge rejected bail of the accused in the high profile case.

The incident of the rape of the class X girl is said to have happened on August 14 when four senior boys sexually exploited her in the school premises. The victim in her complaint had alleged that she had narrated the incident to the



maid (Aaya) of the hostel who told her to keep her mouth shut.

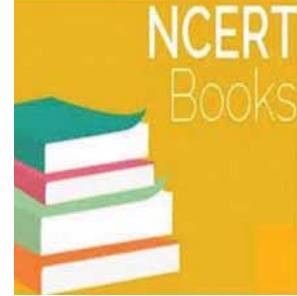
The maid later told about the incident to the higher ups of the school but everyone scolded the girl. In order to suppress the case a hurried school administration even gave abortion pills to the girl.

On the complaint of the girl the police arrested the Director of the school Lata Gupta, Principal Jitendra Sharma, administrative officer Deepak, his wife Tanu and maid Manju and sent the boys charged with rape of the minor to the juvenile homes.

On the recommendation of the education department of Dehradun, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has cancelled the affiliation of the school.

Edu department warns schools of cancelling NOC on NCERT books

Replies of some schools to show cause notice unsatisfactory



prices of these books were exorbitantly higher than the NCERT books which is violation of HC order.

He said that the maximum price of NCERT books from class I to VIII is ₹50 while the maximum rates of books in classes IX and X is ₹165 while for Classes XI and XII, the maximum price of a textbook is ₹220.

He ordered that the rates of non-NCERT books should not be more than 10 percent of NCERT books.

In the warning notice, the DG said that these schools have put unwarranted pressure on the parents of the students to purchase expensive non-NCERT books.

It is pertinent to mention here that the education department had conducted an inquiry in the districts of Dehradun, Haridwar, Udhampur, Singh Nagar and Nainital following the order of HC on NCERT books. On the basis of the findings of the inquiry, the department on September 18 had issued notices to 181 schools in these districts.

In the notice, the department had found these schools of not following the order of Uttarakhand High Court (HC) on NCERT textbooks and warned of cancelling the NOCs issued to these schools.

The department had asked these schools to submit their replies before October 4. Out of these 181 schools, 133 schools had submitted their explanations to the show cause notice.

These schools have obtained the affiliation of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on the basis of NOC provided by the State education department and the cancellation of the NOC would put the affiliation of the schools into jeopardy.

The DG school education said that the explanations submitted by the schools suggest that the schools are implementing only those books which are not published by the NCERT.

In the explanation, the schools have claimed that they have implemented books of private publishers in subjects like Arts, Hindi Grammar, General Knowledge, Computer, IT and Physical Education.

Tiwari said that the reports submitted by the inquiry teams suggest that the

Congress demands CBI probe into Sanand's death

To hold candle march in Dehradun on Saturday

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

State Congress vice-president Surya Kant Dhasmana has sought a probe by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) into the death of the Ganga crusader Swami Gyan Swaroop Sanand. The technocrat-turned-ascetic had died at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Rishikesh on Thursday after observing a marathon fast for 110 days.

The Congress leader said that the high-level probe into the death is warranted by the doubt aired by Sanand's spiritual mentor Swami Shivanand and Matri Sadan which he heads. "They said that the ascetic might have been killed. Besides, Swami Shivanand and others of the ashram have held both the Centre and the State responsible for the death of the Ganga activist. Against this backdrop, the lingering suspicion over the death of the ascetic must be cleared through a high level inquiry," he said.

He, further, said that his party would hold a candle march in Dehradun on Saturday evening by way of paying tribute to the Swami Sanand who has sacrificed his life for the cause of the holy river Ganga. The State Congress chief Pritam Singh would lead the candle march, attended by the party leaders and activists. The march would start at 5.30 pm from the State Congress office and would end at Clock Tower, Dhasmana informed.

Flaying Premier Narendra Modi for remembering Ganga, Cow and Ram only during the time of polls, Dhasmana said that despite Modi having proclaimed himself as a son of Ganga in Varanasi, he has no time to consider the deplorable state of the sacred river in Haridwar. "Modi paid no heed to the letters written to him on Ganga by Swami Sanand. He also ignored the long-dragging fast of the crusader of Ganga which caused his death," he added.

Smart solutions for Smart City discussed in stakeholders' meet

Officials present proposals for smart roads & area based development in Doon

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

A meeting of stakeholders in the Dehradun smart city project was held here on Friday. Officials informed the gathering about the various features to be developed in Dehradun as part of the project.

Parade Ground area rejuvenation will be undertaken as part of area based development works. This entails development of proposed integrated

public precinct with Gandhi Park.

This will enhance the quality of space for public congregation and create healthy and lively 'lungs' for the city. One way road will be converted to four-lane two-way road while the road between Gandhi Park and Parade Ground will be developed for pedestrians.

Mobile kiosk area for vendors, walkways, facilities for organising fairs and parades, public amenities like toilets, drinking water and information kiosks will also be provided.

Similarly, works are also proposed to be undertaken for rejuvenation of the DBS and DAV colleges area. These works will be aimed at enhancing institutional environment and promote walkability while also

facilitating improved vehicular movement, pedestrian movement and organised retail development relevant to the land use.

Work is also proposed to be undertaken for pedestrianisation of Paltan Bazaar area in the heart of the city.

Further, as part of the project, model smart road development, facade development and architectural solutions for Doon Library are also proposed to be undertaken.

As part of the project, smart roads will be developed starting with the stretches of Haridwar Road from Prince Chowk to Araghara Chowk and EC Road from Araghara to Behl Chowk in the first phase.

The second phase will entail development of smart

road on stretches of Rajpur Road and Chakrata Road. The smart roads will have smart LED lights, electric vehicle charging stations, indicative cross sections, pedestrian crossings, smart parking management system, smart bus stops, sensory lighting and variable message sign board.

Improvement of 22 junctions is also slated to be undertaken in the city.

To enhance efficient urban public transport system, the operation of electric buses is proposed to be facilities in Dehradun.

Earlier, speaking as the chief guest, the Tehri MP Mala Raja Laxmi Shah spoke on the need for progressing with changing times. She suggested that a dedicated lane could also

be provided for ambulances on city roads. The Dehradun Smart City Limited chief executive officer Shailesh Bagauli spoke of the area based development and IT driven works to be undertaken as part of the ₹1,400 crore project.

At a time when increasing urbanisation is also bringing more challenges with it, he stressed on the need for developing Dehradun into an eco-friendly city where smart solutions benefit the public and enhance the environment.

ACEO and Mussoorie Dehradun Development Authority vice-chairman Ashish Kumar Srivastav also addressed the gathering on the occasion.

Public representatives, experts and other stakeholders

also expressed their views at the meeting.

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Destruction of live missiles starts 14 yrs after accidental delivery as scrap from Iran

Operation 555 Patrampur- Army team starts work on destroying live munitions

PNS ■ JASPUR

A 12 member team from the Indian Army has started work on diffusing and destroying about 555 live missiles accidentally transported from Iran as scrap 14 years ago. On Friday, the team extracted and diffused 220 live missiles. The threat from the missiles had been discovered in 2004 following an explosion that had resulted in the death of one worker and caused injuries to more. The live missiles were buried at Patrampur in Jaspur area of Udhampur Singh Nagar district.

The Indian Army 201 counter explosive device unit from Barabanki has been working on diffusing the live mis-



siles in Jaspur since Thursday. On Friday, the team extracted 220 of the buried missiles and detonated them safely on the Fikri riverbed.

From the security point of view, the army cordoned off one kilometre area. The superintendent of police Jagdish Chandra said that the task will continue in the coming days.

It is pertinent to mention

here that the Indian Army team had started work on digging up the missiles with the help of mechanical excavator on Thursday.

The missiles had arrived as scrap in the SG Steel factory in Kashipur about 14 years ago. Accidental explosion of a missile in 2004 which had led to the death of one worker and injuries to others had resulted in the dis-

covery of the live munition. After the accidental explosion, the local administration had then brought the missiles from the factory and buried them near the Fikri riverbed.

The local authorities had exchanged official communication with the officials concerned on many occasions to facilitate secure disposal of the live munitions.

Following this, the Indian Army took up the task of destroying the missiles. The

team's captain Vikas Malik said that the live munitions will be destroyed on the Fikri river bank and buried. The task will take about one week to complete, he added.

Simians' problems continue in Nainital

PNS ■ NAINITAL

With the authorities failing to take effective action, aggressive simians continue to pose a problem for the public in the lake city of Nainital.

Located amidst dense forests, Nainital has a considerable population of langurs and macaques. The illegal practice of feeding monkeys and improper dumping of garbage has brought the simians closer to human habitats.

Monkeys can be seen in various localities of Nainital on the roads and residential localities where they have made it difficult for the public to move conveniently, especially the women and children.

Locals complain that so far monkeys had bitten dozens of school children. The simian issue had achieved such serious proportions that it after a youngster accidentally died after a fall from the terrace due to a monkey four years ago, the issue had also reached the High Court.

However, the local authori-



ties from Mathura in Uttar Pradesh to catch monkeys and release them elsewhere for about three years. This has evidently not helped resolve the problem.

The simians in town are now causing problems not only for the locals but also for the

visiting tourists. Observers point out that the Forest Department has favoured impractical measures like sterilisation of monkeys which has proved to be a failure in neighbouring Himachal Pradesh.

Instead of such measures

which actually cause monkey troops to become more aggressive towards humans, the authorities need to take measures like growing fruit trees in the forests, preventing people from feeding them and stopping improper disposal of garbage in public places.

Department team rescues python from village

PNS ■ NAINITAL

A mix of curiosity and fear prevailed among the locals in Dolmar village after a python appeared on the scene. The locals said that they spotted the python on the road.

The forest department staff

was informed about the spotting of the big reptile. Shortly afterwards, a snake rescue team from the forest department arrived at the scene.

The departmental team succeeded in capturing the reptile. It was later released in the nearby jungles away from the village.

The forest department staff



Justice Ranganathan's name recommended for U'khand CJ

PNS ■ NAINITAL

Justice Ramesh Ranganathan would be the next chief justice of the Uttarakhand High Court. His name for the post of the Chief Justice in Uttarakhand was recommended by the three-judge collegium headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi.

It should be mentioned here that justice Ranganathan is a judge in the Hyderabad High Court. According to sources, the collegium has also recommended Uttarakhand High Court justice Vijay Kumar Bisht for the post of Sikkim High Court Chief Justice.

Flaying Premier Narendra Modi for remembering Ganga, Cow and Ram only during the time of polls, Dhasmana said that despite Modi having proclaimed himself as a son of Ganga in Varanasi, he has no time to consider the deplorable state of the sacred river in Haridwar. "Modi paid no heed to the letters written to him on Ganga by Swami Sanand. He also ignored the long-dragging fast of the crusader of Ganga which caused his death," he added.

Feud in Chautala family intensifies

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The 'chacha-bhatija' feud in Haryana's influential Chautala family escalated on Friday with reports of suspension of Hisar MP Dushyant Chautala and his younger brother Digvijay Chautala from the party. While the party leaders termed the reports of suspension as 'rumors', Leader of opposition and senior party leader Abhay Singh Chautala claimed having no knowledge about the same.

Abhay Chautala on Friday also played down an apparent rift within the Chautala family, which has gone public after the INLD supreme OP Chautala dissolved the party's youth wing and student wing INSO a day before.

Digvijay Singh Chautala, who was national president of now-disbanded INSO, reiterated on Friday that the INSO cannot be dissolved by anyone except its founding member and its executive committee during a press conference in the national capital while Abhay Chautala at a press conference in Haryana's capital Chandigarh maintained that OP Chautala is fully authorised to take any decision in this regard and it does not matter what says what.

While Abhay Chautala and his nephew Digvijay Chautala gave contradictory statements on Friday, Hisar MP Dushyant Chautala is yet to respond on

the ongoing turmoil in the party.

Abhay Singh Chautala is the younger son of OP Chautala. Hisar MP Dushyant Chautala and Digvijay Chautala are sons of INLD's state secretary general Ajay Singh Chautala, Abhay's elder brother.

The rift within the Chautala family had come to the fore on Thursday, when OP Chautala had dissolved the party's student and youth wings — headed by Dushyant and Digvijay respectively.

While the party leaders has brushed aside the reports of suspension of Dushyant and Digvijay as "rumors", party sources said that both leaders have been given seven days time to respond to the allegations leveled against them.

The party in a press statement issued on Thursday had stated that both youth and students wings have been dissolved after they were "found to be lacking in discipline and commitment to the ideals of the INLD".

Political observers feel that with the recent organizational changes in the party, OP Chautala has sided with his younger son Abhay Chautala, who will be leading the party in 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

The decision is seen as a bid to cut Dushyant and his younger brother Digvijay who was heading the INSO to size.

There had been reports of ongoing "war of succession" between Abhay Singh Chautala and Dushyant for a long time.

The senior Chautala's decision to dissolve the youth wing and student wing had come days after a group of youths allegedly indulged in hooting at the Gohana rally on October 7 when the Abhay Chautala was speaking, while there were cheers for Dushyant Chautala as he spoke.

In 2014 Lok Sabha polls, Dushyant had successfully contested from Hisar seat and became the youngest MP at 27.

Ajay Singh Chautala along with his father OP Chautala are currently serving jail term in the teachers' recruitment scam.

ABHAY CHAUTALA DENIES ANY RIFT IN THE PARTY

Senior INLD leader Abhay Singh Chautala on Friday played down an apparent rift within the Chautala family saying nephews Dushyant and Digvijay are "our children".

At the same time, he maintained that anyone violating the party discipline will face action.

"There are no differences with Dushyant and Digvijay, they are our children," Abhay Singh Chautala said while talking to the mediapersons there.

But discipline is our party's biggest strength. If any person violates that, party will take action, he added.

When asked whether

Dushyant Chautala has been suspended from the party, Chautala said he had no knowledge about this.

On OP's Chautala decision to dissolve party's youth and students wing, he said the student and youth wings were asked to ensure a smooth conduct of the rally. But they failed to do so and Chautala Sahab took this step.

On Digvijay Chautala's claims that only INSO founder Ajay Singh Chautala or its executive committee could dissolve the wing, the Leader of opposition said, "INSO is a part of INLD. Everyone knows it well and they hold all their programmes under the party flag. OP Chautala is fully authorised to take any decision in this regard. It does not matter who says what on this now..."

When asked about the INLD chief effecting a restructuring in the party, he said party leaders at a meeting on October 3 in Gurugram authorised OP Chautala to carry out changes in the organisation. It is for him (OP Chautala) to see what task he has to entrust to whom in the party organisation and who has to be relieved of what duty."

"Those who worked hard, they were again entrusted with various responsibilities and those who failed to perform...they were asked to give chance to others. And this is an election year," he said when asked to comment on restructuring.

He further said that INLD has 17 wings as documents submitted with the Election Commission and INSO is not mentioned in those documents.

On reports of suspension of Dushyant from the party, he said they did not get any such

turing in INLD.

When further pushed to answer on ongoing turmoil in the party, Chautala said he had no knowledge about this.

On OP's Chautala decision

communication from the party.

On allegations of indiscipline and anti-party activities leveled against youth and student wing, Digvijay said that an inquiry should have been carried out into this. People had raised slogans of zindabad and not murdabad against anyone at the Gohana rally held on October 7.

When asked about rift in the Chautala family, Digvijay denied such reports saying that everything is fine in the family and the party.

On meeting with OP Chautala and Ajay Chautala on recent development, Digvijay said that he will soon meet them.

NEW CHANGES ANNOUNCED IN THE PARTY

INLD chief OP Chautala announced more organizational changes in the party on Friday. Ashok Arora will remain INLD's Haryana chief while Ajay Singh Chautala will remain as party's secretary general.

MLA Jasvinder Sandhu,

Satvir Verma, OmPrakash, Rajender Bisla and Chaudhary Sunil Yadav have been appointed as vice presidents of state party unit. The political affair committee will include Ashok Arora, Ajay Chautala, Abhay Chautala, former MLA Sher Singh, MLA Jaswinder Singh, Gopichand Gehlot, Subhash Goyal among others.

Punjab bans gutkha, pan masala, flavoured chewing tobacco

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

This is done intentionally so that consumers can buy the paan masala and flavoured chewing tobacco and mix both the articles as a concoction to replace gutka

flavoured chewing tobacco in separate sachets, but often they are conjoint and sold together by the same vendors in the same premises.

This is done intentionally so that consumers can buy the paan masala and flavoured chewing tobacco and mix both the articles as a concoction to replace gutka.

Hence, instead of the earlier "ready to consume admixture", paan masala and flavoured or scented chewing tobacco are being used to serve the same purpose. In view of this processed, flavoured or scented chewing tobacco, gutka and paan masala containing tobacco or nicotine are being used to serve the same purpose.

Pannu said that it has been observed that to circumvent the ban on the sale of gutka, the manufacturers are selling paan masala (without tobacco) with



Police conduct verification of residents in Nainital on directions of the SSP on Friday

Pioneer photo

Protest against indirect elections: Students hurt in police lathicharge

Haryana Police on Friday

resorted to lathicharge on

students at Kurukshetra

University and Rohtak's

Maharshi Dayanand University

during the students' outfit protest against the indirect election to students unions to be held on October 17 in universities and colleges of the state.

At least 12 students were

injured when the students were

protesting outside the

Kurukshetra University cam-

pus.

Similar protests were held

in Sirsa, Yamunanagar and

other districts of the state over

the conduct of indirect elec-

tions to students' unions.

Earlier in the day, more

than 200 students affiliated

with student organisations,

including NSUI, had sat on a

protest in front of gate number

3 of Kurukshetra University in

support of their demands,

blocking the movement of

vehicles on Kurukshetra-

Pehowa road.

Kurukshetra Deputy

Superintendent of Police

Gurmaj Singh said police

NORTHERN RAILWAY	
Tender Notice No.- 13/2018 Dated:- 11.10.2018	
Name of work with its location	21/SrDEE/G/MB/2018:- Electrical General Services work i.c.w. Electrification for temporary manning of 139 nos. unmanned LC gates over Moradabad Division by providing solar PV module system of 640wp with AMC.
App. Cost of the work (In Rs.)	Rs. 1,88,97,625.46
Cost of Tender Form (In Rs.)	Rs. 5,000/-
Address of the office from where the tender form has been issued	Electrical Branch, Divisional Railway Manager's office, Northern Railway, Moradabad
Earnest Money to be deposited (In Rs.)	2,44,490/-
Completion period of the work	02 (Two) Months
Date & Time for submission of tender & opening of tender	Tender will be received upto 15:00 hrs shall be opened at 15.30 hrs on 14.11.2018
Website particulars & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.	Website www.irps.gov.in Notice board is located in the Electrical Branch, Divisional Railway Manager's office, Northern Railway, Moradabad

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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

SAD asks Cong Govt to disburse ₹3,000 per acre to farmers to manage paddy straw

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

said the former minister and senior SAD leader Bikram Singh Majithia.

Urging the farmers to unite to counter these repressive tactics, Majithia said that the Akali rank and file would stand with them and protest any move to penalize farmers. He also urged party workers to rush to the spot to show solidarity with farmers on receiving any information of prosecution of farmers.

Asking the Congress government how it could victimize farmers when it had been given Rs 665 crore by the Centre to generate awareness on stubble burning and boosting use of subsidized machinery which it did not put to good use.

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The government first

IRANIAN OIL, RUSSIAN PURCHASE NOT HELPFUL: US

US reviews India's deals with Russia, Iran

Washington: The US is reviewing "very carefully" India's decision to continue buying Iranian oil and purchase of the Russian S-400 air defence system, a top official has said, terming it "not helpful", days after President Donald Trump observed that New Delhi would soon find out if it faced punitive measures.

The US is trying to cut off all oil imports from Iran to zero by November 4 following Trump's decision in May to pull out of the 2015 multilateral deal that eased global sanctions in exchange for curbs on Iran's suspected nuclear programmes and malign activities.

Responding to questions on reports that India will continue to purchase oil from Iran after November 4, State Department spokesperson Heather Nauert said this was "not helpful".

India's Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Monday said two State refiners have placed orders for importing crude oil from Iran in November.



"Overall with regard to those sanctions that will take effect on November 4 — and you're referring to the oil sanctions for Iran and countries that choose to continue purchasing oil from Iran — we have conversations with many partners and allies around the world about those sanctions," Nauert said on Thursday.

"We make our policies very clear to those countries. We continue to have conversations with the Government of Iraq about that particular issue and the implications for the reimposition of sanctions that were previously

lifted or even waived under the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA)," she said.

The Trump administration has given the same message to all countries around the world, and the president has said that the US is committed to reinforcing all of its sanctions.

"We believe that countries coming together and recognising the malign influence that Iran has had around the world is important. We know that Iran and the Government of Iran has taken the benefits that it received under the JCPOA and they've poured

that money not into their own population, not into the good of the people, not into its medical hospitals and things of that nature, but rather they've used it for its own nefarious programmes," Nauert said.

Noting that she has seen reports of India continuing to buy oil from Iran after November 4, she said this was a topic of conversation with the Indian Government when Secretary of State Mike Pompeo was in India last month for the first 2+2 Dialogue.

"The President had addressed it — I believe it was just earlier today — which he was asked about that question about whether or not India would buy oil from Iran after sanctions are reimposed. And the President said — and I'm not going to get ahead of the President, certainly — but he said we'll take care of that," she said.

On the implication of the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act or CAATSA on India after it inked the \$5 billion deal with Russia to purchase the S-400 Triumf air defence system, Nauert said, "He (the president) was asked also about CAATSA sanctions and possible imposition of CAATSA sanctions. And he said, you know, India is going to find out.

"And India will find out. We'll see. So I'm not going to get ahead of him, but certainly when we hear about things such as purchasing oil or the S-400 systems, it's not helpful. The United States Government just reviews that very carefully," Nauert said.

The Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act or CAATSA is a US federal law that imposed sanctions on Iran, North Korea and Russia.

In Russia's case, the act primarily deals with sanctions on Russian interests such as its oil and gas industry, defence and security sector, and financial institutions, in the backdrop of its military intervention in Ukraine and its alleged meddling in the 2016 US Presidential elections.

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Hoping that Parliament will pass the Bill banning instant Triple Talaq, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said the legislation to protect the Muslim women was part of Government's efforts to provide justice. He was addressing an event to mark the 25th anniversary of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) here and also said that the Commission has an important role to play in Government's efforts to achieve sustainable development goals.

Modi said that the Government is committed to improve the lives of people by ensuring their rights. He cited various steps taken by Government in this regard and said the triple talaq legislation is a part of the effort to provide justice to the oppressed. "I am confident that this key legislation will be accorded approval

by Parliament soon," he said. The bill is pending before Rajya Sabha with Lok Sabha having already passed it.

"For us, human rights & their protection are not mere phrases. They are articles of faith, which we are continuously upholding. Whenever basic human rights have been denied, like during Emergency, the people of India fought tirelessly and ensured democracy and human rights prevail," said Modi, congratulating the Commission in their service to the nation.

Besides, the Prime Minister, Home Minister Rajnath Singh and Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Communications Manoj Sinha also attended the function, chaired by NHRC Chairperson Justice HL Dattu.

The Commission, which was established on October 12, 1993 under the Protection of the Human Rights (PHR)

Act, 1993, has lined up a host of activities till Sunday to mark the anniversary. Disposal of more than 17 lakh cases, payment of more than one billion rupees to the victims of human rights violations by various state agencies on the recommendations of the Commission and more than 750 on-spot inquiries cap the 25 years of NHRC's work for the cause, said NHRC officials.

The rights panel has five members, including the chairperson, who deliberate upon cases put before them. Currently, two posts of members are vacant, he said. The NHRC, in the run up to the jubilee, has already hosted a number of programmes, including an international conclave on human rights, panel discussion on role of media in context of human rights, painting competition and slogan and logo making contest.

Sack Rupani, impose Prez Rule in Gujarat: Congress

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The Congress on Friday demanded the sacking of Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani and imposition of President's rule in the state, claiming that law and order situation has collapsed there with large-scale attacks on Hindi-speaking migrants.

The Congress also asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi to speak up on the violence in the BJP-ruled state and apologise taking moral responsibility for what it called acts of the saffron party leaders.

Congress spokesperson Shaktisinh Gohil alleged that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MLAs and leaders were part of a preconceived conspiracy to fuel attacks against people from Hindi-belt states living in Gujarat in the aftermath of the alleged rape of a 14-month-old girl in Sabarkantha district on September 28 by a labourer from Bihar.

The Congress leader alleged it was under a "BJP conspiracy" that north Indians were attacked, saying no "true Gujarati" would approve of such incidents.

After the rape incident came to light, at least six districts in Gujarat have seen incidents of large-scale violence against Hindi-speaking migrant workers, forcing an exodus of thousands of migrants, mostly from Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh.

INSHORT



Liechtenstein's Prince Alois shakes hands with President Ram Nath Kovind at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi on Friday PTI

AMU suspends 2 students, Centre seeks report on tribute to terrorist on campus

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The Centre on Friday sought a detailed report from the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) over protest by a section of students within the campus over organising a 'funeral' for slain Hijbul Mujahideen terrorist Mannan Wani. The HRD Ministry on Friday issued notices to the University authorities to explain the related incident.

The university suspended two students and issues show-cause to seven others, according to a statement issued by the university. The notices come after reports said a group of students of AMU organised a funeral for the slain Hijbul Mujahideen terrorist on Thursday evening. The ritual, however, was interrupted by authorities before it could be completed.

"We received a call from the Ministry officials and have been asked to send a report on the incident. The situation was brought in control on time and no untoward incident took place. We have already taken action against students who

were involved. We will send the due reply to Ministry," said a AMU administrative officer.

Around 15 students have been sent show-cause notices by the university after the incident. This has also led the Ministry to ask for an explanation from the university.

Wani, a PhD scholar at AMU, was killed in an encounter with the security forces in Jammu & Kashmir on Wednesday. Wani was reportedly popular among Kashmiri students, who organised the funeral. Wani was debarred by the University in January after the authorities got to know of his involvement with the Hizbul.

A group of Kashmiri stu-

dents had organised a funeral for Wani, a ritual which is done in absentia. But before they could go ahead with it, Faizul Hasan, a PhD scholar and former president of the students' association, claimed he tried to stop them. A few students too reached the spot and told them not to continue with it, as it would give a bad name to the university.

The Proctor was also called to the spot and they had to eventually abandon the ritual. A minor scuffle ensued between students who were trying to conduct the funeral and those trying to stop them and it was only after the authorities intervened that the situation was brought under control.

Rafale row: Repeating lies not going to change reality, Goyal to Rahul

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Asserting that a lie can't be a substitute for the truth, the BJP on Friday said Congress president Rahul Gandhi is flogging a dead-horse on the Rafale issue and creating fake news even as it sought to clarify that the final list of offset companies would be out by the end of 2019.

Addressing a Press conference here, Union Minister Piyush Goyal hit out at Rahul and accused him of repeating lies and alleged that purchase of Rafale fighter jet was cancelled by the Congress-led UPA Government as Dassault company was not willing to give offset contract to one Sanjay Bhandari, a close associate of Rahul's family.

He said Reliance-Dassault association dates back to 2012 when UPA was in power at the Centre and the incumbent government has no role in it. He said obligatory offset investment in India by Dassault could be done in a variety of ways including through Foreign Direct Investment.

Goyal said though the Modi-government got the Rafale deal in the best terms and conditions, Congress has given the National security a top priority by expediting the fighter plane.



"Issueless party", is spreading lies and propaganda on it.

He listed Congress President's lies on seven points including Dassault offset deal, Supreme Court ruling on Rafale deal, alleged dissent by an officer in the Ministry of Defence, alleged quid pro quo with a particular company, Ex-President of France allegedly calling Prime Minister Modi as thief, falsehood that he (Rahul) met French President and was told that there was no secrecy law in Rafale deal and quoting different prices for a basic Rafale aircraft and comparing it with a fully loaded one.

The Minister said BJP and the government have nailed all the lies of the Congress leader on the Rafale deal. He said unlike the Congress which cancelled Rafale contract and jeopardized national security, the Modi-government has given the National security a top priority by expediting the fighter plane.

Delhi's pollution prediction system launch on Oct 15

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In a move to alert general public and local authorities to brace up for bad air in advance, the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) will launch an air pollution emergency prediction system for Delhi on October 15.

The month of October usually sees very poor air quality due to stubble burning and adverse meteorological conditions ahead of Diwali and onset of winter. In other words, Delhi will be better equipped to tackle sudden pollution spikes this winter, with an 'early warning system' that can predict air quality levels at least two days in advance. This will not only help residents brace for high-pollution days, it will also enable the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) that kicked in last year to be implemented in advance.



IMD official said the new system 'air quality emergency early warning system for Delhi will be operational from October 15. "The system, first of its kind in the country, was developed indigenously in record time by Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune and operationalized by India Meteorological Department (IMD). The system will draw data from 36 monitoring stations run by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) and SAFAR and will predict a real time information," said IMD official.

"The system will be devised by mapping of emissions from various sources and analysing quality of meteorological fields in urban areas - by its local air circulation, topographic effect, low winds or breeze conditions in certain months," the IMD said.

After recording 'poor' quality in the last few days, air in

Delhi Friday improved to 'moderate' with increase in wind speed due to development of low pressure area over the Bay of Bengal. The overall air quality index (AQI) recorded at 4 pm Friday stood at 154, which falls under 'moderate' category, according to a data by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

Adjoining Ghaziabad and Noida also recorded 'moderate' air quality levels at 122 and 132, respectively, the data showed. Delhi's AQI on Thursday stood at 210. An AQI between 0-50 is

considered 'good', 51-100 'satisfactory', 101-200 'moderate', 201-300 'poor', 301-400 'very poor', and 401-500 'severe'.

A senior CPCB official said there would be improvement in the air quality in the next few days as the wind speed improved. "The wind speed increased due to development of a low pressure area over the Bay of Bengal," he said.

The capital city Delhi has been ranked as the most polluted megacity in the world. Last year, the Delhi chief minister compared the city to a "gas chamber", while the Indian Medical Association issued a public warning saying it was in a state of "medical health emergency". United Airlines had cancelled some of its Delhi-bound flights, calling Delhi's air quality toxic, with conditions similar to a "natural disaster".

Egg production to touch 100 billion annually

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2022. Rupala said the poultry business does not require huge investment that helps small and marginal farmers.

Minister of State for Agriculture Krishna Raj spoke about importance of eggs in our daily life. "Eggs are clean and healthy food," she said. Speaking at the event, Agriculture Secretary Tarun Shridhar said the country's poultry sector is estimated at ₹1 lakh crore.

Egg production is about 90

and Haryana. "Low cost of egg production, high productivity, rise in egg consumption in the north owing to growing per capita income of a young and increasingly urban population and emerging export markets are certain key growth drivers of egg production in India," official said. India exports over five crore eggs worth over ₹250 crore each year and the winter season is the peak season for exports. Afghanistan, Algeria, Hong Kong, Maldives, Middle East and African countries are leading export markets for eggs produced across India and Brazil, China, Europe, Taiwan and the United States are India's biggest competitors. The global market for eggs is currently at over 2,000 billion and is rising at a growth rate of over 60 per cent.

SC refuses to stay WB Govt's decision to grant ₹28 cr to 28K Durga puja committees

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday refused to stay the decision of the West Bengal Government to grant ₹28 crore to 28,000 Durga puja committees across the State.

A bench of Justices Madan B Lokur and Deepak Gupta, however, issued notice to the State Government on a plea challenging the decision to grant ₹10,000 each to 28,000 Durga Puja committees.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for the State Government, said the money has not been directly paid to puja committees and has been given through the State police.

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SC rejects Kamal Nath, Sachin Pilot's petitions on voters' list of MP, Rajasthan

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday dismissed two separate petitions of senior Congress leaders Kamal Nath and Sachin Pilot seeking directions to the Election Commission to provide the draft voters' list in poll-bound Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan in text format.

Polls in Madhya Pradesh will be held on November 28 and in Rajasthan on December 7. A bench of justices A K Sikri and Ashok Bhushan said, "We have dismissed these petitions".

The apex court had reserved its verdict on October 8 on the plea of leaders alleging duplication of voters in the list and sought a proper redressal of grievances to ensure free and fair elections.

The plea filed by Nath said directions should be issued to publish the voters' lists in a "text format as per rules", instead of the PDF format, and expeditious decisions taken on all complaints before their final publication.

RS DY SPEAKER TO ATTEND IPU AT GENEVA
New Delhi: Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh on Friday left for Geneva to attend the 139th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) from October 14-18. The IPU has a membership of 178 countries. The delegation is led by Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan and includes Parliamentarians from both the Houses.

CENTRE TO STUDY K'TAKA'S AGRI-DASH BOARD MODEL
New Delhi: The Agriculture Ministry has decided to study Karnataka's latest agri-dashboard model that indicates if mandi prices of crops are ruling below the minimum support price (MSP), so that the Government can make timely intervention to protect interest of farmers.

CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

The Executive Engineer, Rishikesh Central Division, CPWD, Gate No. 1 AIIMS Campus Rishikesh (Uttarakhand)-249203, Ph. No. 0135-2462015, Email- eercd.rkh@gmail.com on behalf of President of India invites "Online Bids" from eligible Indian Consultant/Architectural firms for Consultancy services for "Comprehensive Architectural & Engineering Planning and Designing of Cardio-Neuro Science Center at AIIMS Rishikesh". NIT No. 18/EE/RCD/2018-19, EMD: Rs.5,16,600/- Time allowed: Till two months after the completion of project (tentative 24 Months). Last date and time of submission of online Bids will be 30.10.2018 upto 15:00 Hrs. Pre Bid Conference shall be held in the conference room of The Chief Engineer (NZ-IV), CPWD, 20-Subhash Road, Dehradun on 23.10.2018 at 11:30 Hrs to clear the doubt of intending Bidders if any. The Bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website www.tenderwizard.com/CPWD. The Press Notice is also available on www.eprocure.gov.in.

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NIT No. 19/EE/RCD/2018-19, EMD: Rs. 2,87,000/- Time allowed: Till two months after the completion of project (tentative 18 Months). Last date and time of submission of online Bids will be 30.10.2018 upto 3:00 PM. Pre Bid Conference shall be held in the conference room of The Chief Engineer (NZ-IV), CPWD, 20-Subhash Road, Dehradun on 23.10.2018 at 11:30 AM to clear the doubt of intending Bidders if any. The Bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website www.tenderwizard.com/CPWD. The Press Notice is also available on www.eprocure.gov.in.

RO RCD/1407, Date- 12/10/2018

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

The Executive Engineer, Civil Division No. VIII, Irrigation & Flood Control Deptt., Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Sector-15, Rohini, Delhi invites online percentage E-tenders on behalf of the President of India from approved and eligible contractors of I&FC Deptt. The contractors who are registered with other Departments but granted provisional permission by the Chief Engineer (I&FC) are also eligible for participation of e-tendering for the following works:-

1. NIT No.: EE/CD-VIII/2018-19/41
N.O.W.: Development of Chhat Pooja Ghat at L-Block and K-Block at JJ Colony Savda in Mundka A.C. H.O.A.: Development of Chhat Ghats. Major works **Estimated Cost:-** Rs 6,76,777 **Earnest Money:-** Rs 13,536 **Period of completion:-** 10 Days; **Last date and time of submission of tender:-** upto 3:00 PM. on 22.10.2018 (ID. No. 2018.IFC.159887.1)
2. NIT No.: EE/CD-VIII/2018-19/43
N.O.W.: Development of Chhat Pooja Ghat in Inder Enclave Part-II in Kirari A.C. H.O.A.: Development of Chhat Ghats. Major works **Estimated Cost:-** Rs 23,89,328 **Earnest Money:-** Rs 47,787 **Period of completion:-** 10 Days; **Last date and time of submission of tender:-** upto 3:00 PM. on 22.10.2018 (ID. No. 2018.IFC.159887.3)
3. NIT No.: EE/CD-VIII/2018-19/44
N.O.W.: Development of Community park cum Chhat Pooja Ghat in DDA Land at Asita Vihar, Ramesh Enclave, D-Block, Pratap Vihar, Ropu Vihar C-Block, Agar Nagar F-Block and Inder Enclave E-block and Niti Vihar in Kirari A.C. H.O.A.: Development of Chhat Ghats. Major works **Estimated Cost:-** Rs 20,20,247 **Earnest Money:-** Rs 40,405 **Period of completion:-** 10 Days; **Last date and time of submission of tender:-** upto 3:00 PM. on 22.10.2018 (ID. No. 2018.IFC.159879.1)
4. NIT No.: EE/CD-VIII/2018-19/45
N.O.W.: Development of Community park cum Chhat Pooja Ghat in water body at Karan Vihar Part-5, MLA Ground Prem Nagar-II, D-Block Parvash Nagar, A-Block Sharma Enclave, Vidyapati Nagar, C-Block Inder Enclave Ph-II and E-Block Agar Nagar in Kirari A.C. H.O.A.: Development of Chhat Ghats. Major works **Estimated Cost:-** Rs 26,66,602 **Earnest Money:-** Rs 53,332 **Period of completion:-** 10 Days; **Last date and time of submission of tender:-** upto 3:00 PM. on 22.10.2018 (ID. No. 2018.IFC.159885.1)
5. NIT No.: EE/CD-VIII/2018-19/46
N.O.W.: Development of Community park cum Chhat Pooja Ghat in DDA Land at Laxmi Nagar-III, F-Block Prem Nagar-III, Meetha Pani Prem Nagar-II, Laxmi Vihar near Shivam public School and Laxmi Vihar in Kirari A.C. H.O.A.: Development of Chhat Ghats. Major works **Estimated Cost:-** Rs 39,98,034 **Earnest Money:-** Rs 79,961 **Period of completion:-** 10 Days; **Last date and time of submission of tender:-** upto 3:00 PM. on 22.10.2018 (ID. No. 2018.IFC.159887.1)
6. NIT No.: EE/CD-VIII/2018-19/47
N.O.W.: Development of Community park cum Chhat Pooja Ghat in DDA Land at Rama Vihar Colony and Bhagya Vihar in Mundka A.C. H.O.A.: Development of Chhat Ghats. Major works **Estimated Cost:-** Rs. 8,27,375 **Earnest Money:-** Rs 16,548 **Period of completion:-** 10 Days; **Last date and time of submission of tender:-** upto 3:00 PM. on 22.10.2018 (ID. No. 2018.IFC.159890.1)
7. NIT No.: EE/CD-VIII/2018-19/51
N.O.W.: Making arrangement for Chhath Pooja at Munak Canal on Bawana Narela road near Hanuman Mandir at village Bawana. H.O.A.: Development of Chhat Ghats. Major works **Estimated Cost:-** Rs 36,43,424 **Earnest Money:-** Rs 72,868 **Period of completion:-** 10 Days; **Last date and time of submission of tender:-** upto 3:00 PM. on 22.10.2018 (ID. No. 2018.IFC.159894.1)

1. The enlistment of the contractors should be valid on the last date of opening of tenders. In case, the last date of opening of tender is extended, the enlistment of contractor should be valid on the original date of opening of tenders.

2. Earnest money in physical form and self attested copy of Registration of enlistment & other documents (eg. ESI & EPF registration, copy of PAN card, Copy of VAT documents) should be submitted in the Office of Executive Engineer, Civil Division-VIII, I&FC Deptt., Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Sector-15, Rohini, Delhi-110085 before the last date and time of submission of technical bids.

3. The details of above mentioned work(s) can be seen and downloaded from the website <http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

4. The agencies who do not fulfil eligibility criteria/do not submit required documents upto the stipulated time, their tenders shall be rejected summarily at technical bid stage.

5. Tenders submitted through e-procurement portal shall only be considered and no manual tender shall be accepted.

6. Intending tenderers participating in tendering process in EE CD-VIII, I&FC shall furnish ESI & EPF registration along with other required documents and the same shall be uploaded while bidding. Moreover the ESI & EPF registration documents of all contractors shall be kept on records and ESI & EPF registration documents of lowest tenderer to whom the work awarded shall form the part of the agreement. (I & FC department office order No.1417-48 dated 29.01.2016).

7. DIP/Shabdharth/1940/2018-19

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER: CD-VIII

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PRESS TENDER NOTICE FOR E-TENDER

The Executive Engineer(Civil) Divn-III, CCW, AIR, 10th Floor, Soochna Bhawan, New Delhi invites on behalf of the President of India online item rate tender for the following work :-

(1) NIT No.: 32/EE(C)/Div.-III/2018-19

Name of Work: Provision of Rain water harvesting system at CPC/CP&S premises, Doordarshan, New Delhi.

Estimated Cost: Rs. 24,98,720/- Earnest Money : Rs. 49,974/- Period of Completion : 05 (Five) months. Last date and time of submission of bid: 26.10.2018 upto 11.00 AM.

(2) NIT No.: 33/EE(C)/Div.-III/2018-19

Name of Work: A/R & M/O to Sirifort Auditorium, New Delhi. (SH:- Painting on walls & other miscellaneous works).

Estimated Cost: Rs. 8,02,644/-, Earnest Money :- Rs. 16,053/- Period of completion:- 04 (Four) months. Last date and time of submission of bid : 26.10.2018 upto 11.00 AM.

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website www.tenderwizard.com/AIR or www.eprocure.gov.in through system link of All India Radio, Civil Construction Wing./

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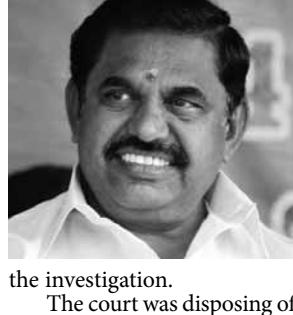
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CORRUPTION CHARGE AGAINST EPS

HC transfers case to CBI for fair probe

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■



the investigation.

The court was disposing of a petition filed by DMK organising secretary RS Bharathi on June 13 alleging large scale corruption in the award of five civil contracts by the State Highways Department. This is a portfolio being held by the Chief Minister.

Interestingly, the court ver-

dict came three days after the DVAC, which held a preliminary probe, gave a clean chit to Palaniswami last Tuesday stating that it did not find commission of any cognisable offence.

The complainant Bharathi had charged that the contractors who bagged major civil contracts of works funded by the World Bank were close relatives and friends of the Chief Minister and his son.

This is the second case against the Government of Tamil Nadu which has been transferred to the CBI. Earlier, the court had transferred the Gutka pay-off case probe too to the CBI for investigation as the case featured ministers and top bureaucrats and police higher-ups.

Raj Bhavan slams TN's Opp parties, 'yellow journalism culture'

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■
CHENNAI

The stand-off between Governor Banwarilal Purohit and the non-BJP political parties in Tamil Nadu reached a new high on Friday with the Raj Bhavan releasing a statement expressing concern and consternation over the incidents that took place in the last three days including the arrest and release of a magazine editor and the kind of diatribes used against the office of the Governor by the main Opposition party, its allies and a section of the media.

The Governor has referred to the arrest of Nirmala Devi, an assistant professor in a college at Aruppukottai in Southern Tamil Nadu in connection with charges of her enticing some of the girl students to solicit sexual favours for her higher ups. The magazine Nakheeran published a series of news reports claiming to be based on the statements

given by Nirmala Devi to police in which she is reported to have disclosed that the girls were being courted for the Governor. "The need for Raj Bhavan to narrate the truth has indeed shown the limits towards which fear of antisocial and lumpen elements has taken the society to. This is most unfortunate and reminiscent of the days under the British till the Father of the Nation came to the fore to teach the people to resist fear and stand on the path of truth and goodness," said the Raj Bhavan statement.

It said there was only absolute falsehood and not a shred of truthfulness in the links attributed to the Honourable Governor or the Raj Bhavan in the issue concerning Nirmala Devi. "The statement given by her before the police will itself bear out the truth. This being the case it is a matter of humour to hear people say that press freedom is being threatened on the court,

of action being taken under the law after much patience and tolerance to stop a slanderous, vulgar and cowardly way of attacking the first citizen of the State," the statement said.

The statement which has used power packed words said that the Raj Bhavan had maintained a dignified silence for more than six months ever since the issue came to light as the law was taking its own course. "It was indeed shocking to see a resurfacing of yellow journalism in an issue of the magazine in late September after the charge sheets had been filed and all investigation completed.

Those who claim to be involved in investigative journalism have not even bothered to verify the actual statement given by Nirmala Devi before the police. The height of casu- alness and cowardice in journalistic ethics had been reached with the publishing of this article," said the statement.

Fast track courts for disposal of infants' rape case

PNS ■ GANDHINAGAR

Gujarat Government on Friday appointed two fast track judges in order to quickly dispose the case related to rape on infant in Himatnagar as well as another rape case on minor in Surat.

With these appointments, trial would become speedy in cases related to rapes on minor girls. Hearing related to the attacks on migrant labourers would also be conducted in these courts as already over 60 such cases have been registered with the Gujarat police in different parts of the States.

On September 28, 2018 a 14-months-old girl was allegedly raped by a labourer belonging to Bihar.

Following the incident, provoked locals attacked on Hindi-speaking labourers working in factories. Taking advantage of the situation, some politicians too gave provocative speeches against the innocent labourers, as a result of it around 1 lakh workers fled to their respective States out of fear.

Meanwhile the Gujarat

The High Court has also asked to file affidavit against those personnel working with the State Government who failed to protect innocent labourers

High Court asked the State Government to file an affidavit in reply to a public interest litigation seeking action against those responsible for the recent attacks on migrant workers. The court has also asked to file affidavit against those personnel working with the State Government who failed to protect innocent labourers.

Human Rights activists and

advocate Khemchand Koshti

filed a PIL challenging the

"action or inaction of the State

as well as the State police in not

taking any preventive measures

to stop the attacks on the

migrants living in Gujarat.

In his petition Koshti has

claimed that more than two lakh migrants had fled to their home States after the

10K houses for migrant labourers at Alang

Union Minister of State for Shipping Mansukh Mandavia on Friday announced that nearly 10,000 labourers working at Alang - one of the biggest Ship Recycling Yard in Asia would be given houses.

The yard is situated along 10 km coast of Gulf of

incident of rape on infant girl. According to him nearly one crore migrants from the States of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar,

Cambay in Bhavnagar district where large number of migrant labourers, especially from Uttar Pradesh and Bihar are working.

According to Mandavia, the Central Government would fund ₹215 crore to construct housing for these labourers.

Odisha and other States working in factories, construction industry as industrial estates across the State.

Hunt is on to arrest ex-Min Manju Verma

PATNA: The police are frantically looking for Kumari Manju Verma and her husband Chandeshwar Prasad Verma after the Patna High Court rejected the anticipatory bail plea of Bihar's former Social Welfare Minister. The couple are absconding after coming under the radar of the CBI. The Begusari police withdrawn the police guard posted at her Shripur house under Cheri Bariarpur police station after he was grilled to inquire the whereabouts of Verma.

The name of her husband came up during the investigation in the infamous Muzaffarpur girls shelter home case in which 34 minor girls were sexually assaulted. Verma was found to be in constant touch with main accused Brajesh Thakur and reportedly visited the shelter home secretly. After that his wife Manju was forced to resign as she was Minister of Social Welfare, the department under which the Government run shelter homes come and granted finance. The CBI which was handed over the investigation by the Bihar Government raided their Shripur house on August 17 from where 50 live cartridges of various bores, including prohibited ones, were found. Since then the couple is on the run.

On Friday the Begusari police pasted a poster on her house declaring her absconder and asking people to let police know their whereabouts if they have any knowledge.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Notice Inviting e-Tender

The Executive Engineer South Building (M) PWD, P.T.S. Mahiya Nagar, New Delhi invites on behalf of President of India online Percentage Rate here Rule Tender/bid from approved and eligible contractor of CPWD, those of appropriate list of MLS, BSNL and other state Govt. Departments dealing with buildings and roads and other experienced contractors who satisfy the criteria of execution of similar works for following works:-

(1) NIT No. 68/EE/PWD/South Building (M)/2018-19, Tender ID 2018-PWD-159911_1. Name of work:- "A/R & M/O to Delhi Govt. D-II flats, Vasam Kunji, New Delhi during 2018-

MORE BOLLYWOOD NAMES FALL VICTIMS

Subhash Ghai, Sajid, Luv Ranjan face #Metoo heat

Akshay Kumar, Ajay Devgn, Farhan throw weight behind victims

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The "Me too" movement left the reputations of three more film personalities Sajid Khan, Subhash Ghai and Luv Ranjan in tatters and the shooting of film "Housefull 4" came to be cancelled on Friday, even as leading actors Akshay Kumar, Ajay Devgn and Farhan Akthar threw their weight behind the victim women.

Earlier, yesteryear actress and author Twinkle Khanna set the ball rolling, by tweeting: "Appalled hearing multiple incidents of harassment and it is truly horrific to hear what these women have been through.

Everyone involved in Housefull needs to take a firm stance on this issue. This cannot go on."

Twinkle's actor-husband Akshay Kumar tweeted minutes later: "I've just landed back in the country last night and reading all the news has been disturbing. I've requested the producers of Housefull 4 to cancel the shoot until further investigation. This is something that requires stringent action. I will not work with any proven offenders and all those who have been subjugated to harassment should be heard and given justice they deserve."

Akshay Kumar plays the lead role in "Housefull 4" which also features Nana Patekar, against whom actress Tanushree Dutta has made sexual harassment charge.

Much to the discomfort of

gations and prove the truth. Request my friends in the media to kindly not pass judgment till the truth is out," Sajid tweeted.

Sajid Khan faces charges of sexual harassment from actress Saloni Chopra and journalist Karishma Upadhyay.

"This is a heartbreaking time for my family. We have to work through some very difficult issues. If my brother has behaved in this manner he has a lot to atone for. I don't in any way endorse this behavior and stand in solidarity with any woman who has been hurt," Farhan tweeted.

Farhan was in no mood to spare Sajid. "I cannot adequately stress how shocked, disappointed and heartbroken I am to read the stories about Sajid's behaviour. I don't know how but he will have to find a way to atone for his alleged actions," he tweeted.

"Let there be no confusion about whether I stand in solidarity with the women who have spoken up. I absolutely do," Farhan added.

Expressing his shock over the "Me Too"-related developments in Bollywood, Ajay Devgn tweeted: "I'm disturbed by all the happenings with regards to Me Too. My company and I believe in providing women with utmost respect and safety. If anyone has wronged even a single woman, neither ADF nor I will stand for it."

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Tainted Nana steps out of 'Housefull-4'



TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Hours after sexual harassment-tainted Sajid Khan took "moral responsibility" and opted out as the director of film "Housefull 4", senior actor Nana Patekar – facing allegations of sexual harassment from actress Tanushree Dutta – "stepped out" of the film on Friday evening.

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Hospitalised Parrikar meets BJP leaders, allies; to shed portfolios

PTI ■ PANAJI

iling Goa Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar is expected to shed "many" of his portfolios after Dussehra, according to Ministers who met him Friday in a hospital in New Delhi to discuss governance issues in his home State.

Parrikar, who is undergoing treatment for a pancreatic ailment in New Delhi's All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), held meetings with party leaders as well as allies to discuss ways to ensure that his Government functions normally.

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Earlier, Naik and State BJP president Vinay Tendulkar were part of a Goa BJP core committee that met Parrikar at AIIMS.

BJP Ministers Vishwajit Rane and Niles Cabral were also present at the meeting.

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Ministers was also discussed. Vijay Sardesai, leader of BJP ally Goa Forward Party (GFP) and State Agriculture Minister, said Parrikar "wants to delegate many of the portfolios that he has".

"It is very clear that the Chief Minister wants to delegate many of the portfolios that he has and that is why he had discussions with us (alliance partners). We are likely to see this development (portfolio distribution) after Dussehra," Sardesai said.

Sardesai met Parrikar along with the leader of another ally Maharashtra Gomantak Party (MGP) Sudin Dhavalikar and Independent MLAs Rohan Khaunte and Govind Gawade.

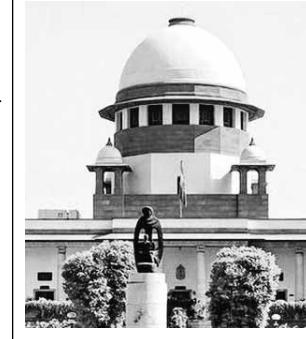
A bench of Justices Madan B Lokur and Deepak Gupta, however, refused to stay the decision of the Government to grant funds to Durga Puja committees.

The top court was hearing a petition filed by advocate Sourav Dutta challenging the Mamata Banerjee Government's decision to dole out ₹28 crore to 28,000 puja committees in the state for Durga Puja.

BJP Ministers Vishwajit Rane and Niles Cabral were also present at the meeting.

Speaking after the meeting with allies, Sardesai said: "The CM wanted to ensure that Goa has a stable Government and we told him that the alliance will play its role in the future."

SC notice to WB Govt on plea against funds distribution for Durga Puja



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court Friday issued notice to the West Bengal Government on a plea challenging its decision to grant ₹28 crore to 28,000 Durga Puja committees.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING



Yogesh Kumar Gupta

General public is hereby informed that a male namely Yogesh Kumar Gupta, S/o: Sh. Paras Nath Gupta, R/o: H. No. 165, Hingri Enclave, Burari, Delhi has been missing since 03.09.2018 from his residence. In this regard DD No.40-A, dated 04.09.2018 has been lodged at P.S. Burari, Delhi. The description of missing male is as under:

Name: Yogesh Kumar Gupta, **Age:** 20 Years, **Height:** 5'9", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Strong, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** White colour Shirt, Blue Colour Pant & Blue Cloth Shoes.

If anyone have any information about this missing male please inform P.S. Burari, Delhi.

Web: <http://cbi.nic.in>, **Email:** cic@cbi.gov.in, **Ph.:** 011-24368638/24368641, **Fax:** 011-24368639

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Tender Notice No. DDC-21(D)/PPP Tender/Advertisement/2018-19/4088

Dated: 09.Oct.2018

Commissioner Dairy Development, Govt. of Maharashtra is inviting e-Tenders, from 15/10/2018 to 15/11/2018 for the Appointment of consultant for improving asset utilization to enhance revenues and provide better citizen services for Dairy Development Department with renovation of Government milk schemes and chilling centers through public private partnership (PPP). Online tender notice, tender terms and conditions etc are published on website <http://mahatenders.gov.in>

Commissioner Dairy Development, Maharashtra State, Mumbai reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

Sd/-

R.R. Jadhav, (I.A.S.)
Commissioner Dairy Development,
Maharashtra State, Mumbai.

DP/9154/2018/2019/3617



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Henceforth Material Management Dept., Konkan Railway Corp. Limited will not publish advertisement for Sale & Supply. All interested suppliers are requested to get registered in Indian Railway E-Procurement System Portal (IREPS). The site address is [www.ireps.gov.in](http://ireps.gov.in) & watch for e-tenders of MMD/KRCL for participation. This becomes effective from 15/10/2018.

Place: Belapur

Date: 13/10/2018

Controller of Stores

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY

General public is hereby informed that an unknown person was found dead at CN-180, 1st Floor, Sonia Camp, Paschim Vihar, Delhi on Dated 24.09.2018 Time 17:46 P.M. In this regard Case DD No. 26-A, Dated 24.09.2018 has been lodged at P.S. Paschim Vihar, Delhi. The description of the dead body is given as under:

Name: Unknown **S/o:** Unknown **R/o:** Unknown **Age:** Approx60 Years, **Height:** 5'4", **Complexion:** Sallow, **Wearing:** Cream Colour Shirt & Pant.

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

SHO
P.S. Mundka, Delhi
Ph.: 011-25263471, 25267286
DP/1493/OD/18

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male, **Age:** 40 years, **Complexion:** Fair, **Height:** 5'4", **Identification:** Mole on the left side of face, **Injury Mark:** Head Injury, was wearing Grey colour Pant, was found Near Dabri Mor, Pankha road, Janak Puri, Delhi at 10.50 AM. In this regard a FIR No. 336/18 u/s 279/337 IPC, dated 15.08.2018, has been lodged at P.S. Janak Puri, Delhi.

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

SHO
P.S. Janak Puri, Delhi
Ph.: 011-25553166, 25551410
DP/7935/WD/18

DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (EAST)-II
E-BLOCK: PREET VIHAR: DELHI-110092

PRESS NIT No. 28/E-II (18-19)

S. No. Name of Work Amount Put to Tender Processing Fee Ernest Money Tender ID No. & Date of Release of tender in E-Procurement Solution Last Date/ Time of receipt of tender E-Procurement Solution

1. Replacement of old damaged 300 mm dia C.I. water line from Yudhistar Gali to Gali No. 15 to 60, Feroz Shah Wadhwani Nagar in AC-59 in East-II. 42,37,348.00 500.00 85,000.00 2018-DJB-160157-1 10-Oct-2018 06:00 PM

Further details in this regard can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Timely intervention

Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi initiates measures to fight pendency, prevent delays in justice delivery

Teekh per teekh may soon be a thing of the past given the priority Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi has given to the issue of tackling pendency of court cases in India. The trial and appellate structure of the Indian judicial system comprising Lower Courts (including magistrate and sessions courts), High Courts and the Supreme Court of India all are afflicted with the malaise of a huge backlog of cases. For anybody who has approached the courts of law in India for justice, which albeit are still the last refuge for many aggrieved citizens, a 15-year wait for it to be dispensed is not unusual. As a rule of thumb, in both criminal and civil matters, a decade in the trial courts and another five years in appellate courts is common. That ought to surprise none given there are 2.77 crore cases pending in the Lower Courts, 32.4 lakh cases in the 24 High Courts and 55,000 before the Supreme Court. The Chief Justice has correctly identified one aspect at the root of the issue – judges being on leave or unavailable on working days – and issued a set of robust instructions to ensure this practice is severely curtailed if not wholly eradicated. Redressal of two other grievances which lead to an inordinate delay in disposal of cases – advocates' and litigants' non-appearance and/or irregularity in attending court – is also in the hands of the presiding judicial officers who have all powers to warn and take punitive action if there is any mala fide found in such tactics.

The most praiseworthy element of the CJ's initiative is that he has shone the light within, to try and fix what is in the hands of the judiciary and he has consulted, via video-conferencing according to a newspaper report newspaper, the collegium of all High Courts comprising their respective Chief Justices and two senior-most judges to ensure that everybody is on the same page.

For starters, the practice of judges being allowed to take leave on working days unless due to pressing emergencies has been forbidden and those who do not follow this rule are liable to have judicial work withdrawn from them. In fact, the CJ has reportedly asked High Court Chief Justices to report to him directly any transgressions of this disciplinary measure aimed at inculcating a work culture that should be an example to all. Additionally, the CJ has expressed his disapproval of judges of High Courts and subordinate courts being away from work to attend seminars, workshops or official functions. He has also banned judges availing of their annual LTC during working days sending out the clear signal that while officers of the court do have the right to take a break they ought to, like most other professionals across sectors, plan their leave in advance and avail of LTC during prescribed court vacations. Last but not least, the Chief Justice of India has urged High Court collegiums to urgently recommend appropriate names (after proper and thorough vetting) to fill up the large number of vacancies for judges while advocating that the monitoring of the working of lower courts, which at present is a quarterly exercise and often a mere formality, becomes a robust exercise to be conducted daily. Thank you, Your Lordship.

50 WORD EDIT

Martyr to Ganga

It is a national shame that GD Agrawal, the man who fought for the cause of rejuvenating the Ganga all his life, breathed his last while on a 111-day fast demanding a ban on hydel projects and sand mining to save the holy river. His death must serve as a reminder to civil society, governments and individual citizens that saving the Ganga cannot and must not be reduced to a slogan.

Biased indicator

Fixed within templates, the World Bank's human capital index has yielded an incomplete and pre-determined picture

The World Bank and IMF have been known to be biased against developing countries, India included, to justify the West's agenda of ensuring superiority in the area that's a tougher challenge for us vis-à-vis them. That happens to be human resource development, handicapped as we, like China, are by huge populations. Justifiably, therefore, India has rejected the World Bank's latest survey of the Human Capital Index, which ranks India at 115 among 157 countries, pushing us back behind development indices of our neighbours like Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, some of whom have received development aid from us too. The index seeks to measure the amount of human capital that a child born today can expect when he/she turns 18. The Government claims that the report did not take into account several key initiatives undertaken for developing human capital, like those for the girl child, education and the now much talked about Ayushman Bharat. Besides, comparatives hold only when there is a fair, inclusive manner of data collection and analytics. Existing and fixed templates would but naturally yield an incomplete and pre-determined picture. Agreed that some of these schemes have just taken off the ground and perhaps wouldn't register high transformative impact in statistical terms yet. That doesn't mean that they would be completely written off either. Taken individually, each of our schemes covers a population as wide-ranging that many in the Western world too would not attempt to emulate. For example, the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan aims at providing access and quality of education for the benefit of 197 million school children. The Ayushman Bharat programme is now officially the world's largest health insurance initiative, providing 500 million citizens with adequate health coverage. About 38 million women have been covered under the Ujjwala scheme and according to the government, the account ownership among rural adults has more than doubled from 33 per cent in 2011 to 79 per cent in 2017, significantly bridging the rural-urban gap after the Aadhar and Jan Dhan schemes.

And though the World Bank has earlier acknowledged poverty reduction in India, it is true that it is yet to benefit all segments of the population equally primarily because we are still chasing targets of inclusive growth. That's what's stunting consumption graph. The only takeaway of the report is that it argues for increased health and education outlays. This is a shift from the World Bank's own frequent emphasis on infrastructure as a marker for development. The IMF, in fact, has historically limited public spending as a condition of its loan packages, considering human resource development has a longer gestation period of deliverables. Question is whether the bank itself, still fuelled by Western funding, is ready to reframe its outlook vis-à-vis developing countries?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TAKING CARE OF OUR CHILDREN

Sir — This refers to the article, "Parenting our future generations" (October 12) by Navneet Anand. Past generations believed that corporal punishment was a necessary tool for parenting. But has been found that corporal punishment can leave a child the living example of the virtues the child must acquire."

AJAY KUMAR
Kolkata
behaviour from our children and want to do justice to the immense potentialities hidden in them.

The mother said, "The children must be educated in an atmosphere of love and gentleness. No violence, never. No scolding, never. Always a gentle kindness and the teacher must be the living example of the virtues the child must acquire."

Sujit De
Kolkata
BLOWING THE WHISTLE

Sir — This refers to the article, "#MeToo movement: A spark or fire?" (October 12) by Ajoy Kumar. What started with actor Tanushree Dutta's allegations of sexual harassment against Nana Patekar, the #MeToo movement has swept the country as more and more women from various spheres are coming out in the open to break their silence over the assault on their dignity. It looks like the wave is not going to end anytime soon.

What the campaign highlights is the

(October 12) by Ajoy Kumar. Women power is at its peak now which has emboldened at least a minuscule percentage of women to break their silence over the assault on their dignity on the basis of the concept.

If the empowered women are really serious about a logical conclusion to the injustice done to them, they should make use of the legal procedures available. Unless it is done, social media will only help in tarnishing the image of those accused until they find ways to clear their names. But one has to admit that the social media revelations might check the

fact that women, not just from rural areas, but also from the metro cities, do not report such cases due to fear. This is indeed unfortunate.

Since allegations have come from various backgrounds, it is a testimony to the fact that women are being harassed at every corner of the society. It's high time that the society really lives up to the meaning of equality and walks-the-talk so as to ensure that all women are treated with utmost dignity.

Bal Govind
Noida
activities of regular offenders in higher positions who take women for granted. This would be the limited success achieved by the #MeToo movement.

Alqama Siddiqui
Delhi
SAVE THE PLANET

Sir — This refers to the article, "Heat waves: Soon to become a norm" (October 11) by Koya Siriraj. The UN's special report on climate change says though it is climate for the last bet to rein in climate change, makes it clear that all countries whether developed or developing are all susceptible to the vagaries of nature. It is, therefore, essential that all global leaders come on the same page so as to bring back humanity from the brink of extinction. The upcoming climate change meet in Poland this December provides for an apt opportunity for our world leaders to chalk out a road map to secure the planet for ourselves and for posterity.

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Chronicle of a death foretold

The UN's report on climate change makes for a chilling read. The threat of global warming is very real and requires a mass movement else it may lead to the end of life on earth

HIRAMAY
KARLEKAR

The Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C, released by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in Incheon, South Korea on October 7, 2018, makes chilling reading. Most of the predictions made in it — or their almost identically-articulated equivalents pronounced elsewhere — have been heard before. If these are most daunting, much more so is the new and breath-taking statement that at the current rate, the global mean temperature — which is already one degree Celsius above the pre-industrial revolution level — is likely to rise to the 1.5-degree mark sometime between 2030 and 2050.

It is important to recall here that the Paris Agreement on climate change, signed on December 12, 2015, calls for holding the increase in global average temperature well below two degree Celsius above the pre-indus-

trial revolution level and to try to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 degree Celsius above it, stating that this would significantly reduce the risks and impact of climate change.

The world has already warmed one degree Celsius since the industrial revolution, hence it is really a question of a difference of another half-degree. The Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C, however, clearly indicates that warming, even if limited to 1.5 degrees Celsius, would not reduce the risks and impacts of climate change. Sea levels will continue to rise beyond 2100, threatening coastal ecosystems and infrastructure. Flooding, drought and extreme weather events will wreak havoc on communities around the globe. Many species will continue to be driven toward extinction and marine ecosystems could face "irreversible loss".

A warming of two degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) would make things much worse with global sea levels rising 10 centimetres higher, and the Arctic Ocean being free of sea ice in the summers at least once per decade instead of once per century, as is forecast under a 1.5 degrees scenario. Coral reefs, which have been devastated in recent years by mass bleaching events, could decline by between 70 and 90 per cent with 1.5 degrees of warming, and by 99 per cent at two degrees.

The IPCC's Special Report enumerates several ways of pegging down global warming at 2.7



degrees Fahrenheit (1.5 degrees Celsius). These require unprecedented reduction of fossil-fuel use by half in less than 15 years and almost total elimination of their use in 30 years. This means no gas or oil heating of homes, business or industry establishments; no running of vehicles by diesel or gasoline; closing down of all coal and gas power plants; wholesale conversion of the petrochemical industry to green chemistry; and heavy industry like steel and aluminium either using carbon-free energy sources or employing technology to capture Carbon Dioxide (CO2) emissions and permanently storing these.

Besides, the Special Report further states, that depending on the speed of reducing the emissions, between 0.4 and 2.7 million square miles of land may have to be converted to growing bioenergy crops and up to 3.86 million square miles of forests added by 2050. Even that would not be enough, the report warns. Every pound of CO2 emitted in the last 100 years will continue to trap heat in the atmosphere for hundreds of years to come. By 2045 or 2050 there will still be excessive CO2 in the atmosphere. More forests or some form of direct capture that takes CO2 out of the atmosphere will be essential to stabilize global temperatures at 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit (1.5 degrees Celsius), above the pre-industrial revolution level.

Even if the proposed cuts in the use of fossil fuels were to begin immediately, it would only

delay, not prevent, a 1.5 degrees Celsius global warming. Worse, as now it would seem impossible to achieve these goals. This is clear from the fact that the current pledges to cut CO2 emissions are so inadequate that the global warming rate is set to rise by 2100 to at least 5.4 degrees Fahrenheit (three degrees Celsius), risking natural tipping points such as thawing of large areas of permafrost. President Donald Trump's withdrawal of the United States from the Paris Agreement has made things worse. While it would become effective from 2020, steps to dismantle measures to implement the goals set up by the Paris Agreement have already been initiated.

The answer clearly lies in building up pressure from below to compel Governments to take politically-difficult decisions and groups of people to abandon their opposition to measures that are critically important for impeding global warming. For example, it is known that post-harvest burning of plant stubbles in agricultural fields in north India is a major cause of air pollution which the time around Diwali to the end of winter. Nor is it a secret that it continues because farmers would not heed if ending it and Governments are unwilling to use compulsion.

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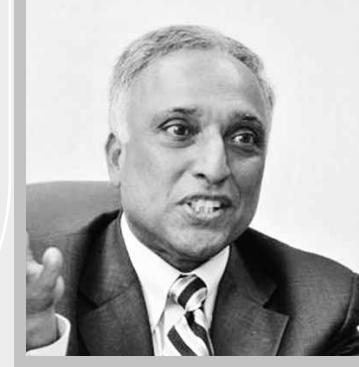
As a priority sector, the Government is placing emphasis on creating a necessary social milieu and basic infrastructure in the IT sector, aiming at increasing software export and attract investors

Pinarayi Vijayan, Chief Minister, Kerala

BUZZ FROM GOVT

So we have re-oriented our schemes and very soon we will roll them out one by one and in this entire ecosystem we should invest, co-invest together. We have set up a social enterprise division, which is not to promote charity alone, that is also needed, but to build up this coalition so that micro enterprises live with social enterprises

Ram Mohan Mishra, Additional Secretary, MSME



Sensex highest in 19 months, Nifty at 10,450

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Driven by fall in crude prices and the recovery in rupee, the BSE Sensex on Friday posted its biggest single-day gain in 19 months, soaring over 700 points, as global markets rebounded after two straight sessions of losses.

The rupee strengthened 53 paise to 73.59 (intra-day) against the US dollar in the foreign market.

Both indices ended the week higher for the first time in six weeks. During the period the Sensex climbed 366.59 points and Nifty rose 156.05 points.

After opening on strong footing, the Sensex advanced to hit a high of 34,808.42 on buying momentum after retail investors returned to the market.

It later gave up some of the gains, but still ended notably higher by 732.43 points, or 2.15 per cent, at 34,733.58.

The index posted its biggest single-day gain since March 2017.

The broader Nifty ended the week at 10,472.50, up 237.85 points, or 2.32 per cent. It touched a high of 10,492.45 points in day trade.

Investors lapped up recently-hammered auto, realty,

metal, oil and gas, FMCG, banking, power, infrastructure, IT, auto, and capital goods stocks amid unabated funds inflow by domestic institutional investors (DIIs) ahead of the release of key IIP numbers for August and inflation data for September scheduled later in the day.

Bear operators, who had been creating short-positions in the past several sessions, were seen covering up positions, brokers said.

"The whiplash in equities this week continued as market rallied strongly, driven by a good start to earnings season by IT bellwether TCS, a drop in crude oil prices, a drop in gilt bond yields and a strengthening currency," said Sunil Sharma, Chief Investment Officer, Sanctum Wealth Management.

Market has been deeply oversold, and investors were additionally buoyed by news that inflows into equity... Foreign investor (FI) selling was offset by domestic buyers, he added. Maruti Suzuki was the biggest gainer among Sensex scrips, rising 5.89 per cent, followed by M&M up 5.29 per cent.

Other auto stocks like Bajaj Auto, Hero MotoCorp and Tata Motors too rallied after

industry body SIAM said domestic passenger vehicle sales rose 6.88 per cent to 17,44,305 units in the first half of the current fiscal as compared with 16,32,006 units the same period of previous financial year.

Other prominent gainers included Kotak Bank, Coal India, IndusInd Bank, ITC, RIL, Tata Steel, Adani Ports, Asian Paint, Vedanta, ONGC, Yes Bank, HDFC, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, HUL, Bharti Airtel, PowerGrid, Wipro, L&T, Axis Bank, Infosys, NTPC and Sun Pharma, rising by up to 4.87 per cent.

TCS was the top loser in the index, with shares falling 3.10 per cent despite posting a record quarterly profit Thursday, over margin concerns. Shares of oil marketing companies such as HPCL, BPCL and IOC remained strong, rising up to 5.36 per cent on falling global crude oil prices.

Aviation stocks including InterGlobe, Jet Airways and Spicejet also rose up to 6.03 per cent, supported by easing crude prices.

Oil prices, after easing near 3 per cent in the previous two days, Brent was trading marginally higher at \$80.47 a barrel.

Sebi to auction properties of 4 companies next month

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Sebi will auction as many as six properties of four companies, including Swar Agrotech and Life Care Infratech, next month at a reserve



price totalling ₹5 crore as the market regulator looks to recover investors' money.

Properties of Servehit Housing and Infrastructure India as well as Raghav Capital and Infrastructure will also go under the hammer.

The auction of these land parcels spread across Uttar Pradesh and Haryana will be conducted on November 11, Sebi said in a notice issued on Friday.

Out of the six properties being put on the block, two each belong to Swar Agrotech India and Life Care Infratech; and one each of Raghav Capital and Servehit Housing.

The reserve price of these properties amounts to ₹4.74 crore.

The move is part of an effort by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) to recover money that these companies had illegally

mobilised from people.

Swar Agrotech, Raghav Capital, Servehit Housing had mobilised funds from the public through Collective Investment Scheme (CIS),

without getting regulatory approvals, while Life Care Infratech had raised funds from investors through issuance of securities without complying with the public issue norms.

The regulator has engaged SBI Capital Markets to assist it for sale of these properties through e-auction platform.

The interested candidates can inspect the properties on

during November 12-16, Sebi said, adding that bidders should make their own independent enquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of

properties put on auction and claims, among others, prior to

submitting their bids.

MTNL gets shareholders' nod to raise share capital to ₹10k cr

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

State-run telecom firm MTNL on Friday said its shareholders have approved proposals to raise authorised share capital by over 12 times to ₹10,000 crore and borrowing limit by around 38 per cent to ₹25,000 crore.

"To increase the authorised share capital of the company from ₹800 crore to ₹10,000 crore, a total of 99,9421 per cent shareholders voted in favour of the resolution...The following resolution was passed as a special resolution" MTNL said in a regulatory filing.

The resolution to raise the borrowing powers of the board from ₹18,000 crore to ₹25,000 crore was passed as a special resolution. "A total of 99.9203 per cent shareholders voted in favour of the resolution," it said.

The decisions were taken at the company's AGM Thursday.

MTNL has requested the

government to grant it 4G spectrum in lieu of equity worth around ₹6,500-7,000 crore and extend its mobile licence, which is expiring in 2019, till 2021.

MTNL Chairman and Managing Director PK Purwar had earlier said the company will need to invest ₹1,300-1,500 crore beyond the cost of spectrum for services and capital expenditure and it plans to increase the borrowing limits of MTNL.

Business Corner

ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF CMD PDIL TO PARTHA SARATHI SEN SHARMA



Partha Sarathi Sen Sharma (IAS), Joint Secretary(PS), Department of Fertilizers (DoF), Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Government of India, has been entrusted additional charge of the post of Chairman & Managing Director (CMD), Projects & Development India Ltd (PDIL), a Mini Ratna Category - I CPSE w.e.f. October 8, 2018.

3-DAY NATIONAL CONGRESS ON HIGHER STUDIES CONCLUDES



The 3-day National Congress on "Developing a Model Curriculum on Disability Studies for Higher Education in Indian Universities" organised by Society for Disability and Rehabilitation Studies (SDRS) at Auditorium, Indian Spinal Injuries Centre (ISIC), New Delhi concluded the other day with adoption of five-point charter of demands/recommendations related to promotion of teaching and research on Disability Studies in Indian context.

LOHIA AUTO OFFERS FOR NAVARATRI

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

"Lohia Auto Industries is presenting enticing gifts to make the festive season joyful for its buyers, on the purchase of Diesel/Electric 3 wheelers. This year has been extremely fruitful and been an exciting journey and Navratri is the perfect time to kick start celebrations and share this joy with the customers and double their happiness, therefore we have introduced exciting gifts on the purchase of Lohia vehicles," says Ayush Lohia, CEO of Lohia Auto Industries.

NSE launches commodity derivative contracts in gold, silver

PTI ■ MUMBAI

National Stock Exchange of India Ltd (NSE) on Friday launched commodity derivatives contract in gold and silver.

(30 Kg) are now available for trading on NSE, an exchange statement said here.

The contracts will be physically settled on expiry with Ahmedabad as the base centre. NSE is also planning to extend delivery centres to all major metros.

The introduction of commodities to its existing suite of asset classes gives the broking community a complete NSE advantage to trade and clear at one single location, it said in a statement.

Duty hike to raise import costs, add to industry's financial woes: COAI

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Telecom industry body COAI on Friday said the import duty hike on certain communication products will increase industry's import costs by about 10 per cent adding to financial woes, but asserted that operators are fully aligned to the interest of the nation.

The Cellular Operators' Association of India (COAI) — which represents all large operators in the country — estimates that industry's imports bill for network equipment stood at about \$2.3 billion over last two quarters, and that costs are expected to rise by about 10 per cent.

The Government on Thursday hiked the import duty on certain communication items, including base stations, to up to 20 per cent as part of efforts to check a widening current account deficit by curbing imports. This marks the second round of import duty hike announced by the Government in about a fortnight.

The revised duties would be effective from on Friday.

CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

The Assistant Engineer, Sub Division-I, Parliament Works Division-I, CPWD, New Delhi on behalf of President of India invites Online Percentage Rate Bids (CPWD-7) from approved and eligible contractors of appropriate class of CPWD for the following work:-

1. NIT No.215/EE/CPWD-18/19 Name of Work: A/R & M/o to M/s flats under S. /Dwts-I of PaWD during 2018-19. (SH: Construction of Main Gate, Approach & External works for Bungalow No 29 Feroz Shah Road.) Estimated Cost Rs.5,68,510/- Earnest Money Rs.11,370/- Period of completion Twenty Days Last time and date of submission of tender is 11.00 A.M. on 27.10.2018.

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website www.tenderwizard.com/CPWD or www.cpwd.gov.in

Essar completes ₹8,000-cr capex cycle for 2x600 MW

PNS ■ Ranchi

Essar Power has completed the ₹8,000 crore capex cycle for 2x600 MW Mahan power project in Madhya Pradesh. According to a press release issued by Essar Ranchi office, the unit of Mahan has been commissioned on October 10.

The second unit is supplied

GOVT. OF MAHARASHTRA

Assistant Director Dept of Archaeology, Pune

E-TENDER NOTICE NO -2 FOR 2018-2019

Online E Tender B-1 Form for below mentioned work is invited on Behalf of The District Collector, Pune and Chairman, Executive Committee Shreekshetra Nir Narsinhpravikas arakhada Sealed online e - tenders for the following work are invited by the Assistant Director Dept. of Archeology, Bungalow No. 4, Airport Road, Yerwada, Pune -06. (Telephone No. 020-26688925) from the contractors Registered with Government of Maharashtra Public Work Department in appropriate class of the Public Works department of Maharashtra State and impaled with Directorate of Archaeology and Museums Govt of Maharashtra.

e-tender work No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost Rs.	Earnest Money Rs.	Time limit for Completion	Cost of B-2 Form e-tender Fee Rs.	Class of Contractor
1.	CONSERVATION AND REPAIRS TO NAGARKHANA, CLOISTERS, SMALL TEMPLES AND PAVING AT: NIRA-NURSINGHPUR, TQ: INDAPUR, DISTT. PUNE	3,78,06,976/-	1,89,100/- (E-payment gateway)	12 Months	2,240/- (E-payment gateway)	Registered or unregistered contractor

e-tender time table

1. Download Period of bid documents / sale start and end dates.	Dt. 11.10.2018 at 10.00 am. to Dt.05.11.2018 at 17.45 pm.
2. Pre- bid conference date and place	Online or in the office of the Assistant Director Dept of Archaeology, Pune on or before Dt.29.10.2018 up to 11.00 Hrs.
3. Period of Bid Submission / Bid submission start and end date	Dt. 11.10.2018 at 10.00 am. to Dt.06.11.2018 at 17.30 pm.
4. Date and place for submission of Earnest Money and Tender Fee in form of e - payment gateway online. Receipt, Affidavit and Bid submission on time Two day Technical document Hard copy submitted to original in Sealed Envelope.	Dt. 13.11.2018 at 17.30 pm.in the office of Assistant Director Dept of Archaeology, Pune
5. Bid Opening Period	Dt 14.11.2018 at 11.30 to 15.11.2018 Upto 17.30 Hrs. if possible

Note :-

- All eligible / interested contractors are downloading and mandated to get enrolled on e-tendering portal <http://mahatenders.in>
- For online payment related issues, kindly send email with Bank Reference Number to this email ID merchant@sbi.co.in. You may also contact 022-27560149 for clarifications.
- The payment towards the cost of Tender forms will be done online only through RTGS/NEFT. It should be noted that one should complete these activities at least one day in advance.
- Contact below for difficulties in online submission of tenders:- (NIC- Toll Free Ph.No. 1800 3070232/ 7878107985-86)
- Bid submitted through any other mode shall not be entertained. However, Bid Security, proof of online payment of cost of bid document, Power of Attorney and joint bidding agreement etc.
- Other terms and conditions are detailed in online e-tender form. Right to reject any or all online bid of work, without assigning any reasons there of, is reserved with department.

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Assistant Director

Dept of Archaeology, Pune

प्राचार्य का कार्यालय, नालंदा मेडिकल कालेज, पटना

निविदा सूचना

वित्तीय वर्ष 2018-19 हेतु नालंदा मेडिकल कालेज, पटना के विभिन्न विभागों के लिये मरीजनां अपेक्षित रूप से निविदा देनी चाही जायेगी। निविदा देने की अवधि 10.

Flipkart, Amazon in festive sale slugfest

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The face-off between the two e-commerce giants Flipkart and Amazon continues with the Walmart-backed company claiming it doesn't see much relevance for Indian users from the competitor, and Amazon contending that it remains the "most visited and transacted" e-tailing platform in the country.

Less than three days into their biggest annual sale, both Flipkart and Amazon said they had record-breaking numbers across categories like smartphones, large appliances and apparel and claimed they were way ahead of the other.

Flipkart CEO Kalyan Krishnamurthy said the company was expecting a big spike in its Big Billion Days sales over last year, helped by increased presence in smaller towns and cities, expansive selection of high-quality private label products and availability of big brands on its platform.

Asked if he was worried about competition, he said: "We don't see that much of relevance for the Indian user coming from our competition today... We see them as becoming a global platform for premium Indian books and home goods buyers."

He also stated that having a competitor in the market had pushed the company to innovate a lot more. "But outside of that, do we really think... Do we worry about them? On a scale of zero to 10, it is close to zero today," he said.

Amazon, on the other hand, asserted that it continues to remain customer-focused and not competition-focused.

Amazon remains the most visited, most transacted, most trusted online marketplace in India. We are particularly excited that our investments in financing solutions, fast delivery across the country, product insurance and warranty, installation on delivery, Hindi as a language option, and other India innovations are paying off as customers across India see us as the destination of choice...," Amazon India senior vice-president and country head Amit Agarwal told PTI. He pointed out that its 'Great India Festive Sale' was already shaping up to be its biggest ever, with three times more new customers shopping with the company for the first time. "...we look forward to maintain this momentum for the rest of the holiday season."

This is not the first time the two companies have exchanged warring words. In 2016, the then

Flipkart CEO Binny Bansal had said 'selling churan, hing and members do not constitute real sales', taking potshots at its American rival.

Amazon had countered saying customers shopped for mobile phones, upgraded appliances, bought furniture and fashion along with items like churan and hing on its e-tailing platform.

E-commerce companies in the country are estimated to have clocked sales worth USD 1.5 billion (₹11,085 crore) in less than three days of festive sale with both Flipkart and Amazon India claiming to be leading the tally. According to RedSeer Consulting, e-commerce companies in India have achieved USD 1.5 billion in the first 2.5 days of the festive sale — led by sales of 4.6 million units of smartphones (translating into USD 800 million), large appliances (USD 170 million) and fashion (USD 120 million). It added that the industry was on track to reach the USD 3 billion mark — twice that of last year — by the end of the five-day festive period. Players like Flipkart, Amazon India, Paytm Mall and ShopClues have lined up attractive offers and discounts across categories to woo customers to shop on their platforms.

Revenue from the personal care segment during the

HUL Q2 net profit rises 19.51% to ₹1,525 cr

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

FMCG major Hindustan Unilever Ltd (HUL) on Friday reported a 19.51 per cent increase in net profit to ₹1,525 crore for the September 2018 quarter on account of double digit growth across categories.

The company had posted a net profit of ₹1,276 crore during the same period last fiscal.

Sales during the quarter under review stood at ₹9,138 crore as against ₹8,199 crore in the year-ago period, up 11.45 per cent, HUL said in a regulatory filing.

"Our focus on strengthening the core, leading market development and driving excellence in execution has enabled us to deliver competitive and profitable growth. In the near term, we expect demand to be stable. Our strength of agility and responsiveness gives us confidence to navigate the headwinds arising from crude inflation and currency depreciation," HUL chairman and managing director Sanjiv Mehta said.

HUL chief financial officer Srinivas Phatak said while the company expected the demand to be stable in the near term, the company would watch out for currency depreciation and crude price increase.

Revenue from the personal care segment during the

quarter under review was at ₹4,316 crore as against ₹3,910 crore a year earlier, an increase of 10.38 per cent. Revenue from homecare products stood at ₹3,080 crore up 12.44 per cent, compared to ₹2,739 crore reported in the corresponding quarter of the previous fiscal.

The food and refreshment category — which included Kissan, Brooke Bond Red Label tea, Bru coffee and ice-cream and frozen desserts business, accounted for ₹1,704 crore, up 11.66 per cent, during the quarter as against ₹1,526 crore a year earlier.

The company's board has declared an interim dividend of ₹9 per share of face value Re 1 each for the financial year ending March 31, 2019.

For the half year ended September 30, 2018, HUL's net profit was up 19.34 per cent at ₹3,054 crore as against ₹2,559 crore in first half of 2017-18. Its sales was at ₹18,494 crore in the half year ended September 30, 2018, up 6.94 per cent, as against ₹17,293 crore in the previous fiscal.

In a separate filing, the company also announced the appointment of Leo Puri as an independent director on its board effective October 12, 2018.

Shares of HUL settled 2.63 per cent higher at ₹1,568.65 apiece on the BSE.

Passenger vehicle sales rose 6.88 pc in Apr-Sep: SIAM

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Domestic passenger vehicle sales rose 6.88 per cent to 17,44,305 units in the first half of the current fiscal as compared with 16,32,006 units in the same period of previous financial year.

Domestic car sales also grew by 6.8 per cent to 11,69,497 units in April-September period of the current fiscal as compared with 10,95,077 units in the same period of 2017-18 fiscal, according to data released by the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers

(SIAM) on Friday.

Two-wheeler sales during the period under review rose 10.07 per cent to 1,15,69,770 units. Similarly, total commercial vehicle sales also grew by 37.82 per cent to 4,87,316 units.

In September, passenger vehicle (PV) sales declined 5.61 per cent to 2,92,658 units from 3,10,041 units in the same month of the previous year.

Domestic car sales also declined 5.57 per cent to 1,97,124 units compared to 2,08,742 units in September 2017, SIAM data showed.

Motorcycle sales last month, however, rose 7.04 per cent to 13,60,415 units as against 12,70,885 units in the same month last year.

Total two-wheeler sales in September rose 4.12 per cent to 21,26,484 units compared with 20,42,297 units in the year-ago month.

Commercial vehicles sales were up 24.14 per cent in September, 55,867 units in September, SIAM said.

Vehicle sales across categories registered a rise of 3.72 per cent to 25,84,096 units from 24,91,425 units in September 2017, it added.

M&M to launch luxury SUV codenamed Y400 on Nov 19

New Delhi (PTI): Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd (M&M) on Friday said it would launch its luxury SUV, codenamed Y400, next month. The new SUV, which will be built at the company's automotive plant at Chakan in Maharashtra, will be launched on November 19, 2018, it said. "Positioned in the high-end SUV segment, the Y400 is a high-end, full sized SUV that offers luxury and exclusivity in its tasteful design, lavish interiors, thrilling performance and best in class features," M&M Ltd president (automotive sector) Rajan Wadhura said. He further said the company was "sure that it will further enhance our SUV portfolio". The Y400 will be under the Mahindra brand and will be exclusively available through a separate high-end showroom within the existing 'World of SUVs' dealerships, it added. These outlets will be equipped with ultra-modern digital technology to provide an enhanced and immersive high-end experience for customers, the company said.

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BSE 500

SCRIPT **OPEN** **HIGH** **LOW** **LTP** **CHANGE**

SCRIPT	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
MARUTI	6,950.00	7,326.00	6,950.00	7,303.00	427.5
BAJFINANCE	2,227.25	2,320.00	2,227.25	2,286.00	123.9
EICHERMOT	22,944.00	24,199.00	22,501.00	23,601.30	1,243.85
M&M	738.5	775.9	735.5	768.5	38.35
HINDPETRO	215.5	222	213.3	218.6	10.65
JSWSTEEL	365	381.25	363.35	379.85	18.15
HINDALCO	218	228.15	218	227.2	10.7
COALINDIA	269.5	279.9	268.5	279	12.4
KOTAKBANK	1,122.00	1,173.15	1,122.00	1,166.05	50.5
TATASTEEL	560.8	578.8	558.1	578.5	23.35
IBULHSGFIN	912	941.9	912	928.4	36.7
UPL	609.1	635	609.1	630	24.85
BAJAJ-AUTO	2,549.50	2,648.95	2,530.10	2,621.70	95.9
INDUSINDBK	1,611.90	1,659.50	1,606.00	1,652.70	60.15
ITC	267.5	277.65	263.7	275	9.8
BPLC	289	295.7	280.1	287.85	9.7
RELIANCE	1,104.95	1,129.00	1,101.90	1,125.50	37.7
ASIANPAINT	1,233.90	1,256.95	1,230.90	1,260.00	40.95
TITAN	789	809.7	777.1	804.7	25.8
BAJAJFINSV	5,688.50	5,910.20	5,680.10	5,774.00	182
VEDL	210.5	216.6	210.4	214.5	6.6
ADANIPORTS	317	327.85	317	323.25	9.75
INFRAFTEL	259.95	267.5	258	265	5.25
ONGC	155.7	158.35	154.05	157.45	4.5
ULTRACEMCO	3,728.00	3,815.00	3,705.15	3,785.50	96.75
HINDUNILVR	1,555.50	1,577.50	1,540.10	1,565.80	39.7
YESBANK	247	254.4	244.5	245.6	5.45
ICICIBANK	313.85	324.25	313.6	318.5	6.8
HDFCBANK	1,945.00	1,971.00	1,942.00	1,977.00	39.45
INFRAFTEL	259.95	267.5	258	265	5.25
GAIL	351.9	361	351.2	357.3	7.05
IOC	135.3	136.75	133.15	133.6	2.6
GRASIM	892.4	901	879.05	894	15.65
POWERGRID	186.25	189.75	186.1	188.4	2.7
CPIA	620	627.2	612.6	624.75	8.55
BHARTIARTL	286	292.6	284.65	289.05	3.7
NTPC	163.9	165.35	163.05	165.15	2
WIPRO	316.15	319.95	309.5	316.3	3.25
SUNPHARMA	591.9	597.75	582.65	592	5.3
INFY	676.4	684.05	661.5	678.15	4.8
SBIN	266	267.9	261.5	263.7	1.55
AXISBANK	589.65	602.25	580.75	584.05	3.2
HEROMOTOCO	2,852.50	2,939.80	2,876.25	2,866.65	15.65
TATAMOTORS	185.95	188.4	182.6	183.9	0.95
LT	1,224.80	1,245.00	1,218.75	1,232.00	6.15
ZEEL	469.9	480	463.5	465.3	1.4
TECHM	692.05	702.55	688	693.85	-1.6
DRREDDY	2,460.00	2,490.95	2,432.45	2,450.00	-9
HCLTECH	1,003.30	1,007.00	974.5	982.25	-26.75
TCS	1,978.00	1,978.00	1,903.00	1,920.00	-59.95

NIFTY NEXT 50

SCRIPT	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
INDIGO	770.85	816.6	770.85	814.05	53.25
DMART	1,345.00	1,421.00	1,341.00	1,414.90	88.8</

Federal Reserve 'out of control', blasts Trump

PTI ■ WASHINGTON



President Donald Trump has intensified his attack on the US Federal Reserve following this week's plunge in stock prices, saying the central bank is "out of control" in raising interest rates, but ruled out firing its head Jerome Powell.

Trump's remarks on Thursday were the latest in a series of recent barbs he has unleashed at the Fed.

The Fed under his hand-picked chairman Powell has been gradually raising rates as the economy has strengthened to prevent a run-up in inflation.

"I think the Fed is out of control. I think what they're doing is wrong. Under the Obama administration, you had a lot of help because they had very little interest," Trump told reporters at the White House on Thursday while responding to questions on the down sliding of the stock market for a second consecutive day.

While the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell by 546

points, the S&P 500 tumbled 2.1 per cent and Nasdaq Composite by 1.3 per cent.

"When you talk about economies, our economy is far better than that. But we have actually — we're paying interest. They weren't. They were using funny money. But I think the Fed is far too stringent, and they're making a mistake and it's not right. Despite that, we're doing very well but it's not necessary, in my opinion. I think I know about it," he said.

At the same time, he ruled out firing Federal Reserve Chairman Powell.

"No, I'm not going to fire him. I'm just disappointed at the clip. I think it's far too fast. Far too rigid, far too fast," Trump said.

The President said the

markets were way up over what they were. "It's a correction that I think is caused by the Federal Reserve with interest rates. The dollar has become very strong, which, frankly, people can debate whether or not they like a strong dollar or not," he said.

Asserting that the dollar is very strong and powerful, he said that causes a little difficulty with doing business. "A strong dollar doesn't necessarily mean all good, but we do have a very strong dollar. And we have interest rates going up at a clip that's much faster than certainly a lot of people, including myself, would have anticipated," the US president said.

Trump's criticism of the Fed has raised concerns over its ability to operate free of political pressure.

On Wednesday, Trump said, "The Fed is going wild. I don't know what their problem is. They are raising interest rates and it's ridiculous. ... The Fed is going loco, and there is no reason for them to do it and I'm not happy about it."

Japan PM Abe to make rare China visit on Oct 25-27

AFP ■ BEIJING



Shinzo Abe will pay the first visit by a Japanese Prime Minister to China since 2011 later this month, Beijing announced on Friday, in the latest sign of warming ties between the rivals.

Abe will visit from October 25 to 27 and mark the 40th anniversary of the Treaty of Peace and Friendship between the two nations, said Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang.

The visit will "elevate our bilateral ties and put bilateral cooperation back on the right track," Lu said at a regular press briefing.

He added that the two sides will work to "jointly uphold multilateralism and the free trade system".

Lu said there a reception was planned to celebrate the Sino-Japanese friendship treaty, which was signed on October 23, 1978.

Abe and Chinese President Xi Jinping have met numerous times over the last few years on the sidelines of international events.

But no Japanese Prime Minister has paid an official visit to China since 2011 and no Chinese president has visited Japan since 2010.

Relations between China and Japan soured in 2012 over a territorial dispute over several tiny islands in the East China Sea.

GLOBE TROTTING

AT LEAST 34 DEAD IN UGANDA LANDSLIDE

Kampala: At least 34 people have been killed after a river in eastern Uganda burst its banks, sending thick sludge and rocks barrelling into homes, disaster officials said on Friday.

MAY FACES CABINET BACKLASH ON BREXIT

London: British PM Theresa May is facing fresh backlash on Friday from within her Cabinet over what several ministers fear are concessions to the EU in the ongoing Brexit negotiations. After a meeting on Thursday to update her so-called Brexit "war cabinet" of the latest plans for an agreement to exit the 28-member economic bloc.

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US Cardinal Donald Wuerl, accused over abuse cover-up, resigns

AFP ■ VATICAN CITY

Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of US Cardinal Donald Wuerl, who was blamed for not doing enough to deal with paedophile priests when he was a bishop in Pennsylvania, the Vatican said on Friday.

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Russia may bring forward manned launch after rocket failure

AFP ■ MOSCOW

after a rocket failure that forced two crew members to make an emergency landing.

It was the first such incident in Russia's post-Soviet history — an unprecedented setback for the country's space industry.

Russia said on Friday it was likely to bring forward the flight of a new manned space mission to the International Space Station but postpone the launch of a cargo ship

Turkey frees US pastor after 2 years detention

AFP ■ ALIAGA

A Turkish court on Friday ordered the release of an American pastor held for the last two years in Turkey, in a case that sparked a crisis in ties with the United States.

The court in the western town of Aliaga convicted Andrew Brunson on terror

related charges and sentenced him to three years, one month and 15 days in jail, an AFP correspondent said.

However, he was freed taking into account time served and his good conduct in the trial, with the court lifting his house arrest and overseas travel ban, the correspondent added.

CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

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1. NIT No. 216/EE/CPWD/I-18-19 Name of Work: A/R & M/o to MP's flats/bungalows under S./Div-/ of PaWd during 2018-19. (SH: Wood work in doors & windows in bungalow No. 23 B.R.M. Lane, 5 BRM Lane & other bungalows.) Estimated Cost Rs.5,18,819/- Earnest Money Rs.10,376/- Period of completion One Month Last time and date of submission of tender is 11:00 A.M. on 18-10-2018.

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website www.tenderwizard.com/CPWD or www.cpwd.gov.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

Dated 12.10.2018

I am giving this notice on the instruction of My client L.I.C. H.F.L. branch, Hapur. That Mr. Sandeep Kumar S/o Mr. Satpal Singh R/o 1691, Lajjapuri Hapur has applied for Housing Loan from my client regarding Plot No. 45 & 46 Area 85.87 sq. meter Khasa No. 129 & 130 Mi Situated Mohalla Prahlad Nagar Hapur purchased by him through sale deed at 13.02.2018 Sr. No. 4014. Now Mr. Sandeep Kumar Declared that previous original sale deed at 21.04.2008 Sr. No. 3255 Has been lost. The F.I.R. lodged by him on the dt 09.10.2018 in the police station Hapur Dehat. So original sale deed at 21.04.2008 is not possible to deposit in the office of L.I.C. H.F.L. if any bank or Financial institution or any other person have any objection or claim to obtained housing loan by equitable mortgage in favour of My Client Then contact to me on my address & Mobile No. which is enclosed here under within 15 days After published of this notice. After 15 days any claim or objection will not be acceptable & My Client L.I.C. H.F.L. would provide Housing Loan by mortgage the aforesaid plot.

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SHIKHA TALSANIA

I was a protagonist in a film where women played central roles with adult themes that was essentially loved by so many. I feel like keep repeating myself. We are telling stories that have a lot more truth in them. We are bringing way more reality to our films today.



KAPIL SHARMA

I feel everyone fights someday or the other. We are public figures and that is why our fights make it to the papers. But everyone has fought once in life — be it within family, business or work space. Little things keep happening. But since we are public figures, these things become news in our case.



SRIRAM RAGHAVAN

As a filmmaker, I want to bring some value, some thought in the mind of my audience. When I embark on the journey of storytelling, I am an explorer. My idea is to write a story where every character is well-etched out, irrespective of their gender. They're all human beings.



MANDY MOORE

I didn't choose the right person in Ryan (Adams). I don't feel guilty. I don't fault myself for it. When people said, 'I'm sorry,' I was like, 'No. Sorry would have been had I stayed in an unhealthy situation.' I didn't. I found my way out. And when I did, things opened back up again.



JEREMY SCOTT

Whenever I design, I think about my friends. The lookbook is like a party, celebrating the fun, the creativity and the energy of the people and the collection. It is inspired by positivity, love and diversity and has been brought out in collaboration with brand H&M.

TAILOR-MADE FOR YOUTH, RAMP GETS A BOUNCE

WENDELL RODRICKS, ABHISHEK GUPTA and NANDITA BASU and GAURI & NAINIKA used bold and pastel colours, butterflies and clouds to wow the audience



While the morning and afternoon was calm, twilight changed the venue into a party-like atmosphere where the fashionable people competed to look their best

Even before you entered the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium for the Lotus Make-Up India Fashion Week, music and fashionable people greeted you. EDM played in the background and the densely packed venue had large pavilions for the fashion shows and the party after. The Chivas Studio lounge let you pick a particular drink glass — not just to drink in but carry the glass. But if you thought you can spot people carrying empty wine or scotch glasses, you are mistaken.

A makeover station with Lotus products, big cars and free beer kept the crowd entertained between shows. Leggy men and women, flamboyant style statements and friendly chatter peppered every corner. A DJ played music right in the middle of the arena while people sometimes grooved to it. The morning shows did not pull as much crowd as those that began after 7pm. The beer also began flowing freely post 6pm. Models in designer clothes strutted around in the Exhibition pavilion for fashion buyers to have a look at the collections. While the morning and afternoon was calm, twilight changed the venue into a party-like atmosphere where the fashionable people competed to look their best.

The 8pm show came with

expectations since it had top fashion designer Wendell Rodricks' name attached to it.

Designer Schulen Fernandes for Wendell Rodricks presented a youthful and colourful collection with reds, blues, purples and yellows. The swimwear collection was sexy and stylish — aimed at millennials. Capes, dresses and ruched up sleeves with triangular sunglasses and socks with high heels made the outfits great for the beach or a party. The explosive use of colours with scarves, crop tops, crochet features, chunky necklaces, over sized bags and patterned shoulder straps and handmade statement jewellery had the same reaction which the name of the collection anticipated. While Abhishek Gupta and Nandita Basu's collection used white and gold with the butterfly motif. Long and short length in dresses, jumpsuits and rompers with flared sleeves made an elegant statement. Over sized jackets in gold and a n outfit, gold top till the mid-rif with flared pants with gold detailing, made a classic statement. Brocades in a royal skirt in colours of teal, pink and blue with butterfly motifs with a black crop top along with a dress in the same motif and fabric gave a extravagant look to the outfit.

It is perfect for casual traditional ceremonies or to make a statement at an austere event. Gauri & Nainika's collection was a dreamy affair with assymetrical hemlines.

The audience rocked to popular songs like *Don't stop believing* at the event that was high on energy and beautiful designs. Gowns with big sleeves in tulle used in different places, sleeves, skirt and body presented a feminine silhouette. Off shoulder and cold shoulder body con dresses with assymetrical mermaid silhouettes ruled the runway. Taking inspiration from clouds the clothes were big, flouncy but with definition. The show ended with the models and the designers dancing to an assortment of tunes while receiving standing ovation for their work.



Heads roll as MeToo movement gathers storm

Director SAJID KHAN stepped down from the film *Housefull 4* while AKSHAY KUMAR refused to work in the project after Khan was accused by two women



As multiple women came out to share their #MeToo experiences with Sajid Khan, the Bollywood director stepped down from his project *Housefull 4*, actor Akshay Kumar cancelled its shoot, and Sajid's family members Farah Khan and Farhan Akhtar expressed disappointment on Friday.

Sajid has been named by multiple women, including two actresses — Sonali Chopra and Rachel White — and one journalist for sexual misconduct. He has been called out not just for harassment but also for exposing his manhood to women. In response, Sajid wrote on Twitter: "In the wake of the allegations against me and the pressure being put on my family, my producer and the stars of my film *Housefull 4*, I must take the moral responsibility of stepping down from my directorial post, till the time I can allay the allegations and prove the truth... I request my friends in the media to kindly not pass judgment till the truth is out." Akshay was disturbed to read about the claims against Sajid, and requested *Housefull 4* producers to cancel the shoot until further investigation. It is noteworthy that the film also features Nana Patekar, who too is accused of sexual misconduct by actress Tanushree Dutta.

"This is something that requires stringent action. I will not work with any proven offenders and all those who have been subjugated to harassment should be heard and given the justice they deserve," Akshay added. Twinkle Khanna was the first to call out the *Housefull* team,

asking them to take a "firm stance" in the wake of allegations against the director and cast member though she did not name anyone in her tweet.

The accusations against Sajid are heartbreaking for the family, says his filmmaker-sister Farah Khan. "This is a heartbreaking time for my family. We have to work through some very difficult issues. If my brother has behaved in this manner he has a lot to atone for. I don't in any way endorse this behaviour and stand in solidarity with any woman who has been hurt," she tweeted.

Their cousin, actor-filmmaker Farhan Akhtar said he was "shocked, disappointed and heartbroken" to read stories about

Sajid's behaviour. "I don't know how, but he will have to find a way to atone for his alleged actions," he added.

Several celebrities' names have cropped up in the #MeToo movement, leading several others to take a stern stand.

Amid the rising number of cases and accounts in this wave, actor Ajay Devgn tweeted: "I'm disturbed by all the happenings with regards to #MeToo. My company and I believe in providing women with utmost respect and safety. If anyone has wronged even a single woman, neither Ajay Devgn films nor I will stand for it."

After Sona Mahapatra, another woman claiming to be singer Kailash Kher's family friend accused him of sex-

ual harrassment while actor-writer Piyush Mishra apologised to a journalist who wrote a Facebook post accusing him. He said he was a few drinks down and apologised if he made the "lady uncomfortable".

Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety director Luv Ranjan, who was also accused, denied the allegations saying it was absurd. He said he was willing to face an inquiry. The anonymous 24-year-old said that he asked her to strip down to her underwear to see if she needed to lose weight.

Karim Morani, who had produced SRK's films like *Chennai Express* and *Ra.One*, was accused by a woman of rape. She said that he had drugged her and clicked photos without her consent to stop

her from going public about it.

Meanwhile Subhash Kapoor, who was removed as the director of *Mogul* has now lost out on an Ekta Kapoor project, a web series called *The Verdict*.

Actor-producer Riteish Deshmukh expressed support for women who have been "extremely brave" to have shared their stories. "All need to be heard and not judged. I stand with them today."

Pink actress Taapsee Pannu tweeted: "More than the names it's the description of the way things happened is what is disturbing me the most. Makes me have this terrible feeling that we have discovered only the tip of this iceberg."

Actor Aparshakti Khurana made a

pertinent point.

He said: "It is really unfortunate that we have to start this kind of a movement to bring sexual harassment stories in forefront. People are expressing their views on social media about this issue, but there is a larger population which is not on social media and they also might be going through these circumstances but they don't have platform to share their stories.

"So, we also need masses to come out and talk about it. Sometimes people can also take unnecessary advantage of a situation, so, I hope everything is going in the right direction. I am really glad that people are coming out to share their stories which will curb anti-social elements of the society."

Filmmaker Subhash Ghai, who was accused of harassment by a woman on social media, has firmly denied the claims.

He said, "It is sad that it's becoming a fashion to malign anyone known by bringing stories from the past without truth and half truth. I deny, strictly and firmly, all false allegations like these. I have always respected each and every woman in my life and even at a work place." He also stated that the complainant should go to the court of law and prove her allegations, otherwise he will file a defamation case against the latter.

The allegation came to light through Mahima Kukreja, who had first raised her voice against comedian Utsav Chakraborty.

(With agency inputs)



Durgotsav with a cause

From eco-friendly pandals, awareness about orphans and spastic children to saying no to using plastic, Durga Puja associations try their best at CSR

There is the faint sound of *dhak* coming from the distance, which gradually grows louder. Then one can hear the conch playing distinctly followed by women ululating. One can also look forward to *dhunuchi naach* and pandal hopping, for you guessed it, it is the time the city and especially those who hail from the state of Bengal can look forward to Durga Puja.

But if you think that it is just a festival to dress and eat well while showing piety, think again. The Bengali associations across Delhi-NCR use their creativity to showcase their tradition and use the platform to also take care of their social responsibilities. From eco-friendly pandals to creating awareness about various social issues, the committees have done it all.

This year Arambagh Puja will try to create awareness about the plight of orphans and spastic children in India. Taking inspiration from the great painting of Abanindranath Tagore's *Bharat Mata* from 1935, the *puja samiti* will make a replica of 40 ft tall *Bharat Mata*.

Abhijit Bose, executive chairman, Arambagh Puja said, "Apart from a few NGOs, social organisations and government programmes, there is little awareness about the orphans and spastic children in India. This section has hardly any voice. Through this



year's Durga Puja we want to sensitise people, government and private bodies about this crucial issue in



India. First, we have to admit that it is a serious issue and then only can we solve the problem," he said, adding, "We have invited various NGOs who are working at the grass-root level with these children without any government aid and will try to help them as much as possible."

In Chittaranjan Park which is considered the hub of the Bengali community, the Co-operative Ground Durga Puja Samity, which is celebrating its 43rd Durga Puja, will showcase six different folk dances of West Bengal through creative panels made with eco-friendly material like papier-mâché, jute, plywood and bamboo. The attire of the idols is similar to Nataraj style and the colours are rustic. The dancers sing themselves and also perform to the singing of another group. Folk dances in West Bengal are mainly of three kinds: religious, social and cultural. Religious dances outnumber other forms.

The Chittaranjan Park B-Block Durga Puja has a *thakur galan* theme. This was a space for daily pujas at the zamindar houses where the floor had black and white checks like a chess board made with marble. They will be replicating the zamindars' houses opened up their homes to the public during the Durgotsav and

would feed thousands during that time. They have kept the environment in mind and used organic colours for the idol and cane, wood, cloth and thermocol for the *pandal*. "While the first three are easily recyclable the latter needs some effort," said Sameer Banerjee, general secretary of the puja committee.

At Mayur Vihar, the Milani Cultural and Welfare Association will pay homage to Satyajit Ray's anti-war fantasy comedy film, *Goopi Gyne Bagha Byne*, which was released half a century ago.

The pandal will focus on the film's central characters the King of Ghost, Goopi Gyne, the blessed singer and Bagha Byne, the blessed drum player, who brought peace between two warring countries through the power of their music. They will create an artificial bamboo bush with the King of Bhoot talking in his inimitable style and voice.

"Just the way, in the film the King of Ghost turned novice Goopi and Bagha into marvelous performers, we want him to bless us to say no to the use of plastic, thermocol and make our Yamuna clean with zero pollution. Our pandal is environment friendly, plastic free and child friendly," said Mrinal Biswas, general secretary of MC&WA.

Photo: Pankaj Kumar

'Delhi is the food hub'

Actress CHITRANGADA SINGH talks about the different cuisines she's tried on her travels. By ASMITA SARKAR

I get way too much happiness from good food," can be the catchphrase of many Indians. So not surprisingly, shows about it have been on Indian television since the 1990s. One of the first cookery show being *Khana Khazana* by Sanjeev Kapoor. But international exposure has ensured that the audience has come a long way and wants to watch innovative food-based shows that have challenges and are high pressure.

The AXN Ultimate Cook-Off - The Marriott International Challenge, that was broadcast on October 12 at 9pm on AXN and SonyLIV tested the expert chefs of India. Actress Chitrangada Singh was a judge on the show.

"It had a mix of everything, one Italian chef and three Indian contestants who specialised in different kind of cuisines. So it was quite a mix up. There were competitions where they had to cook according to the given cuisine/dish. It's not actually specific to any one culture," she said.

She is a foodie herself but doesn't eat too much. "I am somebody who really likes to try out different things as I travel and explore flavours. I feel very fortunate that I got the chance to travel quite a bit. I have been to some really strange places like Taiwan, Korea and I have spent a long time in Japan as well in South America. I had got the chance to really go through a lot of different cultures and cuisines. So such experiences make you develop a more refined taste and you understand fusion. It's because of the traveller in me that I am here as one of the judges," she said. When asked which is her favourite among the lot she pointed to Asian. "Whether it is Thai food and Indian of course, I like all the pulpy, masala and spicy flavours which have a really strong presence of chilly," she said. The herbs and spices like basil in Asian food are her weak points. In South American, which is quite bland for her, the flavour comes from fish and other meat. "It's completely different in that sense," she said. In Korean food, it is the barbeques and seaweed in Japanese that tickle her tastebuds.

When asked if she would be a part of any more shows, she said, "Let's see what the format of the show is and if it is exciting enough. AXN gives the time and makes it of a very good quality. The content automatically goes up with such things. So why not? If something that good comes up," she said.



For Indian travellers, she advises that they should stop sticking to their particular cuisines. "I want to tell them that you must experiment. My mother, who is a pure vegetarian, feels that there must be some meat in certain dishes. And I really try to push her to experiment more. Food is really an important part of your travel and you should be open to experiments and push yourselves to acquire and develop a new taste," she said.

She cooks a little and has a trove of Indian recipes and bakes from her mother. "Even today the cook in my house calls my mother to ask whether what he is doing is right. (Laughs) There are a lot of things that we have grown up eating like *Nan khatai*, that she used to make really well. My mother used to make a rum cake around Christmas time. In that she used to soak all the dry fruits and almonds and then she would bake it. She actually baked a lot of cakes which we would share. I remember coming back from school sometimes and there would be the amazing smell all around the house," she said. Even though she likes food from Rajasthan and Punjab her heart lies with Delhi as a "food hub" where the flavour is very different from Pune and Mumbai.

"If you have to try north Indian food, you have to go to Delhi. The *parathas* that you get at the Pandara road are amazing. I love the *kachoris* at Haldirams. And it's all in *Dilli not Delhi*," she said. While judging the show, her focus was on presentation. "And then comes the tasting. Then the third one is the x factor. The factor that shows that this dish is something new," she said.

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If you ask me whether I am greedy, I will say no immediately. And so will the other person. I will find other greedy and others will find me greedy," says producer director Aanand L Rai. Sitting in the lounge of a single screen cinema hall after the screening of *Tumbadd*, a movie which he has produced which looks at one of the seven sins closely, he asks the rhetorical question. And then he goes to elaborate it further. "Ask anyone what is more important family or money and we would immediately say the former. That is what we feel but do we actually act like that?"

And he illustrates it by giving his own example and says that he spends less time with his 16-year-old daughter as compared to his production. "Even if I say I am doing it to make money for my daughter but the fact is I don't spend enough time with her. So greed is something that you never admit to. Sub consciously *Tumbadd* forces you to think."

Rai admits that there is a conscious thought to resonate with the greed that can be seen in contemporary India. "But at another level these are the stories and folklores that we have heard through our grannies and elders. These are the lessons that we need to teach the coming generation. This chapter is timeless. When I see *Tumbadd*, I realise that money is not important. What I really liked about the film is that one moves from one generation to the other generation and the third and where the youngest generation says, 'I am done with greed.' I want to see that the next generation realise that the growth is somewhere else and not just in money," he says.

And he does see the younger generation as holding out hope even in the real world. "The younger generation is less confused as to what they want. At times we feel that they are a confused generation but my daughter is clearer about life than I was at her age. Whether it is career or life in general, even when these confused them in front. I am confused, guts to say this."

The director of movies like *Tanu Weds Manu*, *Ranjhana*, *Tanu Weds Manu Returns* and more says that he wanted to screen the movie for a select few not just because he wanted the scribes to write about it but also for the sake of initiating an intelligent dialogue and interaction.

The movie which was in production for six years stars Suhum Shah who was last seen in *Simran* in 2017 and also starred in the critically acclaimed *Ship of Theseus*. The fantasy horror movie directed by debutant Rahi Anil Barve is

Celebrities galore at Ramleela

Luv Kush Ramlila, one of the oldest Ram Lila committees, is also the one which is most talked about thanks to the array of Bollywood stars it gets each year

If the Delhi *durbar* is about power play, then its Ramlilas are about a world without politics and the ideal raja that is an aspiration at best. But there are real world takeaways too. Like actor Shahbaz Khan, who plays the role of Ravana and has perfected the stotras and shlokas of Shiva for his character, a perfect embodiment of eclecticism.

Luv Kush Ramlila, one of the oldest Ram Lila committees, is also the one which is most talked about thanks to the array of celebrities it manages to get each year and the technology blitzkrieg that it unleashes. Says organiser Arjun Kumar, "There are 40 film stars who will be playing different roles including Shahbaz Khan who plays the role of Ravan. What is interesting to note is that he has learnt the shlokas for a year now, quite a scholarly act in itself. Raza Murad plays the role of Surabhi. Then there is Bindu Dara Singh who is playing Hanuman."



Ravan engaging in battle mid-air or Hanuman flying. We will be engaging stunt artists," he says.

Adding to the razzmatazz of the event and lending an element of authenticity to the proceedings are the dresses. This time around, the committee has got Babu Bhai from Mumbai on board for the first time. "He makes dresses and even crafts shoes that are authentic and like that of a sanyasi," says Arjun.

If that's not enough, people do not have to be physically present to be able to enjoy the Ram Lila. It can be watched live on the phone or TV by logging onto their website. "Several cable operators have taken the URL and they too will be broadcasting it live on their private channels. There are 15 theatres in Bihar and UP, which will have a special show of the Ram Lila in the evening. It can be seen all over the world through multiple channels,"

Since security too is an important aspect of the entire proceedings, the committee has got the services of a private security agency and hired Black Cat commandos. "There are also 800 local children called the Swayamsevak karykarta which are divided into 40 groups of 20 each to look after the security. The Delhi Police is helping us. The CCTV footage will be monitored by both — our people and DP." Arrangements will be made to seat 25,000 people while 15,000 can watch it standing. "We expect about a lakh people watch it everyday as the audience keeps coming in and walking out.

The Shri Ram Dhamik Committee, Tri Nagar is not as old but it does have its own charm. Organiser Anil Garg, says, "We will not be using sets that generate a carbon footprint post-show. Rather we have LEDs where the backdrop keeps changing. So during the forest scene, the display changes to a forest on the screen. We have increased the stage size from 100 to 130 feet." They feature 65-70 artists but all of them know the entire Ramayana by heart and do not any prompting.

Garg organises another Ramlila in Pitampura called Sampurna Ramayana where the entire epic is performed within three-and-a-half hours. Performed over six days to get the maximum traction, what makes it special is that the language is easy. The title song is sung by Udit Narayan and the music has been composed by Chandra Kamal, son of Raj Kamal, who had done the music for BR Chopra's Mahabharata.



THE SECOND SIN

Turning producer, has helped director Aanand L Rai to understand a world like *Tumbadd* and stand with a film that is very unlike his style, says SAIMI SATTAR

set in the period before Partition and raises questions like whether an eternal life is a gift or a curse and how much money can make a person happy and what is really worth.

The cinematography is brilliant and one actually travels with the characters to the depths of the earth or even almost gets drenched in the incessant rain in the bleak surroundings that is a constant throughout the film. Rai admits that it was not easy for them as a team to hold up. "Tumbadd rarely happens where despite the best of vision and story, it becomes the riskiest film as the budgets go high, the cast is new, you can't be sure of doing that well at box office. But if we all decide that this can't be done, how can the Director of Photography create this world? He is not a magician, he needs resources which cost a lot of money."

So at the moment Rai's biggest challenge is get the audience to the theatre so that they can justify its making. And once they are here "they can watch a visual delight and have something to take away. You can't come to this movie, eat popcorn and walk away."

But given that very often a large segment of the audience is coming in to be entertained rather than be faced with tough questions that the film throws up and forces them to examine their lives, would they still queue up and buy tickets?

"I don't deny that people are coming to get entertained. If you aren't getting entertained by this film then I am ready to stand there and apologise. It engages you as it is an entertaining film. I personally feel those two hours that you spent in the theatre, you see a plot, a movement, that takes you away from your personal life. I am not thinking of



my own problems when I watch it."

Rai also points out that the horror genre in Bollywood is jaded and outdone. "It is overdue to redefine the genre. We are still doing what we did during the last two decades so we still see old *havelis* which are so typical. It was new at that time," he says and adds that Hollywood and Japanese films have a better understanding of this genre. "A movie like *The Conjuring* or *The Ring* or *Nun* taps the audience. *Tumbadd* might not be able to do the same kind of business but it is a beginning and we have understood that there is a long way to go. It is the beginning of new era of horror in India."

Since Rai has been a successful director who switched sides to be a director, what is the perspective that both the roles offer him? "It helps to understand both sides. I became the producer because I understood what a director goes through. When I decided to produce my own

films, I realise that there is this synergy and movement in the film. And then I thought that if I have understood it now, let me make life a little simpler or less difficult for other directors as I can be on the same wavelength," he says.

Talking specifically about the film, he says, "I know a director like me cannot create a world like *Tumbadd* and I feel fortunate to understand and stand with it — which in turn makes me a better director and a better person."

Coming to the contemporary world and the #MeToo movement, he says, "It was long overdue and we are moving towards a better society. These things should not be kept under wraps. We will stop talking about equality as it will be established. We will have a much better society in the next five years and even better in the next 10 years."

Amen to that.

Photo: Pankaj Kumar

FEDERER FIRES TO JOIN DJOKOVIC IN SHANGHAI SEMIS

Roger defeats Kei Nishikori to enter semis; Novak beats Anderson to sail into semi-finals

AFP ■ SHANGHAI

Although Roger Federer finally won a match in straight sets at this year's Shanghai Masters, it didn't save him any energy.

The defending champion reached the semifinals Friday by beating eighth-seeded Kei Nishikori 6-4, 7-6 (4). His first two matches both went three sets.

"It was the same length, actually, as all three of my matches went the same length basically, an hour and 52 (minutes)," Federer said. "So you see, two sets sometimes doesn't tell the truth."

Federer finished the match with 10 aces and landed an impressive 71 percent of his first serves. He went up a break at the start of the second set, but then trailed 4-1 in the tiebreaker.

"I was happy to get out in two," Federer said. "I somehow got it done. I think I can be very happy with my level of play this week."

Federer, a two-time champion in Shanghai, will next face 13th-seeded Borna Coric. The Croat defeated Matthew Ebden 7-5, 6-4.

"He's really improved his game, stepping up into the court, goes for his shots more than he used to," Federer said of Coric. "He good in defense now, he has a transition game now, and a solid serve. I've always played him when he's playing well, but I'll



(R-L) Federer plays a shot to K Nishikori; Djokovic in action; Zverev reacts after winning the match AP



ZVEREV WILL NEXT PLAY SECOND-SEEDED DJOKOVIC IN THE SEMIFINALS. THE WIMBLEDON AND U.S. OPEN CHAMPION, WHO IS LOOKING TO WIN A RECORD FOURTH SHANGHAI TITLE, DEFEATED SEVENTH-SEEDED KEVIN ANDERSON 7-6 (1), 6-3

hope I can take it to him."

Earlier, fourth-seeded Alexander Zverev secured a spot in next month's ATP Finals with a 6-4, 6-4 quarterfinal win over Kyle Edmund.

Zverev is the fifth player to qualify for the season-ending tournament in London, joining Federer, Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic and Juan Martin del Potro in the eight-player field.

"Obviously it's great to finally officially make it and obviously be part of the eight best again, which is an elite group, which is kind of the goal for everyone at the beginning of the season," Zverev said.

Zverev will next play second-seeded Djokovic in the semifinals. The Wimbledon and U.S. Open champion, who is looking to win a record fourth Shanghai title, defeated seventh-seeded Kevin Anderson 7-6 (1), 6-3.

Zverev won his only encounter against Djokovic in the 2017 Rome final.

"It was a different surface," Djokovic said of their previous match. "I wasn't, I feel like, playing as well as I'm playing today."

"But also, he has improved a lot, and he has established himself as a top player. It's going to be definitely a close match."

Anderson had a chance to take an early lead against Djokovic but he overhit a forehand on set point in the 12th game of the match. Djokovic didn't give the South African another opportunity.

Zverev, who improved to 4-0 against Edmund, saved the one break point he faced and took advantage of the two break points he earned.

The victory gave the 21-year-old Zverev a tour-leading 49th match win of the year. Dominic Thiem, who lost his opening match this week, is in second place with 48 match wins this season.

"It means a lot because I have kind of played only the biggest tournaments," Zverev said. "Obviously I don't want to stop here. There is still a lot more tennis going on till the end of the year. I'm in semifinals now, and I obviously don't want to be satisfied just yet."

Manu wins Silver in Youth Olympics

PTI ■ BUENOS AIRES

Young shooting sensation Manu Bhaker became the second Indian after judoka Tabitha Devi to win two medals at the Youth Olympic Games (YOG) after winning a Silver while the men's hockey team moved to the semifinals with a 4-2 win over Poland here on Friday.

In a unique format, Manu combined with Tajikistan's Behzan Fayzullaev in the 10m air pistol mixed international and settled for a Silver after losing the Gold medal match 3-10 to Germany's Vanessa Seeger and Bulgaria's Kiril Kirov.

The India-Tajik pair had on Thursday come through qualification with a score of 751. They then beat an Egyptian-Thai pair 10-4 in the round of 16 at the Parque Polideportivo Roca shooting range in the Argentine capital. They beat a pair from Lithuania and Moldova 10-8 in the quarterfinals and then overcame Andria Ibarra of Mexico and Dymtro Honta of Ukraine 10-3 in the semifinals.

The German-Bulgarian pair however started strong in the finals and was 3-0 ahead at one stage before winning 10-3 to emerge champions.

According to the format, the Gold medal winner of the individual event is paired with the athlete who finished 20th in the final.

India thus wrapped up their shooting campaign with two Gold and three Silver medals.

Of the eight medals won by the Indian contingent so far, five are from shooting. Manu and Saurabh Chaudhary had won Gold in the men's and women's 10m air pistol events, while Shahu Mane and Mehul Ghosh had won Silver in the men's and women's 10m air rifle events, earlier in the Games.

On the hockey turf, Shivam Anand (1st, 8th minutes) sounded the board twice while Maninder Singh (3rd) and Sanjay (17th) were the other goal scorers for India in the quarterfinals of the Hockey 5s competition at the Parque



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Deepa clinches second Bronze



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PTI ■ JAKARTA

Para athletes added two Gold medals to India's kitty after chess players and a shuttler grabbed yellow metal as the country continued its impressive performance at the Asian Para Games where Paralympic medalist Deepa Malik bagged her second Bronze on Friday.

K Jennitha Anto clinched the Gold in women's individual rapid P1 chess event after beating Manurung Roslinda of Indonesia 1-0 in the final round, while Kishan Gangoli got the better of Majid Bagheri in the men's individual rapid VI - B2/B3 event to claim the top spot.

Rapid P1 event is for physically impaired athletes while rapid VI - B2/B3 event features partially blind competitors.

In para-badminton, Parul Parmar notched up a 21-9 21-5 victory over Wandee Kamtam of Thailand to win the Gold medal in the women's singles SL3 event.

Athletes in this class have impair-

ment in one or both lower limbs and poor walking/running balance but they play in standing positions.

"I work as a coach in the Gujarat's Sports Authority of India. My target is Paralympics. I will play in the World Championships next," Parmar said after winning the gold.

"So, I want support from my office and I need sponsors. When we go to play international tournaments we don't have sponsors and we have to fund ourselves. I request the government to help us," she added.

Later, para athletes further made it a memorable day for the Indians.

It was double delight for India in the men's javelin throw F55 event as Neeraj Yadav and Amit Balyan clinched the gold and silver medals respectively.

While Neeraj's best effort was 29.24m, Amit threw the spear to 29.79 to win the silver. The bronze was bagged by Vietnam's Kieu Minh Trung with a throw of 28.27m.

Deepa had earlier won a Bronze in women's F 53/54 javelin throw event.

In the women's discus throw F11 category, Nidhi Mishra claimed a Bronze covering a personal distance of 21.82m. The F11 classification covers visual impairment.

India now have 63 medals in the Games, which conclude on Saturday. Thirteen of these are Gold, 20 Silver and 30 Bronze.

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The final of the tournament will be held on Saturday.

Sharma fires superb 64; lies third at CIMB Classic

PTI ■ KUALA LUMPUR



Shubhankar Sharma

"It was almost like I woke up after the front nine yesterday. I didn't really have the best of starts, but the next 27 holes after that have been really good," Sharma said.

Sharma started from 10th and birdied 10th, 16th and 18th and then added a fourth on first.

His sole blemish was on second, his 11th hole. Then he had five birdies over next nine, including three in a row from third to fifth.

"I was in a kind of a zone. I just feel like all the players playing at this level are at a very high level. On a course like this when they get going, they will go really low and I just feel like even I belong in that league," said said.

Bhullar picked up just two bogeys but he has also missed a lot of birdie putts. He has had only seven birdies, as he is under for 36 holes.

Lahiri not only had problems putting, but also had a triple on Par-3 11th as he grounded his club on the stone (in the hazard) without realizing. He was on the edge of the water and he came out with a bogey and the penalty turned it into a triple.

He had birdies on second, third and seventh, but a bogey on eighth saw him finish at 74 and two-over and T-73.

"It was one of those days, when nothing worked," said Lahiri.

Bronson Burgoon (63-69), who led after the first round was T-5th with Austin Cook (64-68) and Scott Piercy (65-67) at 12-under.

Bengal Warriors start off with win

IANS ■ CHENNAI

throughout the game.

Jasvir Singh came back to form for the home team, scoring seven points while in-form Ajay Thakur continued to toil alone grabbing six points.

It was a complete all-round performance from Bengal as they inflicted all out at crucial moments. Bengal Warriors were reduced to just one man in the ninth minute and trailed 5-9.

Rakesh NarwalA scored with a brilliant super raid in the 11th minute as Bengal Warriors leveled the match at 10-10 and avtered a sure-shot all out.

With less than 10 minutes to go, Bengal Warriors led 31-22 and looked comfortable. They didn't make any mistakes and ran out winners in the end.

India suffer first defeat in Sultan of Johor Cup

PTI ■ JOHOR BAHRU

Already through to the final, the Indian junior men's hockey team Friday suffered its first defeat at the eighth Sultan of Johor Cup, losing 2-3 against Great Britain in its last round robin match here.

With four consecutive wins earlier in the tournament, India had already entered the summit clash ahead of Friday's clash with 12 wins.

Great Britain are placed second in the points table with 10 points from five games out of which they won three.

The Indian juniors led by Mandeep Mor made a strong start making potential forays into the rival's striking circle.



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CHASE-ING SHADOWS- ROSTON DEFIES INDIA

Windies spinners manage to take their team at 275/7 as Indian spinners failed to restrict hosts in the final session

KOHLI CONSOLIDATES TOP POSITION

PTI ■ DUBAI

India captain Virat Kohli, who struck 139 in India's massive win in the first Test against the West Indies, on Friday consolidated his position at the top of the Test rankings, moving within one point of his highest rating point of 937.

Kohli had achieved his highest rating after the Southampton Test against England earlier this year.

Spinner Kuldeep Yadav's six wickets in the match, including a haul of five for 57 in the second innings, has lifted him 16 places to 52nd position.

Ravindra Jadeja's 100 not out has lifted him six places to 51st among batsmen, and with him also claiming four wickets in the match, he has bridged the gap with top-ranked Shakib Al Hasan to three points in the list of all-rounders.

For the West Indies, Roston Chase has moved up four places to 41st position and Kieran Powell has advanced five slots to 54th position.

Young Indian batsman Prithvi Shaw, who made an impressive debut in the Rajkot Test, has made fine entry into the Test rankings - entering the list of batsmen at the 73rd position. Australian debutant Aaron Finch, who slammed 62 and 49 in Dubai, was at number 72.

Meanwhile, Australia's opener Usman Khawaja has moved into the top 10 for the first time, after his dogged century helped his side salvage a draw against Pakistan.

The left-handed opener, who struck 85 and 141 to claim the player of the match award on Thursday and advance nine places, had a previous best ranking of 11th in January 2017, when he attained a career-best 747 rating points.

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PTI ■ HYDERABAD

Indian spinners went off the boil in the final session as all-rounder Roston Chase hit a gutsy unbeaten 98 to take the West Indies to a respectable 295 for seven on the opening day of the second Test, here on Friday.

Chase, who scored 137 to deny India a victory in a Test match in Jamaica back in 2016, showed the much-needed application with requisite technique as Indian bowlers struggled after polishing off the top half for only 113 runs.

Chase, along with skipper Jason Holder (52), did enough to ensure that the West Indies will have a good first innings total to fight against a heavyweight Indian batting line-up.

Not being able to dismiss the middle and lower-order was a problem in England and it once again turned out to be the bowling unit's bane as the Chase-Holder duo added 104 runs for the seventh wicket.

In England, it was the pacers, here it was the spinners and only one wicket fell for 102 runs in last session.

Nonetheless, Umesh Yadav (3/83 in 23 overs) bowled his heart out on a good batting track while left-arm wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav (3/74 in 26 overs) was also impressive during the first two sessions.

Debutant pacer Shardul Thakur left the field complaining of groin strain after bowling merely 10 deliveries and the Indian attack was reduced to four men.

It seemed good enough till tea time but the lack of a fifth bowler did have its effect in the final session as the two senior spinners Ravichandran Ashwin (1/49 in 24.2 overs) and Ravindra Jadeja (0/69 in 20 overs) lacked a Plan B to dismiss a set Chase.

That Jadeja didn't even have a Plan A was evident as he bowled flat out but wasn't even restrictive like Ashwin.

Prior to the match, when Chase was asked about doing a Jamaica encore, he replied: "Anything is possible."

He walked the talk and read the pitch better compared to his top-order colleagues.

He understood that it was a flat track and played most deliveries on the front-foot to meet the ball early. When the spinners fired in the faster ones, he was quick to lean on his backfoot.

In all, he hit seven boundaries and a six during his 174-ball knock.

However, it was India, who had started the post-lunch session on a dominant note with signs that another batting



Jason Holder, right, celebrates with Roston Chase after scoring fifty runs AP

debacle from the Caribbeans looking imminent.

Shimron Hetmeyer (12) offered no stroke to a googly and was adjudged plumb in-front. Sunil Ambris (18) played a loose shot as the Caribbeans were left stuttering at 113 for five.

Chase and Shane Dowrich (30) then added 69 runs for the sixth wicket before Umesh got the ball to reverse trapping the keeper leg-before. While the

umpire initially gave not out, skipper Virat Kohli had a successful DRS review.

Earlier, Ashwin and Yadav struck early in the session as West Indies lost their top-order in the first session in which they scored 86 runs.

At the stroke of lunch, Shai Hope (36) was dismissed by Yadav as India gained the upper-hand.

Opener Powell, who scored 83 in the second innings at Rajkot in the first Test, struck four boundaries. He successfully reviewed a leg-before call off Ashwin's delivery as TV replays showed a big inside edge.

But Powell did not survive long as Ashwin flattered one and the batsman, trying the inside-out lofted drive, failed to get the elevation to be caught by Ravindra Jadeja at cover.

Powell's opening partner Brathwaite showed better application compared to

DEBUTANT SHARDUL RULED OUT OF 2ND TEST WITH INJURY

HYDERABAD: The National Cricket Academy's rehabilitation programme once again came under scanner after seamer Shardul Thakur's Test debut against West Indies lasted a mere 10 deliveries due to recurrence of a groin strain sustained during the Asia Cup in Dubai.

Incidentally, this new injury fiasco happened only two days after the Committee of Administrators met the stakeholders in the cricket team for a much-hyped meeting trying to take a stock of Indian cricket.

After bowling the fourth delivery of the fourth over, which the West Indian opener Kieran Powell guided it past backward point, Shardul was seen in considerable pain as he started hobbling.

Once physio Patrick Farhart came inside the ground, the pacer was seen showing what looked like a groin strain. He then left the

field after a couple of minutes of deliberation with captain Virat Kohli and the physio. Ravichandran Ashwin completed Shardul's over by bowling the last two deliveries.

"Shardul Thakur has gone for scans. He will not take the field today. An update on his participation for the rest of the Test will be taken after looking at the scans and after being assessed by the team management," read the official statement from BCCI.

This is the second time that the 26-year-old broke down in back-to-back international matches.

"Groin injury is a fitness related injury and not an on-field one. My question is how did Shardul get a fitness certificate within 10 days of complaining groin soreness and then it recurs within another fortnight. Strange," a BCCI official, privy to NCA's mode of functioning, said on Friday.



Indian players celebrate after taking a wicket AP

the first Test as he was ready to dig in his heels and defend doggedly.

However, not scoring runs did put pressure as he looked clearly uncomfortable at not being able to pick Kuldeep's wrist-spinners.

In fact, he was facing problems with Kuldeep's incoming delivery -- the stock ball for a chinaman.

One such delivery ended his 68-ball vigil with a delivery that spun sharply into Brathwaite as the batsman played to a wrong line.

Youngsters Hope and Shimron Hetmeyer (10 batting), however, batted with grit, punishing the odd loose balls for boundary.

Both were ready to defend Ashwin off the front-foot primarily and it worked to their advantage as they added 34 runs for the third wicket.

The stand-out shots of the first session were a couple of back-foot punches by Hope off Umesh Yadav's bowling.

He also hit a front-foot cover drive before Umesh angled one in to get him leg before.

SINGLES

ASIAN CUP FOOTBALL GETS GREEN LIGHT FOR FOUR SUBS

KUALA LUMPUR: Next year's Asian Cup will allow a fourth substitute when games go to extra time, the Asian Football Confederation announced on Friday. The move follows a change to the official Laws of the Game, which was also implemented at this year's World Cup in Russia. "I am confident the new regulations will add to the excitement of Asia's flagship national team competition and further strengthen the AFC's ambitions to be the world's leading Confederation," AFC president Sheikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa said in a statement. The same rule will also apply at the AFC U19 Championship, starting next week in Indonesia, as well as next year's AFC U19 Women's Championship and the AFC U23 Championship in Thailand in 2020, the AFC said. The AFC has also said it is considering using Video Assistant Referee (VAR) technology "at some stage" at the Asian Cup in the United Arab Emirates, which starts on January 5.

YOKOHAMA TO HOST IAAF WORLD RELAYS IN 2019

PARIS: The 2019 athletics World Relays will be held in the Japanese city of Yokohama after the hosts for the last three editions, the Bahamas, were no longer able to offer financial backing, the IAAF said Friday. "After the Bahamas government confirmed that it would no longer be able to offer the financial guarantee that underpinned the event in Nassau, several member federations contacted the IAAF directly to express their interest in hosting the 2019 World Relays," the IAAF said in a statement. "Following very careful consideration, Japan was considered to be the preferred location." Yokohama, Japan's second largest city by population, will host the two-day competition on May 11 and 12. "This will also be a great opportunity for our athletes to experience the culture and conditions of the host nation little more than a year before the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games," said IAAF president Sebastian Coe.

MUMBAI TO HOST JUNIORTHON ON DECEMBER 23

MUMBAI: Juniorthon, the city's longest running and fitness carnival for children, will be held here on December 23, the organisers have announced. Juniorthon aims to promote running as an active lifestyle for children and their families. Juniorthon will be followed by a curated carnival boasting of more than 50 activities including a mix of games, food, rides, fitness activities, workshops and a lot more for kids to have fun while being fit.

"At Juniorthon, we are inculcating the healthy habit of running and going for outdoor activities amongst kids at an early age. Today's kids are very addicted to mobile games, gadgets and television keeping them indoors. This lack of outdoor

activities leads to rise in childhood obesity and other related lifestyle diseases. Mumbai Juniorthon is all about children running towards a healthier future and supporting a good cause," Bhavna Mehta, founder and creative director, Party Sharty Entertainment, organisers of Juniorthon, said in a statement.

The last date for registering is October 31.

IRELAND'S O'BRIEN RETIRES FROM INTERNATIONAL CRICKET

NEW DELHI: Ireland wicketkeeper-batsman Niall O'Brien announced on Friday that he is retiring from international and first-class cricket after a 16-year career. The 36-year-old, who made his international debut against Denmark in 2002, played 216 times for Ireland and appeared in his nation's first-ever Test, against Pakistan, in May this year. O'Brien opted for the number 72 shirt to mark his match-winning score in Ireland's famous win against Pakistan at the 2007 World Cup. His county career included spells with Kent, Northamptonshire and Leicestershire. "It is with a heavy heart that I am announcing my retirement from international and professional cricket," said O'Brien, who has played much of his career alongside his younger brother Kevin. "I have been blessed to have been lucky enough to have represented my country for 16 years with plenty more ups than downs and for this I look back with nothing but smiles and laughter." Cricket Ireland performance director Richard Holdsworth said O'Brien had been symbolic of the rise of Irish cricket.

Agencies

Mbappe cameo helps France avoid shock defeat

AFP ■ GUINGAMP

Kylian Mbappe inspired a fightback from world champions France as they rallied from two goals down at home to earn a 2-2 draw with Iceland on Thursday.

Birkir Bjarnason swept Iceland ahead from the edge of the area on 30 minutes, and Kari Arnason's excellent second-half header doubled their lead in Guingamp.

But Mbappe, brought on as a substitute for the final half-hour, gave France a lifeline when his shot was saved and then inadvertently turned in by Iceland defender Holmar Orn Eijolfsson.

The Paris Saint-Germain forward levelled from the penalty spot in the 90th minute after Kolbeinn Sigthorsson handled at a corner.

Ousmane Dembele was denied an equaliser by a terrific block from Iceland goalkeeper Runar Alex Runarsson, while Lloris pulled off a stunning save from Ragnar Sigurdsson before keeping out follow-up efforts by Bjarnason and Finnbogason.

"The team saw we needed to do something else. I bring what I can do,"



Mbappe told TF1.

SPAIN CRUSH WALES

CARDIFF: Paco Alcacer made his case for a regular place in the Spain team as the on-loan Borussia Dortmund forward struck twice in his country's 4-1 rout of Wales on Thursday.

With Diego Costa injured and Rodrigo on the bench, Alcacer seized his chance to impress Spain boss Luis Enrique in his first international appearance since March 2016.

The 25-year-old maintained his blistering club form to leave the Wales defence in tatters in a one-sided friendly at the Principality Stadium.

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Alcacer netted twice in the first half to make it eight goals in 14 Spain appearances, while Sergio Ramos and Marc Bartra were also on target for the visitors.

ARGENTINA BEAT IRAQ 4-0

RIYADH: Argentina shrugged off the absence of Lionel Messi as a second-string team eased past Iraq 4-0 in an international friendly in Riyadh on Thursday.

Argentine coach Lionel Scaloni used the match to blood a host of new talent with goalkeeper Sergio Romero, defender Ramiro Funes Mori and striker Paulo Dybala the only experienced players in the line-up.

Inter Milan's Lautaro Martinez opened the scoring in the 18th minute with a near-post header from a left wing cross by Marcos Acuna.

Roberto Pereyra grabbed the second in the 53rd minute when the Watford player finished off a smart one-two with Dybala.

German Pezzella headed the third goal from a corner past over-worked Iraq goalkeeper Jalal Hassan with Franco Cervi breaking through the defence for the fourth goal in stoppage time.

James put the Cafeteros in the lead with a spectacular effort from the edge of the penalty area in the 36th minute, thrilling a largely pro-

Portugal ruin Lewandowski's century celebration

AFP ■ PARIS

PORTUGAL: Playing without embattled Cristiano Ronaldo, defeated Poland 3-2 in the Nations League on Thursday, shattering Robert Lewandowski's celebrations of playing his 100th international.

European champions Portugal scored three times in 20 minutes in the Polish city of Chorzow through Andre Silva (32 minutes), a Kamil Glik own-goal (43) and a strike from Bernardo Silva (52).

Fernando Santos' Portugal team now have two wins in two in the Nations League after also beating Italy 1-0 in September.

The result ended Scotland's seven-match undefeated run in competitive outings stretching back to November 2016.

COLOMBIA BEAT USA 4-2

MIAMI: A Colombian team lead by James Rodriguez roared past a game but inexperienced United States 4-2 on Thursday in an international football friendly in Tampa, Florida.

James put the Cafeteros in the lead with a spectacular effort from the edge of the penalty area in the 36th minute, thrilling a largely pro-

Colombia crowd at Raymond James Stadium.

The United States responded with two goals in the space of three minutes by Kellyn Acosta and Bobby Wood early in the second half that gave the hosts a 2-1 lead. But Colombia rose to the challenge with goals from Carlos Bacca, Radamel Falcao and Miguel Borja to secure the victory.

Colombia's North American tour continues on Tuesday against Costa Rica at Red Bull Arena in Harrison, New Jersey, when the United States will face Peru in Connecticut.

Constantine said.

"We will go all out for a win. But if we lose, we will try to find out the positive aspects."

Lead striker and regular skipper Sunil Chhetri, who will take the lead as the country's lead striker, wondered just why it took so long for the two countries to

