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KOVIND ELECTED HEAD OF STATE

NDA's candidate wins race to Rashtrapati Bhavan with 65.65 per cent of total votes



Prime Minister Narendra Modi offers sweet to President-elect Ram Nath Kovind in New Delhi on Thursday PTI

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI
From a mud house in Kanpur Dehat to the sprawling Rashtrapati Bhavan on the Raisina Hill, Ram Nath Kovind, 71, completed an impressive journey on Thursday when he was elected the 14th President of India. The BJP-led NDA candidate trounced Opposition nominee Meira Kumar in a contest that went on the predictable line. In an electoral college of 4,986 voters with a vote value of 10,98,903, Kovind got 2,930 votes carrying a value of

7,00,244, while the former Lok Sabha Speaker secured 1,844 votes with a value of 3,67,314. Kovind got 65.65 per cent of the total valid vote value of 10,69,358 while Kumar got 34.35 per cent. The result indicated that despite the support announced by Opposition parties, more than 100 members cross voted in favour of Kovind. Kovind will be the first BJP leader to occupy the hallowed precincts of the Rashtrapati Bhavan. He will take oath on July 25, succeeding President

Pranab Mukherjee. Kovind, a former Bihar Governor, will be the second Dalit to hold the top constitutional position after KR Narayanan. Kovind will also be the first person from Uttar Pradesh to occupy the Rashtrapati Bhavan. According to Returning Officer and Lok Sabha Secretary General Anoop Mishra, Kovind got the votes of 522 MPs (3,69,576 vote value), while Kumar managed 225 votes (1,59,300 vote value). **Continued on Page 4**
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Paraunkh villagers elated at feat by 'gaon ka chhora'

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It was a mix of Holi and Diwali in Paraunkh in Kanpur Dehat, the native village of President-elect Ram Nath Kovind on Thursday. Locals danced to the tune of popular Hindi numbers, applied *gulaal* on each other and burst crackers to celebrate their 'gaon ka chhora's' elevation to the post of President of India. "It is a matter of pride for us that babuji has become President of India. His victory has added sheen to our village," said Kovind's nephew Sushil Kumar, his face smeared with red *gulaal* and hands full of *laddoos*. The celebration was in two villages: Paranaukh and Jhinhak. Paranaukh is a non-descript village in Derapur



People celebrate outside the ancestral house of Ram Nath Kovind in Kanpur on Thursday PTI

Tehsil where Kovind was born while in neighbouring Jhinhak village his brother and other family members reside. With Kovind's victory being a foregone conclusion, celebrations started in both villages since Thursday morning. **Continued on Page 4**

Congratulations to Ram Nath Kovind/ji on being elected the President of India! Best wishes for a fruitful & inspiring tenure **Narendra Modi**

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Ram Nath Kovind on his election as 14th President of Republic of India **Pranab Mukherjee**

I'd like to congratulate and convey the best wishes to Ram Nath Kovind on being elected the President of India **Afghanistan President Ashraf Ghani**

Congratulations to Ram Nath Kovind/ji on his successful election as the President of India. I wish him success and a great future **Rajnath Singh**

Congratulations to Ram Nath Kovind/ji for the emphatic victory in the 2017 presidential elections. His victory is truly historic **Amit Shah**

My best wishes to Kovind/ji, it is upon him to uphold the Constitution in these and spirit in these challenging times **Meira Kumar**

Congratulations Ram Nath Kovind/ji. Wishing you a great term as the President of India **Rahul Gandhi**

Prez-elect recalls his journey from 'mud house'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI
As rain drenched parts of Anational Capital, President-elect Ram Nath Kovind was on Thursday emotionally reminded of the rain lashing his 'mud house' in his paternal village and its straw roof not able to prevent leakage. Kovind, 71, only the second Dalit to occupy the highest constitutional post, affirmed soon after his decisive victory in

the election that protecting the Constitution and maintaining its dignity would be his duty. The President-elect said he never thought or aspired to be the President but his "tireless service" to society and country had brought him to this position. This sense of tireless service was an "Indian tradition" and his election as the President was a symbol of the greatness of Indian democracy, Kovind told reporters at

his Akbar Road residence. "It is a very emotional moment for me personally. It is raining a lot in Delhi today and it reminds me of days when I would stay in my paternal village. It was a *kachcha* home of mud walls. The straw roof would not be able to stop water during rains. We all brothers and sisters would huddle around a wall, waiting for the rain to stop," he said. **Continued on Page 4**

There are so many Kovinds in the country today, getting drenched in rain, doing farm work so that they can get their evening meals. I want to tell them that this Ram Nath Kovind of Paraunkh village is going to Rashtrapati Bhavan as their representative **RAM NATH KOVIND**

for any purpose other than Aadhaar. Citizens are even forced to share data with private banks, mobile service providers, etc, without any checks and balances. "When the citizen surrenders his information, it can't be a surrender of constitutional rights... When collecting the information the State must specify the purpose and use of data... It has a bearing on transparency too as the citizen grants consent to collection of data and the consent is limited to that purpose only," said Justice DY Chandrachud, a member of the Bench. **Continued on Page 4**

CAPSULE

MAYA'S RESIGNATION FROM RS ACCEPTED
New Delhi: BSP supremo Mayawati's resignation from the Rajya Sabha was accepted on Thursday by Chairman Hamid Ansari after she submitted a fresh resignation letter as per the prescribed format. **P5**

RELIANCE Q1 PROFIT UP BY 28% TO ₹9,108 CR
New Delhi: Reliance Industries Ltd reported 28 per cent jump in the June quarter net profit to ₹9,108 crore on back of higher refinery and petrochemical margins. **P10**

28 KILLED IN HIMACHAL ROAD ACCIDENT
Shimla: Twenty-eight persons were killed and nine others injured when a private bus carrying them fell into a gorge in Himachal Pradesh's Shimla district on Thursday, a State Government official said. **P4**

India sends message loud and clear to China

China too needs to pull back its Army for fruitful talks: Sushma

PNS ■ NEW DELHI
Rejecting China's pre-condition of troop withdrawal by India before holding any dialogue on the ongoing stand-off in Doklam in Sikkim, External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj on Thursday said both sides should first pull back their armies to end the tense stand-off in the Sikkim sector. The Minister also checkmated the Chinese side, which claimed to have international support on the issue, by saying several countries are supportive of India's stand at the Doklam which is just and not "unreasonable." "All countries are support-



issue is not wrong as they realise that China is getting aggressive with Bhutan," Sushma said in the Rajya Sabha

"The law is with our country. We are saying that the matter can be resolved through talks, but both sides have to first take back their armies," she added. India is working to find a peaceful solution to the ongoing stand-off with China, said Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Gopal Baglay, adding "The diplomatic channels have still not broken between the two countries"

INDIA'S STAND ON STAND-OFF

"All countries are supporting us and they understand that the stand taken by India on the issue is not wrong as they realise that China is getting aggressive with Bhutan," Sushma said in the Rajya Sabha during the Question Hour. It is learnt that the Indian diplomats are engaging with foreign envoys and top leaders of other countries on this issue and there is a general feeling against China's expansionist attitude. In fact, Australian Foreign Minister Julia Bishop said in the Rajya Sabha during the Question Hour. "The law is with our country. We are saying that the matter can be resolved through talks, but both sides have to first take back their armies," Sushma

WITHDRAW TROOPS, REITERATES BEIJING

Beijing: China on Thursday said diplomatic channels with India remained "unimpeded" to discuss the military stand-off in Sikkim sector but reiterated that the withdrawal of the Indian troops from Doklam area is a "precondition" for any meaningful dialogue. "Our diplomatic channel is unimpeded," Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang said. **PTI**

last week while lauding India for successfully resolving its maritime dispute with Bangladesh under UNCLOS, talked about Australia's unhappiness over construction of artificial reefs and militarisation of those structures by China in the South China Sea. Without giving details of Government's interactions with other countries, Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Gopal Baglay said India is working to find a peaceful solution to the ongoing stand-off with China. **Continued on Page 4**

INDIAN TROOPS MUST BE CAPTURED OR KILLED: EX-CHINESE DIPLOMAT

Beijing: If Indian troops don't withdraw from Doklam on the disputed border, they should be captured or killed, said a former Chinese diplomat who was once based in India. Liu Youfa, who was the Chinese Consulate General in Mumbai, said the entry of Indian troops into Doklam, which Beijing says is Chinese territory, amounted to "invasion." **IANS**

Consent for Aadhaar is not surrender of citizens' privacy: SC

ABRAHAM THOMAS ■ NEW DELHI
The Supreme Court on Thursday raised questions on whether the data collected from citizens for Aadhaar cards can be used for any other purpose to which the citizens have not given their consent. This question surfaced after petitioners supporting right to privacy as a fundamental right argued before a nine-judge Bench of the apex court that in a digital world, privacy has vast ramifications. As of now nothing prevents the Government from using the data collected from citizens

Don't politicise lynching: Jaitley to Opp States must punish cow vigilantes, says FM as Opp raises din in RS

PNS ■ NEW DELHI
As the Opposition and the Treasury Benches clashed in the Rajya Sabha during a lynching debate on Thursday, the Centre asserted there cannot be a separate Central law against such crime and that States have already powers to prosecute and punish the cow vigilantes. Finance Minister Arun Jaitley asserted that killings in the name of cow was unacceptable and said the State Governments should take stern action against those indulging in such violence. Jaitley, who

was speaking on the issue on behalf of ailing Home Minister Rajnath Singh, made it clear that the Central Government could not be blamed for violence by "some people". In the high-voltage debate in the Rajya Sabha, the Opposition and Treasury Benches blamed each other for rising the tide of intolerance. The Opposition accused the ruling party of creating an atmosphere that encourages lynching. The Congress hinted the RSS was behind such incidents. Jaitley and HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar asked the Opposition not to malign India

and refrain from politicising the sensitive issue. Also, they assured that law breakers will be prosecuted. "The Government's stand is clear. Nobody is allowed to do that (lynching in the name of cow protection). There is no rationalisation, no arguments of sentiments being hurt can be an explanation for this. And, the Government is absolutely committed," Jaitley said replying to the debate on 'situation arising out of the reported increase in the incidents of lynching and atrocities on minorities and dalits across the country'. **Continued on Page 4**

Vijay turns 10, zoo throws birthday bash

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI
Remember Vijay, the white tiger at the National Zoological Park who shot to fame after the fatal mauling of a man who had jumped into his enclosure in 2014? Well, the tiger who captured the imagination of young and old alike in Delhi celebrated his tenth birthday on Thursday at the zoo. The big cat and father of five cubs, who achieved celebrity status overnight, was treated by Delhi zoo to a special birthday feast of his favourite meat, a cake with "Happy Birthday Vijay" written on it and no disturbance from the

crowd at the zoo. As part of the tiger's tenth birthday celebrations, schoolchildren were invited to cut Vijay's birthday cake and take photographs with his cardboard cut-out and in front of various animal enclosures, zoo officials said. Schoolchildren also took part in a special event, Walk for Vijay, organised by the zoo authorities. Raja Ram Singh, Joint Director, Delhi zoo, said, "We did not disturb Vijay today and ensured that the celebrating crowd did not go too close to his enclosure." Singh said through this

birthday bash, zoo authorities wanted to raise awareness about wildlife conservation, especially among children, and take visitors to a trip of the zoo to discuss animal behaviour in the wild and in captivity. "For instance, animals in the wild have to make nearly 20 attempts to get a prey. But in captivity, they are provided food and shelter. Thus, there is a marked difference in animal behaviour in the wild and in captivity," he said. Another zoo official talked about how Vijay garnered negative publicity after the 2014 mauling. **Continued on Page 4**



Vijay at its enclosure in New Delhi on Thursday PTI

Doc abducted by Ola driver, ex-Ola staffers rescued, 4 held

On the night of July 6, Dr A Sreekanth Goud had booked a cab from outside the Preet Vihar Metro Station for Gautam Nagar. On July 8, one person called the customer care centre of Ola cabs and claimed that he had kidnapped the doctor and demanded ₹5 crore as ransom money from the company to release him because they were very clear in their mind that OLA will pay ransom for the sake of their reputation. During the course of investigation, police found absconding accused Sushil and his brother Anuj, both residents of village Dadri, were masterminds of this heinous crime.

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Police in a joint operation with the UP Police safely rescued a Delhi-based doctor who was allegedly kidnapped and held hostage by an Ola cab driver and his accomplices, who were also ex-Ola drivers, on Wednesday night. Senior police officers of the East district on Thursday said that four members of the gang have been nabbed. Meanwhile, the mastermind and four other accomplices are still absconding. Taking advantage of the Kanwariya processions, the accused had planned the timing to coincide with the huge rush of Kanwar pilgrims which leads to traffic jams and hampers mobility of police. On the day, the

accused were caught, they were dressed as Kanwariyas.

Police said that they had earlier been associated with Ola as drivers and they knew in depth how the system operates, right from registering a vehicle to other procedures. There is a slight gap in verification process, which they exploited. They were very clear in their mind that OLA would pay ransom for the sake of its reputation. "As the company had the capacity to pay a huge amount as ransom, they never demanded any money from the family of the victim and tried to portray the victim that he was merely incidental to the crime and it was Ola that they were targeting," said Ravindra Yadav, Joint Commissioner of Police (Eastern



KIDNAPPERS OF DR A SREEKANTH GOUD

Range).

"On the night of July 6, Dr A Sreekanth Goud, a native of Telangana and a doctor with the Metro Hospital had booked a cab from outside the Preet Vihar Metro Station for Gautam Nagar. However, when he did not show up for work at the hospital in East Delhi, his colleague and flat-mate approached the local police on July 7," Yadav said. Meanwhile, on July 8, one person called the customer care centre of Ola cabs and claimed that he had kidnapped the doctor and demanded ₹5 crore as ransom

money from the company to release him.

Seeing the gravity of the case, more than 20 teams comprising of a total of 120 police personnel were out on the job to solve the case at the earliest.

Investigators found that the Ola cab in which the doctor was kidnapped was registered only three days before the day of the incident.

"The accused confessed that they had been planning to kidnap a person to earn quick money for the past one month. For the same, they had prepared

forged documents related to the driving license of the driver, Aadhaar card of the owner of the cab as well as the driver, relevant documents from the Transport department etc. To execute a perfect plan, the accused had bought 20 mobile phones and 20 SIM cards. This was done to ensure that after each ransom call, they switched off their phone making it difficult for the cops to trace them," Yadav said.

"Since identity of kidnapers was completely blind, all teams were given specific tasks

to meticulously follow each and every small lead which could help in identifying the criminals. The teams worked hard ceaselessly to unearth the entire racket. The team camped in villages, fields, canals, jungles in difficult conditions to make the operation successful.

Gradually, it emerged that the kidnapers were based in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand and were changing their locations frequently. Areas like Ghaziabad, Bulandshahar, Baghat, Hapur, Meerut, Bijnor, Muzaffarnagar and Haridwar

were combed and scanned. For this, Meerut Police assistance led by Inspector General of Police (IGP) Meerut range Ram Kumar and SSP Meerut Manzil Saini and Addl SP STF Alok were also taken into confidence and they helped in providing logistics and support.

In an effort to identify the accused driver, various documents submitted by the alleged were verified, a number of executives and vendors of OLA who assisted in the process of attachment of vehicles and drivers were questioned. More than a hundred vehicles similar to the suspected vehicle were screened. Several disgruntled drivers were interrogated and their profiles were analysed in depth," said the senior officer.

To avoid getting caught, the kidnapers used the victim's phone to make calls for the ransom amount and had switched off phones to evade surveillance.

Eventually on July 19, police were tipped-off about the location of the accused and the victim. A raid was conducted by the team of ACP Shri Hemant Tiwari and Inspectors

Prashant and Ajay. The house was cordoned off. When the kidnapers realised that they have been surrounded by the police, they opened fire on the police party. In self-defence, ACP and team fired back. One of the kidnapers, Pramod sustained bullet injuries on his left leg. The victim was safely rescued and handed over to his family members.

During the course of investigation, police found absconding accused Sushil and his brother Anuj, both residents of village Dadri, are masterminds of this heinous crime. For several months, they had been planning to execute a fool-proof ransom operation wherein their identities would remain hidden. They were very sure that their identities would remain secret and used to say that it will ever remain a mystery as to who he is. They had taken great pains to plan each and every step meticulously. They roped in their neighbours Gaurav Sharma and Vivek, and their relative Pramod. They had identified several hideouts to conceal the victim.

Gzb hikes circle rates; applicable from Aug 8

SP SINGH ■ GHAZIABAD

Ghaziabad district administration has marginally increased circle rates and the new rates will be applicable from August 8, in the district.

Talking to *The Pioneer*, ADM (Finance) Rajesh Kumar Yadav said, "In prime commercial areas of Malviya to Bus Stand and Turabnagar Nagar to Ramtaran road by removing old discrepancies, new circle rates have been revised from ₹1.08 lakh to ₹1.20 lakh per metre.

Likewise, on GT Road in RED Mall area the new circle rates

have been revised from ₹90,000 to ₹1.80 lakh per square metre. This is the same area where former DM Nidhi Kesarwani had reduced circle rates from ₹1.75 lakh to ₹75,000 per square metre.

Likewise, from Gulmohar Garden to Savor park the new circle rates ₹40 to 45,000 square metre. In the same manner in Raj Nagar Extension area the apartments would be registered on ₹25,000 to ₹27,000 per square metre situated on 9 metre with and 18 metre wide roads respectively. New circle rates at SM World mall has been revised at ₹58,000 square metre

while in Shalimar City apartments area new rates will be applicable at ₹40,42 and 45,000 per square metre. In Siddharth Vihar locality the circle rates would be at ₹37,500 per square meter while in circle no-4, no changes have been made in its revision meeting.

In Modinagar circle, 25 per cent rates would be application on old rates on Link road of this town. The committee headed by the Ghaziabad District Magistrate (DM) Ministry S Nair, took decision of new circle rates applicable from August 8, 2017 added the ADM Finance.

Kovind visits Bangla Sahib ahead of counting of votes

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

At a day before announcement of presidential election results for the 14th President of India, National Democratic Alliance (NDA)'s presidential candidate, Ram Nath Kovind paid obeisance at Gurudwara Bangla Sahib.

On Wednesday night, Kovind visited the Gurdwara accompanied by his wife and children. This was his first visit after the voting for presidential election and before counting of votes. Kovind



said that he has great belief in Guru Granth Sahib and he had come to seek blessings from the almighty before the results.

Manjinder Singh Sirsa General Secretary of the Delhi Sikh Gurudwara Management Committee (DSGMC) congratulated him for his almost certain victory.

Notorious auto-lifter held, four stolen bikes recovered

SHRADHA WADHWA ■ NEW DELHI

South District Police on Thursday claimed to have arrested the notorious Auto Lifter Sandeep (23) and successfully recovered four stolen motorcycles after five FIRs were filed in a row regarding the theft of the same.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), South District, Ishwar Singh said, "While scrutinising the pattern and timings of the robbery, we perceived that the isolated areas of Malviya

Nagar, Neb Sarai and Saket were predominantly targeted. Therefore, in order to suppress the rise of these street crimes, we were given the responsibility to catch these criminals."

A team of eight police officers led by Inspector Proshun under the supervision of Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Palvinder Singh was formed. Police team worked persistently and also hired detectives to get traces of auto lifters in those areas. A trap was laid when they received specific input about the movement of

a desperate auto lifter near Jain Dada Badli Mandir, Mehrauli and busted the accused.

On interrogation, Sandeep disclosed that he along with his associate used to visit Khanpur and Sangam during late night hours. After the intake of drugs, they stole motorcycles which they unlocked with the help of the bunch of keys they carried. Later, they used to sell it at cheaper rates in order to satisfy their drug necessities.

He is currently under the custody of police and further investigation is on.

SDMC official held for accepting bribe

The official took ₹10K as bribe for granting licence to a meat shop

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI has arrested a South Delhi Municipal Corporation official on the charge of accepting ₹10,000 in bribe for the grant of a licence for a meat shop, an official said on Thursday. Veterinary Inspector posted at the south

zone office of the civic body, was arrested on Wednesday while accepting the bribe from the complainant, the release stated. The official said the accused would be presented before a Special CBI Judge at the Patiala House courts on Friday.

"The complainant informed us that the inspector had demanded ₹60,000 from him for the licence to open a meat shop in Aya Nagar (south Delhi). The CBI also conducted raids at his residence in Delhi," it said.

2 nabbed for printing, circulating fake notes in Gurugram

Gurugram: Two persons have been arrested for allegedly printing fake notes of ₹100 and ₹500 denominations and circulating them in markets and rural areas of Gurugram. Police have seized ₹1,500 in fake notes of ₹500 denomination from them.

According to police, the duo had purchased high-quality paper, printer and scanner worth ₹18,000 from Delhi. As of now, they had circulated fake notes of ₹100 denomination of the face value of ₹3 lakh over the past 10 months from different areas of Delhi, Ajmer and Gurugram.

Investigation Agency (CIA) suspect that a few more people are involved in printing and circulation of fake currency notes in the market.

On July 19, acting on a tip-off the CIA of Sector-46 police station mounted a surveillance on Sultanpur Road and nabbed the two accused who were travelling on a bike.

The accused were identified as Sombir of village Khedi Jatt, Jhajjar district of Haryana and Suraj alias Babloo a resident of village Khidwai, Rohtak district of Haryana. "During an investigation, Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICN) of ₹500 denom-

ination of the face value of ₹1,500 was seized from them," Sub-Inspector Krishan Kumar, the investigating officer, said.

Mastermind in the case Sombir told police that three years ago he saw his cousin while making a counterfeit notes in Rohtak and from there he got the idea. However, his brother was arrested by the Rohtak police and currently lodged in Dulina, Jhajjar jail.

The duo printed fake notes with the help of high-quality scanner and printer and used to circulate it in the slum and rural areas so that no one could catch them. SR

Differently-abled Dalit girl raped by neighbour in Kasna

STAFF REPORTER ■ GREATER NOIDA

A 17-year-old differently-abled Dalit girl was allegedly raped by her neighbour in Kasna Village here, police said on Thursday.

According to the complaint filed by the girl's family, the accused Lala Prajapati barged into her home last night when she was alone and raped her. He also threatened her with dire consequences if he informed anyone about it, they said.

Prajapati has been booked under charges of rape and hunt is on to nab him, SP (Rural) Suniti Singh said. Investigation is underway and the girl has been sent for a medical examination, she said.

BJYM members blacken nameplate outside Naresh Agarwal's house

New Delhi: Activists of the BJP's youth wing on Thursday blackened the nameplate outside the residence of Samajwadi Party MP Naresh Agarwal over his "derogatory" remark against Hindu gods. The protesters were removed and taken to the Tughlaq Road police station, Bhartiya Janta Yuva Morcha (BJYM) media in-charge Rohit Chahal said. Agarwal's remarks on Hindu gods had on Wednesday sparked an uproar in the Rajya Sabha, with several members of the House demanding an apology from him. "Agarwal's attempt to hurt sentiments of Hindus in a derogatory reference is highly condemnable. He is a senior leader and should be careful with his choice of words," BJYM leader Shivam Chhabra said. STAFF REPORTER

Lack of green cover: NGT summons Gzb civic body chief

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has taken exception to non-compliance of its order for maintaining roads and pavements with sufficient green cover in Ghaziabad and summoned the Municipal Commissioner there for explaining the delay in the implementation of the directive.

A Bench headed by Justice RS Rathore slammed the corporation for not executing its order despite giving an unconditional undertaking and assurance to the tribunal.

It also took exception to the affidavit filed by the Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation (GMC) stating that the green panel's direction of May 16, 2016 order had been complied with.

"There is no dispute about the fact that the compliance of the said order has not been fully made so far. More over an undertaking was given by the respondent namely the civic body on November 15, 2016 whereby they sought two months time to comply with

the order. "Now even after seven months, the compliance has not been made. Therefore before proceeding further, we direct the GMC commissioner to remain present before the tribunal on the next date of hearing (July 24)," the bench said.

The tribunal had earlier imposed a fine of ₹1 lakh on three officials of the Ghaziabad to remain present before the tribunal on maintenance of roads and pavements with green cover in one of the sectors.

It had said that municipal commissioner, chief engineer and the executive engineer were responsible for the lapses in Sector-3 of Vasundhara and directed that the fine be recovered from them.

The tribunal's order came on a plea filed by Ghaziabad-resident Nayan Agrawal seeking execution of the NGT's direction to repair and carry out maintenance of the roads and pavements with sufficient green cover in Sector 3 in Vasundhara area of the district.

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1. NIT No. 06(R)/EE/HMD(North)/PWD/2017-18 (Tender ID No. 2017_PWD_133345_1) Name of work: A/R & M/O Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hospital, Rohini, Sector-6, Delhi, during 2017-18 (SH: Day to day maintenance of Medical College (By Providing Manpower)); **Estimated Cost:** Rs. 12,25,160/-; **Earnest Money:** Rs. 24,503/- in favour of the Executive Engineer (C) PWD Building Project Division B-231(N). **Period of completion:** 12 (Twelve) Months. **Last date and time of submission of Bid 25.07.2017 at 3:00 pm.**
2. NIT No. 36/EE/HMD(North)/PWD/2017-18 (Tender ID No. 2017_PWD_133347_1) Name of work: EOR to Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hospital, Sector-6, Rohini, Delhi; Renovation of Labour Room area/Maternity Block (SH: Providing granite flooring and wall tiles, Balance work). **Estimated Cost:** Rs. 8,72,938/-; **Earnest Money:** Rs. 17,459/- in favour of the Executive Engineer (C) PWD Building Project Division B-231(N). **Period of completion:** 01 (One) Month. **Last date and time of submission of Bid 25.07.2017 at 3:00 pm.** The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website <http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>.

FORM A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

[Under Regulation 6 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016]

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CREDITORS OF INTERNATIONAL RECREATION & AMUSEMENT LIMITED

RELEVANT PARTICULARS

1. Name of corporate debtor	International Recreation & Amusement Limited
2. Date of incorporation of Corporate Debtor	10th December, 2010
3. Authority under which corporate debtor is incorporated	Companies Act, 1956, Registrar of Companies, Delhi
4. Corporate identity number of the corporate debtor	U92412DL2010PLC211303
5. Address of the registered office of the corporate debtor	Metro Walk, Sector 10, Rohini, Near Rithala Metro Station, New Delhi- 110085
6. Insolvency commencement date in respect of corporate debtor	28th April, 2017
7. Estimated date of closure of insolvency resolution process	25th October, 2017
8. Name, address, email address and the registration number of the interim resolution professional	Umesh Garg (IRP) D-15, Second Floor, Okhla Industrial Area, Phase-1 New Delhi-110020 Email Id- rpintrac2017@gmail.com Regn No- IBBII/PA-001/IP-P00135/2017-18/10277
9. Last date for submission of claims	01st August, 2017

Notice is hereby given that the National Company Law Tribunal, Principal Bench Delhi has ordered the commencement of a corporate insolvency resolution process against the M/S International Recreation & Amusement Limited on 28th April, 2017.

The creditors of M/S International Recreation & Amusement Limited, are hereby called upon to submit a proof of their claims on or before 1st August, 2017 to the interim resolution professional at the address mentioned against item 8.

The financial creditors shall submit their proof of claims by electronic means only. The operational creditors, including workmen and employees, may submit the proof of claims by in person, by post or electronic means. The submission of proof of claims is to be made in accordance with Chapter IV of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016. The proof of claims is to be submitted by way of the following specified forms with Affidavit- **Form B** - Claim by Operational Creditors, **Form C** - Claim by Financial Creditors, **Form D** - Claim by a Workman or an Employee and **Form E** - Claim submitted by Authorised Representative of Workmen and Employees. You may download the forms from the website of IBBII (http://www.ibbi.gov.in/Law/1_CIRP%20REGULATIONS301116.pdf)

Submission of false or misleading proofs of claim shall attract penalties.

Date	Place	Umesh Garg (Interim Resolution Professional)
21st July, 2017	New Delhi	Sd/-



Kejriwal makes minor reshuffle in his Cabinet

RAHIBA R PARVEEN ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has effected a reshuffle in his Cabinet but there are no major changes, except Revenue department which was with Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia has been given to Kailash Gahlot while Registrar of Cooperative Societies has been assigned to newly appointed Water Minister Rajendra Gautam.

Sisodia has been given Tourism department that will be one of the focus areas of the AAP Government along with Education and Health.

With Gahlot being entrusted with Revenue department, officials say that rural areas of the national Capital will be integral to Kejriwal Government's developmental agenda.

It may be noted that both Gahlot and Gautam were inducted into the Kejriwal cabinet in May of this year. Law department, Information Technology and Administrative Reforms were given to Gahlot.

Earlier, these departments were with Sisodia. Gahlot was also allocated crucial transport which was with the Health Minister Satyendar Jain.

The important Education and Finance departments continue to be with the Deputy Chief Minister while Health, PWD and Power departments are with Satyendar Jain. A notification in this regard was by the AAP Government on Thursday.

According to the notification issued by the General Administration Department (GAD), Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia has shed the charge of the revenue department and register of cooperative societies.

He will now look after Tourism, Art & Culture and Languages department that was with Water Minister Rajendra Pal Gautam. He has now Gurudwara elections, Water, SC & ST, Social Welfare and Cooperatives with him.

Chief Minister's Media Adviser Nagendra Sharma said that the changes have been

made to streamline the functioning of all the departments.

However, sources in the Government said that it was Sisodia's suggestion to get relieved from the Revenue department and focus on other departments that are under him. "Sisodia was feeling overburdened with too many portfolios. Sisodia looks after Education, Finance, Planning, Land and Building, Vigilance, Services, Women and Child department, Tourism, Art & Culture and Language.

Kejriwal who does not hold any portfolio himself has six Cabinet Ministers in his Government. Gopal Rai looks after Employment, Development, Labour, General Administration and Irrigation and Flood Control. Besides Health, Jain looks after industries, public works department, power, home and urban development. PWD under Jain has invited the ire of the Chief Minister who had publically upbraided the officers for their lack luster performance.

CM directs education dept to look into sanitation system in Govt schools

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has directed the education department to review sanitation system in the schools run by the Delhi Government. The directive came following his visit to a recently renovated school at Rouse Avenue on Deen Dayal Upadhyay (DDU) Marg here.

Kejriwal also directed the PWD to construct a foot-over bridge next to the school gate.

"While interacting with students and parents, it was brought to notice that there are many cases of accidents when they cross the DDU marg while coming and going back from the school.

"This is a serious safety issue as it is a high traffic road. The PWD has been directed to get a foot-over bridge constructed next to the school's gate," said a senior Government official.

The inspection team headed by Kejriwal observed that the windows and corridors were



dirty after their renovation.

"I am sure that similar situations must be there in other schools where renovation has taken place and more sanitation staff is needed to keep the place clean," an official order by Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said.

"The education secretary has been directed to review the entire sanitation system and make the required changes to ensure adequate staff is provided in these schools within 15 days," it said.

TWO KILLED IN 1984 ANTI-SIKH RIOTS

SIT decides to close case due to 'lack of evidence'

New Delhi: The Special Investigation Team (SIT) has decided to close a 1984 anti-Sikh riots case in which two men were killed by a mob in Central Delhi as no evidence regarding any accused could be collected during its reinvestigation, police has informed a Delhi court.

Police told Metropolitan Magistrate Abhilash Malhotra that it has been decided to close the case, which was re-opened following the decision of the SIT.

After constitution of an SIT in 2015 following an order of the Ministry of Home Affairs, the case was re-opened and further investigated. The court was also informed about it.

The court has issued notice to the family members of the two Sikh men who were killed by a mob near ISBT, Kashmiri Gate in Central Delhi on November 1, 1984 during the riots that broke out following the assassination of then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

In its latest 16-page report filed before the court, police said, "No incriminating direct

or circumstantial evidence is available against any person. Hence, further investigation of the case has been closed.

"Accordingly final report under Section 173(8) CrPC regarding closure of further investigation is being submitted to the court. An intimation with regard to closure of further investigation has also been given to the complainant."

According to the prosecution, on November 1, 1984 police officers saw people shouting near ISBT taxi stand and 15-20 vehicles were being burnt and around 500 rioters were carrying sticks and stones.

They were allegedly raising slogans, and when police tried to nab the rioters, they fled in different directions, it said, adding that officials saw two sikh's lying injured.

The two men were taken to hospital where they were declared brought dead by a doctor. Police team made arrangements for other members of the community who were present at ISBT and sent them to a

gurudwara for shelter.

A case for offences including murder, rioting, indulging in rioting armed with a deadly weapon and mischief by fire or explosive substance with an intent to destroy a house under the IPC was registered at Kashmiri Gate police station here.

During investigation, when identity of the offenders could not be established, the case was marked untraced by the then investigating officer on May 1, 1985.

Police said that during further probe, it examined various witnesses who said they cannot identify the rioters. The witnesses claimed that they did not see the killings and cannot identify the persons involved in the crime and that they only helped the Sikhs to escort them to the gurudwara.

Police said in the report that a public notice was published in several newspapers requesting people, who were acquainted with the facts, to give evidence or depose but no one came forward before the SIT. **STAFF REPORTER**

Sunanda Pushkar case: High Court asks police to file status report

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Thursday asked Delhi Police to file a status report with regard to the ongoing probe into the death of Shashi Tharoor's wife Sunanda Pushkar.

A Bench of Justices GS Sistani and Chandar Shekhar directed police to place within three days their report during hearing of Subramanian Swamy's plea for a court-monitored probe by the CBI-led SIT into the matter.

The direction was issued by the bench after Delhi Police standing counsel Rahul Mehra informed the court that the status report of the investigating agency has been given to him in the court room so he wants to go through it before placing it on record. Mehra further informed the court that SIT has been constituted in the matter.

He further said that the BJP leader's petition has raised serious allegations against police probing the matter, so the agency be given time to place their stand.

Gang of cheats busted for robbing people by wearing khaki, 12 kg silver seized

1 countrymade pistol and 2 live cartridges were also recovered

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Police Crime Branch busted a gang of cheats who used to rob innocent people by wearing Khaki uniform. Police on Monday said that they have recovered 12.5 kgs of jewellery items of silver and a countrymade pistol with two live cartridges.

According to a senior police officer, on Sunday, a Honda city car was intercepted at about 8.30 am at Noida Link Road flyover, Mayur Vihar, Phase-1, by the assailants in khaki uniform. Out of the three occupants of intercepted car, one was forced to shift to their Ertiga car at gun point, whereas the other two occupants were abducted into the Honda city car. After some distance, all the three abducted persons were pushed out of the vehicle and the assailants fled away with car containing silver ornaments weigh-

ing more than 40 Kgs.

Ramgopal Naik, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime), said "The sleuths of Crime Branch received information that three members of the Pandit gang, Bharat Datta (36), Pankaj Pandit (27) and Ravi Datta (29), involved in a robbery of silver ornaments, will come near Gurudwara Siras Pur, Lower Grand Trunk Karnal road, to dispose off the booty of the robbed silver ornaments. On receipt of this information, police immediately swung into action, and laid a trap near the place of incident. At about 6 pm, the accused reached the spot in an Ertiga car and stopped. However, sensing some trouble, they tried to flee away but were apprehended by the police officers."

He further added, "Efforts are continued to apprehend the remaining associates and to recover the remaining robbed booty. Concerned police station has also been informed to initiate proceedings in their case concerned."

Foreign funding case: HC gives 6 weeks to Centre for action against parties

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Thursday granted six weeks to the Centre to comply with its 2014 order directing action against political parties violating foreign funding norms.

Justice AK Chawla observed that the six months granted in the March 28, 2014 order has not been extended by it and, therefore there was no reason for the Government to not comply with it. The court fixed the matter for further hearing on December 5.

The lawyer appearing for the Centre submitted that more time was required for compliance as the record was voluminous.

The court had, on March 21 this year, issued notice to the Centre on a contempt plea alleging the Government took no action against political parties violating foreign funding norms despite the court order.

It had sought response on whether action would be taken against them under the relevant law.

The high court had on March 28, 2014 held that the BJP and the Congress had prima facie violated the foreign funding law by receiving donations from UK-based Vedanta Resources' subsidiaries and directed the Centre and the Election Commission of India (ECI) to take appropriate action against them within six months.

Both the political parties had challenged the verdict in the Supreme Court by filing petitions which were withdrawn in November last year.

The high court had passed the order on a petition by an NGO, Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) seeking action and a probe parties allegedly infringing the norms.

GST on food items: Hussain holds meeting with officials

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Food and Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Minister Imran Hussain on Thursday held a meeting with senior officers of his department after GST implementations on food items.

While the department is responsible for effective implementation of National Food Security (NFS) Act, 2013, it also provides ensuring provision of Specified Food Articles (SFAs) viz wheat, sugar and rice to the targeted sections of the society as per their entitlement.

"Retail issue price fixed for wheat is ₹2 per kg. Retail issue price of sugar has been fixed at ₹13.50 per Kg," press



statement quoted.

Hussain directed all Assistant Commissioners to personally conduct surprise inspections of Fair Price Shops (FPS) as well as Circle Offices in their respective jurisdictions with the aim to strength-

en public distribution system in Delhi.

The Minister asked the department to ensure that all the prescribed information regarding FPS Dealer, food articles, FPS opening and closing timings, complaint/grievance mechanism is displayed on the boards of all FPS.

He reiterated the commitment of Delhi Government for making available wheat, rice and sugar timely to the beneficiaries in specified quantities.

He also reviewed the working of Weights and Measures Department and asked the department to ensure that the consumers are not overcharged for the packaged commodities especially after the implemen-

tation of GST regime.

GST implementation has necessitated display of revised MRP in the unsold stocks as on July 2017 which were available with manufacturers, importers, packers.

Overcharging means a consumer is charged more than the MRP. For the offence, the retailer is prosecuted under section 52, of the Legal Metrology Act, 2009 and the Packaged Commodities Rules, 2011, which has a penalty (compounding fees) of up to ₹2,000. If the offender refuses to pay compounding fees, he is prosecuted in the court, which attracts a penalty of up to ₹25,000.



Freshers being welcomed by seniors on the first day of college in Delhi University on Thursday Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer

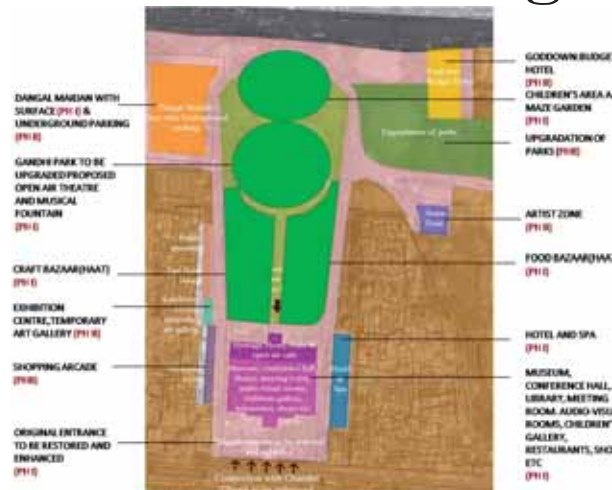
NMC to redevelop Town Hall into centre of culture, heritage

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

North Delhi Municipal Corporation (NMC) on Thursday announced to redevelop historic Town Hall situated at Chandni Chowk into a centre of cultural and social heritage.

Town Hall, a landmark building in Walled City area, was the seat of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) from 1866 during the British era till late 2009, when offices shifted to another location in the Capital city. The construction of building started in 1860 and was completed in 1863. It was initially known as Lawrence Institute and housed Delhi College of Higher Studies, before it was bought by the Municipality for ₹135,457 in 1866. Originally a bronze statue of Queen Victoria stood in front of the hall. After independence in 1947, it was replaced with a statue of the Arya Samaj leader Swami Shradhdhanand.

Preeti Agarwal, Mayor of North Delhi, said that the re-



development of town hall would be done on 'Public Private Partnership' (PPP) mode for which in-principle approval has been accorded. "The project aims to develop an attractive tourist destination of international standards," she said.

The Mayor said that the museum at the re-developed town hall would be the main

tourist attraction and it would occupy an area of about 1574 square metre at the ground floor. She said that it would be dedicated to the history of Delhi and will display a magnitude of historical and cultural artifact.

Agarwal said that with the move, the town hall would emerge as a centre of culture and social heritage, depicting

It was the MCD's office from British era (1866) till 2009

the history, culture and the life of Delhi.

She further highlighted that the objective of the redevelopment is to provide a complete and wholesome family experience to the visitors. "The complex will have a craft bazar, dancing fountain, the maze, light and sound programmes, street food, children activity area, boutique hotel, food court, courtyard and sculpture garden, digital library, lecture rooms, a museum, fine dining areas and much more at the premises," she added.

North Delhi Municipal Commissioner, Praveen Gupta said that the project was initially planned to be funded by 'Union Tourism Ministry' but could not be materialised and now it would be developed on PPP mode. He said that the project would be taken up in the next 9 months and is likely to be completed within two years. Gupta further said that the project is expected to earn good revenue to the Corporation apart from depicting the history of Delhi.



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28 die as bus falls into gorge in Shimla

PNS ■ SHIMLA

At least 28 people were killed and nine injured when a private bus carrying around 40 passengers skidded off the road and fell into a deep gorge at Khaneri near Rampur of Shimla district on Thursday. The accident took place around 9.15 am in the morning.

The bus belonging to Kinnaur Federation Public Bus Service was on its way from Reckong Peo in Kinnaur to Nauni in Solan. A magisterial inquiry has been ordered to ascertain the cause of the accident.

The bus had started from Reckong Peo early in the morning and the driver lost control over the wheel as the bus reached near Khaneri. The bus fell into the deep gorge near the bank of river Satluj. However, preliminary investigations suggest that a tyre burst might have led to the accident.

The rescue teams of police and CISF was moved to the spot and it carried out the rescue operation and evacuation of the deceased. A team of NDRF was also sent to the accident spot later. Additional district Magistrate Suneel Sharma also reached the spot and led the relief and rescue operations. Officials said bodies of all



28 victims were recovered and 11 of them had been identified by the evening. The deceased included 18 men, nine women and a child. All the injured were first taken to Civil Hospital, Khaneri but four seriously injured were later referred to IGMCS Shimla.

Chief Minister Virbhada Singh expressed deep grief over the fatal accident and an immediate relief of Rs 10 thousand was announced to the next of kin of the deceased. In a message, he said that the government has directed officials to give all possible help to the victims.

DSP Rampur, Dev Kumar Negi said most of the passengers in the bus hailed from Kinnaur, Kullu and Shimla, while there were some passengers from Jammu and Kashmir also.

Diplomatic channels 'unimpeded' to resolve Sikkim standoff: China

PTI ■ BEIJING

China said on Thursday that diplomatic channels with India remained "unimpeded" to discuss the military standoff in Sikkim sector but reiterated that the withdrawal of the Indian troops from Doklam area is a "prerequisite" for any meaningful dialogue.

"Our diplomatic channel is unimpeded," Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang told reporters, confirming talks between Indian and Chinese missions to resolve the standoff.

Lu, however, reiterated that "the withdrawal of the Indian

border personnel is the precondition for any meaningful dialogue and communication between the two countries".

In New Delhi, External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj said the matter can be resolved through talks.

"We are willing to talk, but both sides have to first take back their armies," she told the Rajya Sabha. The Minister said the boundaries between India and China are yet to be finalised and the two countries will do that bilaterally through discussions, while the same between China and Bhutan too will be done through bilateral talks.

Pak summons Indian envoy over ceasefire violations

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan on Thursday summoned Indian Deputy High Commissioner JP Singh after two civilians were killed in alleged ceasefire violations across the Line of Control by Indian troops.

Director General (SA and SAARC) Mohammad Faisal who summoned the Deputy High Commissioner "condemned the unprovoked ceasefire violations". Foreign Office (FO) said in a statement that firing by Indian troops in Nikiyal and Nezapir sectors yesterday killed two civilians and injured five others.

Uniquely placed to deliver on commitments on SDG, India assures UN

PTI ■ UNITED NATIONS

India has presented its national review report on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to the UN, underscoring that as the fastest growing major economy it is "uniquely placed" to deliver on its commitments.

India's 'Voluntary National Review Report on Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals' was presented by NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Arvind Panagariya yesterday at the United Nations high-level political forum on

sustainable development in 2017.

'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam', an ancient Indian phrase meaning 'the world is one family', pithily captures the spirit of India's approach to all aspects of life including economic development.

"The Sustainable Development Goals are, thus, part and parcel of the country's longstanding tradition and heritage," Panagariya said in the report's opening statement.

The report details various measures and programmes being implemented across India.

455 cases of unruly air travellers since 2016: Govt

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A total of 455 cases of unruly behaviour by air travellers have been reported since 2016, the Lok Sabha was informed today.

"A total of 294 and 161 incidents took place in 2016 and 2017 respectively," Minister of State for Civil Aviation Jayant Sinha said in a written reply. Two Members of Parliament (MPs) were recently barred from flying after they allegedly assaulted and abused airline staff in two separate incidents.

The ban on them was subsequently revoked by the airlines.

DAVP spent about ₹1,286 crore in 2016-17: Govt

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP) has spent about ₹1,286 crore in 2016-17 on advertisements about Government policies, schemes, projects and events through var-

ious mediums, the Rajya Sabha was informed on Thursday.

The DAVP is the nodal agency to undertake multimedia advertising and publicity for various ministries and departments of the Government.



Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Radha Mohan Singh launches the National Dairy Development Board's Quality Mark Logo in New Delhi on Thursday. Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Sudarshan Bhagat, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Secretary Devendra Chaudhry, and National Dairy Development Board Chairman Dilip Rath too are seen in the photo.

Don't politicise...

Noting that the Prime Minister had spoken thrice against cow vigilantism, he said "no sympathy" will be shown to those who indulge in lynching and "law will certainly take its own course." He said the Government unequivocally condemns the killings of human beings in the name of protecting cows and said "violence can never be a partisan issue and can't be justified." Rejecting the Opposition's allegation that no action was taken in the cases of lynching, Jaitley asserted that "legal action was taken systematically in each incident. People were arrested and they are in jail. They are all going to be chargesheeted against whom evidence is going to be found... This is clear and there is no 'ifs' and 'buts'."

In his speech, he emphasised that cow slaughter was banned in most of the States since the time of first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, who was "secular and not over-religious" unlike Indira Gandhi who was "more religious".

"This (ban on cow slaughter) was not proposed by Modi ji or Rajnath ji. This was said by Ambedkar during Nehru's time," said Jaitley, adding a ban on cow slaughter was prescribed in the Article 48 of the Constitution framed by the Constituent Assembly.

Later, it was made part of 7th Schedule of the Constitution as a result of which the matter fell under the purview of the State Governments.

"We have laws in place and if any such incident occurs where police is not acting and brought to our notice in this effect, the Government will not think twice of requesting State Governments and advising the State Governments and even asking for reports as well as States are concerned," he said.

Congress' Ghulam Nabi Azad accused the Minister of State for Home Affairs Hansraj Gangaram Ahir of completely steering off the topic of lynching and instead talking about Budget allocation for betterment of minorities. He also expressed his anguish over the speech of Javadekar who talked about mob lynching during the

Congress regime including the 1984 riots. Azad said it was not becoming of a good Education Minister and that he should be aware of the Congress contribution in freedom struggle when neither the BJP nor the RSS was to be seen. Azad and Opposition members from Samajwadi Party, JD(U), BSP and Left walked out protesting the HRD Minister's speech which was more on crimes during the rule of Opposition parties. Congress leader Kapil Sibal alleged that the Prime Minister was doing nothing to restrain cow vigilantes who, he said, include elements from VHP and Bajrang Dal. Sibal said the year 2017 has witnessed maximum murders in the name of cow protection and the cattle ban had negatively impacted leather industry besides industries like soap and shampoo.

Sibal said the VHP has announced creating a "holy army of gaurakshaks" and recruited 2,700 people. Attacking the Government, Sharad Yadav (JDU) said the incidents of lynching were more deadly than killings by Taliban and Afghans. CPM general sec-

retary Sitaram Yechury said "attacks in the name of cow protection" increased in many parts of India and in the name of beef eating, certain groups have been raiding the Muslim houses, checking the food people eat and killing people and they have created the ambience of 'food emergency' in the country."

"That this House raises the concern over the serious situation risen due to the sharpening communal polarisation in the country where we have been witnessing a series of heinous and murderous attacks in the name of cow protection in many countries," he said. Attacking the Opposition for linking lynching incidents with RSS, Prabhat Jha (BJP) said "this is not fair" as the Sangh has played a key role in the country's development.

Referring to Azad's remark against RSS Jha said, "You may not know about Sangh. You might have read about it from papers. We have been part of the Sangh. I am compelled to share what is Sangh all about." He said a group of 3,000-odd RSS members were invited to participate in the 1963 Republic Day parade by then PM Jawaharlal Nehru.

UP schoolgirls forced to strip: 12 staffers axed

PTI ■ MUZAFFARNAGAR

The district administration has dismissed 12 staffers of a residential school where 70 girls were allegedly forced to strip by the principal who wanted "to check if they were menstruating," an official said.

The school's 'sardana' (principal-cum-warden) was dismissed soon after the March 29 incident in Khatoli, Basic Shiksha Adhikari Chandher Prakash Yadav said here. The other 12 staffers, including

seven teachers and an accountant, were dismissed yesterday. They were found responsible in an inquiry into the forced stripping of the girls to check if they were menstruating," he said.

The inquiry was conducted by a magistrate, the education officer said. The students' parents in a complaint had alleged that the residential school's principal had forced their wards to strip and also threatened them with "consequences" if they disobeyed her, a senior district official said.

Vijay turns 10...

"The 2014 incident was unfortunate, but it also brought into focus the poor civic sense of Delhiites. When the youth jumped into the enclosure, the onlookers raised a hue and cry, scaring the animal and forcing him to attack," he said. "Thursday's celebration

was also aimed at inculcating a civic sense in people, especially in sensitive places like zoological parks," he added.

On being asked whether any celebrity was called for the celebrations, Singh said, "Vijay is our celebrity. Nobody else could have pulled such a crowd apart from him." The white tiger had fathered five cubs in 2015.

Consent for Aadhaar is not surrender of citizens' privacy: SC

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Senior Advocate Sajjan Poovayya submitted to the court that India, a digital society much larger than the US, has 118 crore mobile phone users and 35 crore internet users. Biometric information of almost 99 per cent citizens is with the Government under the Aadhaar scheme, he said, adding that by surrendering information to the Centre, there is no consent to surrender it to all.

"Most citizens are unconcerned for what purpose data is collected. So there is no informed consent. Since 99 per cent of the people do not bother why their data is collected, can it be said they have surrendered their privacy," said the Bench, comprising Chief Justice JS Khehar, Justices J Chelameswar, SA Bobde, RK Agarwal, RF Nariman, AM Sapre, DY Chandrachud, SK Kaul, and S Abdul Nazeer.

Poovayya replied, "I need to know if my information is being used for anything else. It can't be said that by giving up information, I have given up on my privacy. If the Government

does not have the wherewithal to protect my data, it has no right to collect it. Hence my right to privacy is infringed at the stage of collection of data."

The Bench asked the Centre, which is to argue on Tuesday, about the fate of the Right to Privacy Bill 2011. Even under the Right to Information Act, any information that infringes on a person's privacy is prohibited from disclosure under Section 8(1)(j), Poovayya informed, indicating how Parliament recognized privacy as an inherent right in the Constitution.

Senior Advocate Arvind Datar supplemented by stating that private parties such as mobile phone companies, banks and insurance firms, who leak personal data of citizens can be sued, but no recourse is available against the State in case of such breaches. Senior Advocate Anand Grover added that India has an obligation under International Human Rights Conventions ratified by it that recognize privacy as a fundamental human right.

India sends...

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The diplomatic channels have still not broken between the two countries, he added.

It is expected that National Security Advisor Ajit Doval's visit to China next week to participate in the BRICS NSAs meeting might see some breakthrough as Doval is also the Special Representative on boundary talks with China.

"India's approach is to have a peaceful resolution of issues on border with China. We have underlined the understanding at the Astana meeting that differences between India and China should not be allowed to become disputes. So, it is obvious that every responsible power, person and player in the world prefers peaceful resolution of matters," Baglay said.

Giving the background to the ongoing stand-off on the tri-junction of India, Bhutan and China, Sushma said that China intends to unilaterally change the status of the tri-junction by trying to build a road which harms India's strategic interests. She informed the Upper House about the written agreement between India, China and

Bhutan in 2012 in which the Paragraph 13 clearly stipulated that the three nations will together decide on the boundaries at the tri-junction point.

The Minister said the boundaries between India and China are yet to be finalised and the two nations are in the process of settling it through the mechanism of regular dialogue between the Special Representatives of the two countries. Similarly, Bhutan has its own mechanism to settle border dispute with China through bilateral talks.

As regards the tri-junction where all three countries are involved, Sushma said China keeps entering the contented area and try to make semi-pucca road. However, this time the Chinese troops came there with bulldozers and excavators to build a road, she charged and said Bhutan protested against the move in writing to China.

On the issue of One Belt One Road (OBOR) project of China, she said the moment India came to it was part of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), New Delhi objected immediately. India maintains that CPEC passes through Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (POK) which is part of India.

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 As the counting started, villagers sat glued to the television sets to get the latest news. "Why the result is taking so much time. In elections the trend is available within 30 minutes of counting," Shiv Narain, a relative of Kovind said impatiently. At around 1 pm when channels showed the first trend villagers started busting crackers. "Babuji is ahead by a long margin. No one can stop him now," Narain said. As youngsters busied themselves in busting crackers, the elders in the family offered prayers and organised a hawan in the local temple. Even members of local Muslim community too offered special namaz at the village mosque. Vidyawati, widow of

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 "There would be so many Ram Nath Kovinds in the country today, getting drenched in rain, doing farm work, labour and sweating it out so that they can get their evening meals. I want to tell them that this Ram Nath Kovind of Paraunkh village is going to Rashtrapati Bhavan as their representative," the President-elect said. His election to a position held by distinguished personalities like Dr Rajendra Prasad, Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, APJ Abdul Kalam and Pranab Mukherjee had given him a sense of huge responsibility, he said. An emotional Kovind said his election was a message to all those who were discharging their duties with honesty and integrity. Citing a Sanskrit proverb, he said he would assure every citizen of the country that he would work relentlessly to serve the country and make everyone happy. He sent his good wishes to Meira Kumar, his opponent in the election and the Opposition's candidate.

KOVIND ELECTED HEAD OF STATE
THE PIONEER CLASSIFIEDS
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Meira thwarted by own in BJP-ruled States

M MADHUSUDAN ■ NEW DELHI

BLANKED IN ANDHRA, OPPN NOMINEE, HOWEVER, SWEPT BENGAL, KERALA

Apart from the factors of cross-voting and invalid ballots in the presidential election, Meira Kumar's votes did not even match the Opposition's actual numerical strength in Assemblies across States. Interestingly, the trend was most visible in BJP-ruled States.

Also, if Kumar drew a complete blank in Andhra Pradesh, Kovind almost met the same fate in Kerala where barring the lone BJP MLA, the entire Opposition voted against him.

The Opposition lost out in States like Goa. Of the 18 Opposition votes in the coastal State, Kumar managed just 11 while 25 MLAs voted in favour of NDA nominee Ram Nath Kovind despite the BJP and its allies making up for just 22 votes.

Yet another case in point is Manipur where the Congress, at present, has 22 MLAs in the 60-member Assembly. But Kumar bagged only 19 votes in the North Eastern State. It had emerged as the single-largest party in the Assembly elections earlier this year winning 28 seats. Since then, it has witnessed half-a-dozen defections from its camp.

Incidentally, Congress had

lost its march to BJP in forming the Government in both these States.

In another BJP-ruled State, Jharkhand, the Opposition ranks had 34 votes but Kumar could manage only 26 even as the NDA camp swelled its numbers beyond their actual strength. As many as 56 MLAs voted in Kovind's favour when the NDA's strength stood at 48 only.

The trend was similar in Assam where the NDA nominee bagged 91 votes, four more than the alliance's strength in the State while the Opposition candidate polled less. In the State, through which the BJP announced in arrival in North East by forming its first government there, Kumar got 35 votes though the Opposition had 39 MLAs.

Haryana, which was in news for the controversial cross-voting during Rajya Sabha elections last year and even led the Election Commission to depute an IAS officer as the Electoral Officer

instead of the Assembly secretary, the Congress nominee bagged just 16 of 36 Opposition votes.

Uttar Pradesh, where the family feud in the SP family had to cast its shadow on the polls with Shivpal Yadav publicly asserting he would support Kovind, the NDA nominee bagged 10 votes more than the actual strength of the alliance even as Kumar got 65 votes instead of the Opposition's numerical strength of 73.

In the national Capital, where the AAP lent its weight behind Kumar, she managed the votes of only 55 of the 67 MLAs who voted. While Kovind seemed to have got the backing of two AAP rebels as his tally here stood at 6 votes, the fact stands that Kumar did not get all the remaining votes with as many as 6 votes declared invalid.

In TMC chief Mamata Banerjee's stronghold in West Bengal, Kumar polled the highest-273 votes as against a mere 11 votes of Kovind. Still, there were 10 invalid votes and all from the opposition camp. The Opposition also held its own in the desert State of Rajasthan, where the votes matched their numerical strengths in the Assembly.

Neighbouring Bangladesh among first to wish Kovind

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Neighbours Bangladesh was among the first countries to wish President-elect Ram Nath Kovind following his victory in presidential polls on Thursday. Sending his good wishes, Bangladesh President Abdul Hamid invited Kovind to visit his country at the 'earliest convenience.'

"I have firm belief that the ties of friendship and cooperation, which so happily exist between our two countries, would be further widened and deepened under your able presidency," Bangla President Abdul Hamid said in his message. He added the "extremely friendly engagements over last several years have given a strong dynamism to our bilateral relations."

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in her congratulatory message said: "We continue to look forward to working closely with the government of India in elevating our multifarious relations further in order to achieve common prosperity for our peoples." She noted with satisfaction that Dhaka and New Delhi have taken their bilateral relations to a new height drawing strength from cultural and historical relations.



President-elect Kovind receives flowers from well-wishers (left) as his family members (right) look on in New Delhi on Thursday.

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RS Chairman accepts Maya's 'fresh' resignation

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

BSP supremo Mayawati's resignation from the Rajya Sabha was accepted by Chairman Hamid Ansari on Thursday after she submitted a fresh one as per the prescribed format - a hand-written one-liner.

Mayawati had on Wednesday resigned from the House, accusing the BJP and the Chair of not allowing her to raise the issue of anti-Dalit violence in Uttar Pradesh in the House. However, the three-page resignation letter was rejected as it was not in the req-



uisite format. The format states that the resignation letter should be brief and should not mention the reasons. The move is seen as an

attempt by Mayawati to consolidate her core Dalit support base and re-establish herself as the community's preeminent leader after facing a massive defeat in the Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections earlier this year. Her party could win only 18 seats while the BJP came to power by winning more than 300 of the 403 seats.

The BJP had termed her resignation as a "drama" and pointed out that her tenure in the House was anyway coming to an end early next year. Union minister Ram Vilas Paswan termed the resignation of BSP from the Rajya

Sabha a "political gimmick", saying she was nervous as Dalits have rejected her leadership.

Paswan, a prominent Dalit face of the ruling NDA, said maximum atrocities against Dalits had happened in Uttar Pradesh when she was chief minister as he cited several cases of crimes against the community to wonder why she did not quit then.

Mayawati has claimed that she was resigning from the House as she was not allowed to speak on the issue of crimes against her community members.

India moving towards self-reliance in Defence production: Sushma

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj on Thursday said India for the first time since Independence was moving towards achieving self-reliance in Defence production by attracting Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and 'Make in India' policy.

Making this statement in the Rajya Sabha after several MPs from Opposition charged the Government with destroying the indigenous defence industry including public sector by forging deals with US and Israel, she said instead of procuring weapons from abroad, the NDA Government was encouraging FDI to promote manufacturing within the country. She also said the present government had allowed 100 per cent FDI in defence.

Some Opposition members said defence deal with US and Israel defeated the purpose of 'Make in India' and D Raja(CPI) quipped it will be now "Make in US and Israel and Market in India." Tapan Sen(CPM) said the policies followed the NDA Government was destroying the Indian defence industrial base and impacting self-reliance.

They raised their concerns in a question related MOUs signed during the recent visits of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to US and Israel. Swaraj said India and Israeli prime ministers had detailed discussion on terrorism and ways to meet challenge. The Minister said Israel has expertise in producing advance technology in border fencing and there was no issue in transfer of technology in this matter.



Make in India: Def Min floats global bids for six submarines

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Defence Ministry has floated a global tender or Request of Information(RFI) to manufacture six conventional submarines in India. The cost of the project is about ₹50,000 crore and is the first to be initiated under the Strategic Partnership(SP) model to promote private sector participation in building complex weapon systems as part of 'Make in India' policy.

The tender for the submarine contract known as Project-75 I was issued on Wednesday to six submarine manufacturers, officials said here on Thursday adding under the SP model, the user that is the Navy will shortlist the Original Equipment Manufacturer(OEM) while the Indian strategic partner will be shortlisted by the Government in a parallel process. The selected Indian shipyard will then tie up with the shortlisted OEM to build the submarines.

The new submarines to be constructed will be more modern and advanced than the Scorpene submarines being built by public sector Mazagon Docks Limited (MDL) in

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Mumbai and equipped with Air Independent Propulsion (AIP) modules which would greatly enhance the reach and stealth characteristics of the submarine.

The likely contenders for the deal are Larsen & Toubro (L&T) and Reliance Defence and Engineering Limited (RDEL) which have their own shipyards, sources said adding Mazagon Docks Limited could be allowed to join the fray as it is the only Indian yard with the requisite experience.

Sources also said the RFI was issued to Mitsubishi Heavy Industries and Kawasaki Heavy Industries of Japan, Naval Group (formerly DCNS) of France, Navantia of Spain, Rosoboronexport Rubin Design Bureau of Russia, Saab of Sweden and ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems of Germany. They will get about three to four months to reply and then the government will issue a Request for Proposal(RFP) after the Navy firms up its technical requirements for the submarine, they said.

PM did discuss H1B visa with Trump, Sushma tells RS

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Rejecting Congress' allegations, External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj on Thursday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi discussed the "spirit" of H1B visa with President Donald Trump during their recent meeting and made him agree on the crucial contribution of the Indian skilled professionals to the US economy.

Answering questions in the Rajya Sabha over H1B visa restrictions imposed by the US, Swaraj said Trump has admitted that the contribution of the Indian professionals was benefiting both the countries and "if they (US) harm their (professionals') interests, then it will in turn affect them (US)."

Talking about the meeting between Modi and Trump last month in Washington, she said, "without using the word H1B, there was extensive discussion" on the "spirit" behind such visas. "I take pride in saying that Prime Minister Narendra Modi successfully convinced Trump to admit that Indian skilled professionals have a big contribution in strengthening the US economy," she told the House where Modi was present. Swaraj said though the



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Trump starts with "applauding" the contribution of Indian IT professionals. Congress leader Anand Sharma and CPI-M's Tapan Kumar Sen wanted to know whether Modi specifically raised the issue of H1B issue with Trump.

Raising the issue in the Rajya Sabha during the Zero Hour, Congress leader Anand Sharma asked the Government to be "sensitive" to the concerns of Indian IT industry and professionals. "Unfortunately, in recent years, difficulties have been created in the movement of Indian IT professionals, particularly in the US where the temporary movement and location of (Indian) IT professionals is wrongly equated with that of the immigrants," he said, alleging that Modi did not take up the issue with US President.

Sen said the spirit of the assurance on H1B was not matching with the ground realities as IT companies were hiring in the US and laying off people in India. Swaraj said she would make a detailed statement on the issue of H1B visas in the House later.

Earlier, V Maitreyan (AIADMK) raised the issue of visas and asked the government to elaborate on the issue. He also welcomed Modi's visit to the US as also to Israel.

word H1B was not used, the joint Indo-US statement issued after talks between Modi and

INSHORT

ENSURE URBAN MISSIONS ARE FELT ON GROUND

New Delhi: Narendra Singh Tomar, who has taken over the charge of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (HUA), directed the senior officials of the Ministry on Thursday to ensure that results of the new urban missions like Smart City Mission and AMRUT are felt on the ground by the end of next year. The Minister discussed the progress of six new missions with all the concerned officials for over one and a half hour in Nirman Bhawan.

JAITLEY FELICITATES WINNERS OF OORJA

New Delhi: Union Minister Arun Jaitley on Thursday felicitated the winners and outstanding players of the OORJA - CAPF U-19 Football Talent Hunt Tournament organized by the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB). Addressing the participants, Jaitley appreciated the efforts of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) to popularize football in every corner of the country and called upon other institutions to follow as it will help in identifying and nurturing the domestic talent. MoS for Home Kiren Rijiju and SSB Director General Archana Ramasundaram were present on the occasion.

15 communication satellites boosting Govt exchequer by ₹747 cr

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Fifteen Indian communication satellites which are currently operational in orbit have helped the country boost its exchequer by ₹747 crore during fiscal 2016-17, Union Minister of State for Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh told Rajya Sabha on Thursday.

The revenue has been earned through leasing of INSAT/GSAT transponders from these communication satellites.

In total, India has 42 Indian satellites operational in orbit of which 4 are used for meteorological observations, 14 for earth observations, 7 for navigation, 2 for space science purposes apart from 15 satellites for communication.

With respect to earth observation satellites, the annual income from sale of remote sensing satellite data is ₹. 25.17 crores. The data and value added services derived from earth observation, meteorological, communication & navigation satellites are used to support various applications viz. resource monitoring, weather forecasting, disaster management, location based services, including societal applications, the Minister added. The expenses to realize and launching of these satellites are less than those of other countries, Dr Singh said.



RS members criticise ban by airlines on MPs

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Cutting across party lines, Elders on Thursday in the Rajya Sabha criticised the ban by airlines on some MPs and even Deputy Chairman PJ Kurien backed the members.

He asked the Government to take steps to address this issue and said the law should take its course if an MP has violated any rule or committed crime and the airlines have no authority to take such decisions.

The issue was raised by Naresh Agrawal(Samajwadi Party) who said the MPs had certain privileges and even as legal proceedings were on the airlines banned some MPs. The courts had to intervene to allow the MPs to travel by the air, he added.

Observing that it was a valid point, Kurien said the airlines have to no authority to punish an MP and the law should take its own course as MPs are also citizens. He then directed the government to take a note of this matter. Many members from the Opposition and Treasury backed Kurien and Agrawal's point of view.

OBSERVING THAT IT WAS A VALID POINT, KURIEN SAID THE AIRLINES HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO PUNISH AN MP AND THE LAW SHOULD TAKE ITS OWN COURSE AS MPS ARE ALSO CITIZENS

Among other issues flagged in the House, members expressed concern over women trafficking to marry them to men in Haryana and some other states. Viplove Thakur(Congress) raised the matter and said this was happening due to skewed sex ratio and women brought from other states were exploited after marriage.

The Opposition raised the issue of protests across the country by textile manufacturers and traders against the imposition of the Goods and Services Tax(GST), saying the new tax would adversely affect the industry, especially the handloom and power loom

segment. They demanded the textile sector be exempted from the GST.

The issue was raised by Anand Rapolu(Congress) who said protests by textile sector traders and workers took place in Surat, Bhiwandi and some other cities of the country. Trinamool Congress(TMC) members Ahamed Hassan and Sukhendu Shekhar Roy also referred to the strike by ready-made garment shop owners in West Bengal.

Some other members drew the attention of the house to grim situation and misery caused to people of Assam and Odhisa due to floods. Raising the issue of floods in Assam, Sanjay Singh(Congress) demanded that the government should start relief measures on a war-footing and announce a package after assessing the damage. His party colleague Ripun Bora criticised the BJP-led state government saying it has not prepared any contingency plan for tackling the floods. Dilip Tirkey(BJD) demanded special relief package for people affected by floods in certain districts of Odisha, including Kalahandi.

India warns Pak DGMO against targeting schoolchildren at LoC

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Director General Military Operations (DGMO), AK Bhatt, on Thursday spoke to his Pakistani counterpart Sahir Shamshad Mirza and warned Pakistan to refrain from targeting civilians including schoolchildren in the villages close to Line of Control (LoC). Bhatta also flagged the issue of a spike in ceasefire violations (CFV) from across the border. More than 250 CFVs have been reported since January 2017 till date.

On Wednesday, Ministry of External Affairs handed over a note verbale to Pak through its Deputy High Commissioner in New Delhi on the same issue. "We have noticed there is a rise in attack on civilians, who are being targeted deliberately, by the Pakistani side. We told them that the 2003 agreement on comprehensive ceasefire should be maintained," MEA spokesperson Gopal Baglay said on Thursday. Pakistan had also summoned Indian Deputy High Commissioner in Islamabad on Thursday on the CFV.

The talks between Bhatt and Mirza were held for about ten minutes at 3.30 pm.

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Generally, the two DGMOs talk to each other on the hotline once a week on Tuesday on the hotline but hold an unscheduled dialogue if any of the sides request for it. This time it was India which had sought the talks after Pakistan Army fired on some schools in Naushera sector, Rajouri in the last two days. Pakistan had sought similar interaction on Monday to protest against the killing of four Pakistani soldiers by the Indian Army in cross-border firing in Athmuqam sector of Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (POK) opposite India's Keran sector, Kupwara district.

"Consequent to ceasefire violations onto Indian civilians along the LOC, DGMO Pakistan Army Major General Sahir Shamshad Mirza was informed of deliberate targeting of civilian villages and schools while they were being evacuated. The Indian Army as a professional force takes due care to avoid such targeting of civilians

and Pakistan Army was expected to do the same," Indian Army said in a statement.

Bhatt also informed his Pakistani counterpart about the ceasefire violations which also included calibre escalation coupled with incidents of sniping and attempted infiltration bids. Calibre escalation means Pakistan is using heavy weaponry and long range guns to target Indian posts besides villages along the LOC.

"DGMO Pakistan Army was exhorted to exercise strict control on his troops and instruct them to refrain from any nefarious activities," the Army said adding in the past it has taken all steps necessary to ensure the safety of lives and property of citizens.

When Mirza on Monday protested over the killing of four Pakistani soldiers and one civilian, Bhatt had made it clear that the firing was in response to ceasefire violation by the other side and "Indian Army reserved the right to retaliate appropriately to any incident of violation of ceasefire." However, the Indian Army is committed to maintain peace and tranquility along the LoC and expected such reciprocity from Pakistan too, he said.

Cloudburst claims six lives in Doda



A flash flood washed away houses following a cloudburst at Thatri village in Doda district of J&K on Thursday

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ JAMMU

At least six people, including four members of a family, were killed in flash floods, triggered by cloudburst in Thatri area of Doda district of J&K in the wee hours on Thursday. Over half a dozen houses, two shops and one private school building bore maximum brunt of the nature's fury as these constructions were raised obstructing natural flow of water in the hilly area.

The rescue teams led by jawans of the Indian Army,

State Police, district administration and local residents worked in tandem to retrieve the debris since Thursday morning. At least 11 injured people were rescued till late Thursday afternoon by the rescue teams. Heaps of slush and garbage hindered the rescue operations in the beginning.

The road link between Batote-Doda was also snapped due to inclement weather conditions and landsliding.

Jammu & Kashmir Police spokesman said, "Out of six civilians, four victims

belonged to one family of Dev Raj. He lost his wife, two daughters and minor son in flash floods while they were asleep". Two other victims were identified as Patna Devi and Shrista Devi, both residents of Balgram.

Police spokesman said, "Flash flood triggered by cloudburst hit Thatri town at 2.20 am resulting in a massive increase in the level of the 'nallah' flowing along the Jama Masjid locality close to the town". 11 injured civilians were rushed to local hospital in Thatri, police spokesman said.

Kerala BJP terms bribery charge as rumour

VR JAYARAJ ■ KOCHI

Kerala's BJP president Kummanam Rajasekharan on Thursday claimed that the reports pertaining to the allegation that certain party functionaries in the State were involved in a huge bribery scandal were based on rumours amid reports that the Central leadership might intervene soon in the affairs of the State unit.

Kummanam's claim came after the State BJP was pushed into the defensive following reports based on the "finding" of a party panel that the convener of one of its cells had taken ₹5.6 crore as bribe from the owner of a private medical college at Varkala in Thiruvananthapuram district by promising to arrange the recognition of the Medical Council of India for his institu-

tion. Allegations have been levelled against a State general secretary also.

The State BJP chief said that his party was committed to wipe out corruption from the society and that was why it had instituted an inquiry immediately after the allegation on bribery had come up. The party would take a decision on the follow-up actions to be taken in the matter after discussions in the appropriate party forums.

However, news reports appearing in the media on the bribery allegation were exaggerated and based on rumours, Kummanam said. He claimed that these reports had no connection with the party, adding that action would be taken if anybody in the party was found to have anything to do with corruption. Critics termed this

as an indirect confirmation of the charge.

Quoting a "report" submitted to Kummanam by a two-member party panel that had looked into the bribery charge, media reports had alleged that the convener of a party cell had taken ₹5.6 crore as bribe from the owner of a medical college in Varkala promising to arrange the approval of the Medical Council of India and had sent this to someone in Delhi through Hawala route.

According to reports, the owner of the Varkala medical college had told the party panel that he had given the money on the basis of the information that it was a State BJP general secretary who had helped a medical college in Palakkad district to earn recognition from the

Medical Council of India.

However, R Shaji, chairman of the RS Educational and Charitable Trust, Varkala on Thursday denied bribing anybody in connection with his medical college and said he had not lodged any complaint. Claiming that he had not given any statement to anybody in this regard, he said he had seen State BJP general secretary MT Ramesh only on the television.

RS Viond, convener of the State BJP's cooperation cell, said on Thursday that he had not taken bribe from anybody and alleged that there was conspiracy behind the allegation. Rejecting the charge that he had helped some people to earn approval for their medical colleges, Ramesh said, "I haven't even seen the individuals mentioned in connection with the

issue," he said.

However, leaders of the State BJP have not denied the existence of a party panel report on the bribery issue and its leak. Sources said the party leadership had taken the action against "some people" was inevitable. Certain leaders even went to the extent of saying that the development was the result of the rampant faction war within the party.

Reports from Delhi said that the BJP's central leadership had taken a serious view of the bribery scandal as the charge was highly damaging to the clean image of the party and the NDA Government. Sources said that the development could seriously affect the central BJP leadership's plans to capture power in the State.

Cross-voting fear grips Guj Cong ahead of RS poll

NAYAN DAVE ■ GANDHINAGAR

Senior leaders of Gujarat Congress put in awkward situation on Thursday following the reports of at least eight MLAs from the oldest political outfit cross-voting for NDA's presidential candidate Ram Nath Kovind instead of their own nominee Meira Kumar.

They are wary not because of Kumar's defeat but the cross-voting may affect upcoming elections of three Rajya Sabha seats. Out of the three poll-bound seats, the BJP holds two and one is occupied by Sonia Gandhi's political secretary Ahmed Patel. For the Congress, retaining the seat was guaranteed before the poll results of the presidential polls, but the cross-voting of its MLAs has created a big question mark over retaining the seat.

The elections is slated on August 8, 2017. The Congress is expected to repeat Ahmed Patel. Nomination for the Rajya Sabha elections will be filed on July 28. In case some more MLAs from the Congress change their side, which is quite possible, then the senior Congress leader may lose. Of the 182 members in Gujarat Legislative Assembly, ruling BJP is having 122 MLAs, Congress 57, two NCP and one elected from JD(U). In the

presidential polls, JD(U) MLA from South Gujarat region didn't vote on Monday.

"As per the results of Gujarat voters declared on Thursday, Kovind got 132 votes and 49 votes went in favour of UPA candidate Kumar. Two NCP MLAs had announced to vote against Kovind. Rebel BJP MLA Nalin Kotadia himself declared that he voted for Meira Kumar. As many as 11 MLAs from the Congress party did cross-voting, which is really alarming," said a senior Congress leader requesting anonymity. He further said that even if NCP MLAs could have voted for Kovind, then also at least eight Congress MLAs had definitely diverted from the party line which is good in view of impending Rajya Sabha polls.

The Congress seems to be in comfortable situation even after the cross-voting of at least eight MLAs as the party require first preference votes of 46 legislators to retain Patel's seat. In such scenario, all eyes are on Leader of Opposition Shankersinh Vaghela who is going to announce his future course of action on his 77th birthday on Friday. If he decides to shy away from Congress, there are chances that at least 10 MLAs from the party may support him.



BJP workers celebrate with crackers after NDA candidate Ram Nath Kovind was elected the 14th President of India, in Lucknow on Thursday

Goa Cong MLAs thought Kovind better choice, Parrikar taunts

MAYABHUSHAN ■ PANAJI

In a setback to the Congress and the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) camp in Goa, four Congress legislators crossed-voted in favour of NDA presidential candidate Ram Nath Kovind, with the Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar not losing out an opportunity to taunt the beleaguered Congress.

Parrikar, who congratulated Kovind on being elected as the country's 14th President, said that, the presidential election was all about voting from the heart and perhaps the Congress legislators thought that Kovind was really a better choice over his rival Meira Kumar.

"This is not a whip election. In this election, voting has to be as per your thinking. Conscience vote is the norm of this election, that is why there is no whip (issued). So they (Congressmen) thought that he was a better candidate," Parrikar told reporters here.

Parrikar also said that four Congressmen appeared to have cross-voted, while one vote from the NDA ally camp was invalidated due to a technical issue.

"I am very happy that NDA's presidential candidate has been elected with huge margin. Much more than even media expected. I take this opportunity to congratulate him for his success and I am very sure that under his guidance India would progress extremely well. I think one vote of ours got invalidated because of some technical small error, which we knew at that time," Parrikar said.

Kovind cornered 69.4 per cent of the total votes polled in Goa, netting 500 votes, while Kumar polled only 200 votes.

Commenting on the cross-voting from the Congress camp, Parrikar said that since the presidential election was all about conscience vote, with no party whip involved, perhaps some Congressmen felt that Kovind was a better choice over Kumar.

"Conscience vote is the norm of this election, that is why there is no whip. So they (Congress legislators) thought that he was a better candidate. He (Kovind) came all the way to Goa. He gave Goa importance. No other presidential candidate had come to Goa to speak to MLAs. He treated us well. Goans are very generous in accepting such gesture," Parrikar said.

Meanwhile, the Congress camp appeared perplexed by the cross-voting, with leader of Opposition in the Goa legislative assembly stating that a meeting had been called to discuss the issue on Friday.

"It appears that there was cross-voting. This should not have happened. It is wrong. We will take precautions in the future (Rajya Sabha election) that such a thing does not happen," Kavlekar told *The Pioneer*.

Kavlekar also said that one vote from the Congress camp was invalid.

Prez polls in Maha: Jolt for Opp, at least 10 MLAs cross-vote in favour of Kovind

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The presidential poll outcome, which saw NDA nominee Ram Nath Kovind trounce Congress-led Opposition candidate Meira Kumar by a handsome margin, threw up nasty surprise for the Opposition parties in Maharashtra on Thursday, with Kovind polling at least 10 votes more than the number of votes he was expected to secure in the election in the normal course.

After it became certain that cross-voting had taken place in the presidential polling held in the state, intense speculation with the political circles as to the identities of the Opposition MLAs who might have cross-voted in favour of Kovind.

In the presidential poll held on Monday, 287 out of the total 288 MLAs in the Maharashtra Assembly had exercised their voting rights. Kshitij Thakur of Bahujan Vikas Aghadi did not vote, as he was away from the country. Of the total votes polled, two were declared invalid. In the poll, Kovind polled 208 votes, while Kumar secured 77 votes.

In the 288-member House — BJP has a strength of 122 MLAs, while its ally Shiv Sena has 62 MLAs. Together, the ruling saffron alliance partners have a strength of 184 votes. The Opposition Congress and NCP have 42 and 41 MLAs respectively. Others include PWP (3), BVA (3-One MLA did not vote), MIM (2), SP (1), MNS (1), CPM (1), RSP (1), BBM (1) and Independents-7.

belonged to one family of Dev Raj. He lost his wife, two daughters and minor son in flash floods while they were asleep". Two other victims were identified as Patna Devi and Shrista Devi, both residents of Balgram.

Police spokesman said, "Flash flood triggered by cloudburst hit Thatri town at 2.20 am resulting in a massive increase in the level of the 'nallah' flowing along the Jama Masjid locality close to the town". 11 injured civilians were rushed to local hospital in Thatri, police spokesman said.

Man plays guitar as he goes under knife

KESTUR VASUKI ■ BENGALURU

In one of the unusual surgeries, a guitarist strummed on the operation table as doctors burned his brain to relieve him of dystonia a result of abnormal, involuntary flexion of muscles, because of rigorous use.

In this first ever Live Brain Circuit Surgery, surgeons carefully burnt parts of his brain to relieve the young musician of a neurological movement disorder that cramped fingers on his left hand.

In a Press conference in Bengaluru on Thursday, the doctors from Bhagwan Mahaveer Jain Hospital and consultant surgeons have revealed that they have operated a 32-year-old musician to get rid of Musician's Dystonia. The condition is caused by the brain sending incorrect information to muscles. It results in cramping of body parts; in this case, the musician's left-hand fingers were cramped making it impossible for him to play the guitar. The surgery was conducted to burn parts of his



32-year-old techie-turned-musician strums the guitar on the operation table

Surgeons carefully burnt parts of his brain to relieve the young musician of a neurological movement disorder that cramped fingers on his left hand

brain that triggered the abnormal tremors in his muscles.

The 32-year-old techie-turned-musician strummed the guitar on the operation table while surgeons "burned" his brain to correct a neurological disorder. The seven-hour surgery last week relieved the youth of musician's dystonia, a condition that cramped three fingers on his left hand.

According to Dr Sharan Srinivasan, HoD of Bhagwan Mahaveer Jain Hospital, this was a very complicated surgery but the strumming of guitar made it look like a simple one. He said, "A special frame was fixed to the patient's head with screws drilled into the skull. An MRI scan helped doctors zero in on the problem area." "In this case, the target area was about

8-9 cms deep in the brain. We then had coordinates of the entry point to the skull and the path through which we had to reach the target area," he added.

"We had to have him play the guitar because the problem occurred whenever he tried to play. Real-time feedback was needed to locate the target area," said Dr Sanjiv CC, a specialist in Movement disorder and Parkinson Disease.

Surgeons drilled a 14 mm hole into the skull of the patient after which a specialised electrode was passed into the brain. Doctors then stimulated it to confirm the target area.

The young guitarist is now fully recovered and performed before an the gathered media and others but his fingers played on the guitar as quick as ever.

ANDHRA CM CHANDRABABU CONGRATULATES KOVIND

V Sudhakar Rao ■ Amaravati

Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu congratulated Ram Nath Kovind for winning the Election as the 14th President of India. "I am delighted to hear about Ram Nath Kovind's win in the Presidential Election. My most sincere congratulations to Ram Nath Kovind as he embarks upon his new responsibilities as the 14th President of India", said Naidu who released a Press statement after declaration of the result. 'Kovind, a person with great integrity from weaker sections, holding Country's highest post is an historical achievement. I am very much happy for the winning of Kovind whom I supported wholeheartedly', Naidu stated.

MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one man, Namely Sunil S/o Pancham R/o Gali No.30-B, Swatantra Nagar, Narela Delhi, has been missing from the area of P.S. Narela, Delhi since 03.07.2017. In this regard, a report vide DD No. 17-A Dated 06.07.2017, has been lodged P.S. Narela, Delhi investigations has been carried out but despite best efforts, the person could not be traced. The description of the missing man is as under:

Name: Sunil, **Parentage:** Pancham, **Address:** Gali No.30-B, Swatantra Nagar, Narela Delhi, **Age:** 35 yrs, **Height:** 168 Cms, **Face:** Long, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Wearing:** White shirt, Black colour pent and hawai chappal in feet. If anyone has any information about the missing man, then please inform P.S. Narela, Delhi and inform on the following Nos.

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TENDER NIT NO : CE/C&S/Banking/2017/2 Dated :- 18-07-2017

Chief Engineer Commercial & Survey Wing J&K for and on behalf of Governor of Jammu & Kashmir State invites e-bids for Banking of Power from **October 2017 to March 2018 (Import)** and Advance Banking by JKPDD from **April 2018 to October 2018 (Export)** from traders having valid interstate trading license issued by CERC for banking of power as per Letter of Intent (LoI). The detail are as given here under :-

Tender No. :- CE/C&S/Banking/2017/2 Dated :- 18-07-2017

Name of Work :- Engagement of traders for Client Membership for Banking of Power from **October 2017 to March 2018 (Import)** and Advance Banking by JKPDD from **April 2018 to October 2018 (Export)** from traders having valid interstate trading license issued by CERC for banking of power as per Letter of Intent (LoI).

Amount of Earnest Money Deposit :- Rs. 10 Lacs

Cost of e-Bid document :- Rs. 5000/- (Rupees Five thousand)

Last date for submission of e-Bid :- 1st August 2017 (13:00 hrs)

1. The tender document is available on website <http://jktenders.gov.in>.

Sd/- Chief Engineer,
Commercial & Survey Wing, PDD J&K

No.DIP/J-3525/17
Dated:- 19.07.2017

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY

General public is hereby informed that an unknown Male person was found dead at Chander Vihar Nala Dated **15.07.2017 Time 11:50 AM**. In this regard Case **DD No. 18-A, Dated 15.07.2017** has been lodged at **P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi**

The description of the dead body is given as under **Name:** Unknown **S/o:** Unknown **R/o:** Unknown **Age:** Approx 60 Year, **Height:** 5', **Complexion:** Sallow, **Wearing:** White Colour Kurta & Payjama and Black Colour Hawai Chappal in his feet.

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.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED PERSON

General public is hereby informed that this person namely Mahadev Chakarvarty S/o Dhirender Chakarvarty R/o H.No. WZ-84, 20 Futa Road, Nihal Vihar, Delhi **Age : 40 years, Complexion : Fair, Height : 5'5", Face : Round, wearing Pink & black colour T-shirt, white colour pant and hawai chappal in feet, has been missing/kidnapped since 26.06.2017 from the area of P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 12-A, dated 28.06.2017 has been lodged at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi.**

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

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MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one girl, Namely Radha D/o Sh. Ramesh R/o H.No. 742, Gali No. 2-A, Swatantra Nagar, Delhi has been Missing/kidnapped since 25.06.2017 from the area of P.S. Narela, Delhi. In this regard, a report vide FIR No. 511/17 u/s 363 IPC Dated 25.06.2017, has been registered P.S. Narela, Delhi investigations has been carried out but despite best efforts, the girl could not be traced. The description of the missing/kidnapped girl is as under:

Name: Radha, **Parentage:** Sh. Ramesh, **Address:** H.No. 742, Gali No. 2-A, Swatantra Nagar, Delhi, **Age:** 14 yrs **Height:** 5', **Face:** Long, **Complexion:** Fair, **Wearing:** Cream colour suit-salwar and red chappal in Feet. If anyone has any information about the missing/kidnapped girl, then please inform P.S. Narela, Delhi and inform on the following Nos.

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Opp boycotts rest of UP Assembly Session



Opposition BSP, SP and Congress members address the media after walking out of the Assembly during the Budget Session in Lucknow on Thursday

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Alleging combative postures of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and the arrogance of the ruling party in the Uttar Pradesh Assembly on Wednesday, the entire Opposition decided to boycott the rest of the Budget Session of the Assembly on Thursday.

The Samajwadi Party (SP), the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) and the Congress met on Thursday morning and decided to boycott the rest of the Budget Session of the Assembly. As per business of the House approved by Business Advisory Committee, the Session is likely to end on July 28.

The Opposition parties in Legislative Council supporting their colleagues of the Assembly too boycotted the proceedings of the Upper House.

Assembly Speaker Hriday Narain Dixhit and the Parliamentary Affairs Ministers regretted the decision of the Opposition parties and urged them to reconsider their decision. Opposition sources said, they would meet in Lucknow on Thursday evening to decide their future course of action.

It was alleged that the Leader of Opposition was not allowed to speak after the speech of Chief Minister in the Assembly by Treasury benches on Wednesday. Opposition parties alleged that they felt threatened and intimidated by the aggressive stance of the Chief Minister and his party

towards them.

The CM, while replying to the general debate on the annual Budget in the House on Wednesday, had lambasted the SP and the BSP for rampant corruption during their respective regimes in the last 15 years.

As per established convention of the Assembly, the Leader of Opposition can ask clarification question after the CM's speech. But Ram Govind Chaudhary was not allowed to speak after the CM's speech on Wednesday.

As soon as the House assembled on Thursday, the Leader of Opposition Ram Govind Chaudhary stood up and said that they were rattled by the arrogance and the intimidating postures of the ruling party.

"It appears from the conduct of the Government that it wanted to put the entire Opposition in jail. We have cooperated with the chair but we are not getting the protection from the Speaker. We are being threatened that the entire family of our leader will be sent to jail," said Chaudhary.

"In my 40 years of experience as a Member of this Assembly, I have never witnessed this kind of action by a Government. It is unprecedented. The conduct of the Government has proved that it wants to muzzle the voice of the Opposition. We will boycott the rest of the Session allowing the Government to run the House as per its wishes. The CM has already said that even if the Opposition was not there, the

House would function normally," said the Leader of Opposition.

BSP leader Lalji Verma said the ruling party is targeting the Opposition Members in the House and the latter were not being allowed to speak.

"Ministers are using unparliamentary words and the ruling party has become arrogant due to the unprecedented mandate it got in recent Assembly poll. As per the rules of business for conduct of the proceedings of Assembly, there was no justification for the CM to speak after a reply by the Finance Minister after the debate on Budget. If the CM can speak in contravention of rules, then the Leader of Opposition should also have been allowed to speak after the CM," Verma said.

Congress legislature party leader Ajay Kumar Lalu said that it was unfortunate that the mike of the LoP was switched off when he tried to speak after the CM on Wednesday.

"The Opposition was left with no option but to take the harsh decision of boycotting the House as the Government is out to strangle the Opposition," said Lalu.

After the statement of the Congress leader, the entire Opposition, including 47 of the SP, 19 of the BSP and 7 of the Congress walked out of the House even as Speaker Hriday Narain Dixhit and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Suresh Kumar Khanna tried to persuade them and appealed to them not to take any decision in haste.

CID summons BJP's Ganguly, Vijayvargiya

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Close on the heels of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and Enforcement Directorate (ED) summoning senior Trinamool Congress leaders and Ministers Subroto Mukherjee, Firhad Hakim, Suvendu Adhikari and Saugaro Roy in Narada pay off case, the Mamata Banerjee Government tended to declare a 'war of summons' on the BJP getting the State Police to send counter summons to saffron leaders Kailash Vijayvargiya, MP Roopa Ganguly and State general secretary Samik Bhattacharya in two different cases.

The Crime Investigation Department (CID) on Thursday sent notices to Vijayvargiya and Ganguly and two other leaders from North Bengal in a child-trafficking case that originated in Jalpaiguri.

CHILD TRAFFICKING CASE

The Thursday's development also came against the backdrop of CBI getting a court order to search TMC leader's premises and reconstruct the Narada pay-off case along with Mathew Samuel.

The BJP leaders have been asked to appear at CID headquarters at Bhavani Bhavan in Kolkata on July 27 and 29. "Notice under Section 160 CrPc have been sent to Kailash Vijayvargiya, Roopa Ganguly and two other leaders in a child trafficking case of Jalpaiguri Kotwali Police Station," said a CID officer declining comment on whether the step had larger political import and whether it was a retaliatory in nature in view of the summons issued to senior Trinamool leaders in Narada case.

The child-trafficking case dates back to February this year when Juhu Chowdhury a local leader from Jalpaiguri was arrested for her alleged connections with child trafficking in which several infants were sold out to foreigners from a North Bengal children's home.

Juhu and her other accomplices were subsequently arrested. When asked as to why the senior BJP leaders were summoned in the case sources in CID said the agency wanted to know the nature of relationship Juhu enjoyed with these leaders.

"The police had recovered Juhu's photographs with Ganguly," said an official adding, "some facts have come up in subsequent interrogations and statements of these leaders are necessary for further investigations."

State BJP president Dilip Ghosh vehemently denied his

party's involvement in any such case saying efforts were on to politically malign BJP.

In a separate incident former BJP MLA from Basirhat and State party spokesperson Samik Bhattacharya was also summoned by the CID in connection with an alleged corruption in Indira Awas Yojna Scheme. A local BJP worker Ranjit Pal was earlier arrested for collecting funds from villagers promising them houses in the said scheme.

The Thursday's development came months after Banerjee issued a "brickbat-for-brickbat" threat to the Centre after senior Trinamool leader and MP Sudip Bandopadhyay was arrested in the Rose Valley chit fund case. She said though she was for maintain courteous relationship with other parties "if the BJP continues to harass our leaders then we will reserve our right to hit back in a befitting manner. If they put our men in jail then we also run a government with similar powers. If they have central forces and CBI, we also have our own State agencies."

Meanwhile in a related development the CBI on Thursday obtained a court order to get the Narada case reconstructed with the help of Narada News CEO Mathew Samuels who stung top Trinamool leaders by allegedly offering cash for favour before publishing it in 2017.

Samuels would be taken to the premises and offices of the stated leaders to reenact the instance of how he met them, offered cash and struck deals.

The Agency obtained the order from Bankshall court in Kolkata along with separate directions to search the premises of 13 people including TMC Ministers and MPs shown in the Narada footage.

Cinematographer Shyam K Naidu grilled for hours

OMER FAROOQ ■ HYDERABAD

As part of the probe into A drug scandal, the Special Investigation Team (SIT) of Prohibition and Excise department on Thursday questioned cinematographer Shyam K Naidu for nearly five-and-a-half hours.

He was the second prominent person from the Telugu film industry after noted director Puri Jagannath to be grilled about his alleged links with a drug peddler Calvin.

According to the sources in P&E department, Shyam Naidu, was asked, "Did you get them directly from Calvin or through a middleman?"

Sources said that he was also questioned about the others in Tollywood industry and their links with Calvin. While, his replies to questions about himself were satisfactory, he was not convincing in his answers about others, sources said.

Shyam Naidu came to the two office of excise commissioner with some of his associates and a lawyer at around 10.30 am.

Meanwhile, Puri Jagannath who was grilled by the officials

on Wednesday for nine hours denied any links with Calvin and denied having ever met him. But the officials countered it by showing his photograph with Calvin taken in 2015 at a function of audio launch of his film "Jyothi Lakshmi".

Significantly, during the questioning a team of doctors from Osmania General Hospital took Puri's blood and hair sample to ascertain whether he was consuming drugs.

After coming out of questioning, Puri tweeted reiterating the same stand that he doesn't know Calvin.

"I will go whenever SIT calls me again. Anything illegal, not only drugs, I have not done and I will not do," he said in his video posted on his Twitter handle.

Even as film personalities were being questioned about the use of narcotics and their links with the drug peddler, the Hyderabad Police busted two drug rackets and arrested 9 culprits. Nine members of two gangs including two foreigners were arrested on charges of selling drugs like LSD, MDMA and cocaine and seized the narcotics.

Notorious criminal hacked to death in full public view

Incident captured in CCTV camera

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In a shocking incident which came to be captured on a CCTV camera, a notorious criminal — with several serious offences registered against him — was hacked to death by rival gang members in full public view at Dhule in north Maharashtra.

The CCTV footage of the incident, which took place in front of a tea stall on Tuesday morning, went viral in the social media on Thursday.

Rafiquddin Shaikh, alias Guddya (33), a history sheet with 30-odd offences including murders, attempt to murders, extortion and rape registered against him, was sipping tea at a local stall after a morning walk, when ten members of a rival gang attacked him.

The Dhule Police said that the rival gangsters, armed with a revolver and choppers, barged into the tea stall at around 6.15 am and one of them shot at Shaikh.

Subsequently, the gangsters dragged Shaikh out of the tea stall and mercilessly hit him with choppers in the neck and on the face. One of the gangsters is seen in the CCTV footage hacking continuously Shaikh long after he is dead.

"We have registered a case and the investigations are in progress. We have formed six teams to trace and arrest the culprits behind the incident," Dhule's Additional SP Vivek Pansare said.

The investigators have so far identified seven out of the ten gangsters involved in the incident. They are, Vilas Goyar, his sons Vicky Goyar, Shyam Goyar and Vijay Goyar, their accomplices Rajendra Devare, Bhima Devare and Dadu Devare.

The Goyar family, which is suspected to be behind the gory murder of Shaikh, has criminal antecedents. "Members of Goyar family had issues with Shaikh for years on end," a senior police officer said.

The investigations have revealed that the Goyar family members had kept a close watch on the movements of Shaikh, who was on bail in some of the cases registered against him Ahmednagar, Nashik, Dhule, all in Maharashtra, and the neighbouring district in Madhya Pradesh.

Having laid hands on the CCTV footage of the incident, the police had taken precautions against its leak. However, the footage leaked and went viral on the social media.

In addition to the ongoing investigations into the actual incident, the Dhule district Police administration has ordered an inquiry into the circulation into the CCTV footage leak.

Senior Telangana officials to study factors behind suicide by cops

Hyderabad: A core group of senior police officers will take up a study on various causative factors due to which police personnel in Telangana are committing suicide. A decision in this regard was taken during an interactive meeting with the senior officers of the Police Department on the issue of stress management in police and mitigating depression, which was held under the chairmanship of the State DGP Anurag Sharma. "Various causative factors were discussed at the meeting and the DGP felt that the core group of officers should volunteer to work closely on the subject and come out with actionable solutions," an official release said.

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Name Of the Work: Cleaning of the road from Gate No.2 to Gate No.1 with MCHP Road. Estimated Cost: Rs.81,92,732/-. Last Date & time of submission: 07.08.2017 upto 17.00 Hrs. Refer our website for details: eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app.

Executive Engineer, PPTPT/2017-18, Dt.20/07/2017, Port Railway Division/PPT

SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED

General Public is hereby informed that one of girl namely **Megha D/o Sh. Sanjay R/o Jhuggi No. 43, W-70, Indra Camp No. 2, Vikas Puri, New Delhi. Age 1.5 years, Height-2'6", Face-Round, Complexion-Fair, Built-Medium, Hair-Black, Wearing-Red Colour frock and Grey Colour Sandal** in her feet has been reported kidnapped from Manohar Nagar Gurudwara, CRPF Camp, Tilak Vihar, New Delhi by two boys on the Red Colour Motorcycle since dated 04.07.2017 Time 8.00 PM.

In this regard a case **FIR No. 316/17 dated 04.07.2017 u/s 363/34 IPC** has been registered in P.S. Tilak Nagar, New Delhi

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

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8 get life terms for killing one, assaulting two

Krishnagar (WB): A Krishnagar court on Thursday sentenced eight people with life imprisonment for beating a photocopy shop owner to death and assaulting his two relatives in Nadia district over seven years ago.

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED WOMAN

General public is hereby informed that this woman namely **Neelam W/o Neeraj R/o D-339, Shahbad Daulatpur, Delhi Age : 25 years, Height : 5', Face : Long, Complexion : Sallow, wearing pink colour checkdar saree and white colour chappal in feet, has been missing/kidnapped since 13.06.2017 from the area of P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi.** In this regard DD No. 14-A dated 14.06.2017 has been lodged at P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi.

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

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

The Executive Engineer (E), Electrical Division-I, CPWD, Gate No. 6, Jalebhi Chowk, North Block, New Delhi (Ph : 23092312 & E-mail: deleeeed1.cpwd@nic.in) on behalf of the President of India, hereby invites online item rate tenders "From the Manufacturer OR their authorized agents of Cummins make DG set for AMC" for the following work:-

- NIT NO. 68/EE(E)/ED-1/2017-18, Name of Work: (i) R.M.O. External Services i/c Substation & D.G. Sets installed at North Block, New Delhi. (ii) R.M.O 500KVA DG set at L & M Block, New Delhi. (SH: Annual Comprehensive maintenance of various capacities DG sets installed at North Block). Estimated Cost: ₹ 7,19,617/-, Earnest Money: ₹ 14,392/-, Period of completion: 12 (Twelve) Months, Last time and date of submission of bid 27.07.2017 up to 3:00 PM.
- NIT NO. 68/EE(E)/ED-1/2017-18 (From the Registered contractors of CPWD in appropriate class of Composite Category), Name of Work: RMO Fire Fighting, AFAS & PA system at AHQ, Vayu Bhawan, New Delhi. (SH: Operation & routine maintenance of micro processor based conventional type fire alarm & detection system (Agni maker) and PA system). Estimated Cost: ₹ 10,15,260/-, Earnest Money: ₹ 20,305/-, Period of completion: 12 (Twelve) Months, Last time and date of submission of bid 27.07.2017 up to 3:00 PM.

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.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that 1. Govind Kumar S/o Kavinder Singh R/o H. No. 211-212, PKT-8, Sector-24, Rohini, Delhi 2. Ranjana Devi W/o Govind R/o H. No. 211-212, PKT-8, Sector-24, Rohini, Delhi 3. Sohan Kumar S/o Sh. Kavinder Singh R/o H. No. 211-212, PKT-8, Sector-24, Rohini, Delhi and 4. Arun Kumar S/o Sh. Bhushan Kumar R/o H.No.4, Block C, PKT-11, Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi has committed (or are suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 72/13 u/s 420/467/120B IPC P.S. Janak Puri, New Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Govind Kumar, Ranjana Devi, Sohan Kumar and Arun Kumar** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Govind Kumar, Ranjana Devi, Sohan Kumar and Arun Kumar** have absconded (or are concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said **accused Govind Kumar, Ranjana Devi, Sohan Kumar and Arun Kumar of FIR No. 72/13 u/s 420/467/120B IPC P.S. Janak Puri, New Delhi** are required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on 11.09.2017.

By Order
Sh. Gagandeep Jindal,
MM- Court No. 311, Dwarka Courts, New Delhi

DP/6857/WD/17

Metro Railway, Kolkata
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ANNUAL MAINTENANCE & UP KEEP OF TRACK

Chief Engineer, Metro Railway, Metro Rail Bhavan, 33/1, J.L. Nehru Road, Kolkata-700071 for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-tender for execution of the following work: Name of Work : Annual Maintenance & Up keep of Track and track bed both UP & DN Line from Km.3/12 to 7/14 between Belgachia (excluding) to Central (including) including "Y" siding at Giris Park of Metro Railway, Kolkata. Tender Value: ₹ 1,04,32,000/-, Cost of tender document: ₹ 5,000/-, Earnest Money: ₹ 2,02,160/-, Completion period: The Contract shall be in force upto 30.06.2018 from the date of issue of letter of acceptance. Date of Closing: 30.08.2017 at 12.00 hrs. The Tender Document and other details can be obtained from the website www.irps.gov.in. The bidding for the tender is to be submitted only through e-tendering on above website. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any manual offer, if received shall not be accepted and will be summarily rejected.

Abridged e-tender Notice No.: Civil-2242-2017 (Open), Dt.19.07.2017

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF PERSON ACCUSED

See Section 82 Cr. PC

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely (1) Vikash Kumar, S/o Sanjay Prasad, R/o H.No.21, Mohiyaddim Pur, Tours Achal Wansaliganj, Distt. Nawada, Bihar, (2) Eklavya S/o Kanta Prasad, R/o H.No.114, Village Kotla, Pkt.-2, Mayur Vihar, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the Offence FIR No. 775/14 u/s 420 IPC at P.S. Mangolpuri, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said (1) Vikash, (2) Eklavya cannot be found and whereas it has been to my satisfaction that the (1) Vikash, (2) Eklavya has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation u/s 82 CrPc is hereby made that the (1) Vikash, (2) Eklavya accused of FIR No. 775/14 u/s 420 IPC is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 04.09.2017.

By Order
Sh. Shirish Aggarwal
Metropolitan Magistrate
Room No.218, 2nd Floor, Rohini Dist. Court, New Delhi

DP/9854/OD/17-
(Court Matter)

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General Public is hereby informed that a boy namely **Sameer S/o Rihayat, R/o Village Seikhpur, Police Station Khundrakhi, Distt. Muradabad, UP** has been missing/kidnapped since 04.07.2017 from the area of P.S. Bawana, Delhi. In this regard a case vides **DD No. 13-A dated 07.07.2017** has been lodged at P.S., Bawana, Delhi. The description of Missing/Kidnapped boy is as under :

Name : Sameer, Father's Name : Rihayat, Age : 19 years, Height : 5'6", Face : Round, Complexion : Fair, Wearing : Check Shirt, blue jeans and hawal chappal in feet.

If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned.

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इस कार्यालय द्वारा जारी आआनिसं० ०३ से ०६ / विनोदवि०ख० पंचम/२०१७-१८ (कार्य) जो दिनांक १९.०७.२०१७ को १२.३० बजे तक स्वीकार कर उसी दिन १३.०० बजे से सार्वजनिक रूप से खोली जानी थी, अपरिहार्य कारणवश अब दिनांक २५.०७.२०१७ को १२.३० बजे तक स्वीकार करके उसी दिन १३.०० बजे से सार्वजनिक रूप से खोली जायेगी। निविदा का प्रथम एवं द्वितीय भाग (प्रार्थस विड) दिनांक २५.०७.२०१७ को १२.३० बजे तक वेबसाइट www.etender.up.nic.in पर भरी जा सकेगी। निविदा संख्या ०३ एवं ०४ का द्वितीय भाग (प्रार्थस विड) दिनांक २०.०७.२०१७ को १२.३० बजे से तथा पर दिनांक २८.०७.२०१७ को १२.३० बजे से निविदा संख्या ०५ एवं ०६ का द्वितीय भाग दिनांक २०.०७.२०१७ को १२.३० बजे से तथा पर दिनांक २६.०७.२०१७ को १२.३० बजे से इस कार्यालय में सार्वजनिक रूप से खोला जायेगा।

अन्य नियम व शर्तें पूर्ववत् रहेंगी। अधिशासी अभियन्ता, विद्युत नगरीय वितरण खण्ड-पंचम, ३३/११ कबी विद्युत उपस्थान सैक्टर २०, नोएडा। विद्युत चोरी की सूचना हेतु लाईन नं०-१८००-१८०-३००२ (फ्रीटोल), १८००-१८०-८७५२ (सहजक) पर दें।

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दिनांक - १९/०७/२०१७ ३३/११ कबी उपकेंद्र सैक्टर-२०, नोएडा

"राष्ट्रहित में ऊर्जा बचाएँ"

MISSING

General public is hereby informed that this lady, namely **Sunita, W/o Sh. Pankaj, R/o C-353, J.J. Colony, Khyala, Delhi** has been missing her house since 05.07.17. In this regard, a **DD No. 45-A, dated 08.07.17** has been lodged at P.S. Khyala, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace the missing lady, but no clue has come to light so far.

The description of the missing lady is as under:
Name: Sunita, Age: 25 yrs, Height: 5'3", Complexion: Fair, Face: Long, Build: Thin, Wearing: Green saree and red blouse.

If anyone has any information about the missing lady, please inform P.S. Khyala, Delhi.

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Message to Pakistan

Trump Administration puts Islamabad on notice. Will needed action follow?

The Trump Administration has taken its first major step to make Pakistan accountable for aiding and abetting terrorism, by naming and shaming it in its 2016 Country Reports on Terrorism. But in itself, this will have no meaning unless it is followed up by punitive measures. In the 2015 Country Report too on the same subject, the US Department of State had slammed Pakistan for exactly the same reason, and yet it had remained more or less business as usual between the Pakistanis and the Americans. In its final weeks, in fact, despite the damning observations, the Obama Administration had been actively considering financial and military assistance to Pakistan. It's true that the proposal has been held up due to stiff opposition from an influential section of US law-makers, but that the help was even considered to Islamabad, exposed Washington, DC's ambivalence. Will the narrative be any different this time? We have to wait and watch. US President Donald Trump has spoken passionately and aggressively about countering terrorism and its sponsors — direct and indirect. The Pakistan issue is a good occasion for him to walk that talk. The Trump Administration must be hoping that its tough messaging will knock sense into



the Pakistani leadership, both civil and military. A few months ago, US National Security Advisor HR McMaster had bluntly told Islamabad that it must confront terror "in all its forms". A similarly sharp rebuke had been delivered by Hillary Clinton as Secretary of State in the Obama Administration's first term — and it had proved to be of no use. Pakistan will not reform as a result of mere warnings; it must be made to feel the pinch. It needs to be recalled that the Pakistani military and civil leadership had fallen in line after President George W Bush had told them that they were either "with us or against us" in the war against terrorism — there was no room for in-between manoeuvring. The Trump regime must deliver a similar message.

From India's perspective, the 2016 Country Report vindicates its long-held stand that Pakistan has become a safe haven for terrorist organisations such as the Lashkar-e-Tayyeba and the Jaish-e-Mohammad. Only recently, and days after the US State Department designated him as a 'global terrorist', Hizbul Mujahideen chief Syed Salahuddin openly addressed a public gathering in Islamabad — with a senior member of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's party in attendance — and vowed vengeance on India. Besides, the world is well aware of Pakistani elements' complicity in the recent attacks on India military bases in Uri and earlier in Pathankot. Thus, the US State Department's mention of Pakistan's failure (or refusal) to tackle the LeT and the JeM is especially satisfying. The report made a most relevant observation — again, one that New Delhi has been saying with regard to 'good terrorist' and 'bad terrorist' — that, while Pakistan has acted against those which had struck within the country, it had failed to crack down on the groups that have been targeting India. Meanwhile, India must take its own decisions — including that of striking hard where it hurts.

Presidential qualities

Ram Nath Kovind must evolve his own style, and learn from past examples

Ram Nath Kovind's election as the new President of India had been a foregone conclusion from the moment his name was backed not just by the ruling NDA but also by a clutch of opposition parties and leaders. He has won easily and resoundingly, garnering a sizeable number of votes in the electoral college. But as he waits to take over from President Pranab Mukherjee in a few days from now, the question on everyone's lips is: What kind of President will Kovind make? Will he be lack-lustre or noteworthy? It's difficult to say for now; there are as yet no straws in the wind. But if he cares to study the track records of previous Presidents, he will find in them much to emulate and a great deal to avoid. It is both unfair and irrational to expect that as President, Kovind will suddenly manage to assimilate the best of all the Presidents and keep at arm's distance the worst of them. But he can, if he has the will, gradually but surely evolve into being a successful head of state. He certainly has the ability to do so, given that he is known to be soft-spoken, polite, unassuming and ready to absorb the good. Besides, he has vast experience of public life — its enormous potential to make a positive difference as also the pitfalls.



He can be like Rajendra Prasad who refused to be a rubber stamp and yet always adhered to the constitutional properties of his position. Prasad differed sharply with Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru on many issues but never impinged on the latter's constitutional domain or created an ugly confrontational situation. Kovind can seek to be a 'people's President' like APJ Abdul Kalam, who often dispensed with protocol to reach out to the masses, especially the youth and the children, and inspired them by his thoughts and books.

He could be a copy-book President who goes strictly by the rules and ethics of his high post, like KR Narayanan and R Venkataraman. He may not have the academic or intellectual heft of S Radhakrishnan, but he certainly need not be pliable and bereft of personality, which Pratibha Patil was, or wade like her into controversies with lavish and pointless foreign trips with family members. There is no harm if Kovind brings some rustic charm to Rashtrapati Bhavan, like Giani Zail Singh did, but he must not stoop to making statements such as, "If I am asked to sweep the floor by the Congress, I will willingly do so"; nor should he conspire to dislodge an elected regime or a Prime Minister. As President, he must be above petty political factionalism and not succumb to its lure, which perhaps the likes of VV Giri or Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy did. Kovind's critics may say that his BJP roots will impact his impartiality. But Pranab Mukherjee too was a dyed in the wool Congressman, and yet none accused him of behaving like one as President. Eventually, Kovind will have to develop his own style and persona as the President of India.

There's more news than Trump news

With a soap opera driven agenda to score bigger audiences that highlight scandals, fake news and family drama, people are suffering from Trump-fatigue syndrome and would like different news stories to be told



TOM MCGREGOR

Please, enough already! Nevertheless, the mainstream media (MSM) continues broadcasting more tall tales from anonymous sources claiming the Russians have interfered in the US presidential election.

And if it's not about the Russians, they interview psychiatrists, who never met the United States President Donald J Trump, delivering a so-called professional diagnosis insisting Trump suffers from mental illness and he must be impeached for our public safety.

The media has gone into overdrive attacking the Trump administration, but in the process of doing so, it's the journalists and their echo chamber, Democratic Party politicians, who look like the crazy ones.

Messengers should not be the message: The Trump obsession in the media is motivated not by sincere motives in the hopes to alert the public on the dangers of the Trump White House. Instead, reporters are engaged in 'look at me' journalism.

The media is perceived more as fake news now and no longer as the messen-

gers who inform people on current events. This devastating image could be irreversible.

Reporters should understand their role is to serve as messengers for the public. They are not the decision-makers, the entertainers or the sports players. Telling the true story, whether for good or bad, must be done.

Nonetheless, with the ascendancy of Trump's political career, many journalists have lost their way and have forgotten that there's other stories the public should know about.

International news for everyone: It seems, nowadays, if a media story is somehow not connected to Trump, then the MSM ignores it.

But many people are getting fed up with 24/7 Trump news coverage and turning off the TV news, staying away from newspapers and scrolling anything but Trump articles on news websites.

With the internet and smartphones, our world is more connected than ever before, yet the MSM is ignoring the masses by focusing on Trump.

Meanwhile, there's major headline news coming out of all regions of the globe, including Asia and this should be of great significance since the East is rising in prosperity and diplomatic influence, while the West is declining as a driver of global economic growth and stabiliser of world peace.

Asia is the future and the West will

either play the role as a partner or an obstacle to Asia's inevitable rise.

Asia is misunderstood to the West: Most MSM reporters, even those based in bureaus in Asian cities, fail to understand the region they cover. They have been blinded by ideological illusions. For them, democracy — good; non-democracy — bad — and that's how they frame their perceptions.

The countries — Japan, South Korea, and India are depicted as wonderful superstars of the North East Asia region, while China, which makes no effort to endorse democracy, is cast as the villain bent on destroying not only its people but striving for global dominance in a malicious manner.

The MSM makes no effort to tell a different story. Nonetheless, China has risen from abject poverty just a few decades ago to become the world's second-largest economy and some say the nation will surpass the US for the top spot in the next decade or so ahead.

Living in a bubble: Another reason, MSM reporters can not understand Asia is because they have already enjoyed illustrious and successful careers in the West, or they see working in Asia as just a resume-enhancer.

In Beijing alone, many Westerners, employed by the MSM, are granted generous pay packages and living allowances. They can stay in a luxury apartment, chat with the rich and famous, while their

spouses and children don't have to talk to the natives.

Children of MSM reporters are unlikely to attend local public schools, but they go to international schools where they can be among expats.

MSM reporters do not often communicate with local people in their communities. Yes, many of them are fluent in Chinese, but they live in a bubble and unless they pop it and speak to regular folks, they will never learn the real China.

To change the world; transform yourself: Many MSM reporters lack humility or self-awareness. But who can blame them? Most likely, they graduated from an Ivy League School, got good grades, so they learned that if you write to please the professors and bosses, you can succeed.

Unfortunately, this is exactly why the MSM is failing big time. The bosses in the MSM are saying, 'Talk about Trump' and the hired reporters do not have the courage to say, 'but many people don't care anymore.'

Will the MSM ever learn? Perhaps yes, but that's not likely to occur until after a few major media outlets go bankrupt, which would serve as a wake up call.

Meanwhile, the reporters who look East for news may discover there's a very interesting story out here and global audiences may want to learn more about the continent as well.

(Courtesy: Sputnik International)

SOUNDBITE

The Governments of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh should work out a water-sharing agreement to take the Ken-Betwa River Link Project (KBLP) forward.

Water Resources Minister —Uma Bharti

They (Naseeruddin Shah and Arjun Kapoor) did quite a lot by joining the lipstick revolution. It is very important for men to treat women as equals.

Film-maker —Prakash Jha

Members are being humiliated and we are not getting protection from the Speaker. We all are walking out; now you run it (the House) as you want.

UP Opposition leader —Ram Govind Chaudhary

Pakistan is committed to resolve all issues with India, including Kashmir, through talks. Islamabad is committed to dialogue with India for the resolution of all issues.

Foreign Secretary —Tehmina Janjua

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wrong belief

Sir — This refers to the letter, "Nationalist AMU" (July 20) by Jasim Mohammad, in response to the article, "Kashmir Valley: From nowhere to nowhere" (July 17) by Balbir Punj. The writer's assertion in defence of the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), that the university played "no role in the country's division", is contrary to what a large number of Indians believe. I give below two extracts, one relating to Syed Ahmed Khan's role and the other regarding the AMU students' role in 'popularising' the idea of Pakistan:

"...a movement for Muslim separatism had been gathering strength since 1877, the year when the Mohammedan Anglo Oriental college was founded by Syed Ahmad Khan...who put forward the idea which Muhammad Ali Jinnah and other heavy weights of the Muslim League carried forward till they achieved their goal that 'the Muslims constituted a nation separate from the rest...' (From Ashok Patnaik's review of BR Nanda's book, *Witness to Partition: A Memoir*, published in *The Pioneer* on August 29, 2004).

The second relates to a quotation from the book, *Modern South Asia*, by Sugata Bose and Ayesha Jalal. "It is well-known that the remaining years of the World War II witnessed a spectacular jump in the popularity graph of 'Pakistan' among most Muslims of India. Mushirul Hasan (a historian) has documented the role of Aligarh students in popularising the League's creed in the remote villages of British India."

M Ratan Via email

Truth is stranger than fiction, indeed

This refers to the editorial, "Reality in dreamworld" (July 17). The arrest of Malayalam actor Dileep on charges of conspiracy in the infamous sexual assault incident on a leading female actor has sent shockwaves across the country. Many a time, real-life happenings in the film industry are more dark, adventurous and untold than reel-life-scripts. The idiom, 'Truth is stranger than fiction', fits the film industry to a great extent. The film fraternity-criminal-politician nexus is too threatening to be easily broken. Influential lobbies have divided the film fraternity to compel artists to toe the line of one or the other lobby or face consequences. However, it is perhaps for the first time that a superstar is behind the bars, accused of a heinous crime of hatching a plot of outraging the modesty of an actor.

Personal animosity, professional issues and business interests — one or all reportedly led to the actor hiring a man with criminal background to torment the victim in a moving car on February 17. A series of social media posts 'supporting' the accused actor and maligning the victim actress by casting aspersions on her even as the accused actor is languishing in jail hoping for a favourable decision from the Kerala High Court, is shameful and has not gone well with the police. They should remember that all are equal before the law.

Ganapathi Bhat Akola



Hypocrisy unveiled

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Intolerance of 'tolerants'" (July 19). In a letter addressed to Pahlaj Nihlani, the Chairman of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC), Congress leader Sanjay Nirupam said that it appears from the trailer of the film, *Indu Sarkar*, that it's a film on Emergency period, and hence, he would like to see the film before it is censored, to be certain that their leaders are not being shown in bad light. This is something unheard of — that a film-maker has to take clearance from someone other than the statutory body meant for it, the CBFC, to release his film.

Emergency was a black chapter in our democracy. The then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was solely responsible for imposing it, and her elder son, Sanjay Gandhi, and many other Congress leaders were responsible for whatever happened during the period of Emergency. It is laughable that in a film based on Emergency, the grand old party wants the main players to be depicted in 'good light'.

The editorial rightly questions the silence of the so-called Left-liberal intellectuals on this issue. Congress leaders and Left-liberal intellectuals, who call themselves champions of freedom of expression vehemently defended the right of Maqbool Fida Husain to make obscene paintings of Hindu deities.

MC Joshi Lucknow

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SMART REMIX THE BUZZWORD IN RAJASTHAN

Amba Lal, our cab driver, advised us against delaying our hotel checkout beyond 8 am. "The route to airport has the narrow stretch of NH-8 and it gets too congested thereafter due to rush-hour traffic", he cautioned. The widening of NH, passing through Udaipur, may happen in the long run. For now, Lal will have to continue with his time-management advisories and deal with the morning blues, just as he has been doing for years. However, of late, Lal and thousands of residents of the around 500-year-old historic City of Lakes have been witnessing some 'smart changes'. And it's these that are being showcased by the Vasundhara Raje Government, which has a whopping ₹40,000 crore of Central funds at its disposal to implement Prime Minister Modi's ambitious projects like the Smart City Mission, Heritage City Development Scheme, Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation and Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive

UDAIPUR

Proud of its lakes, one of the main sources of income for locals heavily dependent on tourism, Udaipur has, not surprisingly, focussed on the rejuvenation of its water bodies. The freshwater lake ecosystem is called "inherited smartness". The lakes are fed by rain water flowing down the surrounding mountains during monsoon. The surplus water from the lakes gets routed to the ancient Ayad river through the under-construction Gumanian Nallah-channel. The water from the river then gets channelled back to the lakes, completing a cycle. With planning and elimination of all points of sewerage discharge into the lakes, the Udaipur Municipal Corporation (UMC) has already made the Fateh Sagar and Govardhan lakes sewer-free. The other two major lakes, Pichola and Swaroop Sagar, are next in line.

"When it comes to lakes, the residents are very possessive. They willingly involve in shramdaan for cleanliness activities and cooperate in government schemes for conservation of these water bodies. A new de-weeding machine keeps the lakes free from hyacinths and other weeds while weewage treatment plants have been planned", UMC CEO Sidharth Sihag pointed out.

"A lake patrolling squad is in action to prevent illegal constructions around the lakes and a cash incentive is given to anyone who reports on sewerage flowing into the lakes through the 'Action Udaipur App'", he said.

Udaipur serves as a role model with immersion of idols in the lakes after every festival stopped. "It is done only symbolically", UMC Mayor Chandra Singh Kothari said, adding, "Conservation is going hand-in-hand with beautification of the city, making it more lucrative for the tourism industry. From fountains for aeration to open-air gyms to conservation of traditional bazaars to solar/battery/LPG boats to water taxis to modern parking lots, it's all happening."

But have these improved the standard of living of the residents? Sihag said, "Ensuring 24x7 water supply, replacement of age-old sewerage facilities with modern ones and 100 percent door-to-door collection of garbage are some of the initiatives undertaken for just that. Moreover, tourism promotion leads to better livelihood opportunities and greater income generation."

Udaipur recently hogged headlines also for leaving New York behind in replacing the traditional high pressure sodium street lights with the energy efficient LED lights - 35,000 of them all.

It is one of the four cities of Rajasthan selected for the Centre's Smart City Mission (SCM), with the others being the State capital of Jaipur, the holy city of Ajmer and the ITTians-churning hub Kota. Together, the four have ₹7,025 crore of Central funds under the SCM. ■



Udaipur's Pichola Lake with Jag Mandir Palace is slated to be declared sewer-free by August 1, this year



M MADHUSUDAN
DEPUTY BUREAU CHIEF
THE PIONEER

YOUNG TURKS

With the term of the Rajasthan Assembly ending in January, next year, the BJP is aiming a return to power in the State. The reason for its focus on infrastructural projects is, thus, not missed out. The State Government's strategy is evident. It has deputed young and energetic bureaucrats (IAS officers), especially, in the four cities selected under the Smart City Mission. Assisted by a battery of engineers, right from the Chief Engineer to the Assistant Engineers, the Municipal Corporation CEOs are on their toes. That the Mayors happen to be from the BJP is only helping their cause. "Moreover, the huge corpus of Central funds available to us was unthinkable earlier. Despite many municipal corporations in Rajasthan having surplus budget, undertaking big-ticket, high-value projects was not possible without Central assistance", said an officer connected with the Smart City Mission in the State.

JOB CREATION

The Opposition has been targeting the Modi regime over the lack of job creation. It has made its intentions known about cornering BJP Governments at the Centre and the States on this issue. Rajasthan Government officials, however, pointed out that the large number of projects underway in the State has led to direct and indirect employment to thousands of persons. "We do not have an exact number of jobs created, but every big project in itself entails hundreds of jobs, skilled, unskilled, all", they said.

AJMER

Landing in Jaipur and heading straight to Ajmer, we were curious about our accommodation since we passed by villages and dusty, sand-filled roads winding alongside agriculture fields dotted with occasional concrete structures — some too lavish to be at that place. Once inside one such facility, we found that it's a sprawling resort with seemingly five-star facilities, of which one would have no inkling from outside the high boundary walls.

"Ajmer Sharif Dargah and Pushkar, known for its cattle fair and world's only Brahma Temple, together account for over 70 lakh footfalls annually", the State's Education Minister and BJP MLA from Ajmer North, Vasudev Devnani, told us, stressing the importance of the city.

No wonder then, that there is the steady filing of tourists even at the remote resort, plush with around 100 luxurious 'villas', swimming pool, huge dining hall, conference rooms, restaurant and battery-operated carts ferrying customers.

Ajmer is one of the 12 cities selected under the Union Tourism Ministry's 'Prasad' scheme and is one of the only three cities to have the support of the US Trade and Development Agency; Allahabad and Vizag being the other two.

The development of the Ajmer-Pushkar twin city concept is at work. The low-floor buses, under the



13-MLD-capacity sewerage treatment plant project on Anasagar Lake in Ajmer

JNNURM scheme, have been junked as they had difficulty in manoeuvring the circuitous mountainous stretch between the two centres. A tunnel to connect Ajmer and Pushkar digging the Aravallis is thus on course. "It will be a one-kilometre-long tunnel and will cut down the travel time between the two centres from 30 minutes to just 10 minutes", Ajmer District Magistrate Gaurav Goyal explained.

Given the huge tourist footfall, if the Ajmer railway station is being modernised, 10 multi-storied commercial properties are being developed at the station and 800 CCTVs with an integrated security and surveillance centre have been set up. Decongesting the

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city is high on the agenda.

"A British-era veterinary hospital is being converted into a parking lot near the Dargah to accommodate 2000 cars and 12,000 two wheelers", Goyal said.

As in Udaipur, in Ajmer too, the Anasagar Lake Restoration project is being accorded much importance with a massive sewerage treatment plant (13MLD) set up and work on to 'eliminate' sewerage drainage flow from 11 drains into the lake. New sewer connections to 26,000 residents by replacing the 1970s lines are being given.

"As part of the Anasagar promenade project work, a walkway, cafeteria, two chaupaty schemes, boating, and water sports facilities are also coming up", Ajmer Municipal Corporation (AMC) CEO Himanshu Gupta said. He led us to the nearby Subhash Udyan, named after Subhas Chandra Bose, whose statue adorns the park. "Its uniqueness is the three-km cycling plus jogging track that is being constructed", he said, adding the cycle-sharing scheme around Anasagar Lake was already a hit, especially, among foreigners.

The Anasagar Escape Channel, however, will be a major attraction. The nine-km Mughal period *nallah* will be covered and a cycle track will be laid atop it too. And so will be the Ajmer Museum, where 2,400 of the 4,000 reels of footage of freedom struggle and leaders have been digitised to be shown to visitors. ■

THE STANDOUTS

Heritage & water conservation in Jaipur

In the capital of the desert State of Rajasthan, a tourist normally spends 2.8 days on an average. But by 2019, the State Government envisages a tourist spending 3.5 days in Jaipur. Hence, it has undertaken the restoration of old heritage buildings, with the Rajasthan School of Arts being one such project, façade improvement of its nine main bazaars and water conservation project through the old stepwells (*bawris*).

"The idea is to restore Jaipur's heritage so that it can be cherished by the city's people and explored by travellers who visit here for its architectural beauty and rich culture", said Principal Secretary, Local Self Government, Rajasthan, Manjit Singh.

"We want to revive the lost beauty of the Pink City and will do this by repairing the damage, removing the clutter and repainting the facade with the original colour. We want to preserve the fabric and character of the walled city", Singh added.

The restoration and adaptive re-use of the historical Rajasthan School of Arts, the State's oldest institution promoting art and culture, is in progress. "We will develop the forecourt and improve the facade.



Façade restoration work in progress in Jaipur

The building will have a museum with smart galleries and modern facilities", Kavita Jain, the smart city project conservation architect, informed.

As for the façade restoration, it has been started from the Kishanpole Bazar. "It's all done through the same traditional and original methods as was done earlier, be it the preparation of lime plaster

or the use of original *khamira* colour on the walls. We are likely to complete this by June 2018", Jain said.

The rejuvenation of *bawris* is being done to improve the water table of Jaipur. "We also want to restore the lost beauty and functionality of the *bawris*. It will help in rainwater harvesting too", Singh pointed out. ■

Cleanliness drive in holy city of Ajmer

In Ajmer, seeds of a clean city habit have been sown by an NGO, Jaagrati Foundation, founded by a non-resident India, Anil Tripathi, who spent 12 years in London, only to return to India and take up the cleanliness cause modelled on the lines of urban management plans of Scandinavian countries.

Garbage dumps and overflowing dustbins are giving way to neat sets of semi-underground bins in spruced-up enclosures with a couple of benches adjacent to it. Garbage collection is mechanised with no littering of garbage even during collection.

"A place near the Brahma Temple, for example, was full of garbage and rubbish once. Cows used to eat polythene, in which garbage was stored and thrown. But they don't anymore, as there



Before and after Jaagrati Foundation's cleanliness drive in Pushkar

is no plastic available to them. The place became one of the cleanest in the city in less than a week and continues to remain so. We haven't banned plastic or imposed penalty. Instead, we only provided a system to the people and ensured the system worked. People themselves want cleanliness but have no working

system in place. We just plugged that loophole. We don't need expensive cleanliness campaigns. We only need to invest money to provide a system to the people", Tripathi said.

His organisation, with the State Government's assistance, has set up such bins in several places across Ajmer, Jaipur —

and in Kurukshetra in Haryana. "Now, we see people even having their lunch in the bin enclosure. It's so neat and clean", Tripathi said excitedly. Not to miss out, he added, "We keep newspapers at every such garbage facility for people to relax on the benches and read." ■

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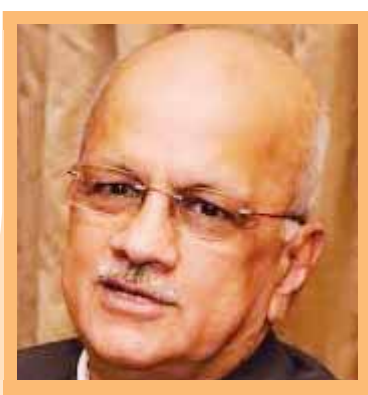
What the Rajasthan electorate thinks of the Raje dispensation's performance will be known only after the results of the Assembly poll. But then, such infrastructural initiatives and interventions had been long overdue, especially in a State which has the challenging dual task of preserving its rich heritage and taking progressive and futuristic developmental steps at the same time.



So if you look at the environment today, I would say that B2B is coming up, B2B is becoming more useful with many more enterprises of the world that are coming to Bengaluru for setting up facilities and this is creating a right base for the high quality work
TECH INVESTOR
TV MOHANDAS PAI

BUZZ FROM CORPORATES

Reskilling and upskilling has become topmost priority for employee retention so every employee knows today if they don't upskill sooner or later they are going to be redundant. It is also critical for companies also to offer opportunities for their employees to be reskilled
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RIL Q1 net profit up 28% to ₹9,108 crore

Strong refining and petrochemicals margin help contribute to higher operating profits for the quarter, says Mukesh Ambani

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With strong refining and petrochemicals margin, Mukesh Ambani-led energy-cum telecom giant Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) on Thursday posted its highest quarterly consolidated net profit of ₹9,108 crore in the April-June period of the current fiscal. The net profit was 28 per cent higher than the same period of the last financial year. "Strong refining and petrochemicals margin environment contributed to higher operating profits for the quarter. The company's net profit in the April-June quarter of current fiscal at ₹9,108 crore (₹30.8 per share) was 28 per cent higher than ₹7,113 crore (₹24.1 a share) in the same period of the last financial year," the RIL statement said.



Our industry leading portfolio of assets in the refining and petrochemicals business contributed to considerable improvement in our earnings for the quarter
RIL CMD
Mukesh Ambani

RIL, which owns and operates the world's largest refining complex at Jamnagar in Gujarat, earned a nine-year high margin of ₹11.9 on turning every barrel of crude oil into fuel during the quarter under review. However, RIL CMD Mukesh Ambani said, "Our industry leading portfolio of assets in the refining and petrochemicals business contributed to considerable

Telecom warchest: Jio to raise ₹20,000 crore via rights issue

NEW DELHI: Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd, the closely held telecom arm of Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries, today said it plans to raise ₹20,000 crore from a rights offer. After plowing a little less than ₹2 lakh crore into starting a national fourth-generation mobile network, the fresh round of funding will help Jio challenge competitors with its free-for-life voice calls and dirt-cheap data services. Jio is offering 400 crore non-cumulative optionally convertible preference shares (OCPs) at ₹50 each to RIL, according to a stock exchange filing. With this latest infusion, RIL's total investment in Jio will reach over ₹2.1 lakh crore. "The amount subscribed/paid on each OCPs shall be either redeemed at ₹50 or converted into five equity shares of ₹10 each at any time at the

improvement in our earnings for the quarter." On the other hand, the company's organised retail saw pre-tax profit almost doubling to ₹292 crore. "Retail business witnessed accelerated growth momentum with 74 per cent revenue growth," he said. The company had reported a gross refining margin (GRM) of \$11.5 per barrel in the same period of the previous fiscal. Petrochemicals EBIT margin were at all-time high of 15.8 per cent. "Exceptional item during the quarter was Rs 1,087 crore representing profit from divestment of stake in Gulf Africa Petroleum Corporation (GAPCO)," the statement added. On debt front, the company's loan book grew to Rs 200,674 crore as on June 30, as compared to ₹196,601 crore as on March 31, while cash in hand fell to ₹72,107 crore from ₹77,226 crore. RIL however did not provide much detail on its telecom venture Jio, which commenced operations in September last year and has been the cause of most of RIL's debt and drop in cashpile. Jio, it said, has become the fastest growing technology company in the world with more than

100 million subscribers in just 170 days, followed by the largest free-to-paid services migration. "Jio's innovative market approach backed by superior HD quality VoLTE voice and data strong network has unlocked latent demand for data and growth ahead of all industry estimates," it said. However, the RIL boss said, "Telecom arm Jio has revolutionised the Indian telecom and data consumption landscape. This digital services business has been built to address the entire value chain across the digital services domain with smart applications to make life simple, beautiful and secure." More announcements on Jio are expected at the company's annual general meeting in Mumbai on Friday. Employee cost increased by 16.3 per cent at ₹2,455 crore while other expenditure rose 20.2 per cent to ₹10,332 crore due to increase in power and fuel expenses. Pre-tax profit from refining business was up 13.4 per cent at ₹7,476 crore while petrochemical saw a massive 43.7 per cent jump to ₹4,031 crore. Loss in oil and gas exploration and production business widened to ₹373 crore from ₹312 crore in Q1 of FY17.

India on track to grow at 7.4%: ADB

PTI ■ NEW DELHI about India. Implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) is expected to improve ease of doing business and facilitate growth in the medium term, it said, adding that there could be some teething pains as firms will take time to adjust to the new indirect tax regime. Front-loading central government capital expenditure should further propel the pick-up in growth going further, it said. There was a slowdown in last fiscal due to demonetisation and factors like sluggish private sector investment and weak bank lending contributed to the slowdown, ADB said. However, there are signs of manufacturing activity picking up in the current fiscal with June quarter purchasing managers' index improving to 51.7 from 51.2 in the preceding quarter of last fiscal, the report said. On prices, ADB said: "Inflation in India is now expected to average 4 per cent in FY2017 (2017-18), well below the forecast of 5.2 per cent in ADO 2017, before rising to 4.6 per cent in FY2018 (2018-19)." Asian Development Bank on Thursday retained India's growth projection at 7.4 per cent for the current financial year even as it raised the forecast for developing Asian region to 5.9 per cent. In a supplement to its Asian Development Outlook (ADO) 2017 report, ADB revised the forecast for developing Asia from 5.7 per cent earlier. For 2018, it was raised from 5.7 per cent to 5.8 per cent. For India, it maintained the growth forecasts at 7.4 per cent for 2017-18 and 7.6 per cent for fiscal 2018-19. Forecasts for India are the same that the multilateral lender had projected in its yearly outlook report which is published in April every year. "Consumption is likely to continue to be the main driver of growth. Higher crop sowing, helped by a healthy monsoon, and an uptick in rural wage growth will bolster rural consumption, while urban consumption will get a boost from pay hikes for central and state government employees," the report highlighted

B2B startups coming up in big way: Mohandas Pai

BENGALURU: Tech investor TV Mohandas Pai on Thursday said business-to-business startups are coming forth in a "big way" despite difficulties in running them when compared to business-to-consumer startups. Quoting a report, he said there are 20,000 startups in India and 90 per cent of them are B2C, because they are started by young people barely out of college. For them B2C becomes easy because they see the challenges faced by the consumers out of experience and exposure, he said. "The balance 10 per cent, about 2,600 companies all across the country, would be B2B and of them I would expect 1000 companies to be high quality companies." Pai was speaking during a panel discussion on the topic "B2B startups and their impact on various sectors", organised by

Wipro Q1 profit up 1.2 ; announces ₹11,000-cr share buyback

PNS ■ NEW DELHI/ BENGALURU

Country's third largest IT firm Wipro on Thursday beat the Street expectation by reporting a 1.2 per cent rise in its consolidated net profit at ₹2,076.7 crore for the Apr-June quarter, even as it announced a mega buyback offer of ₹11,000 crore, joining the growing roster of IT firms returning surplus cash to their shareholders. The Bengaluru-based firm had registered a net profit of ₹2,052 crore in the year-ago period. Its total income grew marginally to ₹14,281.4 crore during the first quarter. The company's board also announced a share buyback proposal of ₹11,000 crore entailing 34.3 crore equity shares at ₹320 apiece. Wipro, which gets bulk of its topline from IT services, said

it expects revenues from that business to be in the range of \$1,962-2,001 million in the September quarter. For the June quarter, IT services revenue was at \$1,971.7 million, up 2.1 per cent from the year-ago period. "We delivered revenues above the upper-end of the guidance range.. Our focus on digital, combined with our investments in client mining, has resulted in strong growth in top accounts," Wipro CEO Abidali Z Neemuchwala told reporters. He also said in Q1, the company delivered revenues above the upper end of the guidance range, besides revenue grew QoQ .9 per cent in reported currency and 0.9 per cent in reported currency and 0.3 per cent in constant currency. "As indicated in April, there was uptick in ENU and BFSI

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WIPRO CEO ABIDALI Z NEEMUCHWALA

led by digital and a recovery in our India business post the restructuring," he said. Neemuchwala said digital revenues in Q1 constituted 22.5 per cent of revenues with a growth of 3.0 per cent sequentially. Consulting revenues in Q1 constituted 5.7 per cent of revenues and grew at 3.7 per cent sequentially. "Wipro's differentiated digital and consulting capa-

ilities are helping us win new businesses," he said. VP Research (IT) at Angel Broking, Sarabjit Kour Nangra said, "Wipro, announced Q1 FY2018 a good set of numbers.. the quarter was better than expected on all fronts, mainly driven by better than expected volume growth during the quarter." Wipro, which announced its financial results after trad-

ing hours, saw its shares close marginally lower at ₹269 on the BSE. On client mining, Neemuchwala said the company continued to build momentum on client mining in Q1. The momentum of Top 10 accounts growth has accelerated from 2.9 per cent QoQ in Q4 to 4.4 per cent QoQ in Q1, he added. Wipro CFO Jatin Dalal said the impact on operating margins on account of rupee appreciation and salary increases was partially offset by strong business efficiencies. "We continue to sustain robust cash generation," he added. Neemuchwala said the company expects to complete the formalities of the buyback between mid-October and early November.

DoT to meet telcos, associations today on new policy

NEW DELHI: The telecom department will meet operators and industry associations on Thursday to brainstorm on the new telecom policy, according to industry sources. The meeting is expected to be chaired by Telecom Secretary Aruna Sundararajan, and service providers as well as prominent industry bodies have been invited to place their ideas and inputs on the upcoming policy, said multiple sources. Earlier this month, Telecom Minister Manoj Sinha had told PTI that a National Telecom Policy is currently under formulation. The policy in the offing, will focus on areas such as Internet for all, next-generation technologies (like 5G and Internet of Things), skills development, and security, among others. PTI

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Jio's 'tsunami of calls' caused ₹550-cr loss per qtr: Airtel

NEW DELHI: Bharti Airtel on Thursday rejected Reliance Jio's claim that incumbents were hugely benefitted from call connection charges and said it suffered losses to the tune of ₹550 crore every quarter due to 'tsunami of calls' that originated from the network of the new entrant. The Sunil Bharti Mittal-led firm said Jio's demand to end

mobile termination charges (MTC) is a "sinister design" to "continue with its strategy of predatory pricing and ultimately throttle all competition." "The allegations made by Reliance Jio regarding Airtel earning excess revenue from MTC are not only false but laughable," the New Delhi-headquartered said in a state-

ment. It said that the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) mandated MTC of 14 paise, which is less than the cost of producing a call minute, "which is currently at 35 paise". "The tsunami of calls originating from Reliance Jio's network, Airtel loses 21 paise for every minute that is carried on its network. This has

resulted in a loss of ₹550 crore per quarter for Airtel alone," the company said. Jio in its presentation before TRAI has said that 'number one' operator, hinting at Airtel, has made excess of ₹73,000 crore from inter-connection usage charges (IUC). Telecom operators levy IUC on incoming calls from

the network of the other operators. These charges are passed on to subscribers by respective service providers. A Jio representative at an open house discussion held by TRAI on Thursday reiterated that telecom operators have benefitted to the tune of over ₹1 lakh crore after the sector regulator allowed continuation of IUC for mobile calls. PTI

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Jaitley to launch pension scheme with 8% fixed rate

NEW DELHI: Finance Minister Arun Jaitley will tomorrow launch a pension scheme for elderly with 8 per cent fixed rate of interest on their savings. It can be purchased offline as well as online through Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India which has been given the sole privilege to operate this scheme, the finance ministry said in a statement today. PMVVY is a pension scheme announced by the government exclusively for the senior citizens aged 60 years and above which is available from May 4, 2017 to May 3, 2018. "Scheme provides an assured return of 8 per cent per annum payable monthly (equivalent to 8.30 per annum effective) for 10 years," it said. PTI

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Ajay Kumar Bhalla, Secretary (Power), Rajeev Sharma, CMD, PFC signed a performance-related MoU on behalf of the Govt of India and PFC, respectively. Also present on the occasion were Shalini Prasad, Additional Secretary, MOP, Dr Arun Kumar Verma, JI Secretary, MOP and other senior officials of AWP and PFC.

CEL RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN COST MANAGEMENT

Central Electronics Ltd (CEL) is a PSU under the Department of Scientific & Industrial Research, Ministry of Science & Technology, which has pioneered Solar Photovoltaics in the country and has the distinction of having manufactured India's first Solar Cell in 1977, as well as India's first Solar Panel in 1978 and installed India's first solar power plant in 1992. More recently, CEL developed India's first indigenous flexible solar panel for use on the Science Express in 2015. Dr Nalin Shinghal CMD, Central Electronics



Limited received 14th National Award for Excellence in Cost Management from Piyush Goyal, Minister for Power, Coal, New and Renewable Energy and Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of State for Finance, Corporate Affairs and other dignitaries.

NIELIT UNVEILS 'POWER OF SHE' TO ENCOURAGE ENTREPRENEURSHIP AMONG WOMEN

In its bid to support and encourage entrepreneurship among women, the National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT), a body with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Govt, has launched a unique initiative 'Power of She' aimed at encouraging entrepreneurship among women under 'Digital India'. In this unique initiative, over 200 female students from NIELIT Centres spread across different geographical locations participated through the Smart Virtual Classrooms that facilitates live interactive session through Video Conference. Dr Ashwini Kumar Sharma, Director General, NIELIT unveiling the campaign said that women have an inborn trait towards entrepreneurship as they have to effectively manage a household. This needs to be honed so that they can step out and make a meaningful contribution to India's economic growth. He further elaborated that with the increase in proliferation of IT and Electronics services, which has touched human lives in every possible manner, the need for entrepreneurship development in the digital space has grown manifold. Thus, these opportunities should be tapped in the right earnest as it is said, "If you teach a man to fish, he'll eat for a lifetime. But you teach a woman to fish, she'll feed the whole village." The panel of expert included Vineeta Dixit, Public Policy & Government Relations at Google, Ruby Sinha, Founder, Women Entrepreneurs at Work (www.wheatwork.in), Sanjeeva Shivesh, Founder & CEO, The Entrepreneurship School and Prabha Shukla, Founding Director, EasyGov.

MANIPUR GIRLS EMERGE CHAMPION IN 'OORJA' SOCCER TOURNAMENT



Manipur U-19 Girls emerged champion in the finals of 'Oorja' CAPF/Assam Rifles U-19 Talent Hunt Football Tournament 2017 held in New Delhi on the last Tuesday. Continuing with their unbeaten record in the league and semi finals, Manipur sawampek Haryana 5-1 in a lop-sided final. M Ratanbala, A Raja & Ranjita Hudrom scored one goal apiece while Ranjana struck twice to help their team clinch the title. The team was trained by 2 Assam Rifles of Headquarters 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) and had won the Zonal phase of 'Oorja' CAPF/Assam Rifles U-19 Talent Hunt Football Tournament 2017 at Shillong last month before being selected to represent North East Zone in the national phase. Kiran Rijjiu, Minister of State for Home Affairs presided the prize distribution ceremony and felicitated the winners.

RAILWAY MINISTER SP PRABHU INAUGURATES VARIOUS PASSENGER INITIATIVES



Minister for Civil Aviation, Ashok Gajapathi Raju, Minister for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Uma Bharti, Minister of Tribal Affairs, Jual Oram, Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas (IC), Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of State for Railways, Rajen Gohain, MP, Lok Sabha, Nagendra Kumar Pradhan were present to grace the occasion. Member Traffic, Mohd Jamshed and other Railway Board Members and senior officials were also present. Speaking on the occasion, Minister of Railways, Suresh Prabhakar Prabhhu said, "Indian Railways is contributing towards PM's Narendra Modi's vision of bringing change in the lives of common people. Providing Better Passenger amenities is one of the focus areas of Indian Railways. Mechanised Laundry is inaugurated, it adds more towards the travel experience of passengers. New Mahamana Express, New Humsafar Express will bring more convenience to the passengers of Madhya Pradesh and Odisha respectively. In Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh investments related to Railway projects have been increased substantially." RailTel and Google brings RailWire Wi-Fi at Sambalpur and Vizianagaram Stations. The Wi-Fi facility for the visitors & rail users of Sambalpur and Vizianagaram Railway Stations has been commissioned by RailTel in association with Google for providing high speed state of the art world class internet experience to the commuters.



INDIAN COAST GUARD RESCUES SURVIVORS OF A SINKING SHIP AT HIGH SEAS

In a swift and well-calibrated action, Indian Coast Guard Ship and Aircraft rescued 11 survivors from a sinking ship at high seas off Andaman Island. At about 6.25 hrs on Thursday, Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC), Port Blair received distress message from MV ITT Panther reportedly listing dangerously about 206 NM from Port Blair. The master and the crew had abandoned the vessel in a life raft/rescue boat. On receipt of the information, Indian Coast Guard Dornier aircraft was launched immediately and Coast Guard Ship Rajkamal was deployed from Port Blair for sea air coordinated search and assistance. The aircraft located the survivors in a life raft waiting for assistance. MV ITT Panther has reportedly sunk due to loss of stability resulting from flooding. While continuous monitoring of the survivors was carried out by the aircraft, Coast Guard Ship Rajkamal arrived in area at 1610 hrs and all the 11 crew were rescued and taken onboard by the ship at 1645 hrs, braving rough sea and inclement weather. All the survivors were provided first aid, food, water and were observed to be in a healthy condition. Indian Coast Guard Ship Rajkamal with survivors is heading to Port Blair. Since the onset of South-west monsoon, Indian Coast Guard has rescued 115 precious lives of mariners and fishermen in distress at sea.



The Union Minister for Finance, Corporate Affairs and Defence, Arun Jaitley felicitating the participants at the closing ceremony of 'OORJA' CAPF U-19 Football Talent Hunt Tournament, in New Delhi on the last Wednesday. The Minister of State for Home Affairs, Kiran Rijjiu and senior officials of MHA are also seen.

Govt mulls various suggestions on AI disinvestment, says Jayant

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government on Thursday said it would take into consideration suggestions and views received from time to time before deciding on the contours of Air India disinvestment.

Minister of State for Civil Aviation Jayant Sinha told the Lok Sabha that IndiGo has submitted an expression of interest with respect to disinvestment of Air India.

"Suggestions and views are received from time to time, including the articles published in media, regarding disinvestment of Air India. These would be kept in mind while arriving at the final decision regarding contours of the disinvestment," Sinha said in a written reply. On June 28, the Cabinet

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR CIVIL AVIATION JAYANT SINHA



Committee on Economic Affairs (CEEA) gave its in-principle approval for considering strategic disinvestment of Air India and its five subsidiaries. An Air India Specific Alternative Mechanism (AISAM) has been constituted to guide the process on the strategic disinvestment and its meeting is 'yet to commence', Sinha said.

Noting that IndiGo has submitted an expression of interest, the Minister said the "disinvestment of any CPSE (Central Public Sector Enterprise) is done in accordance with the laid down procedure and no response needs to be communicated at this stage to IndiGo".

While replying to questions from various members on Air India disinvest-

ment, Sinha said the airline has been facing losses for the past many years not only on account of merger with Indian Airlines but also due to multitude of other factors. These include high fuel prices, interest burden, debt-equity ratio, airport user charges and increasing competition, especially from low cost carriers, he added. Citing per provisional estimates, the minister said Air India is expected to post a net loss of ₹3,643 crore in 2016-17 period.

At the end of March this year, the airline's total debt stood at ₹48,876.81 crore as per provisional figures, he noted. According to Sinha, in comparison to the total insurance premium paid, the premium paid on grounded aircraft by Air India is negligible and is reducing year.

ICICI offers up to ₹15L instant personal loan through ATMs

MUMBAI: ICICI Bank will be selling personal loans of up to ₹15 lakh through its ATMs that can be availed by select salaried customers even if they haven't previously applied for one. Using data from credit information companies, the lender will pre-qualify select customers for personal loans. Such customers will get a message on the ATM screen after completing a transaction, informing about their eligibility for personal loans.

If a customer chooses to go in for one, she can avail of a five-year personal loan of up to ₹15 lakh and the amount will be credited instantly into her account, the bank said on Thursday. The service is already available. A customer is given multiple amounts to choose from and will be informed about other crucial details like the interest rate, processing fee and monthly instalments, before the transaction is completed by crediting the loan amount into her account. PTI

New ministerial panel mulls multiple ways to reduce oil imports

NEW DELHI: Set with a steep target to cut India's oil imports by 10 per cent by 2022, the Oil Ministry has formed an inter-ministry monitoring and advisory body to achieve the mark through a combination of raising domestic output and relying on alternate fuel sources.

The first meeting of the newly formed Integrated Monitoring and Advisory Council (IMAC) was held on Wednesday wherein the progress on import reduction of oil and gas was reviewed, Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said on Thursday.

"Increased domestic production, promotion of biofuels, renewable energy, better roads, urban planning, fuel conservation, development of mini-grids, promotion of electrical vehicles put together will contribute in the process" of achieving the import

reduction target, he said. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had in March 2015 set a target to cut India's reliance on imports for meeting its oil needs by 10 per cent to 67 per cent by 2022.

"Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas prepared an elaborate roadmap to achieve the goal of 10 per cent reduction in import dependency set by the Prime Minister during Urja Sangam," an official statement said.

IMAC was envisaged to facilitate better coordination and comprehensive strategy for all energy resources by focusing on supply and demand side management. It consists of Secretary, Petroleum and Natural Gas and officers from ministries of new and renewable energy, urban development, road and transport, agriculture, power, rural development and finance. PNS

Jet Airways asks junior pilots to take 30% pay cut

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Jet Airways has asked its junior or trainee pilots to take a cut of 30 per cent in their salaries, according to sources. "In a letter, the management has asked first officers (junior pilots) to take a pay cut of 30 per cent. We will take up this matter in our next meeting with the management," one of the sources said. The airline in a statement attributed the decision to slash salaries to developments in the market, including the Gulf region.

"Certain developments in the market, including that of the Gulf region, as well as our continued efforts to enhance internal efficiencies, has resulted in the review of our network, fleet and crew utilisation. "Consequently, as a proactive measure, the company has made interim alignments to its crew work patterns, which will be reviewed in future, in line with network growth," the statement said. PTI

Markets slip into the red; metal, pharma weigh heavy

MUMBAI: Market benchmark Sensex made a U-turn and closed with losses today amid muted corporate earnings. Metal, IT and pharma stocks were at a spot of bother. Investors turned cautious ahead of quarterly earnings from heavyweight Reliance Industries. The 30-share index started above the 32,000-mark, but the higher levels gave way as the gauge ended at 31,904.40, down 50.95 points, or 0.16 per cent. It had gained 244.36 points in the previous session.

The 50-share NSE Nifty felt the selling pressure and settled down by 26.30 points, or 0.27 per cent, at 9,873.30. Intra-day, it touched a low of 9,863.45.

"Some dismal first quarter results. Erased initial gains and dragged the market down. PSU banks did not offer any support as they seemed disappointed from no updates yet on the banking sector from Parliament's monsoon session," said Anand James, Chief Market Strategist, Geojit Financial Services Ltd.



Stock of Reliance Industries was in a tight spot ahead of earnings later in the day.

ONGC, however, went up 1.75 per cent after the Cabinet on Wednesday approved sale of the Government's stake in Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) to India's largest oil producer.

Subdued earnings by Bajaj Auto for the June quarter made investors move with care. Tata Steel fell the most (2.64 per cent), along with NTPC (1.22 per cent) and Infosys (1.11 per cent). PTI

Platform to drive digital transformation unveiled by PwC

NEW DELHI: PwC India has launched a new platform to enable organisations to accelerate their digital innovation initiatives in a quick and cost-effective manner. PwC Neomegna, the new platform, enables organisations to easily migrate to the cloud, manage a multi-cloud environment and develop cloud-native applications, a firm release said.

"This platform equips enterprises with a comprehensive digital transformation framework that will give them the extra edge required to monetise and grow their business in a highly competitive landscape," said Ashotoosh Chand, Partner, Digital Services, PwC India. The initiative provides a catalogue of micro services that can be leveraged to instantly build new applications and run them on the cloud, with an in-built unified cloud governance framework, a PwC release said. The platform also incorporates AI-based chatbots for automated provisioning of services and optimisation of operations, and a chat interface that enables developers and administrators to issue commands using the platform. PTI

'Reskilling of employees more important to IT industry'

CHENNAI: The National Association of Software and Service Companies said on Thursday despite growth in Information Technology leading to creation of more jobs, reskilling of employees becomes more important to the industry. Stating that the IT industry with turnover of \$154 billion employs about 3.9 million people, NASSCOM President R Chandrashekar said if India remains under \$154 billion turnover it would require less number of employees. "But we do not remain at \$154 billion. We continue to grow. We (NASSCOM) had already shared with you that the industry is expected to grow at 7-8 per cent. And that growth also leads to more jobs," he



Chandrashekar was talking to reporters on the sidelines of the annual HR Summit here. Noting that automation in industry 'destroy' jobs, he said industry growth leads to 'creation of more jobs'.

"So, as long as pace of growth is fast than reduction of employment due to automation, net employment continues to grow. That is the situation we are in today, where pace of growth is still outpacing rate of job loss," he said. On the creation of new jobs, Chandrashekar said new jobs require high-

er skills subsequently leading to 'reskilling becoming very important to the industry.' "The jobs which are created is different from the jobs which are lost. It is not that 50 jobs are gone and 100 jobs are created. The (additional) 50 jobs created are different and that has implications," he said. "The new jobs require higher skills and therefore reskilling has become very important," he said.

"Reskilling and upskilling has become topmost priority for employee retention so every employee knows today if they don't upskill sooner or later they are going to be redundant," he said. "It is also critical for companies also to offer opportunities for their employees to be reskilled," he said. PTI

Find early solution to food stocks issue: Nirmala to WTO chief

NEW DELHI: Commerce Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has urged the WTO chief to 'vigorously' follow the efforts of the member countries for finding solution to the issue of food stockpiling. The issue was raised by the minister during her meeting with WTO Director General Roberto Azevedo at Geneva. She also mentioned the kind of outcomes India would like to see at the upcoming eleventh ministerial conference (MC11), the highest decision making body of the WTO, in Argentina in December.

"She particularly stressed that the MC11 outcomes must include a permanent solution on public stockholding (PSH) for food security purposes on which there is a ministerial mandate," the ministry said in a statement on Thursday. Sitharaman also urged Azevedo 'to follow up

vigorously to support the efforts to reach finality on PSH and the agricultural Special Safeguard Mechanism (SSM). Further, the minister stressed that any attempts at seeking outcomes on new issues such as e-commerce and investment facilitation should 'not be at the cost of other long pending issues on the agenda of the Doha Round. The new issues which are being pushed by the developed world include invest-

ments, competition, labour, government procurement, environment and global value chains. A permanent solution to the issue of food stockpiling is important for smooth implementation of India's food security programme. As per the global trade norms, a WTO member country's food subsidy cap should not breach the limit of 10 per cent, which is based on the reference price of 1986-88. PTI

NORTHERN RAILWAY TEAM BAGS ALL INDIA RPF HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP



Northern Railway Head quarters Office Baroda House on Wednesday, the IG/RPF/NR, Sanjay Kisore congratulated the team members for their historic defeat and exhorted them to reach higher laurels of sporting excellence by discipline, dedication and hard work. He also emphasized upon the role of sports in promoting team spirit and camaraderie and urged them to bring laurels to the Force in the All India Police Games as well. Senior officers of RPF were present on this occasion.

RPF Men's Hockey team of Northern Railway captured the 24th All India RPF Hockey Championship-2017, held at South Eastern Railway, Kharappur. The Men's Hockey Team of Northern Railway defeated South Eastern Railway 2-0 in the final. Throughout the meet, the winning outfit maintained an unbeaten spree to secure the summit berth. Northern Railway beat Western Railway, South Eastern Railway, North Eastern Railway & Central Railway. Govind Yadav was adjudged the 'Player of the Championship'. He scored 8 goals in the tournament. Sohan Singh of RCF/Kapurthala was the coach of the team. In a facilitation ceremony held at Northern Railway Head quarters Office Baroda House on Wednesday, the IG/RPF/NR, Sanjay Kisore congratulated the team members for their historic defeat and exhorted them to reach higher laurels of sporting excellence by discipline, dedication and hard work. He also emphasized upon the role of sports in promoting team spirit and camaraderie and urged them to bring laurels to the Force in the All India Police Games as well. Senior officers of RPF were present on this occasion.

ALLIANCE AIR LINKS BHOPAL WITH DEHRADUN AND JAIPUR: AREA MANAGER VISHRUT

Alliance Air, (a wholly owned subsidiary of Air India) would be connecting Bhopal with Dehradun and Jaipur from Friday (w.e.f. 21st July, 2017). As per the Area Manager (MP&CG), Vishrut Acharya, the Lucknow-Bhopal daily flight would be connected to Dehradun and the same Aircraft will come to Bhopal. The return flight from Bhopal to Lucknow has been extended to Jaipur with the same Aircraft. This flight will be very beneficial to the tourists from the states of Uttarakhand and Rajasthan. Area Manager (MP&CG) further informed that, passengers coming from Dehradun will not have to change the Aircraft at Lucknow and similarly, the passengers from Bhopal to Jaipur will travel in the same Aircraft via Lucknow. He also added that the response from the Travel Agents and Passengers was positive and with this new connection Bhopal has now been linked to the Capital Cities of Uttarakhand, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.



Retailers' Association appeals for review of cash bills format

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Retailers Association of India (RAI) has appealed to the finance minister to simplify the prescribed sale invoice format for cash bills rendered to customers claiming it is 'confusing'. "There are some aspects of GST regime, which are causing a lot of challenges in business to consumer (B2C) at retail point of sale," RAI said in a letter to the FM.

"The GST rules define that it is mandatory to mention GST rates and HS code for each article sold and provide tax details for each line item," the letter explained. RAI is requesting that retailers be allowed to issue retail cash memo which has details of all articles sold and net price including GST realised for each article.

"The need for individual item tax details and HS codes can be done away with for all intrastate retail sales (B2C), this exemption would be required for all retailers without any cap on

sales turnover," RAI added. The retailers lobby claims that this would simplify the billing process, and also address the confusion faced by consumers.

"Considering that all retail rates are at maximum retail price (MRP) inclusive of all taxes, the direction to now print prices with breakup of taxes, is confusing the consumers," it said. The retailer lobby is suggesting that the GST format follow the globally retail cash memos, which are presented at prices inclusive of all taxes and tax breakups are not shown.

They also raised the fact that customers perceive they are being charged higher prices when they are shown a backward calculation of tax. Further, the overall retail cash memo has now become three times the length of the earlier retail memo, due to the inclusion of tax breakup, RAI said. "This measure is not environment friendly as there is a significant increase in paper consumption. Also the compliance costs will go up three times," the letter said.

PANAMAGATE

Pak SC warns Sharif's children of 7-yr-jail

Apex court: PM's kin will face punishment if they submitted forged documents

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

The children of Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif could face up to seven years in jail if it was proved that they had submitted fake documents to the Panama panel probing the money laundering allegations against the family, the Supreme Court warned on Thursday.

The apex court heard the Panamagate scandal case for the fourth consecutive day since the hearing began on Monday, following submission of a report by the Joint

Investigation Team (JIT) on July 10, which was tasked by the court to probe allegation of corruption against Sharif and his family.

"The punishment for submitting forged documents in the court is seven years in jail," warned the three-member panel of judges. The JIT among other things has observed that some of the documents submitted by the children of Sharif, 67, were tampered with.

A trust deed provided by the Prime Minister's daughter Maryam Nawaz and executed in 2006 was written in Calibri font which was not commercially available till 2007. It was also notified from an office in London on Saturday which is officially an off day, raising concern about the authenticity of the document.

Similarly, Government of Dubai has revealed that the documents of Gulf Steel Mills provided by the prime minister's son Hussain Nawaz were forged as there was no record of those documents. Justice Ejaz Afzal is heading the probe panel comprising Justice Sheikh Azmat Saeed and Justice Ijazul Ahsan.

They also warned Salman Akram Raja, the lawyer of Sharif's children, against a media trial in the case after some of the documents presented by him were leaked to media and were discussed in talk shows on Wednesday.

"You have been conducting a trial in the media and the documents (submitted to the court) have already been discussed in the media," said Justice Saeed.

SC exempts grandparents, grandkids from travel ban

AFP ■ WASHINGTON

The Supreme Court has dealt President Donald Trump's Government a fresh setback, saying its controversial travel ban cannot be applied to grandparents and other close relatives of people living in the United States — for now.

The court on Wednesday accepted a Hawaii federal judge's ruling last week that the Trump administration had too narrowly defined what constitutes "close family relationships" to determine exceptions to the ban on travelers from six mainly Muslim countries — Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen.

That left in place Judge Derrick Watson's wider definition, which includes grandparents, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins of people living in the United States.

But in its brief order, the court backed the Trump

administration by staying the part of Watson's ruling that would have expanded exemptions to its 120-day ban on all refugees.

The order said the Supreme Court's ruling is temporary, pending a federal appeals court's review of the issues.

The Supreme Court itself was partially the source of the dispute, having ruled in late June that the 90-day travel ban, aimed at better screening out potential security risks, can be broadly enforced for travelers from the six countries "who lack any bona fide relationship with a person or entity in the United States."

Days later, the government interpreted that to mean that only "close family" was exempted — which it defined as the parents, spouses, children, sons — and daughters-in-law, siblings and step-and half-siblings of people in the United States.

FROM THE CHINESE PRESS

Editor's Note

The following are headlines and extracts of English translations of selected India related articles in five Chinese official newspapers of the last few days, since the column of July 14, 2017.

The contents of these opinion pieces, etc. (published in Chinese) are meant for domestic (Chinese) audiences, unlike the commentaries put out in their English language newspapers and media platforms (which are aimed at external audiences abroad).

They therefore represent authentic perceptions of the ruling Communist Party elite that have been determined to be appropriate for being placed in the public domain, for feeding Chinese public opinion.

And are of value for the clues they provide to official China's thinking about India and the world.

In contrast, the projections made in the English language platforms of China do not represent anything authentic; they are nothing but propaganda bluff and bluster that do not deserve to be taken seriously.

Regrettably, however, it is these that are taken as the authentic view and voice of official China in the country. This makes the Indian discourse on China vulnerable to the time-honoured Chinese stratagem of psy-war and mind-control. Disinformation (not excluding deception) and diversion of the enemy's attention in desired directions (away from the true action centres) are known to be essential ingredients of Chinese statecraft, steered as it has been in the art of "prevailing in a conflict with another state" by a tradition, going back all the way to Sun Tzu, that regards war as representing the "natural and inevitable condition of humankind".

This column, featured in collaboration with the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Bengaluru, is aimed at remedying that gap. Queries can be addressed to Ambassador Saurabh Kumar, Adjunct Professor, NIAS, who anchors their "India in the Chinese Media" project (www.niasindiachina.in), at saurabhkumar1610@gmail.com.

of the Chinese Foreign Ministry on the 18th... Indian media disclosed that China recently briefed resident diplomats from several countries in Beijing that the Chinese military was waiting patiently for Indians to withdraw their troops from the Dong Long area, but that their patience is not inexhaustible..."India Express" said that this move of China had caused tremors in diplomatic circles.

...Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman once again urged India...to go further on the wrong road. "The Chinese side strongly urges the Indian side not to send military

"On the border issue, India is totally incapable of contending with China, and can only scream and shout. It is better to live on friendly terms with China." This is the latest advice from former senior Indian officials...

July 19th, 2017 Guangming Daily, Jiefang Daily, PLA Daily (Chinese)
INDIA SHOULD NOT REGARD MILITARY TRESPASS ACROSS BOUNDARY AS A POLICY TOOL

July 18th, 2017 Global Times (Chinese)
NEWS OF CHINA KILLING 158 INDIAN SOLDIERS IS FAKE
DOES CHINESE AND INDIAN TIT FOR TAT CONFRONTATION ON THE BORDER SIGNIFY "COMBAT READINESS" ?
Indian Presidential election poll concludes
Many in India pray for US visa in temples

July 17th, 2017 Global Times (Chinese)
NORTHEASTERN STATES OF INDIA DISCRIMINATED AGAINST FOR 70 YEARS
AUTHORITATIVE AUSTRALIAN WAR HISTORIAN CRITICIZES INDIA FOR TWO SELF-DECEIVING ILLUSIONS
INDIAN ATTACK SINKS PAKISTAN MILITARY VEHICLE IN RIVER, FOUR SOLDIERS DROWNED
Modi's hometown believes in Gandhi's spirit of penance

July 17th, 2017 People's Daily (Chinese)
FEEL THE "PAKISTANI IRON" IN CHINA

July 15th, 2017 PLA Daily (Chinese)
LANZHOU TO COMMENCE SECOND TRAIN TO SOUTH ASIA

July 14th, 2017 PLA Daily (Chinese)
INDIA SHOULD NOT PERSIST IN REFUSING TO ADMIT ITS MISTAKE

July 14th, 2017 Global Times (Chinese)
Indian Government invites opposition parties to discuss China India border turmoil
Pakistan says India has violated bilateral ceasefire agreement 542 times

July 20th, 2017 Global Times (Chinese)
TRANSPORTATION OF TENS OF THOUSANDS OF TONS OF MILITARY SUPPLIES INTO TIBET CAUSES SPECULATION

INDIAN PARLIAMENT DEBATES CHINA - INDIA BOUNDARY STAND-OFF

July 19th, 2017 Global Times (Chinese)
INDIAN PARLIAMENT DEBATES CHINA - INDIA BOUNDARY STAND-OFF
INDIA SPECULATES WHEN CHINA WILL LOSE PATIENCE

"Can you confirm that the patience of the Chinese side is limited?" "Is China losing patience?" "When will its patience be completely lost?" These questions were being asked repeatedly at the regular press conference

Aid to Pak: US committee votes for tougher conditions

Washington: A key congressional panel has voted to impose tougher conditions on Pakistan to receive US assistance and authorised the secretary of state to suspend aid if Islamabad fails to take effective actions against terrorist groups.

The House Appropriations Committee yesterday approved by voice vote the 2018 State and Foreign Operations Appropriations Bill, which seeks certification from Rex Tillerson for disbursement of US aid to

Pakistan, making it conditional for Islamabad to take action against terrorist groups.

The bill now heads to the House of Representatives for consideration. It provides \$47 billion in regular discretionary and Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) funding. This is \$10 billion fewer than the amount earmarked for fiscal year 2017, when counting additional funds provided last year in the Security Assistance Appropriations Act. **PTI**

Netanyahu's blistering attack against EU caught on microphone

Jerusalem: Citing strong ties with Asian giants India and China, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu launched a blistering attack against the European Union (EU) describing its treatment of the Jewish state as "crazy" and "self-defeating". "We have a peculiar situation. The European Union is the only association of countries in the world that conditions the relations with Israel that produces technology in every area, on political conditions. The only one," Netanyahu told four European leaders yesterday during a closed meeting that was inadvertently caught by an open microphone.

Congressional panel moves to restore US aid for Tibet

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Reversing the Trump administration's move to slash aid to Tibetans to zero, a key congressional committee has approved a bill to maintain the US policy of providing funds for Tibet and support "democracy and human rights programmes" in the Chinese-ruled region.

The administration, in its maiden budget proposal in May, had cut the US aid to Tibet

to zero, resulting in a huge disappointment to the large Tibetan community around the world over the U-turn in America's decades-old policy.

Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi had then expressed concern over the move. The US State Department, however, had described the decision as one of the "tough choices" it had to make as its budget itself had been slashed by more than 28 per cent.

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Assailant tries to stab soldiers in West Bank, shot dead: Army

Jerusalem: An assailant tried to stab Israeli soldiers south of Bethlehem in the occupied West Bank on Thursday and was shot dead, the Israeli Army said.

"An assailant armed with a knife attempted to stab (Israeli) soldiers at a checkpoint in Tekoa. In response to the immediate threat, forces fired shots towards the assailant," a military statement said, with a spokeswoman confirming the suspect's death to AFP. No soldiers were reported wounded and no immediate details were available on the assailant's identity. The vast majority of such cases have involved Palestinian attackers. **AFP**

Saudi king orders arrest of prince for video showing abuse

Dubai: Saudi Arabia's state TV says King Salman has ordered the arrest and interrogation of a prince after a video emerged online purporting to show him abusing someone.

The arrest was made on Wednesday morning, a day after a video was published on YouTube showing what appears to be a rifle pointed toward a man who is bleeding from the head and pleading.

It also shows 18 bottles of Johnnie Walker Red Label whisky displayed on a table and a wad of cash. The sale and consumption of alcohol in Saudi Arabia is forbidden. **AP**

Trump son to testify before US Senate panel next week

Washington: President Donald Trump's eldest son and a former campaign manager will testify before Congress next week as part of US investigations into the Trump team's alleged contacts with Russia, a Senate panel has announced. Donald Trump Jr and Paul Manafort are scheduled to testify in an open hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Wednesday at 10 am.

GLOBE TROTTER

REBEL AMBUSH KILLS 28 FIGHTERS NEAR DAMASCUS
Beirut: At least 28 Syrian Government soldiers and pro-regime fighters have been killed in a rebel ambush in the Eastern Ghouta region near Damascus, a monitor said on Thursday.

OVER 30 KILLED IN NIGERIAN CLASHES
Kano: At least 33 people were killed in clashes between cattle herders and farmers in Nigeria's northern Kaduna state.

SENATE JUDICIARY PANEL OKAYS FBI DIRECTOR PICK
Washington: Christopher Wray, US President Donald Trump's nominee to lead the FBI following the dismissal of the agency's former chief James Comey, on Thursday moved one step closer to being confirmed after receiving bipartisan support from a key Senate committee.

US ATTORNEY GENERAL PLANS TO STAY ON DESPITE TRUMP REBUKE

Washington: US Attorney General Jeff Sessions said he intends to stay in his job despite blistering criticism from President Trump over the top law enforcement official's decision to recuse himself from the Russia election meddling probe. Asked if he plans to resign, Sessions replied: "I have the honour of serving as attorney general. It is something that goes beyond any thought I would have ever had for myself."

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person Vijay Kumar Garg (Director), M/S: Nand Rubbar Pvt. Ltd., R/o: Dhani Pandit Kishan Dutt, Hisar, Haryana has committed (or suspected to have committed) the offence in case C.C No. 220/1/16, u/s 138 NI Act has been registered at PS Mangolpuri, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Vijay Kumar Garg (Director) cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Vijay Kumar Garg (Director) has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said Vijay Kumar Garg (Director) offence in case C.C No. 220/1/16, u/s 138 NI Act has been registered at PS Mangolpuri, Delhi is required to appear before this Court or to me to answer the said complaint on or before 13.11.2017.

By Order
Sh. Shirish Aggarwal
Metropolitan Magistrate, Room No.218
2nd Floor, Rohini Distt. Court, Delhi
DP/9851/OD/17

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED GIRL

General public is hereby informed that a girl namely Nisha Kumari @ Chanchal, D/o: Sh. Vinod Kumar, R/o: 203, Devil Gaon, New Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 24.06.2017 from the area of P.S. Neb Sarai, New Delhi. In this regard FIR No.0342/17, U/S 363 IPC, dated 27.06.2017 has been lodged at P.S. Neb Sarai, New Delhi. The description of missing/kidnapped girl is as under:

Name: Nisha Kumari @ Chanchal, Age: 15 Years, Height: 5'1", Complexion: Fair, Face: Long, Build: Medium, Wearing: Blue Jeans, Blue/White Top & Black Sandal.

If anyone have any information about this missing/kidnapped girl please inform P.S. Neb Sarai, New Delhi.

Web: http://cbi.nic.in, Email: cbc@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639

SHO
Police Station, Neb Sarai, New Delhi
Ph: 011-29551326, 29551597
DP/4147/SD/17

DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYATS DEPARTMENT PANCHAYATI RAJ PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION, MEWAT AT NUH

TENDERS NOTICE

The Governor of Haryana is invited the bids from eligible bidders through online bids in the website <https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in> for the work detailed in the table.

S. No.	Name of Block	Nature of Village	Name of Work	Approximate value of work (Rs. in lac)	E/ Money Society / Contractor	Time Limit	Cost of documents
1	F.P. Jhirka	Agon	Const. of AWC	7.20	7200/14400	3 Months	1000
2	F.P. Jhirka	Ahmedbas	Const. of AWC	7.20	7200/14400	3 Months	1000
3	F.P. Jhirka	Bima	Const. of AWC	7.20	7200/14400	3 Months	1000
4	F.P. Jhirka	Buchaka	Const. of AWC	7.20	7200/14400	3 Months	1000
5	F.P. Jhirka	Dhadholi	Const. of AWC	7.20	7200/14400	3 Months	1000
6	F.P. Jhirka	Patpadbass	Const. of AWC	7.20	7200/14400	3 Months	1000
7	F.P. Jhirka	Ghatwasan	Const. of AWC	7.20	7200/14400	3 Months	1000
8	F.P. Jhirka	Kameda	Const. of AWC	7.20	7200/14400	3 Months	1000
9	F.P. Jhirka	Maholi	Const. of AWC	7.20	7200/14400	3 Months	1000
10	F.P. Jhirka	Mahu	Const. of AWC	7.20	7200/14400	3 Months	1000
11	F.P. Jhirka	Nagla Jamalgarh	Const. of AWC	7.20	7200/14400	3 Months	1000
12	F.P. Jhirka	Rawa	Const. of AWC	7.20	7200/14400	3 Months	1000
13	F.P. Jhirka	Samirbass	Const. of AWC	7.20	7200/14400	3 Months	1000
14	F.P. Jhirka	Tigaon	Const. of AWC	7.20	7200/14400	3 Months	1000
15	Nagina	Bajidpur	Const. of AWC	7.20	7200/14400	3 Months	1000
16	Nagina	Banarshi	Const. of AWC	7.20	7200/14400	3 Months	1000
17	Nagina	Basai	Const. of AWC	7.20	7200/14400	3 Months	1000
18	Nagina	Bhadass	Const. of AWC	7.20	7200/14400	3 Months	1000
19	Nagina	Dhanibass	Const. of AWC	7.20	7200/14400	3 Months	1000
20	Nagina	Dhadhola	Const. of AWC	7.20	7200/14400	3 Months	1000
21	Nagina	Doltabass	Const. of AWC	7.20	7200/14400	3 Months	1000
22	Nagina	Gandori	Const. of AWC	7.20	7200/14400	3 Months	1000
23	Nagina	Ghagas	Const. of AWC	7.20	7200/14400	3 Months	1000
24	Nagina	Gohana	Const. of AWC	7.20	7200/14400	3 Months	1000
25	Nagina	Gujarnagla	Const. of AWC	7.20	7200/14400	3 Months	1000

Note:- Rs. 1000/- for e-servicing fees excluding of tender fees will be charged as per Govt. Instruction for further details and e-tendering schedule visit website <https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in>.

(The work costing up to Rs. 50.00 Lacs are reserved for Labour and Construction societies)

Key dated for Labour and Construction Societies

- 1 Start Date of Tender download only for L & C Societies on :- 19-07-2017 from 9:00 AM
- 2 End of Submission of Tenders only for L & C Societies on:- 27-07-2017 Upto 5:00 PM
- 3 Opening of Tender only for L & C Societies on :- 28-07-2017 at 10:00 AM

If Tenders not received within ceiling premium from the labour and construction societies than the

Key dated for Contractor and Labour and Construction Societies

- 1 Start Date of Tender download for Contractor and L & C Societies on :- 29-07-2017 from 9:00 AM
- 2 End of Submission of Tenders for Contractor and L & C Societies on :- 08-08-2017 Upto 5:00 PM
- 3 Opening of Tender for Contractor and L & C Societies on :- 09-08-2017 at 10:00 AM

Condition

DNIT, Drawing Estimate & Prequalification Criteria can be seen on any working day during office hours in the office of the undersigned.

Terms & Conditions:-

- 1 अयोध्यावासी कार्यलय में जिन एजेंडियों को देकराये के कार्य चल रहे हैं या जिन एजेंडियों को देकराये के विकास कार्य समय-सीमा के अन्दर पूर्ण नहीं किये हैं, जो एजेंडियों को देकराये उक्त कार्यों के लिए निविदा नहीं लगा सकती, ऐसी एजेंडियों को देकराये को बिना कारण बताये उनकी निविदा रद्द कर दी जाएगी। इसके लिए उनका कोई दावा या आपत्ति मान्य नहीं होगी।
- 2 जिन एजेंडियों को देकराये के उक्त विकास कार्य अलट होने के पश्चात स्वीकृति प्रदान किया जाएगा। उक्त पत्र के अनुसार विकास कार्य की निष्पादन सुझा की राशि या बैंक गारंटी 7 दिव के अन्दर-2 अयोध्यावासी कार्यालय में जमा कराया जाएगा। अन्वया उक्त एजेंडियों को पंचायती राज विभाग से बैंक निरस्त कर दिया जाएगा। इसके लिए सम्बन्धित एजेंडियों को कोई दावा या आपत्ति मान्य नहीं होगी।
- 3 विकास कार्य शुरू करने का वर्ष ऑर्डर मिलने के 3 दिव के अन्दर-2 देकराये व एजेंडियों को विकास कार्य शुरू करना होगा। अन्वया उक्त विकास कार्य पहले सबसे कम रेट अनुधार दूधरे सबसे कम रेट के देकराये / समिति को अलट कर दिया जाएगा।
- 4 यदि निविदाओं को खोलने के अवसर होता है तो निविदाएं अगले कार्य दिवस पर खोली जाएगी।
- 5 निविदाओं और अन्य शर्तों की प्राप्ति का समय और जगह अपरिवर्तित रहेगी।
- 6 अयोध्यावासी आसित एक निविदा या सभी निविदाएं अस्वीकार व बिना कोई कारण बताये रद्द करने के अधिकार रखता है।
- 7 सहकारी समिति को निविदाओं में भागीदारी के लिए सतन प्राधिकारी से प्रस्ताव की स्वीकारित प्रति और लाईन प्रस्तुत करनी होगी। अन्वया ऐसी निविदाओं पर कोई विचार नहीं किया जाएगा।
- 8 देकराये व एजेंडियों को उक्त कार्य के समान कार्य व समान राशि का कार्य किया होना चाहिए। जिसकी सम्बन्धित प्राधिकारी से स्वीकारित प्रति कत्याकर आब लाईन प्रस्तुत करनी होगी। अन्वया ऐसी निविदाओं पर कोई विचार नहीं किया जाएगा।
- 9 एजेंडियों को सभी कागजात आब लाईन प्रस्तुत करने होंगे अन्वया ऐसी निविदाओं पर कोई विचार नहीं किया जाएगा।
- 10 बिना इच्छा राशि के निविदा को खोला नहीं जाएगा।
- 11 किसी भी विचार के मामले में न्यायालय का अधिकार क्षेत्र जिला वृहद होगा।
- 12 सभी प्रकार की सजावा देकराये / सहकारी समिति द्वारा स्वीकारित करनी होगी।
- 13 अन्य शर्तों और शर्तों के लिए आब लाईन निविदा फार्म देखें।

For and on behalf of Governor
Sd/-
RO No. 52845 Dt. 20-07-2017

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, ROHTAK

Tender / Community Participation Notice

On behalf of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Rohtak, Online tenders are hereby invited from the eligible contractors / firms enlisted in appropriate class / category on the approved list of MCG, MCR, HUDA, PWD B&R, CPWD, DDA & Other Govt. / Semi Govt. institution and undertaking of central & Haryana Govt. for the works as mentioned below. The tender will be opened in the office of the Executive Engineer M.C. Rohtak.

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (in lacs)	Earnest Money (Contractor / Society) (In Rs.)	Tender Document fee (In Rs.)	Time Allowed (Months)	Start & Closing date of tender download	Date of opening of Technical Bid for L&C Society	Date of opening of Technical Bid for Contractors
1	Const. of Dada Vishdas Community Centre at Behran Pana Village Balyiana, Rohtak.	46.71	93420/- 46710/-	2500/-	06	18-07-2017 at 09:00 Hrs. to 01-08-2017 at 18:55 Hrs.	03-08-2017 at 10:00 Hrs.	03-08-2017 at 14:00 Hrs.

Possession of Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) and registration of the contractors on portal i.e. <https://www.tenders.hry.nic.in> is a prerequisite for e-tendering and other terms and conditions are seen on our website i.e. <https://www.tenders.hry.nic.in>

Executive Engineer
Municipal Corporation,
Rohtak
RO No. 52829 Dt. 20-07-2017

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION FARIDABAD

Notice Inviting Single Percentage / Item Rate Online Tenders

Memo No. MCF/EE-III/2017/630 Dated: 18-07-2017

E-Tender / Community Participation Notice

Sealed tenders on percentage basis and item rate basis inclusive all taxes & levies are invited on behalf of Commissioner Municipal Corporation, Faridabad for the works as mentioned below:-

Sr. No. Tender No.	Name of work	DMIT Cost (in Lacs)	Bid Document Fee & Service Fee (Rs.)	EMD (Rs.)	Document Download and Bid Submission Start Date	Close Date	Tender Opening Date
1/ 51329	Operation & Maintenance of water supply scheme for Faridabad (Ine-V). Rainy well based Operation & Maintenance of 2 No. Rainy wells, D.I pipe line 600mm id 500mtrs, 28 No. tube wells, 1 No. main boosting in revenue estate of Bhupani, 10 Nos. subsidiary boosting stations at various places, machinery and other equipments along with civil structures, D.I. pipe line from tube wells to main boosting at Bhupani, 800mm id PSC/MS pipe line rising main from MS to Sector -31, D.I. pipe rising main to 10 No. SBS at various places independent electric feeder main, L.T. line transformer at DG sets etc. and all other works contingent thereto for a period of 1 year.	262.02 Lacs	1000+5000 -6000	524000/-	18-07-17 Time 17:01 PM	16-08-17 Time 19:00 PM	17-08-17 Time 12:00 PM

Any resident of MCF who has a stake in any of these works and wishes to be a member of the Citizen Supervisory Committee to be set up by the MCF for supervision of the execution of works on the ground, may submit their willingness giving name, address, academic qualification, professional experience and cont. ad. phone number to the undersigned.

Note:- The terms and conditions is also available on <http://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in>.

Executive Engineer (III)
Municipal Corporation, Faridabad
RO No. 52827 Dt. 20-07-2017

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) CONT. DIV. No. 1 JAMMU

FRESH NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Fresh e-NIT No. CD-1/63 of 2017-18 Dated 17-07-2017

Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Construction Division No. 1, Jammu Department, Jammu on behalf of Governor of J&K State, invite tenders by e-tendering mode from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K State Govt. upto 1800 Hrs on 17-07-2017 for the following work.

S. No.	Name of Work	Name of Division	Estimated Cost (Rs. in lacs)	Cost of document (In Rs.)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Time Allowed for complete on	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
1	Providing and laying 75mm thick Wet Mix Macadam in single layer, 50mm thick Bituminous Macadam and 25mm thick Semi Dense Bituminous Concrete on road from Chakral to Nowabad via Hansa and Beria including allied links (Length = 3.50 Kms) Under NABARD (3rd Call)	PWD (R&B) Const. Div. No. 1 Jammu	90.92	1000	181840	60 Days	28-07-2017 (1300 hours)	Registered Hot Mix Plant Holder 'A'
2	Improvement of internal link roads in Deeli by way of providing and laying of 100mm thick WBM Grade-II (Shingling), 75mm thick WBM Grade-III (Metalling) and 20mm thick OGPC at Lane No. 8 towards Reliance Jio Tower (Length = 100 Mtrs) and Lane from Sachidanand Kulan to H/o Sh. Ashwani Kumar (Length = 150 Mtrs) (2nd Call)	PWD (R&B) Const. Div. No. 1 Jammu	4.50	600	9000	01 Month	28-07-2017 (1300 hours)	'A', 'B', 'C' & 'D'
3	Providing and laying 75mm thick WBM Grade-III (Metalling) and 20mm thick OGPC on link road from Tanda Chawala to Kothey (Length = 225 Mtrs) (2nd Call)	PWD (R&B) Const. Div. No. 1 Jammu	2.32	600	4640	01 Month	28-07-2017 (1300 hours)	'A', 'B', 'C' & 'D'
4	Repair/reconstruction of Drain opposite H.No. 252, Lane No. 4, Sector-1P, Trikuta Nagar, Extension damaged by Reliance Jio Infocom during laying of Optical Fiber Cable (2nd Call)	PWD (R&B) Const. Div. No. 1 Jammu	0.57	600	1140	01 Month	28-07-2017 (1300 hours)	'A', 'B', 'C' & 'D'

1/ Date of Publishing from 17-07-2017
2/ The Bidding documents can be downloaded from the website <http://jitenders.gov.in> from 1800 Hrs on 17-07-2017 to 27-07-2017 (1600 Hrs.).
No. DIP/J-3490/2017
Dated:- 19.07.2017

Sd/- (Er. Rajan Mengi) Executive Engineer, PWD (R&B) Const. Div. No. 1, Jammu

Trend
Blazer

Richa on TV with
Queens of Comedy

One of the most versatile actors of Bollywood, who has given us several iconic characters, **RICHA CHADHA** is all set to reveal a brand new side of her personality. It was recently reported that Richa will soon be taking to the stage for a stand-up collaboration. Looks like it's all coming together as she has now been selected to helm the panel of a brand new English reality show which is all set to be made for TLC India. Sharing the panel with her will be renowned comedians Rohan Joshi from *AIB* and pioneering female comic Kaneez Surka. The show, much like Richa's personality, is a tad bit unique. It is the official hunt to find India's next big female comedian. It is to be shot in August and will be on air later this year.



'I understand what Kangana means by her stance on nepotism, though I have a slightly different take on it. People knew who I was because of my parents but that didn't necessarily give me an easy ride.'
—**SAIF ALI KHAN**

Actress **KANGANA RANAUT** got a deep cut between her eyebrows while shooting for a sword fighting scene on the set of her forthcoming film *Manikarnika* — *The Queen of Jhansi*. She said, "I am a bit embarrassed to be thrilled to have a battle scar on my face. Also, people from my team have been telling me that it's like that *Peshwa teeka* that Manikarnika wore. It's a bit dramatic, but I am excited that my face was covered in blood and I got a genuine and authentic glimpse of the Queen's life."



JLaw throws up
at Broadway show

Actress **JENNIFER LAWRENCE** vomitted during a performance of Olivia Wilde's Broadway show *1984*. She got sick mid-way through the show and jumped up from her seat and vomitted in the lobby at the Hudson Theatre on Monday night. "The ushers were very helpful and courteous in helping her out," a source said. Earlier there were reports that audience members have been throwing up or fainting after watching gruesome torture scenes in the play. However, Lawrence's friend said that was not the case with the Oscar-winning actress. "She caught the stomach flu from her nephews," Lawrence's friend said.



SINGLE-MINDED PURSUIT

Director **CHRIS NOLAN** is intrinsically involved in his process of film-making and chooses gaps in events that have had a bearing on history but have not been investigated. In an email chat, he talks about combining perspectives from the land, sea and air and shooting with an IMAX camera from a double-cockpit Yak plane

What attracted you to *Dunkirk*?
Like with most British people, *Dunkirk* is a story I grew up with. As children, we received a very simplified, almost mythic, fairytale version of what happened there. About 20 years ago, my producing partner and wife Emma Thomas made the crossing across the English Channel to Dunkirk with a friend of ours, who owned a small boat. It was about the same time of year the evacuation had taken place. The crossing was extremely difficult. It felt difficult and dangerous — and that was without people dropping bombs on us and us heading into a war zone. I came away from that experience with respect for and fascination with the people who had taken part in the real evacuation. I've never quite understood why a modern film hadn't been made about it, and as a filmmaker, those are the kind of gaps you're looking to fill.

Can you talk about how you choose projects?
It's always about finding a story that hooks me, that I have an emotional connection with, and which will sustain me through the years of making the film. I'm very single-minded; I'm not very good at planning what I'm going to do next. So I dive in and I concentrate on one film for two or three years.

About your editing process, how long was your first cut of *Dunkirk*, compared with the finished film?
I have a great editor, Lee Smith. We don't really leave anything on the cutting room floor, in terms of complete scenes. With my film *Insomnia*, we did have two deleted scenes on the DVD because I liked those scenes but they had to come out of the film, for running time purposes. I now try to make those decisions on the page. Making films is difficult, and you'll do anything to not shoot if you don't have to. So, I try and pull things out at the script stage, that I don't think are going to serve the narrative.

It was an interesting choice to have the three different stories going on — land, air and sea. What inspired that and what were you hoping to gain from those perspectives?
What I was hoping to gain was a way of maintaining a subjective story-telling approach, while building a coherent picture of the larger events at Dunkirk. Everything in the film is intended to be intense, suspenseful and subjective. You want to be on the beach with these guys, seeing events through their point of view. But then you want to construct this bigger picture, which also requires a view from the air, from a Spitfire pilot, and from the sea, from people coming over to help with the evacuation. That way, you don't allow the audience to step out of the movie. I didn't want to give the audience knowledge that the characters didn't have, apart from the interaction of these three distinct story threads.

How did you work to make everything seem as real as possible?
In planning the aerial sequences it was very important to me that we try to achieve as much in camera as possible. We were able to secure real Spitfires, a real bomber, real Heinkels and tried to situate the IMAX camera where we'd never tried before. It was all about putting the



audience in the cockpit of the plane with the pilot. It was a lot of attention to detail and a lot of careful planning. We shot all those sequences on IMAX and overwhelmingly for real. We bought a Yak airplane that's very similar in size and shape to a Spitfire but has two cockpits. So we could have a real pilot flying, while we had our actor up in the air with a camera mounted on the wing getting his close-ups. We really wanted to tell this aerial story in a way we hadn't seen before.

What made you think of Harry Styles during your casting process?
My job is to see the potential in the people we're thinking of casting. And whether you're talking about somebody who's never done a film before, like Fionn or Harry, or somebody very experienced, like Mark Rylance or Ken Branagh, you have to see the potential for them to do something they've never done before. You can't worry too much about previous roles that Mark has done or about Harry's celebrity status or whatever. If we do our job right, the audience becomes invested in the world we've created and they take it on their own terms.

How did you maintain the balance between the story's epic scope and more intimate and human elements?
The idea behind the structure of the story and the way in which we've told it is to create what I refer to as an intimate epic. You're trying to stay in a very intimate point of view with each of the story threads, but have them gradually create a cumulative picture about a very, very large event.

What were your cinematic influences on this film? Also, this is a game-changer for moviegoers, because of the IMAX experience. Will you continue to shoot with IMAX cameras?
I've been working with IMAX for about ten

years now and with each film we've tried to maximize our use of it, and shoot more of the film that way. For *Dunkirk*, I felt that I needed to try and immerse the audience and create what I call a sort of cinema of experience. You really take them there. And IMAX is the best format to do that. Obviously, that poses production challenges but I think it's well worth it in the finished product. As far as creative influences, we looked at a lot of suspense films. I really wanted *Dunkirk* to be driven primarily through the mechanism of suspense, which I think is one of the most cinematic of film forms; it's pure cinema. So, we looked at films from Hitchcock, as well as Clouzot's *Wages of Fear*, which has a very distinct influence on various aspects of *Dunkirk*.

The evacuation or miracle of *Dunkirk* evokes something different in everyone. What does it evoke in you, collectively, and why did you want to tell the story?
For me it's about communal heroism as opposed to individual acts of heroism — of what we can achieve together rather than individually.

A ticking clock is a big part of the soundtrack. Did you use that sound during production?
Our set was complicated enough without trying to introduce the element of playback. But the planning of the relationship between the music and picture started in pre-production. The genesis of the track is a recording I made of one of my watches. I gave that recording to our composer, Hans Zimmer, and we started to develop a rhythmic language of how that would work with the score, fuse it with the picture and create a sense of forward momentum for the entire film.

What was the most physically difficult or memorable scene to shoot?
It's sometimes a little awkward to talk about my own response to the film we've all made, but there's a scene in which Mark's character and Tom Glynn-Carney's character exchange looks at a key moment. It was something I hadn't even included in the script. That kind of moment between the two characters is something you dream of as a director.



A big Bruiser

Isuzu's mu-X is not the most refined 4x4 out on the market but when it comes to its ability and price, it does seem compelling

When you travel and have to select a hotel, most of us try to balance the books when it comes to choosing a room, a balance between luxury and affordability. Of course money is not an object for some, and, therefore, when it comes to large Sports Utility Vehicles, if money is no object you choose between the Mercedes-Benz GLS and Range Rover. Yes, if you are buying a large SUV, you are not a poor soul, but the very first thing you have to remember about the Isuzu mu-X is that it is a lot cheaper than the competition, and the competition in this case is the Ford Endeavor and Toyota Fortuner.

The first thing you notice about the mu-X is that on the whole it looks a tad... unrefined is the word I guess I'm looking for. And here is the thing, I do not mean that in a very bad way. Look, this massive SUV has everything you could want. An electric-operated driver-side seat, a touchscreen infotainment system, three-rows of seats with air-conditioning vents for all three rows, door-sill lights and daytime running LED lights. In addition it has a ten-inch drop-down DVD screen as a standard feature to keep the family entertained on the long family trips that you will invariably make with the mu-X.

So I mean unrefined in the sense that the plastics look a bit off and the overall stance does not have the poise of its rivals from Endeavor and Fortuner. And yes, the engine is loud and the gear changes are lumbering and the car itself is a bit lumbering. But then again is something so heavy you can't really make out acceleration. That said, it brakes very well, although those pesky Uber drivers do give it a wide berth.

But when you consider that you get that refinement you have to spend a third or more extra and all you actually want is a big

off-roader for your family, you really don't have much of a choice. Sure, if you just want an urban people mover you cannot buy anything other than an Innova, but the mu-X is not meant for the urban jungle. It is meant for the actual jungle.

Most vehicles that claim to be a Sports Utility Vehicle try and sell the rugged life, but when you take them onto a surface that is remotely not a road, they pack up and refuse to move. Now, the mu-X is not outfitted with a fancy permanent all-wheel drive system. If you buy the 4x4 model what you get is a good old-school system that has the choice between two-wheel drive, four-wheel High and four-wheel Low. Sure, a small plasticity dial does not have the same macho feel that a gear lever would, but recently during a particularly bad rainstorm in Delhi I went off the beaten track and onto a very muddy, very slippery surface. And a quick twist of the dial to 4H and the mu-X felt planted, sure a two-and-half ton behemoth would always feel planted but this felt solid. Usually, in such muddy conditions with rivulets of water, most cars would get either stuck or move sideways. Not this, nope the mu-X was in its element in the mud.

Sure, the Ford Endeavor and Toyota Fortuner are also extremely capable off-roaders but if you pick up the full-fledged four-wheel drive variants of those vehicles they cost half as much as this ₹24.3 lakh monster, and frankly you can't argue with the price because you are not really missing out on much. A fellow motor-noter called the mu-X a "Chevrolet Trailblazer in drag", and sure it might share parts with the Chevy, but Chevy isn't around anymore but this Isuzu is and if you like it rough, the mu-X will whip you into shape.

Gear up twins!

The one half of angry twins, **RAGHU RAM** doesn't have a softer side, discovers **MANSI BHANSALI**

Reality shows nowadays are increasing exponentially and new concepts keep on being added to the genre. The best-known Indian twins, Raghu Ram and Rajiv Laxman in association with Zee TV are bringing *India's Best Judwa*, a show that tests the bond between identical twins.

Talking about the show Raghu shares, "You might have seen singing or dancing talent hunt, but *India's Best Judwa* is India's first connection hunt. Twins are very unique. The connection which the twins have is different from other bonds that people share. You will have to watch the show to understand the concept. In the show, we will test the contestants on their physical, mental and emotional connection with each other. This is a brand new concept in India."

Karanvir Bohra is the anchor of the show. Raghu shared, "Recently, Karan became the father of twins. Often people say parents launch their kids but in Karan's case, his daughters have launched his career."

The duo, after producing *MTV Splitsvilla* and *MTV Roadies*, is confident about the concept of the show. The contestants will not be judged on their talent rather they will be made to live in Mumbai for 10 weeks and their connection will be judged through different tasks. "To win the show, contestants need to prove that they are two bodies and one soul. From William Shakespeare's *Comedy of Errors* to Bollywood movies like *Sholay*, *Judwa* or *Chaalbaaz*, the instances of twins having a deep connect has been implied many times. However, these were made with an outer impression of the twins. So we thought we should bring the reality of twins in front of the world and show how precious this connection is," he said.

Since it was the first season they tried to spread the word through vari-



ous promotions. The entries came in large number from various states of India. He explained short listing the contestants was a long process as they were interviewed telephonically as well as in person. Also, the team went to contestant's home to complete the research. But one can point out that *MTV Connected* was also a reality show which was based on twins. Ram said that this was a preliminary attempt. "Contestants were not given enough time to prove their connection. We have evolved the concept into a bigger space."

He also directed and produced the web series, *A.J.SHA - My Virtual Girlfriend*, he said, "I've never done fiction. ARRE, the entertainment content platform trusted me and gave me a chance."

Cult fest of ideas

In the sylvan vales of Bhutan, and far away from any contexts, controversies and correctness, writers, biographers, historians, environmentalists, scholars, photographers, poets, musicians, artists and film-makers will engage in dialogue, share stories and create memories. This year's edition of the Mountain Echoes Literary Festival, which is being partnered by the Taj Hotels, is all set to be a free-thinkers' paradise where every point of view will be respected.

Mita Kapur, CEO, Siyah and one of the chief organisers of the festival, says, "Our mantra is 'untouched beauty, unexplored ideas and unstoppable voices'. The aim of the festival is to consistently create conversations around culture and contemporary issues through a line-up which is reflective of global audiences. The sessions spread over three days will bring alive a diverse range of topics through a speaker line-up which is representative of global audiences, in order to set the pace for a cultural dialogue like no other. This is a cozy festival. The idea is to have speakers who are appropriate for the content the festival directors choose for a particular edition."

A festival is a hub for creative people — you meet, you talk, new ideas take birth, you evolve and creativity feeds on all this. Books, stories, oral narratives, new media and many other media through which we share stories are what literature fests are made of. So what sets Mountain Echoes Literary Festival apart? "It is the only festival which is a combination of the cultures of two countries of the sub-continent. Our strength lies in our location and our content — for eight years, we have set the pace for discussions on ancient cultures and contemporary issues in the heart of the Eastern Himalayas. It doesn't get better than that!" exclaims Kapur.

Endorsed by the Bhutanese royalty, each edition has had a distinct character. "With each edition of the festival, we try to give momentum to topics which affect populations across the globe. The eighth edition of the festival is no different — we

Environmental conservation, natural history, leadership, entrepreneurship, spirituality and the global evolution of textiles and design traditions will be the focus of the Mountain Echoes lit fest in Bhutan. By **SAIMI SATTAR**



will embrace and explore globally relevant issues such as environmental conservation, natural history, leadership, entrepreneurship, spirituality and the global evolution of textiles and design traditions and present unique interpretations. For example, stories from the world of fashion will take centre stage in August and we will use India and Bhutan's heritage of hand-weaving and textiles to build a common

thread between the two countries and their shared cultural narrative. We hope the unique sessions will inspire visitors to study, understand and appreciate Bhutan's rich culture and traditions, using fashion as a medium," adds Kapur.

About 40 literary minds from India, Bhutan and across the world are expected to descend at Thimpu. Some of the headline names set to appear at the festival are Markus Zusak, Imtiaz Ali, Dr Shashi Tharoor, Amrita Tripathi, Karan Thapar, Francesca Beard, Padma Lakshmi, Ashwin Sanghi and Devdutt Pattanaik just to name a few.

The highlights from the Bhutanese contingent include His Eminence Kyabje Khenrup Rinpoche Ugyen Tenzin Thinley Lhendup, Pawo Choyning Dorji, Khenpo Sonam Bumden, Ashi Sonam Choden Dorji, Phuntsho Namgyel and Palden Tshering. We also have other well-known authors attending the festival such as Prayaag Akbar and Jerry Pinto.

The festival has grown in scope and range of activities and content. "What is remarkable is that we have managed to strike a balance between both nations being represented with an international presence of speakers. From climate change to natural history to shared mythological and oral traditions to a common love for cinema, poetry, performances, music, it has been an adventure, an exploration and a sharing of creative ideas," says Kapur.

In most lit festivals, where commercialisation has become the norm, literary activity has taken a back seat. How will she ensure balance? Kapur, who calls the festival her serendipity, refutes the contention of any bias. "Not at all. It's a matter of perspectives here. You can choose to listen to panels and sessions and evolve alongside by engaging actively or you can choose to take a cynical view which overlooks all the good work that goes into putting a literary festival together."

Working closely with festival directors, Kapur begins conceptualising the event a few months in advance. For her, this is now a labour of love.

Of food, people and jinns

The launch of SADIA DEHLVI's memoir cum cookbook was a nostalgia trip through Delhi

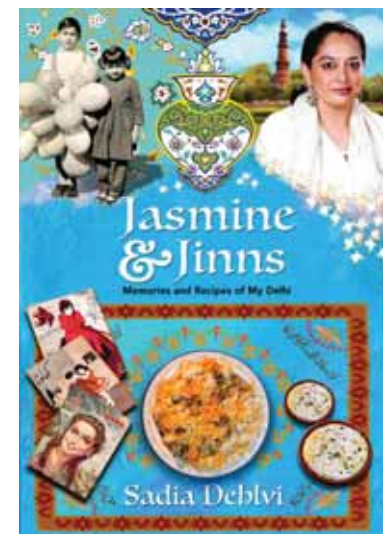
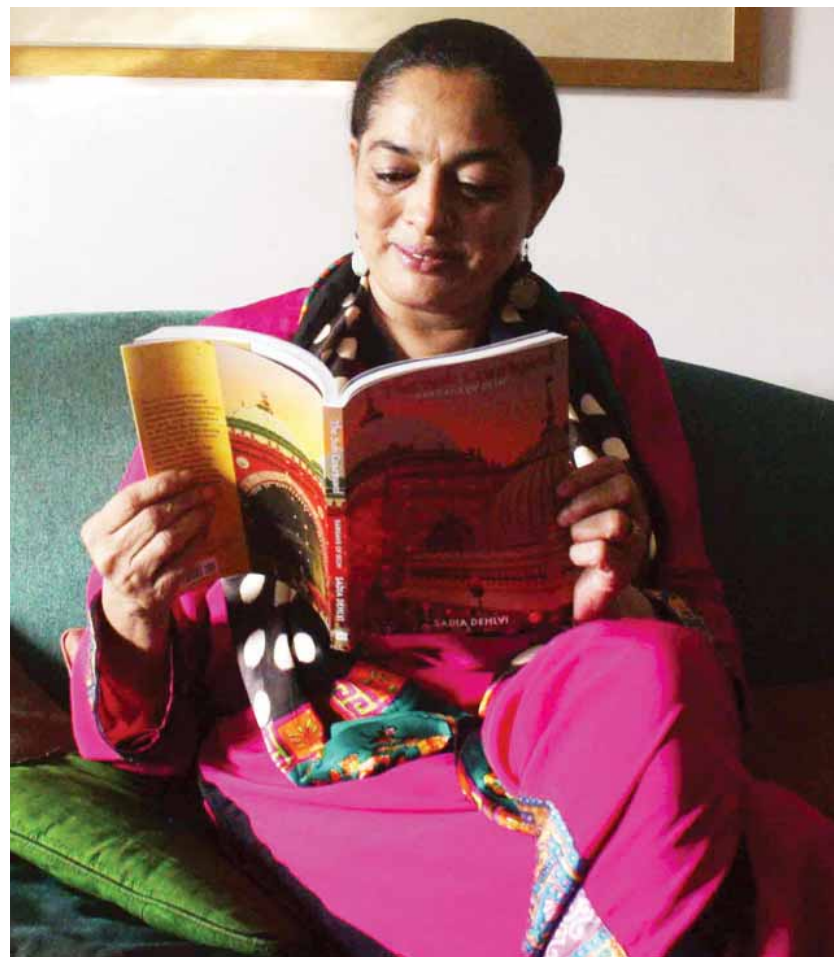
Sunday mornings started with *Nihari* (a mutton dish, cooked overnight) from Kali Masjid and *Khamiri roti* from Nikke. A *dastarkhwan* was spread out in the verandah and an *angithi* was set up on the side to heat the *Khamiri roti*. This was followed by *Gajarbhutta* (carrot boiled in milk) with lots of cream to cool down its taseer (tendency of food). We also ate oranges from Nagpur. This was the Sunday drill for years," recalls Sadi Dehvi, media person, activist, writer, columnist turned author at the launch of her book, *Jasmine & Jinns*. Part memoir, part cookbook, it recalls Dehvi's fond memories of growing up in the famous Shama Kothi at Sardar Patel Marg, which are interspersed with reminiscing about food identified with the Delhi's Muslim community. Giving an example as to how life and food has changed, Dehvi laughs and says, "My son now wants *Chole bhature* for breakfast on a Sunday. People from Delhi are eating *paneer pasanda*, *alu zira* besides *chole*. Alas, what have we come to?"

The launch, at India International Centre saw a smattering of the extended Dehvi's family and friends as well as some eminent names. Since the book primarily talks of food, the event started with a Dastaangoi session with Fauzia Dastango and Fazal Rashid who recounted *Dastaan Ghummi Keabaabi Ki* (the tale of Ghummi kebab maker). The eccentricities of an old Delhi *kebab*-maker, who insisted on handing out his wares as per lumbar (number) irrespective of the class of person, elicited much laughter from the audience. It also recalled a bygone era when even the smallest detail was paid attention to.

The tale over, a panel discussion consisting of Dehvi and her two friends, Mayank Austen Soofi, a Delhi-based Indian writer, blogger and photojournalist and Rakshanda Jalil, well-known Indian writer, critic and literary historian took to stage. Prodded by them, Dehvi, whose family published and edited the much loved Urdu magazines like *Shama* (a magazine related to Urdu culture and Hindi film industry), *Khilona* (children's magazine) and *Bano* (women's magazine) discussed tales not just around food but also the celebrities that they hosted at their house and the stories of jinns that inhabited it.

It was while recalling Apa Sayeeda, a family retainer, who practically brought up Dehvi and her brothers, that the author choked up. Originally from Baghpat, she was their surrogate mother and an important family member. "She pampered us and was the most comforting factor in our lives. If my mother told her not to feed us too much or spoil us, Apa Sayeeda got very angry and said *nazar mat lagao* (don't caste the evil eye)," remembered Dehvi as she swallowed a lump in her throat. She also recalled that despite developing Alzheimer's Apa Sayeeda remembered her when she met Dehvi for the last time, just before she passed away. "It was she who taught me to cook. She in fact, insisted that since I was a girl, I should know *ghardaari* (how to run a household) else I would be the cause of her *beizzati* (dishonour)," she said.

There were some things that the elders in the Dehvi family did not tire of repeating — the *thandi* and *garam taseer* of food. "This can be described as old wisdom to eating things at a particular time and in a certain manner. Even now, I soak



mangoes for two hours before putting it in the fridge to make sure that the *taseer* gets cool. I do not have *paye* (trotters) or *nihaari* in summers. Watermelons are not eaten in the evenings. My nani (maternal grandmother) would not let unmarried girls eat egg yolk. Even now, my mother tells me not to feed too much of meat to my son who is not married," she said with a laugh.

But when you talk of Dehvi, you cannot miss mentioning her family. Her grandfather started *Shama*, which along with *Illustrated Weekly* was one of the largest selling magazines in the eighties. "The magazine was related to Urdu *adab* and film. People waited for a month for the movie review in *Shama* and went to watch only if the movie was good. It carried a lot of weight and sometimes if the

review was not good, it upset producers. We also held *Shama Awards*, which were Delhi's first glittering awards function, where all the stars descended," she remembers.

Dehvi lived a privileged life where she rubbed shoulders with the likes of Nargis, Sharmila Tagore, Rajesh Khanna and others. "When Rakhi got married to Gulzar, my grandfather hosted them and gave her an *asharfi as muh dikhai*. Meena Kumari stayed over at our place. I was fascinated with Ali Sardar (Jafri), Kaifi Sahab (Azmi), Ismat (Chughtai) Apa, Majrooh (Sultanpuri) who came to our house. It was a very interesting and exciting time," she says.

But not just *Shama*. The children's magazine too had a huge fan following. A guest labelled *Khilona*, as the 'world's best children's magazine, which was enough to set Dehvi down the memory lane.' "My father founded it when he was 13 years old in 1943. He created legendary characters, Mian Fauladi and Mian Nastoos. Nobody could believe that a young child was editing the magazine but he was young and knew what other young children wanted to read," she says. Senior writers were roped in to write for *Khilona*. "The deal was that if they wanted to write for *Shama*, they had to contribute to *Khilona* as well," she says.

An entire generation grew up reading *Khilona*, which is now in the process of getting digitised. "Mian Nastoos was a playful jinn and attended the madarsa of Maulvi Sahab. Mian Nastoos used to do magic which often bewildered Maulvi Sahab. The person who is digitising it made an interesting observation that Harry Potter is inspired by him and my father should file for a copyright," Dehvi says with a laugh.

When asked by a member from the audience about the reason for *Jasmine & Jinns* having an unusual name, Dehvi had a lot to say. She said that the dominant fragrance of her childhood summers was *chameli* (jasmine). "My grandmother loved it. We had jasmine planted around the house and plucked the flowers a little before evening because we were told that flowers go off to sleep at dusk. We slept outside on wooden *charpoys* and some jasmine flowers were scattered on all *charpoys* except those on which unmarried women slept for the jinns could fall in love with them," she says. Dehvi is fascinated and the same time scared of Jinns so much so that even now she cannot sleep without leaving a light on through the night. Moreover, for the 50 odd years that the extended Dehvi family lived at Sardar Patel, they heard unexplained noises throughout the house — as if someone was moving furniture. "It could only have been jinns! Right?" she says.

But while the past holds fond memories, it was at one point of time, a cause for pain for Dehvi. "I was editing *Bano*, when the magazines had to be shut down. In 2002 we had to sell *Shama Kothi* to Mayawati, where banquets attended by writers, actors and even Presidents and Prime Ministers were once held. It was an immense loss and I couldn't come to terms with it. My soul needed healing. And that's when I turned to Sufism and established a deeper connect with God," she says. And having come to terms with the past, Dehvi is all set to write another set of memoirs, since her friend "Khushwant (Singh) told me that I would be laughing all the way to bank, if I did so," she says with a smile.

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RECIPES

Skinny Zucchini Chips

What we need
1 (large) zucchini, cut into 1/8 – 1/4 slices
1/3 cup breadcrumbs
1/4 cup finely grated parmesan cheese
1/4 tsp black pepper
Arqa sea salt to taste
1/8 tsp garlic powder
1/8 tsp cayenne pepper
1/2 cup low-fat milk

Method

- Preheat oven to 220 degrees C. Combine in a small mixing bowl, breadcrumbs, parmesan cheese, black pepper, salt, garlic powder, and cayenne pepper. Dip zucchini slices into milk and dredge into bread crumbs to coat both sides.
- It may be necessary to press crumbs onto zucchini slices to ensure the crumbs stick.
- Arrange zucchini on a non-stick cookie sheet and lightly mist with a non-stick cooking spray.
- If using a rack, place rack on a cookie sheet. Bake 15 minutes, turn over and continue baking until golden, approximately 10-15 minutes (being careful not to burn).
- Allow to cool to room temperature before storing in an airtight container.



Paneer and Sundried Tomato Pakora

What we need
1/2 kg cottage cheese
4 tbsp sun dried tomatoes
2 green chillies
1/2 cup coriander leaves
1/2 cup mint leaves
5 cloves of garlic
Salt to taste
Pakora batter

Method

- Finely chop sundried tomato and keep aside.
- In a food processor, blitz together green chillies, garlic, coriander leaves, mint leaves and salt.
- Cut cottage cheese into 2-3 inch rectangles.
- Apply coriander and mint chutney on each slice of cottage cheese and place a few pieces of sundried tomato on it. Cover it with another piece of cottage cheese and dip this paneer sandwich in the pakora batter.
- Deep fry it until golden-brown and serve hot.



Courtesy: Foodhall



Sizzle in the rain

Delectable *pakodas*, piping hot tea have an indivisible bond with monsoons, says MANSI BHANSALI

The pitter patter of raindrops immediately conjures up images of deep fried *pakodas* and tea. And *Mister Chai* taps into this craving with their special Monsoon menu. The menu at the restaurant is limited to traditional Indian cuisines with special *masala chai*.

Gagandeep Sawhney, executive sous chef, *Mister Chai* has created the Monsoon special menu. He says, "Keema spicy potato *pakora* and *Bhutta* are the two most ordered items on this menu. *Bhutta* can be served either steamed or roasted with Indian spices, butter and lemon. We took up this theme last year as well and received good reviews."

Both the regular as well as the monsoon menu at the restaurant are a tribute to Indian cuisines. "We often experiment with traditional Indian cuisines. We have used Kale leaves to create *pakoda chat*."

Mister Chai serves an amalgamation of dishes from Delhi and Mumbai with a twist. It attracts locals, corporates as well as foreigners. The main focus of the staff is to serve street foods in a hygienic manner. Painted, colourful *chai* kettles and a wooden cart enhances the look of the place. Abiding by the chef's recommendation, we ordered *Keema* and *spicy potato pakoda* and

Bhutta with special cutting *chai*. The dishes were served on a wooden cart and a typical steel kettle held the steaming hot *chai*. The *Bhutta* was sweet and spicy while the *Keema* and *spicy potato pakoda* was milder in taste. The coriander *chutney* which was served alongside was fresh and spicy.

Sawhney has been in the profession for 15 years. He shared, "Since the *Keema bread pakoda* was a hit last year, we decided to include it this time too. *Kulcha*, *Akuri toast*, *Pakoda bhaji* and *Mirchi* are the new additions."

The theme at *Mister Chai* usually lasts for one month but if it finds favour with the patrons, it extend it for 15 more days. The monsoon menu at *Mister Chai* is available till July 31st.

But *pakodas* are deep-fried and with people focussing more on health, the Chef has tried to keep a check on the amount of oil used. "Keeping health and fitness in mind, we have used rice bran oil which is lighter than the normal oil. Sometimes, we also use a kitchen towel to completely wipe off the excess oil. But there are exceptions too. Despite the oil people usually order these *Pakodas* to compliment their *masala chai*," he said.

The chef had also told us that the *Kulcha* they served was unique because it was shaped like a cutlet. And when I bit into it, I realised this was by far the best part of the menu. The griddle-cooked bread was stuffed with spicy pulled jackfruit and goat cheese, had the perfect balance of flavours.

The chef said that he has added some special ingredients to make the regular street food, stand out. "We have kept the food mild so that everyone can have it. While cooking we initially half fry the dish and then deep fry it to keep it hot. We have used the typical thick batter inside the *pakodas*. We have used *Mathania* chilli in *Mirchi* as it is tastier as well as bigger in comparison to the normal chilli," said Sawhney. He also adds cardamom and ginger while making the tea, to give it a special flavour and aroma.

For Sawhney, his father was the inspiration for taking up cooking. "We make our *chai* in the same way as we do at our home to provide that homely flavour and taste," he said.



The Hungry Monkey presents a month-long tribute to the local farmers, with a specially curated 100 per cent organic menu. The purest ingredients are offered in their most natural form. The menu includes rocket, sesame papaya with apple jelly bar, The Hungry Monkey bruschetta and many others. **Pricing:** ₹2,300 for two plus tax

Hotel The Royal Plaza, Lutyen's The Multi cuisine restaurant is a series of rich, warm, intimate spaces for guests and visitors to enjoy tea, coffee, snacks and all day dining. With its large bay windows overlooking the pool and the Roman style gardens, makes it a perfect place for business meetings or leisurely get-togethers and Lord's William Tea Lounge which servers International flavoured tea and Gourmet coffee. **Pricing:** ₹1,000 onwards

gorge us
While Delhi is completely drenched in rain, everyone starts craving for some *masaledar pakoda's*, *garni* and *rabri*. To tickle your taste buds with some *masaledaar* delicacies and *chatpata* thirst quenchers made by celebrity chef Akshay Nayyar at Kopper Kadai. **Pricing:** ₹1,400 plus taxes

Have splendid Sundays at Café, Hyatt Regency as it is offering a lavish brunch serving world cuisines, a perfect way to recuperate from the debauchery of Saturday with the perfect end to your week. Widely known for its exclusive brunches, the menu inspires to serve world cuisines – from an innovative European bistro, to delectable hints of Indian cuisine and the choicest of American comfort food along with live grill counters. **Pricing:** ₹2350 plus taxes

Indian Eves reach World Cup Final

Mithali & Co knock defending champs out as Harmanpreet & bowlers star in triumph; to face hosts England for trophy on Sunday

PTI ■ DERBY

Powered by a blistering innings of 171 by Harmanpreet Kaur, the Indian women's team reached the Final of the ICC Women's World Cup by defeating defending champions Australia by 36 runs here on Thursday.

After setting a daunting target of 282 in just 42 overs for Southern Stars, the bowlers did the trick for the Indian team by bowling out Australia for 245 in 40.1 overs.

The opening bowlers took away any hope Australia would have had by getting three quick wickets in the first eight overs and reducing Aussie side to 21/3.

There was a brief resurrection of Australia's innings through a fourth wicket partnership between Elysse Perry and Elyse Villani who took Australia to 126/3 by the end of 23rd over but after that partnership was broken, Australia's chances of winning became meagre.

Earlier in the day, Harmanpreet Kaur played arguably one of the finest ODI innings ever to lead India to an imposing 281 for four against Australia in the semi-final of the ICC Women's World Cup, here on Thursday. The Indian vice-captain smashed her way to a career-best magical 171 off 115 balls, leaving the Australian bowlers in a daze in a match that has been curtailed to 42 overs a side due to inclement weather. This was India's highest ever total against the Southern Stars and could well be a match-winning total.

Harmanpreet's third ODI century was embellished with 20 fours and as many as

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Indian batswoman Harmanpreet Kaur plays a shot during her match winning innings of 171 against Australia on Thursday

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seven sixes. This is also the second highest individual score in ODIs for India behind Deepthi Sharma's 188 not out against South Africa earlier this year. It was out of the world power-hitting by the girl from Moga district in Punjab — something that has made her a stand-out player for India.

The milestone from 51 to 100 was reached in 26 balls while she raced to 150 from 101 in mere 17 balls. The sixes flew from her bat with monotonic regularity as the Aussie bowlers had no clue as to what hit them. After a dry run during the better part of the league stage, India's most sought after T20 cricketer stepped up just when it mattered the most. She batted like as if there was no tomorrow as she repeatedly hit the troika of left-arm spinner Jess Jonassen, off-break bowler Ashleigh Gardner and leg-spinner Kirsten Beans with utter disdain.

Her footwork against the spinners was exemplary as she would repeatedly come down the track to loft them in the arc between long-on and deep mid-wicket.

She seemed in some discomfort with side strain but that did not deter her from targetting the on-side as a whopping 137 runs was added in 13.4 overs along with Deepthi Sharma (25) for fourth wicket.

Such was her focus that once she scammed home for a double to complete her hundred, she was seen shouting at Deepthi after she flung her helmet in disgust. She regained her composure, said sorry to a teary-eyed junior and like a woman on mission completely annihilated the opposition bowlers.

FOCUS ON ROHIT, RAHUL IN WARM-UP VS PRESIDENT'S XI

PTI ■ COLOMBO

Back in the scheme of things, Rohit Sharma and fit-again KL Rahul will be aiming to get as much batting time as possible in the two-day warm-up game against President's XI starting here on Friday, ahead of the three-Test series against Sri Lanka.

Rohit, who last played a Test match against New Zealand in October last year, did not feature in the Test series against England, Bangladesh and Australia during the home season.

The Mumbai batsman underwent a surgery after injuring his thigh during the ODI series against New Zealand. Although he has not played a first-class game since his recovery, he featured in the Indian Premier League and made a comeback into the national side for the Champions Trophy, where he amassed more than 300 runs.

But the national selectors specifically rested Rohit for the West Indies tour in order to keep him fresh for the upcoming long season.

Rahul, who had a run of six fifties in seven innings in the Australia series, is also back in the squad after recuperating from the shoulder surgery



India captain V Kohli (Far left) with Sri Lanka captain U Tharanga (M) and coach N Potnas

that ruled him out of the Indian Premier League, the Champions Trophy and the West Indies series.

And both the batsmen will looking at the practice game to spend as much time as possible at the crease to stake their claim for a place in the playing XI in the first Test against Sri Lanka, starting July 26 at Galle.

The practice game at the BRC Grounds here will also be Ravi Shastri's first assignment with the Indian team following his much-publicised appointment as head coach for a two-year tenure earlier this month.

Since it is a two-day game, a team can test all the players of its squad and India are expected to check all the

weapons in their armoury.

All the Indian batsmen and bowlers will get a look in and skipper Virat Kohli is expected to decide his best possible combination for the playing XI for the first Test depending on their performances in the coming two days.

The match will also provide Kohli a chance to check his bowling unit, which features the pace duo of Ishant Sharma and Mohammed Shami who are making a comeback.

All-rounder Hardik Pandya, who was left out for the final two Tests against Australia due to a shoulder injury, is also back in the squad while pacer Umesh Yadav looks a certainty after a splendid domestic season.

'Shikhar, Abhinav shouldn't feel pressure'

PTI ■ COLOMBO

Whether it's Shikhar Dhawan or Abhinav Mukund, whoever opens alongside KL Rahul in the first Test against Sri Lanka in Galle should treat this as an opportunity rather than feel the pressure to perform, India skipper Virat Kohli said on Thursday. The skipper termed regular Test opener Murali Vijay's wrist injury as "unfortunate" but also praised his players being honest about their fitness status.

"Every player comes to the team wanting to perform. Injuries are unfortunate part of sport. Vijay was back from rehab and played a game and told selectors he was not match fit. That is the kind of culture being created. People are honest," Kohli said during his arrival media conference.

"Abhinav (Mukund) is there, he has played lot of domestic cricket. Shikhar got a hundred here last time and then he had to miss couple of games.

"(Cheteshwar) Pujara opened in the last Test (in Dharamsala). So guys are looking these scenarios as opportunities rather than getting under pressure. I am sure they are going to be up for it," said Kohli admitting that the team will have to make a mental change from white ball to red ball cricket.

Sri Lanka performed shoddily against Zimbabwe in the recently concluded series where they even lost the ODI rubber.

But Kohli insisted that they are not taking Sri Lanka lightly.

"Not at all. I remember we came here two years back after tour of Australia, we were six or seven in the rankings. That particular series in Sri Lanka gave us belief. It taught us to come together as a team. Everyone in the team knows this is where it all started after losing the first Test in Galle. It was a dent for us.



last tour is iconic for us," said Kohli referring to the 2-1 win in the 2015 Test series, which was his first as full-time captain.

Sri Lanka are a team in transition but Kohli expects them to put up more than a fight. "We know we have to work very hard. You have to respect the game. You have to be professional," said Kohli when asked what it takes to be the number one Test side.

Sri Lanka senior spinner Ranga Herath took 15 wickets in the last series two years with seven of them coming in the victorious Galle Test.

"He is such a good bowler. If you don't find a solution to tackle him, then he will do what he did at Galle. You have to stay a step ahead of the opposition and find ways to counter it. If mistakes happen consistently and then you are not improving as a side," Kohli stated.

Ravi Shastri insisted that his team will play fearless cricket but is that simple, Kohli quipped: "Yes it is." "All you need is that players are in the frame of mind so that they can

be at their best. After you take the field, you are expected to take over and adapt to situations. That is something have been doing well in the past few years."

Meanwhile, back at the helm as chief coach, Ravi Shastri on Thursday made it clear that once the players step into the field, it's their domain and that's how it should be.

"They know their job, they are professional cricketers. Once they step on the field they take over. That is how it should be," said Shastri.

For Shastri playing "fearless brand of cricket" is paramount and that's what he wants from his team.

"My role will be to get the guys in frame of mind that they get out and express themselves and play fearless brand of cricket."

Sri Lanka can't be taken lightly at home insisted Shastri. "Their track record playing at home is as good as any other team. We would look to improve in the series. Else there is no point playing. You have to try and raise the bar whenever you play."

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Dated: 21-July-2017
Place: Delhi

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SINGLES

YADAV NAMED INDIA A FIELDING COACH
NEW DELHI: The BCCI on Thursday appointed former India wicketkeeper Vijay Yadav as the fielding coach of the India A team for the upcoming tour of South Africa. The former Haryana stumper confirmed that BCCI has officially told him about his appointment. "Yes, it's just couple of hours back that I was told about my appointment as the fielding coach of the India A team. The squad is leaving day after tomorrow (July 22nd) but I may have to join a couple of days late. I am now rushing to Mumbai and my paperwork and visa formalities will be completed there," Yadav told PTI on Thursday. The 50-year-old Yadav played 1 Test and 19 ODIs during the 1992-93 season with a notable performance being a match-winning cameo of 34.

JAISWAL WINS DOUBLE GOLD
NEW DELHI: Karan Jaiswal won a double gold in men's and junior men's 10m air rifle event while Kapila Dabas and Pooja Rastogi won gold and silver respectively in women's 10m air rifle event at the 33rd Delhi State Shooting Championship here on Thursday. Shaurya Sarin also won two gold medals in the youth men's 10m air pistol and 50m pistol event while Tarun Dahiya won a silver and bronze medal in the 10m air pistol junior and senior events respectively. In the Delhi State Inter School Shooting Competition which was held a day prior to the state meet, Aman Aryan Roach of the academy won the gold in the men's 10m air rifle event.

MAVERICKS BEAT SMASHERS FOR FIRST WIN CHENNAI: It was a good day for Chennai paddlers as A Sharath Kamal and G Sathyan pulled off wins over higher-ranked opponents in the Ultimate Table Tennis here on Thursday. Kamal's victory though made an impact with RP-SG Mavericks posted a narrow 14-13 win over Dabang Smashers TTC. It was Mavericks' first win in the tournament, after suffering defeats at the hands of Falcons TTC and Maharashtra United in earlier matches. Kamal got the better of World No 14 Marcos Freitas of Portugal 11-8, 11-9, 5-11. In the penultimate rubber, Freitas beat Fegerl 11-5, 11-5, 10-11 to leave the tie interestingly poised at 13-11 in favour of the Mavericks. The final match saw Polcanova go down to Tetyana Bilenko by two games to one.

AFI PROVISIONALLY SUSPENDS MANPREET
NEW DELHI: Top Indian shot-putter Manpreet Kaur was on Thursday suspended provisionally for her second dope offence after she tested positive for a banned steroid, just a couple of days after her first dope flunk. Manpreet has tested positive for a banned steroid and stimulant dimethylbutylamine in a test conducted on her urine sample taken on April 24 during the first leg of the Asian Grand Prix Meet at Jinhua in China. The 27-year-old Punjab athlete had hurled the shot put to a distance of 18.86m at the Chinese city to win the Gold and book a berth for World Championships. Agencies

New home for Chennai Open

After 21 years in Tamil Nadu capital, tournament shifts to Pune, to be called Maharashtra Open

PTI ■ NEW DELHI/CHENNAI

India's only ATP World Tour event will now be known as Maharashtra Open with owners of the event IMG (Reliance) shifting the tournament to Pune by signing a five-year deal with the MSLTA.

Tamil Nadu Tennis Association (TNTA) confirmed that IMG (R) have cancelled the contract which was extended till 2019 early this year.

TNTA CEO Hiten Joshi explained that the sponsorship for the tournament indeed became an issue leading up to the cancellation of the ATP 250 event in Chennai.

TNTA informed IMG(R) after this year's edition in January that Aircel will no longer be the title sponsors for the Chennai Open as they will be merging their telecom operations with Anil Ambani's Reliance Company.

IMG(R) is a joint venture between IMG, which owns the ATP sanction for the Chennai Open, and Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Group.

"TNTA had told IMG(R) that they should find a title sponsor for Chennai Open in 2018 & TNTA would raise the balance funds with the help of the Tamil Nadu Government & other local sponsors and would live up to its obligations under the contract to conduct Chennai Open until 2019. TNTA has just received an e-mail from IMG(R) cancelling the contract to conduct the ATP event in 2018 & 19. TNTA will consult its legal counsel and take appropriate action," Joshi said in a release. However, TNTA said it has sent "best wishes for the conduct of the ATP event in Pune".

The season-opening Maharashtra Open will be a \$550,000 event, which is \$44,270 more than the Chennai Open.

The hot conditions in Chennai are similar to Melbourne and high altitude Pune will be slightly on colder side.

Maharashtra State Lawn Tennis Association (MSLTA) Secretary General Sunder Iyer though said it won't be a big factor which players will consider while choosing the event. "Humidity will be less than Chennai in Pune in January but the surface of our courts will be similar to Australian Open. We will prepare it accordingly," Iyer said.

Asked that Pune does not have a direct flight to and from Melbourne and top players may prefer direct flights, Iyer said it will also not be a big factor.

"Mumbai is just two hour's drive from here and there are many flights from Europe, Dubai to Pune. Those who want to come and play here, will come," he said.



Winner of 2017 Chennai Open Roberto Bautista Agut poses with his trophy after winning the Final in January

21 years of history

- The event started in 1996 as the McDowell Open in Delhi
- In 1997, the tournament was moved to Chennai under the name of Gold Flake Open
- In 2002, the name of the tournament was changed to Tata Open in 2002
- 2005 onwards, the tournament has been called Chennai Open
- Stanislas Wawrinka has been the most successful player in Chennai Open having won the tournament four times
- Indian duo of Mahesh Bhupathi and Leander Paes won the doubles titles four times between 1997 and 2002, and again in 2011
- The winner of the first edition of the tournament hosted by Chennai that took place in 1997 was Mikael Tillstrom of Sweden
- The winner of the last edition of Chennai Open was Roberto Bautista Agut in 2017
- The only Asian to win the singles division of Chennai Open is Paradorn Srichapan of Thailand with his victory in 2003



PLAYERS RELIEVED

Indian tennis players, who already are struggling to get home tournaments, heaved a sigh of relief that country's only ATP World Tour event has not moved out of the country.

Country's top singles player Yuki Bhambhani says keeping the tournament in India was crucial.

"How many tournaments we have in India? If we had lost this one too, it would have been a big setback. Sad for Chennai but still we have kept it in the country. No Challenger has been held this year so far. We need tournaments in India to help players make progress," Bhambhani told PTI from Gatineau (Canada), where he is competing in a Challenger.

Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan, who won the 21st and the last edition of the Chennai Open with compatriot Rohan Bopanna in doubles, said he's happy that India still has a tournament.

"It's sad that it's not in Chennai anymore. It is what it is. But I am excited to play in Pune as always. India has one tournament a year which I consider a home event so I'm happy that it's still in our country," the Chennai lad said.

Kashyap knocks top seed Lee Hyun out

PTI ■ ANAHEIM (USA)

Commonwealth Games Champion Parupalli Kashyap knocked out top seed Lee Hyun Il of Korea in the men's singles opening round of the US Open Grand Prix Gold badminton tournament here.

On a comeback trail after recovering from a shoulder injury, Kashyap dished out a gritty performance to stave off the challenge from World No 15 Lee 21-16, 10-21, 21-19 in a match that lasted an hour and three minutes.

Fifth seed Sameer Verma, who also is making a comeback after recovering from a shoulder problem, made a positive start to his campaign by defeating Vietnam's Hoang Nam Nguyen 21-5, 21-10 in another men's singles match.

Second seed H S Prannoy, who was in rampaging form at Indonesia Super Series Premier, also reached the second round after beating Austria's Luka Wraber 21-12, 21-16, while Harshdeep Dani brushed aside Mexico's Arturo Hernandez 21-13, 21-9 in another match.

World No 59 Kashyap will face Hungary's Gergely Krausz, former National champion Sameer will take on Croatia's Zvonimir Durkinjak, Prannoy will meet Ireland's Joshua Magee and Dani will square off against Vietnam's Tien Minh Nguyen.

In women's singles, Rituparna Das defeated Canada's Rachel Honderich 21-16, 21-18 and Sri Krishna Priya Kudaravalli beat USA's Maya Chen 21-13, 21-16.

However, it was curtains for Lakhane Sarang, Abhishek Yelegar, Sai Uttejitha Rao Chukka, Reshma Karthik and Ruthvika Shivani Gadge.

Lakhane lost 16-21, 13-21 to Kenta Nishimoto of Japan, Abhishek suffered a narrow 17-21, 21-16, 13-21 loss to third seed Brice Leverdez of France and Netherlands' Gayle Mahulette ended Sai Uttejitha Rao's campaign 23-25, 21-13,



Ruthvika also put up a gallant fight before losing 14-21, 27-25, 16-21 to Japan's Aya Ogori and Reshma's fight too ended with a heart-breaking 21-12, 16-21, 15-21 loss against Sofie Holmboe Dahl of Denmark in the opening round.

In men's doubles, Manu Attri and B Sumeeth Reddy defeated Canada's Jason Anthony Ho-Shue and Nyl Yakura 21-15, 21-19, while Francis Alwin and Tarun Kona beat local combo of Yan Tuck Chan and Brian Chi Cheng 21-3, 21-10.

Women's doubles pair of Meghana Jakkampudi and Poorvisha S Ram defeated Japan's Rira Kawashima and Saori Ozaki 21-16, 14-21, 21-14, while Manu and Maneesha beat Canadian combo of Nyl Yakura and Brittny Tam 21-13, 21-15 in mixed doubles competition.

Third seed Pranaav Jerry Chopra and N Sikki Reddy lost 21-19, 19-21, 17-21 to English pair of Ben Lane and Jessica Pugh in mixed doubles.

Women's doubles pair of Kuhoo Garg and Ningshi Block Hazarika lost 12-21, 10-21 to Russia pair of Anastasia Chervyakova and Olga Morozova.

JAPAN BLANK INDIA 2-0

PTI ■ JOHANNESBURG

Japan blanked India 2-0 in a 5-8 placing match of the Women's Hockey World League Semifinal here on Thursday.

India made a zestful start to their campaign against Japan with Monika getting an early shot on goal in the opening minute of the game.

But Japan's goalkeeper Megumi Kageyama made a good save to deny India the early lead.

In the following minutes Japan put up a tighter defence while their attackers broke the Indian defence to foray into the striking circle.

The aggressive approach resulted in Japan winning their first PC of the match in the seventh minute which was successfully converted by Kana Nomura.

Japan won two more penalty corners in the 8th and the 10th minute but India's Monika and Savita came up with good saves, respectively.

The second quarter



Indian & Japanese players fight for the ball in Thursday's game

saw Indian attackers try different channels to break the Japanese defence but in vain. Akiko Kato of Japan showed excellent dribbling skills to carry the ball into the circle and take a shot on goal but Savita was exceptional in her effort to save. Another big shot on goal for Japan came when Yuri Nagai cut inside the circle beating defender Gurjit Kaur but Savita came up with yet another noteworthy save.

Japan's second goal however came through another PC in the 29th minute. It was Naho Ichitani who converted the shot after they came up with a brilliant variation to trick the Indian defenders.

Falling behind by two goals, India looked to make amends in the third quarter. Soon after, Rani setup a counter attack to make a swift foray into the striking to take a go at the goal but she was slightly off target. The final 15 minutes saw India create some strong chances to score.

One such opportunity came when Vandana assisted Rani who got a good deflection, though it was saved by goalkeeper, Renuka Yadav took the rebound to push it back into the post to score. Unfortunately for India though, a successful video referral by Japan for back stick disallowed India's goal.

The boys can make an impression, says Matos

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With less than 100 days to go for the first ever FIFA World Cup to be hosted by India — U-17 World Cup — head coach of the Indian U-17 team Luis Norton de Matos believes that hosts, "India will be looking forward to the challenge presented and make an impression once the World Cup kicks-off in October."

The Portuguese coach said, "The team has progressed a lot and with less than 2.5 months to go, the squad will be giving their best in preparation. We are very confident going into the World Cup."

"However, competition changes everything, there is added pressure, and then it depends how the players will react."

"The next coming months will be tough because the players will have to concentrate hard, but as a team we cannot be more confident going into the first game, because I believe we can make an impression," Matos added.

India has been drawn into Group A along with United States of America (USA), Colombia and Ghana. The hosts will clash swords



against USA on October 6th, before facing Colombia on October 9th and Ghana on October 11th.

Quipping on the group India have been drawn in, Matos stated, "Our possibilities are small but we have a winning mentality. We have the winning spirit in us and will give our cent percent even if we have less chance of winning the match"

"After the draw, our players (Sanjeev Stalin and Dheeraj Singh) told me that coach we can win against them. My goal is to show the world that the Indian team can play at par with the best of the world"

"We are not going to play against extra-terrestrials, we are

going to play against humans, and the boys know that they can make an impression," Matos informed.

In an effort to field a strong team, the All India Football Federation (AIFF) has provided the U-17 team an exposure trip of Europe wherein the Indian Colts faced Serbia, Macedonia and Benfica SL among other clubs and national teams. The Indian Colts next, would be flying to Mexico to partake in a tournament featuring Mexico, Chile, and Colombia in August as part of exposure. The squad will also be playing international friendlies against Mali, Australia, and other countries.

"We have progressed a lot as a team in the last few months. We have produced good football but it does not matter when there are no points for your performances. However, we showed in Europe that Indian players are at par with European players.

"Indian players can play like Portuguese players with holding the ball, keeping the ball and playing with the ball. And India has the potential to qualify for the FIFA World Cup in the next coming years," the Portuguese added.

India U-23 lose 0-2 to Syria

PTI ■ DOHA

India lost 0-2 to Syria in their opening match of the AFC U-23 Championship Qualifiers at the Jassim Bin Hamad Stadium, here. Both the teams played cautiously as the opening half failed to produce any goals late Wednesday night.

India pressed hard in their effort to unsettle the physically superior Syrians. The first chance of the day fell to striker Daniel Lalhlimpua but the ex-AIFF Academy cadet could not make the most of the opportunity.

The high point for India came in the 37th minute when a string of passes found the tireless Germanpreet Singh but his prompt right-footer rebounded off the post for a corner.

Syria went ahead in the 64th minute through striker Rabie Srour who lobbed the ball over Indian goalkeeper Vishal Kaith who was caught out of position. Central defender Salam Ranjan Singh made a valiant



Action during India vs Syria Under-23 match

attempt to keep the ball out of the net but to no avail.

Soon, Nikhil Poojary powered another cross from the right flank but Hitesh mistimed his leap to find the elusive equaliser.

Syria sealed the fate of the match in the 88th minute when Fares Arnaout doubled their lead. India U-23 boys will next play hosts and group favourites Qatar on Friday.

'Lack of experience cost India'

PTI ■ DOHA

Head coach Stephen Constantine said lack of experience cost India's U-23 team their match against Syria and hoped his boys will take the team effort forward in the next game against Qatar at the AFC U-23 Championship Qualifiers here on Friday. "The boys played their heart out but eventually, the lack of experience cost us the match," he said.

"Some of the boys might have had a good game but I believe this is a team game where everyone needs to perform and they've had a great team effort tonight. We'll take it forward to the next game."

India lost 0-2 to Syria in their opening match at the Jassim Bin Hamad Stadium and they will have little time to recover as clash with hosts Qatar.

Qatar outplayed Turkmenistan 2-0 in their first match and Constantine applauded the hosts saying they are "very quick."

"They look very quick at times. They have an utmost quality I must say. It'll be a big challenge for us against them," he said.



from that batch might have graduated to the senior team. Their main advantage is that they're having the same coach throughout," he said.

"Playing a late evening match, that too at their home is really going to be advantageous for them," he added.

Meanwhile, a decent number of supporters, clad in the Tricolour, were present in the stands to cheer for the youngsters. "When you're playing at this stage, you want the stadium to be full. It keeps the adrenaline flowing amongst the players. Personally, I hope a good number of Indians will turn out in our support tomorrow."