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Death for brutal child rape

Cabinet approves amendment to POCSO Act to make it more deterrent

PNS ■ NEW DELHI
The Union Cabinet on Friday approved amendments to strengthen the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and included the death penalty for "aggravated" sexual assault on children, besides providing stringent punishments for other crimes against those below 18 years of age. Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said children should be protected from sexual offences and the modification is made to address the need for stringent measures required to deter the rising trend of sexual abuse of children in the country.



being administered hormones to make them artificially majors", said Prasad. Addressing the media here on decisions taken in the Union Cabinet meeting, Prasad said the amendments to Sections 4, 5, 6, 9, 14, 15 and 42 of the POCSO Act 2012 are made to address child sexual abuse in an appropriate manner. Sections 4, 5 and 6 of the Act are proposed to be amended to provide the option of stringent punishment, including the death penalty, for committing aggra-



proposed to the Section 9 of the Act to protect children from sexual offences in times of natural calamities and disasters and in cases where children are administered, in any way, any hormone or any chemical substance to attain early sexual maturity for the purpose of penetrative sexual assault, it said. The amendments are also

Sections 14 and 15 of the POCSO Act are also proposed to be amended to address the menace of the child pornography. It is proposed to levy fine for not destroying or deleting or reporting the pornographic material involving a child, the statement said. The offender can be further penalised with jail term or fine or both for transmitting, propagating, administrating such material in any manner except for the purpose of reporting as may be prescribed and for use as evidence in court. "Penal provisions have been made more stringent for storing/possessing any pornographic material in any form involving a child for commercial purpose", the official statement said. Prasad said, "The modification is made to address the need for stringent measures required to deter the rising trend of child sex abuse in the country."

Triple Talaq faces acid test in Upper House

Opp parties mull strategy to block passage of Bill

PNS ■ NEW DELHI
A day after the Lok Sabha passed the Triple Talaq Bill with some contentious penal provisions for the deserter husband, the Opposition seemed to be united to stall it in the Upper House. The Opposition has accused the Government of indulging in vote bank politics and demanded that the Bill be referred to a joint select committee. According to sources, Opposition parties will meet to devise their strategy to block the Bill in the Rajya Sabha on Monday when it is likely to come up for consideration. Sources said all Congress members in the Rajya Sabha would meet in Parliament on Monday morning, ahead of



the start of House proceedings, to evolve its strategy on the Bill. The numbers are tilted in favour of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, where the UPA has 112 members and the NDA 93. One seat is vacant. The remaining 39 members of other parties are unattached to either NDA or UPA and are likely to play an important role in the passage of the contentious Bill. The Government had not agreed to the Opposition demand for sending the earli-

CAPSULE

GROSS NPAS JUMP TO 11.2%: RBI REPORT
Mumbai: System-wide gross non-performing assets of banks rose to 11.2 per cent or at ₹10.39 trillion in FY18 from 9.3 per cent a year ago, and the share of public sector banks stood at ₹8.95 trillion, or at 14.6 per cent, as per the RBI data released on Friday. **P10**

OVER 6K OFFICERS FACE BAD LOAN HEAT: JAITLEY
New Delhi: The Government on Friday said action has been taken against over 6,000 officers of PSU banks last fiscal for lapses that led to bad loans. **P10**

INDIA GIVES ₹4,500-CR ASSISTANCE TO BHUTAN
New Delhi: PM Narendra Modi on Friday announced a ₹4,500-crore aid to Bhutan for its 12th five-year plan after holding wide-ranging talks with his Bhutanese counterpart Lotay Tshering.

NEW E-COM RULES REGRESSIVE: USISPP
New Delhi: The US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPP) has dubbed the new e-commerce rules as "regressive" and said that the changes would harm consumers.

BJP's Accidental PM tweet ruffles Congress feathers

Cong cries foul, BJP says it has freedom to wish movie good luck



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI/MUMBAI
A war of words has erupted between the Congress and the ruling BJP over the yet to be released movie *The Accidental Prime Minister*, starring Anupam Kher as Manmohan Singh. While the Congress termed it as BJP's propaganda against its party, Union Minister Rajyavardhan Rathore asked whether the BJP did not even have the freedom to extend wishes to a film. The Congress locked horns with the BJP after the ruling party tweeted the trailer from its official Twitter handle on Thursday night. "Riveting tale of how a family held the coun-

try to ransom for 10 long years. Was Dr Singh just a regent who was holding on to the PM's chair till the time heir was ready? Watch the official trailer of *The Accidental Prime Minister*, based on an insider's account, releasing on 11 January," the BJP's official tweet read. Asked by journalists to comment on the film at the Congress' foundation day function at the party headquarters on Friday, Manmohan Singh walked away with a cryptic "no comment". On his part, Anupam Kher said he will not back off from the snowballing controversy and took a swipe at Maharashtra Youth Congress' threats saying they should be happy a film has been made on their leader. Kher also referred to a recent statement by Congress president Rahul Gandhi that freedom of expression is a fundamental right. *The Accidental Prime Minister* is based on a book written by former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's media adviser Sanjaya Baru. The biopic stars Anupam Kher as Manmohan Singh and Akshay Khanna as Sanjaya Baru. The trailer of the movie shows Singh as a victim of the Congress' internal politics ahead of the 2014 elections. Setting aside speculation of a probable ban on the movie in the Congress-ruled States, the newly formed Kamal Nath Government in Madhya Pradesh said it has not banned the film. **Continued on Page 4**

Indians on moon soon! Govt OK's ₹10K cr

PNS ■ NEW DELHI
India will send a three-member team to space for seven days as part of the Gaganyaan project which will entail a cost of ₹10,000 crore. The ambitious project, which was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his Independence Day speech, was approved by the Union Cabinet in its meeting on Thursday night. If successful, India will become the fourth country in the world to send a manned mission to the outer space. So far only the USA, Russia and China have send manned mission in the outer space. Briefing about the outcome of the Cabinet meeting, Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said the Gaganyaan Mission is expected to be undertaken by 2022 and India has already inked pacts with Russia and France for assistance in the ambitious project. The testing for the mission will start in December 2020. "A human rated GSLV Mk-III will be used to carry the orbital module which will have



Space suits developed by ISRO for Gaganyaan Mission

necessary provisions for sustaining a 3-member crew for the duration of the mission. The necessary infrastructure for crew training, realisation of flight systems and ground infrastructure will be established to support the Gaganyaan programme. ISRO will collaborate extensively with national agencies, laboratories, academia and industry to accomplish the Gaganyaan programme objectives," said the Government in a statement. The total fund require-

ment for the Gaganyaan programme is within ₹10,000 crore which includes cost of technology development, flight hardware realisation and essential infrastructure elements. Two unmanned flights and one manned flight will be undertaken as part of Gaganyaan programme. Gaganyaan programme will be a national effort in collaboration with industry, academia and other scientific agencies and laboratories as stake holders along with ISRO. ISRO will be responsible for realising the flight hardware through industry. National agencies, laboratories and academia will participate in crew training, human life science technology development initiatives as well as design reviews. First human space flight demonstration is targeted to be completed within 40 months from the date of sanction. Prior to this, two unmanned flights in full complement will be carried out to gain confidence on the technology and mission management aspects, said the statement.

BJP to do away with 75-plus bar

DEEPAK K UPRETI ■ NEW DELHI
Come Lok Sabha polls, the BJP will remove the age-bar on contesting and holding political posts as two of its prominent women leaders Sushma Swaraj and Uma Bharti have suo moto announced their intention to not contest and Speaker Sumitra Mahajan may be opting out of the poll. The post-2014 victory in the Lok Sabha polls led the BJP to re-write rules of the games for the party members which included retirement from active politics after 75 and diminishing chances of getting party tickets after reaching 70. The formation of Margdarshak Mandal in August, 2014, to accommodate aged veterans like LK Advani and MM Joshi had raised many eyebrows even as they also did not find seat in BJP's



Parliamentary Board, the all powerful decision-making body of the party. All that may change now with the onset of the election season. The BJP sees age 75 with no-bar for contesting Lok Sabha polls, sources in the party said. As the coming poll turning out to be a keen contest, the party would put premium on winning the seat rather than allowing "youthful experiment" a chance. **Continued on Page 4**

Cold and pollution preying on birds

SUGANDHA ■ NEW DELHI
Making it difficult for them to fly, the lethal combination of cold and pollution in the National Capital has taken its toll on birds. Avian hospitals in the city these days are busy treating 15-20 birds being brought with the complaints of paralysis every day. "Paralysis in birds has become common now. Everyday the hospital admits 15 to 20 birds affected with paralysis," said Sunil Jain, honorary secretary, Birds Charity Hospital, Chandni Chowk. The hospital which specialises in treating birds with different ailments is now treating birds which are apparently the victims of cold and pollution, he added. "See, there are three basic reasons behind their pathetic condition. First, there is a lot of pollution in the air, second, the temperature is falling drastically, and third, the weather is not up to the mark making it



difficult for them to survive," he said. Wasim Akram, manager, Special Projects of Wildlife SOS, Delhi, said that because of the winter season and pollution, there is a problem of low visibility confronted by the avian population due to which they face survival issues. According to Jain, while the hospital treats a variety of birds throughout the year, the birds which are coming now are mostly pigeons as they are the ones without any proper shelter. "Most of the birds that we are treating these days are the rescued ones and pet birds being brought by their owners are relatively fewer in number.



We are treating mostly pigeons these days; they are homeless," said Jain. Shockingly, the number of paralysed birds in the hospital has risen alarmingly since October this year because of rising pollution levels and the advent of winters, Jain said further. The story is not different in other areas as well, said Wasim Akram as Wildlife SOS rescues a number of birds from across



the city during winter months. As per data provided by Wildlife SOS, the NGO rescued 71 birds of different species in October and 54 birds of different varieties in November. In December so far, the NGO has rescued 53 birds of different varieties already. "Wildlife SOS has a 24-hour helpline which receives regular calls for birds in distress and in need of medical attention. In the month of October

and November alone, we have rescued over 100 birds of various kinds," Akram said. The calls increase during winter months, he added. This year, the NGO rescued pigeons, kites, owls and peacocks in the winter months, Akram said. Recalling special cases he said, "We are not sure if it was due to cold or pollution but we in the recent past rescued a kingfisher, barn owl and an Indian eagle owl in bad condition." Apart from paralysis, the birds in this weather become vulnerable also to serious respiratory and digestive problems, added other veterinarians. Nevertheless, some birds coming with paralysis are kept in Intensive Care Units (ICUs), others are discharged after proper medication, Jain said. Owners are given prescriptions and recommendations after which the pet birds are discharged from the hospital, he added.

Vehicle theft cases up by 5% in G'gram

Police say heinous crimes have decreased, city safer

PARVESH SHARMA ■ GURUGRAM

Cases of vehicle theft have increased by 5.21 per cent in 2018 as compared to the previous year, however, Gurugram Police on Friday claimed that the city had become a lot safer because heinous crimes like murders, rape, robberies, loot, burglaries and snatching have decreased. According to official data, 4,318 cases of vehicle theft have been registered in 2018 as compared to 4,104 last year. Presenting the annual crime data at a Press conference, Commissioner of Police Gurugram K K Rao, did concede that 18 to 20 per cent of the cases are still pending.

Rao claimed Gurugram Police is working towards friendly policing and the pendency will be decreased by 15 per cent in near future. "This year the city has witnessed decline in cases of murders, rapes, robberies, loot, burglaries, snatching and other crimes of all natures.

All crimes under the heinous category, witnessed a sharp dip of 50 per cent in 2018, as compared to the corresponding period," stated the Police Commissioner.

"Apart from the decrease in heinous crimes, we were also able to improve our crime detection rates. In 2018, we have disposed of 30,893 complaints out of 33,113 total registered. Likewise, as compared to 2017, when 117 murder cases came to light, the number was 77 in 2018 that was a decrease of 38 per cent. Also, cases of rape dipped by 15 per cent. In the previous year 132 cases of rape were registered but in 2018 around 139 rape cases were registered of which 38 were cancelled.

The district police have registered 181 case of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act in which 12 were cancelled due to lack of evidence.

There were 96 loot cases registered in 2017 whereas in 2018 the figure stood at 41 (down by 55 per cent) and burglary came down by 5 per cent. The overall cases of burglary registered in 2017 were 602. In the



current, the figure has come down to 577 so far, the police chief said.

Besides that with 1,602 cases of simple theft so far, registered in the previous year. In 2018, 1,424 of such case were registered. However, last year the city roads had claimed 481 lives in 1,214 road accidents. This year so far such figure down by 442 in 1,075 accidents.

Rao said the overall crime graph has come down because of the preventive measures initiated by the police and also reacting to any incident being reported. The police chief credited the beat staff for the "overall improvement" in the crime rate in the millennium city.

"The response time of the police control room (PCR) is constantly observed by an ACP rank officer. From the last month, video recording of the PCR staff is being done. With these efforts we are just checking the response time of the PCR to reaching the crime spot," the Commissioner said.

The police commissioner said that the traffic situation remained an area of concern. "It was more due to the increase in a number of vehicles and the

'Police will approach the courts under Section 83 of CrPc to attach properties belonging to people who have been POs for a long time'

"lack of timely expansion" of the road network. The top cop said increasing the use of technology and police presence on the roads had helped in speeding up a movement of vehicles," he added. Rao said over Rs 23 crore was recovered from more than 13 lakh vehicles for violating traffic rules in 2018.

Meanwhile, the city police have decided to attach properties belonging to hundreds of suspects who have been declared proclaimed absconders. This list includes dreaded criminals and some other key people who are on the run for quite a while and are opting for unethical ways to evade arrest.

Rao said 782 absconding criminals have been declared Proclaimed Offenders (POs) in the district. "The police will approach the courts under Section 83 of CrPc to attach properties belonging to people who have been POs for a long time," Rao said.

Haryana Govt OK's probe against Vadra, Hooda: G'gram top cop

STAFF REPORTER ■ GURUGRAM **LAND SCAM**

Gurugram Commissioner of Police KK Rao on Friday said the Haryana Government has given permission to further investigate the alleged land scam case registered against Robert Vadra, brother-in-law of Congress chief Rahul Gandhi, former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda and others.

"We had sought permission from the State Government after the case was registered at a Gurugram police station. The authorities have given a go-ahead to investigate the alleged scam," said KK Rao Commissioner of Police.

The district police registered the case against Vadra, Hooda and others on September 1 at Kherki Daula police station.

Police had booked Vadra, Hooda, DLF and Gurugram-based Onkareshwar properties for their alleged involvement in a land scam worth ₹5,000 crore in Gurugram in 2008.

The case was registered on the complaint of Surrender



Sharma, a resident of Tauru, alleging that a company belonging to Vadra's Skylight Hospitality had cheated people and the government.

Vadra's company Skylight Hospitality Pvt Ltd purchased 3.5 acres of land in Gurugram's Sector 83 from Onkareshwar Properties for ₹7.50 crore in 2008, and later sold it to DLF for ₹58 crore.

The Haryana government then allotted 350 acres of land to DLF in violation of rules.

After the Bharatiya Janata Party came to power in Haryana, it set up a one-man commission of Justice SN Dhingra on May 14, 2015, to probe the land scam.

The commission probed the alleged irregularities in the



grant of licence by the Haryana Department of Town and Country Planning to some companies, including those of Robert Vadra, son-in-law of then Congress President Sonia Gandhi, in Sector 83 of Gurugram for developing commercial colonies.

Deals were allegedly inked for land in Shikhopur, Sishi, Kherki Daula and Sikanderpur Badha villages in Gurugram.

A case was registered under sections of 420 (cheating), 120B (hatching conspiracy), 467 (forgery), 468 (forgery for the purpose of cheating), 471 (using as genuine a forged document) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), and Section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, at the Kherki Daula Police Station.

Plan to free CP of thick blanket of smog fails to take off

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

With companies showing little interest in tender process initiated by New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) to install "Mist Spraying Cannon" at the four corners of Connaught Place, the plan has failed to take off.

The NDMC had floated the tender of more than ₹3 crore for the ambitious project with purpose to neutralise the thick blanket of smog that engulfs the national Capital every winter as cool air traps a toxic blend of pollutants, making it difficult for the people to breathe.

A senior NDMC official said the tender was dropped due to fewer participants in the process. "The tender would

now be uploaded on Government e-procurement website (GeM) soon," he said. GeM is the National Public Procurement Portal that facilitates online procurement of common use goods.

The move was conceptualised to curtail air pollution during the winter this year but due to fewer participants the concept has not been come on the ground this year, he said. The official further said that the civic body is putting all the efforts to introduce it as soon as possible.

The smog fighting machine commonly referred as "Mist Spraying Cannon" spray tiny droplets of water up to a height of 100 metres thus creating an artificial mist to which airborne pollutants would stick and

subsequently grounded. The tiny droplets fired by the machine are the same as particles of PM2.5 and PM10. It combines with the dust and fine particles and takes it down to the ground.

In a similar exercise to reduce air pollution, the Delhi Government had also sprayed water from an "anti-smog gun" to see whether it could make any impact in reducing pollutants from the air. The anti-smog gun put on trial by the city Government could spray atomised water (tiny droplets of water) up to a height of 50 metres, at the highly-polluted Anand Vihar area in December last year after pollution levels in the national Capital went in the severe category during winters.

Flier from Bangkok held for smuggling ₹41L gold at IGIA



STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Customs Department has arrested an Indian for allegedly trying to smuggle in gold worth ₹41.11 lakh at the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport on Thursday.

According to a senior Customs official, the 20-year-old passenger was intercepted after his arrival from Bangkok

on Thursday.

"He further intended to depart to Amritsar but was stopped by security personnel. A detailed personal and baggage search of the passenger resulted in the recovery of gold, weighing 1.3 kg, concealed in his checked-in baggage," said the senior Customs official.

"The gold was in the form of three 'kadas' (bangles) and was coated in silver colour to avoid detection," said the Senior Customs official adding that the passenger has been placed under arrested under the provision of section 104 of the Customs act and further investigation is going on.

ATM robbery gang busted, 4 held after encounter

STAFF REPORTER ■ GURUGRAM

The Special Task Force (STF) of the Haryana police on Thursday night arrested four members of an inter-State gang involved in ATM theft from village Harsaru after a brief exchange of fire. The four other members of the gang escaped successfully.

According to the STF, the arrested accuseds were involved in 14 cases of murder, loot and dacoity which they had committed in seven different States. The probe team suspects that the culprits could be involved in more than 100 of such cases.

Following a tip-off, Inspector Dr Sunil Kumar of the STF nabbed the accused



from the Harsaru village in Gurugram. The accused has been identified as Sarfaraz, Ismu Deen and Azaad of Nuh district in Haryana and Irfaan hail from Rajasthan.

"The members of the gang theft several ATM kiosk and committed the crime in Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar,

Jharkhand, Telangana, Maharashtra and Rajasthan. They were declared proclaimed offenders most of the cases.

Delhi police had imposed under Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime (MCOCA) Act on the culprits," STF Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of Police Satheesh Balan said.

"They used a gas cutter to melt the ATM machine and withdrew the money," Balan said. The accused were produced before the court on Friday which sent them three days police remand.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
In exercise of his rights u/s 14 of the SARFAESI Act 2002, the Distt. Magistrate Ambala (Haryana) has vide its order No. 3690/3692/Peshi, dated 14.12.2018, has appointed the undersigned as Duty Magistrate to take over the Physical Possession of the property as mentioned below.

"H.N. 1, Pritam Vihar, Nanhera Road, Kuldeep Nagar, Ambala Cantt (Haryana) measuring 2 kanal-12 marla owned by Sh. Harbans Singh, Sh. Kulwant Singh, Sh. Harpal Singh and Sh. Gurcharan Singh, under SARFAESI Act".

Since the borrowers have not repaid the loan amount, therefore, the secured creditor i.e. Authorised Officer, HDB Financial Services Ltd. having its office at SCO No. 234, Sector 12, Karnal (Haryana) now intends to take over the physical possession of the property as noted above. Therefore, the borrowers/Guarantors 1. Sh. Harpal Singh, 2. Sh. Harbans Singh, 3. Sh. Kulwant Singh, 4. Sh. Gurcharan Singh residents of H.N. 1, Pritam Vihar, Nanhera Road, Kuldeep Nagar, Ambala Cantt (Haryana), 5. Gulati furniture House, GT Road, Kuldeep Nagar near Petrol Pump, Ambala Cantt. 6. Super Home Eric Company at Vill. Basouli, Jaravat Road, Derabassi. 7. Sh. Parbhjot Singh 8. Sh. Harvinder Singh both resident of H.N. 1, Pritam Vihar, Nanhera Road, Kuldeep Nagar, Ambala Cantt (Haryana) and 9. Bajaj safe Homes Private Limited, GT Road, Kuldeep Nagar, Ambala Cantt. are hereby directed to settle their loan account with the HDB Financial Services, within 15 days otherwise the Bank will take over the Physical Possession of the above noted property.

Naib-Tehsildar-cum Duty Magistrate Ambala Cantt (Haryana)

Asian Games shooter's bags with cartridges robbed



Broken wind pane of athlete Deepak Kumar's car. Pioneer Photo.

Cocking a snook over police deployment, unidentified miscreants on Friday afternoon allegedly broke the window glass of an Asian Games 2018, shooter Silver medalist and took away his three bags containing 0.22 mm 200 live cartridges, 400 empty shells, cash and documents. The inci-



Deepak Kumar

dent was reported in the Ambedkar Nagar area of South Delhi.

According to a senior police official, the incident occurred around 2 pm on Friday when Deepak Kumar, who hails from Ambala in Haryana, along with other shooters Kajal a resident of Rohtak and Ravi Rathi, a resident of Sampla in Haryana, had come to submit some documents with the National Rifle Association office near Tughlaqabad Institutional area.

"I had to go to Germany in January

for which I had come for my documents verification here. I had parked my Honda WRV car outside the office premises and along with others was in NRA office when an office employee came and told me that someone had broken my car's window following which I rushed to the car.

The miscreants took away three bags carrying ammunition, cash, documents and other items, leaving our rifles in car," said a distraught Deepak Kumar.

"A case under appropriate sections has been registered at Ambedkar Nagar Police Station. Police team is scanning CCTV camera in the area to identify the accused persons," said senior police official.

PUBLIC NOTICE
General Public is hereby informed that M/s. Kusum Watt Wo Mr. Rajendra Gupta, Rio Village, Kurli, Balalgham, HR, owner of Property Land area Addressing 43 Sq. Yards part of Kheval/Khata No. 601/950, Rect No. 44, Killa No. 10, Vijay Nagar, Balalgham, HR, and its Original Sale Deed dated 22.10.2008, Doc No. 6541 has been lost and a Lost Report has been lodged with Police Station Balalgham Sadar, HR, vide LR No. 132/23/07/180042 and same sold to Mr. Anand Bhaur and Mrs. Rita Devi and same is Loan Financed by AAAS Financials Limited, Branch Faridabad. If any person is having objection right of claim against the said Property, contact to undersigned along with supporting documents within 7 days from the date of Publication of this notice and or the same to the undersigned if found by anyone.

NAVEEN KUMAR VERMA, Advocate F-211, Sector -3, Vaishali, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201010 (Contact at 9958871432)

PUBLIC NOTICE
FORM NO. INC 26
BEFORE THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR, NORTHERN REGION BENCH, MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS, GOVT. OF INDIA, NEW DELHI
In The Matter Of Section 13 Of The Companies Act, 2013 And Rule 30 Of Company (Incorporation) Rules 2014
AND
In Relation With Section 13 Of The Companies Act, 2013 And Rule 30 Of Company (Incorporation) Rules 2014
AND
In The Matter Of
GUARAN CHEMICALS PRIVATE LIMITED
Having Its Registered Office At E-4/61, GI Block- Pkt-4, Sector-7, Rohini, Delhi-110085-in
-----PETITIONER
A Company Incorporated Under The Companies Act, 1956
Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the company proposes to make an application to the Regional Director Northern Region Bench, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Govt. Of India, New Delhi under section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the special resolution passed at the extra ordinary general meeting which was held on 17.12.2018 to enable the company to change its Registered office from National Capital Territory of Delhi to the State of Haryana (India).
Any person, whose interest likely to be affected by the said Shifting of Registered Office of the Company from the National Capital Territory Delhi to the State of Haryana (India) may intimate to "THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR, NORTHERN REGION BENCH, MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS, GOVT. OF INDIA, NEW DELHI B-2 WING, 2ND FLOOR, PARVAVARAN BHAVAN, CGO COMPLEX, NEW DELHI - 110003 within 21 days from the date of Publication of this notice, the nature of interest and grounds of opposition to the alteration if any, supported by an affidavit and should send the same in original to the Regional Director with a copy to the petitioner at the Registered Office of the Company as mentioned above.
By the Petitioner and on behalf of
M/s GUARAN CHEMICALS PRIVATE LIMITED
Sd/-
JITENDER JINDAL (Director)
E-4/61, GI BLOCK- PKT-4, SECTOR-7, ROHINI, DELHI-110085-IN
Date: 23/12/2018
Place: New Delhi

CHHATTISGARH RURAL ROADS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
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E-Procurement Tender Notice
NIT No. 406 /TC-T/CGR/DA/2018 Dated: 27/12/2018

The Superintendent Engineer/Convener (Tender Cell), CGRDA on behalf of Governor of Chhattisgarh invites the percentage rate bids on SOR of PMGSY 22/02/2018 amended till date in electronic tendering system for construction of roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana PMGSY-I Batch-II Year 2018-19 for the district of **Rajnandgaon & Mungeli of 02 number of roads, Total Estimated Cost of Rs 1996.15 Lacs (Including 12% G.S.T.)** as per B.O.Q. including their routine maintenance for five years from the eligible contractors registered with unified registration system (e-registration). Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement: 05/01/2019

Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission:
The bid document is available online and should be submitted online in <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>. The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities. The bidders are required to submit (i) Online Payment receipt / Challan submitted by bidder for form of tender and (ii) Online Payment receipt / Challan/NEFT submitted by bidder for bid security (EMD) and (iii) scan copy in appropriate form of original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4 B (a)(ii) of ITB.

Last Date/ Time for receipt of bids through e-procurement as per time schedule. For further details please log on to <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>. In future any related corrigendum would be seen in the notice section of the website.

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Superintendent Engineer/Convener (Tender Cell)
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City Police first in country to have e-Malkhana

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

With the launch of 'E-Malkhana' in the remaining 10 districts of national Capital, the Delhi Police has become first in country to have digitalised malkhana in Police Stations of its all districts.

Speaking on the occasion Chief Guest, Delhi Commissioner of Police (CP), Amulya Patnaik, said that the malkhana is critical in police functioning and digitisation of malkhanas is a very important achievement.

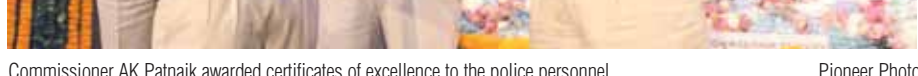
He said digitization of service delivery mechanism will definitely make the whole system faster, smoother and easier.

of personnel instrumental in the project and presented certificate of merit to 14 personnel (one from each District), for their outstanding efforts in achieving this goal in their respective districts. "Digitization of case properties would give a boost to proce-

ducing and judicial system owing to the ease in maintenance, location, retrieval of case properties and recording their movements as well. Around 3,11,600 case properties across all the police stations of Delhi have been encrypted in digital form," said Sandeep

Goel, Special CP, Law and Order, North range.

A booklet on e-malkhana functioning was also released on the occasion. A short film showing how this feat was accomplished within such a short span was shown on the occasion.



Commissioner AK Patnaik awarded certificates of excellence to the police personnel. Pioneer Photo

Minor rape: FIR against shelter home

MINOR HOUSED IN SHELTER HOME PHYSICALLY ABUSED BY STAFF

GAYATHRI MANI ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police has registered a First Information Report (FIR) against a privately run shelter home in Dwarka after Delhi Commission of Women (DCW) chairperson Swati Maliwal lodged complaint against those involved in the management.

There are serious allegations that girl housed in the shelter home were being physically abused by the shelter home people. The enormity of the abuse could be judged by the fact that the staff members used to throw chilly powder on their private parts of the girls as punishment and forced them to live in abominable condition.

An FIR has been registered with the Dwarka Sector-23 police station under Protection of Children from Sexual Offence (POCSO) Act, said a

police official.

Inhuman treatment meted out to the girls came to the fore when the expert committee of DCW, set by the Delhi government started conducting surprise inspections of private and government run shelter homes in the National Capital Delhi and give suggestions for the improvement of the living condition of the girl inmates.

"The committee comprising of four members of DCW visited the home on 27th December 2018, and found that the girls with different age group were kept in a very poor condition," said DCW member.

The committee interacted with girls of age group 6-9 years, 10-13 years and 13-15 years to understand their experience of residing at the shelter home.

The girls appeared petrified but opened up once cajoled by



'After witnessing the poor state of the girls, the committee immediately called the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Dwarka who sent a team of senior officers to the shelter home in civil dress (to maintain child friendly atmosphere) and recorded statements of the children. An FIR has been registered by Delhi Police against the staff of the Home'

the committee members to narrate the problems they were faced with. The elder girls (teenagers) told the members and police, "Any sort of defiant behaviour from the children would be met with serious and excruciating punishment because of which the girls had become submissive. The girls were forced fed chilli powder in order to discipline them. It was horrifying to know that chilli powder was thrust publicly in their vagina and butts by female shelter home staff as forms of punishment," a report by the

DCW stated. The girls were also punished by beating with scales and for not listening to the staff. The girls were not permitted to go home during summer and winter vacations.

The shelter home had only one staff and cook to look after the 22 girls. The expert committee was appalled at the cruel behavior being meted out to the hapless girls as forms of punishment. "After witnessing the poor state of the girls, the committee immediately called the Deputy Commissioner for

Entrepreneurship to be taught in Govt schools from April

SAPNA SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia on Friday rolled out the pilot project for 'Entrepreneurship Curriculum' in IX-XII class of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Government run schools from April -2019.

Sisodia, who is also the Education Minister, has given the target of July for this curriculum in senior secondary schools and the basic trainings to be completed during summer vacation in May-June.

Directing the officials of Directorate of Education (DoE), Sisodia, said that basic trainings be conducted during the Summer Vacations and subsequently the Entrepreneurship Curriculum in all schools for Class IX to XII be launched in the first week of July, 2019.

As per the directions of DoE, Director State Council of Education Research and Training (SCERT) will set up a working group having faculties of SCERT/DIET, Principals or Teachers of DoE and external experts/practitioners.

"This group should be empowered to engage the services of other experts and pay the remunerations to them as per SCERT's norm," he added. Sisodia said,



"Unemployment is one of the biggest problems being faced by our country. Every time when there is some job vacancy, even if at IV Grade, we see thousands of MBAs, Engineers even PhDs., apply for the post." The problem with education is that in all schools and colleges, we are giving education to our next generation just to seek jobs. I personally have asked the students in various schools and colleges that 'how many of you want to do job' and 'how many of you want to become entrepreneur'. In 99.9 percent cases, I have found that every student is studying for job," he added.

Delhi government will initiate this program keeping the view of employment opportunity to the youngsters help to sustain in highly competitive era. "Biggest question today is where are the job providers? I have seen entrepreneurship

THE CURRICULUM WILL BE BASED ON A 4-FOLD FRAMEWORK

- Inspire-through stories and case studies of entrepreneurial journeys
- Educate-through self designed micro research
- Involve-through local community
- Facilitate-by supporting in developing ideas into projects

programmes being carried out at various levels in some Universities and Schools but they are treating entrepreneurship as a skill and not as a mind set," said Sisodia, adding, "That is why, despite so many programmes at various levels, we have not been able to produce entrepreneurship mind set who will ultimately become job providers in the society. This is a big lacuna."

"Our best brains are working to serve their companies. The hard work by best brains being produced in our country is giving economic benefits to those countries where their employers are from," he added. "If we can produce large-scale entrepreneurs in our country then they will not only solve the problem of unemployment but also will help the economy grow very fast," Sisodia said.

Air improves to very poor category

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi's air quality showed a slight improvement on Friday as it hurtled down to 'very poor' pollution category but remained on the brink of turning 'severe' due to drop in temperature. The drop in the temperature has resulted slow dispersion of suspended particulate matters (SPM).

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) data showed the overall air quality index (AQI) at the 'very poor' level of 394, while the Centre-run System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting (SAFAR) showed an AQI of 372, which falls in the 'very poor' category.

According to CPCB data, 11 areas recorded severe pollution, while 24 areas witnessed 'very poor' air quality.



The neighbouring Ghaziabad the pollution level as 'severe' whereas Faridabad, Gurugram and Noida recorded 'very poor' air quality.

The overall PM2.5 level - fine particulate matter in the air with a diameter of less than 2.5 micrometer - was recorded at 241 and the PM10 level at 376 in Delhi, the CPCB said.

The national capital recorded its second highest

pollution level of the year Sunday with an AQI of 450. The air quality remained 'severe' Monday and Tuesday. There was a slight drop in the pollution level and the air quality moved to the 'very poor' category Wednesday. On Thursday, the air quality again worsened and turned 'severe'.

According to the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, the ventilation index is marginally favourable for dispersion of pollutants at 5,000 sqm/second.

The ventilation index is the speed at which pollutants can disperse. A ventilation index lower than 6,000 sqm/second, with average wind speed less than 10 kmph, is unfavourable for dispersion of pollutants.

According to the System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research, the

air quality over Delhi has deteriorated slightly and touched upper side of the 'very poor' category.

However, now wind speed has picked up slightly which may lead to slight improvement in the pollution level from evening until tomorrow. Since moderate cold wave to severe cold wave conditions are prevailing over major parts of north india surrounding Delhi, appreciable improvement is not expected," it said.

"Such adverse weather is the major reason for the sustained pollutant levels in the very poor range. The AQI will continue to remain in the 'very poor' category (340-370) in the next three days and overall mass concentration of PM2.5 will hover around 200 µg/m3 and will not cross 250 µg/m3," it said.

Chemical traders in Walled city gets notices

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The North Delhi Municipal Corporation (NMC) has issued notices to all the chemical traders in the Walled city, directing them to close trades and shift chemical units to the integrated freight complex (IFC) in Narela before December 12.

In a notice issued by the NMC, it said that the High Court in its order titled 'Society for Awareness and Development v/s Union of India and others' has granted time to traders in Tilak Bazar, Khari Baoli and Sadr Bazar etc till Dec 12 to shift their units. The corporation would start sealing the premises of such units if they failed to shift their units before the deadline, said a senior NMC official.

Will contest poll in States where BJP strong: AAP

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Taking to reporters after the meeting, senior party leader Gopal Rai said the AAP has decided to fight "autocracy" of the Modi Government.

"The Aam Aadmi Party will fight against this autocracy by challenging the BJP in States where it is strong," he said. Rai, when asked about AAP's participation in 'Mahagathbandhan', said, "We will monitor the situation in the country and take a decision accordingly."

Mahagathbandhan is a grand alliance of opposition parties against the BJP for the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. The meeting also discussed the condition of farmers in country.

Noida City Centre-Noida electronic City trial run begins

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

After Pink Line, the people of the Delhi — national Capital Region (NCR) will get a New Year gift by mid of January as the Delhi and Noida Metro Rail Corporation has begun the trial runs on the 6.8 kilometre long Noida City Centre-Noida electronic City from Friday onwards. This corridor will be the extension of the presently operational Dwarka Sector 21 - Noida City Centre (Line 3) also called as Blue Line.

Also, this Line will be Delhi metro's third line in Noida after Noida Sector 15 - Noida City Centre and Botanical Garden - Kalindi Kunj. Vaishali. The Noida - Greater Noida Line of Noida Metro Rail Corporation (NMRC) will also be thrown open to the public soon in the coming months.

Residents and employees especially who daily up and down daily to and fro Delhi-Noida will be benefitted largely as opening of this corridor will reduce the travel time from Delhi to Noida Sector 62,



This corridor will be the extension of the presently operational Dwarka Sector 21 - Noida City Centre (Line 3) also called as Blue Line

besides facilitating ease of commute and improving connectivity. Noida's Sector 62 on one of the commercial area with a number of commercial establishments and offices.

Further, the extension of the Blue Line which will run till the Greater Noida will be completed elevated with consisting six stations: Noida Sector 34, Sector 52, Sector 61, Sector 59, Sector 62 and Noida Electronic City.

The officials at Delhi metro

said that these trials are just preliminary and the Signalling trials will begin soon. "During the trial runs, the interaction of the Metro train with physical infringements (civil structure) will be checked to ensure that there is no physical blockage during the movement of the train on the track. The entire signaling system will also undergo rigorous testing," said Anuj Dayal, Executive Director (Corporate Communication), DMRC.

As per the officials, during these trials, the response of the train at different speeds, braking of the train and the inter-connection with the Operations Control Centre (OCC) will also be monitored. The behavior of the track system and the Over Head Electrification (OHE) will be checked repeatedly during all the trials.

Currently, the 49.93 kms long Blue Line (Line 3) operates between Dwarka Sector 21 to Noida City Centre. After opening of this 6.8 kms long section, the entire Blue Line (Line 3) will become 56.73 kms in length which will be the second longest corridor of Delhi Metro after the Majlis Park — Shiv Vihar corridor (Pink Line) which is 59 kms long.

Artists showcase talents at Janpath subway

SUGANDHA ■ NEW DELHI

From Government officers to students, the art exhibition at Janpath Subway, Outer Circle, Connaught Place organised by New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has given space to 36 contemporary artists to showcase their talent for free. The art exhibition containing over 130 paintings and sculptures has been organised as a part of their beautification plans. "There are several artists in the city who cannot afford exhibiting their art pieces in big galleries, so, a place has been given to them here for free," said a senior NDMC official.

According to the officials apart from that, there are two more reasons behind organising the exhibition.

"Under NDMC Act, we are privileged to promote Art and Culture. So, this effort has been made to bring the art from the living rooms of the artists into the public domain," the official said. The exhibition has also been organized to promote beautification and cleanliness, he said. As many as 120 paintings and 10 sculptures of 36 con-

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temporary artists and art students across the city have participated in the exhibition.

Among various artists Chaitanya Jaipura, a student of art has also participated. Highlighting the theme of his painting he said, "My painting is a contrast between happiness and destitute. The old man in my painting is in rags but is still happy." It took him a week to make the charcoal painting, he said.


Similarly, Kiran Soni Gupta, a senior government official has displayed five landscape paintings. She has prepared some of the paintings taking two months, she said.

The exhibition is a part of the forthcoming Swachh Survekshan 2019. Inaugurated on Friday, the exhibition will end on January 12, 2019, the official added.





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CISF camp attacked in J&K

Srinagar: Suspected terrorists attacked a paramilitary camp on the outskirts of Srinagar on Friday night, but there was no loss of life, police said.

The camp that was attacked is located in a power station at Wagoora area of Nowgam in Jammu & Kashmir's Anantnag district. The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel retaliated and there was a brief exchange of fire before the militants fled, the police said.

No loss of life or injury was reported, a police officer said, adding that the area had been cordoned off.

In October, a CISF officer was killed in a sniper attack at the same camp. **PTI**

Navy divers to join op at Meghalaya flooded mine today

Khliehriat (Meghalaya): Indian Navy divers on Saturday will join the operation underway to rescue 15 miners trapped inside a flooded rat-hole coal mine in Meghalaya since December 13, officials said on Friday.

The Navy spokesman said in a tweet that a 15-member diving team from Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh will reach the site in the remote Lumthari village in East Jaintia Hills district on Saturday morning.

"The team is carrying specialised diving equipment including a re-compression chamber and remotely operated vehicles capable of searching underwater," he said.

The Navy carried out an initial assessment on Friday to determine an effective response.

Pump manufacturing company Kirloskar Brothers Ltd and Coal India were jointly moving 18 high-powered



A team of Odisha Fire Services, on board an Indian Air Force plane, lands in Guwahati on Friday **PTI**

pumps to drain water out of the 37-foot-deep mine. A team of surveyors from the two companies also conducted an on-the-spot assessment of the situation.

They will submit a report to East Jaintia Hills district authorities on the technicalities about positioning pumps for effectively carrying the operation, officials at the site said.

The team would carry special diving equipment including a remote-operated vehicle capable of conducting underwater search.

The Air Force has airlifted 10 pumps from Bhubaneswar. Its personnel have landed in Guwahati, 270 kilometres away from the coal mine, official sources said.

The mine got flooded when water from the nearby Lytein river gushed into it on December 13, trapping the 15 diggers.

A PTI reporter who went to the site on Friday reported that the mine is located on top of a hillock fully covered with trees. To reach the mine, a person has to pass the 30-foot wide Lytein river three times.

No habitation was found nearby and 80-90 illegal coal mines dot the area.

The reporter was told by locals that the illegal private

mine was closed for a long time and opened for mining 2-3 days before the the miners were trapped on December 13.

The mine is owned by Krip Schullat, a local who has been arrested since the incident came to the administration's knowledge, state officials said.

General Manager of North Eastern Coalfields J Bora arrived with two officials of the company Friday and they were followed by a 10-member team of experts of the Coal India (CIL) to the site to assess the situation, they said.

Bora said CIL is arranging eight high-powered pumps for the rescue operation.

"We are waiting for the initial 10 high-powered pumps. They will be brought here this evening," the Superintendent of Police said.

The high-powered pumps will be transported by road from Guwahati till about two kilometres from the accident site. From there, vehicles have been requisitioned to carry them to the mine, a senior district official said.

Meanwhile, a 20-member team of the Odisha Fire Services Friday left for Shillong with equipment, including high-powered pumps, high-tech equipment and gadgets to assist the local administration in the search and rescue operation, a report from Bhubaneswar said.

Pumping of water from the mine was suspended on Saturday as there was no visible receding of the water level in it. The district authorities had written to the state government seeking high-powered pumps as the two 25 hp pumps, which were being used, were found to be inadequate, an official of the NDRF, which is involved in the rescue operation, said. **PTI**



A boatman rows his boat in the Narmada river on a cold foggy morning near Maa Narmada temple at Gwarighat in Jabalpur on Friday **PTI**

NSUI leader warns against screening of movie The Accidental Prime Minister

Indore (MP): The chief of the Madhya Pradesh unit of the National Students' Union of India (NSUI), student wing of the Congress, has warned theatre owners that they will be responsible for the consequences if they screened the controversial film "The Accidental Prime Minister".

The warning by State NSUI chief Vipin Wankhede came even as the Congress-led Government in Madhya Pradesh said earlier on Friday that the film has not been banned in the State, contrary to some reports.

The Congress has termed the film, based on former Prime Minister Manmohan

Singh's media advisor Sanjaya Baru's book, as a part of BJP's propaganda. The film centres around Singh's tenure as Prime Minister.

"If theatres screen this film which has falsehoods, their owners will be responsible for the damage," Wankhede said in a veiled threat on Facebook.

He could not be contacted for comments despite several attempts. Reacting to Wankhede's warning, BJP spokesperson Umesh Sharma demanded that Chief Minister Kamal Nath order police protection for all theatres where the Anupam Kher-starrer film will be screened. **PTI**

Police bar Ekbote, KKM members from visiting Koregaon Bhima

Pune: Ahead of the 201st anniversary of the battle of Koregaon Bhima, the Pune rural police have prohibited several persons including Hindu right-wing leader Milind Ekbote, members of the cultural organisation Kabir Kala Manch and others from visiting the war memorial and the surrounding area.

The memorial of the 1818 victory of the East India Company's forces which included Dalit Mahar soldiers over the Brahmin Peshwa's army is visited by Dalits every year on January 1.

However, the place, 40 km from Pune city, witnessed violence during the bicentennial

commemoration of the battle on New Year's day in 2018.

"So far we have issued notices under section 144 (2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure to several people and barred them from visiting Koregaon Bhima area," said Superintendent of Police Sandip Patil.

Notices were issued to all those against whom cases of serious nature were registered with regard to the violence of January 1, he said. Right-wing leaders Sambhaji Bhide and Ekbote are accused of instigating the violence as they were opposed to the celebration of the British victory in the 1818 battle. On the other hand, some

members of the left-leaning cultural group KKM are accused of involvement in the Elgar Parishad conclave. According to the police, provocative speeches at the conclave, funded by Maoists, triggered violence at Bhima Koregaon the next day.

Meanwhile, the Pune city police are issuing notices to those who can create law and order trouble ahead of January 1, said joint commissioner of police Shivaji Bodakhe.

Asked whether permission has been granted to Bhim Army chief and Dalit leader Chandrashekar Azad's rally in the city on December 30, Bodakhe said the decision will be taken on Saturday. **PTI**

MP CM Kamal Nath distributes portfolios

Bala Bachchan gets Home, Bhanot finance

Bhopal: Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath distributed portfolios to his cabinet Friday evening, keeping Public Relations, Industrial Policy and Investment Promotion Department and Employment Department among others with himself, an official said.

Tribal MLA Bala Bachchan, who was minister in the previous Digvijay Singh-led Congress government, was given Home and Jail, while another senior MLA, Tulsi Silawat, got Health, the Public Relations department official said.

Govind Rajput was allocated Revenue and Transport department, while Tarun Bhanot was given the Finance department.

Nath also kept Public

Service Management department and the Technical Education with him, he said.

MLA Prabhuram Choudhary, who belongs to a Scheduled Caste community, was given School Education, he said.

Another Digvijay Singh cabinet member, Vijaylaxmi Sadho, got Culture and Medical Education Department.

Hukum Singh Karada, also a minister in the previous Congress government, got Water Resources Development.

Another former senior minister Dr Govind Singh was given Cooperatives and Parliamentary Affairs. Sajjan Singh Verma, who was Urban Administration Minister in Digvijay Singh government, has got the Public Works Department in Kamal Nath's cabinet, the official said.

Arif Aqueel, the lone Muslim minister, got Minorities and Other Backward Class Welfare, besides Bhopal Gas Relief and Rehabilitation. **PTI**

Goa 'formalin' whistleblower alleges harassment by Govt

Panaji: A whistleblower who busted a racket in July this year involving use of carcinogenic cadaver preserver, formalin, in fish sold in Goa, has alleged harassment by the state government, in a petition filed before the Goa Human Rights Commission.

Food and Drugs Administration officer Iva Fernandes, who busted the racket during a field test of fish samples imported from other states, in her affidavit filed before the Commission on Friday, has also demanded "examination of phone records" of senior officials of the department, which she said would establish their linkages to fish traders involved in using formalin to preserve fish stock. "I have attached evidence duly signed by all officials of FDA, who were present at site for the purpose of carrying out the inspection with showed positive for trace of formalin in the fish, which instead of being attended with seriousness, I have been sought to be target-

ed," Fernandes said.

The controversy involving use of formalin in fish erupted in July this year. Fernandes found traces of formalin in fish being sold in Goa during a raid.

The BJP-led coalition government, has been on the back foot ever since, after several of its ministers were accused of allegedly protecting fish-traders who were allegedly importing formalin-laced fish consignments into Goa from Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.

Fernandes has also claimed that she was not allotted duties for a considerable period of time after the expose, which forced her to approach the Commission. After the scandal, the state Government banned import of fish from neighbouring States, until fish traders registered with the State FDA and complied with its norms related to storage and transportation of fish. The ban has resulted in a considerable increase in the price of fish in Goa. **IANS**

Pondy CM accuses Bedi of 'impeding' implementation of schemes

Puducherry: Puducherry Chief Minister V Narayanasamy on Friday accused Lt Governor Kiran Bedi of taking a "negative stand" on the implementation of various decisions of the cabinet while the latter denied having "obstructed" any welfare schemes.

Referring to the implementation of various welfare schemes in the Union Territory by his Government, Narayanasamy said, "the negative stand of Lt Governor Kiran Bedi impeded implementation of decisions of the Cabinet."

"We decided to distribute Pongal gift hampers for all ration card holders.

But Bedi returned the file and insisted that only families coming under 'below poverty line' should be covered and this was one such example where the government was put to embarrassing predicament," he alleged. **PTI**

Thousands of youth to hold march for jobs in Delhi on Feb 7

New Delhi: Thousands of youngsters from across the country will hold a march in the national capital on February 7 to demand education and jobs, a youth organisation said Friday.

The youth will be marching under the Young India National Coordination Committee, which came into existence with the coming together of more than 50 youth movements, student unions and organisations.

According to Jawaharlal Nehru Students' Union president N Sai Balaji, the youngsters will take out the Young India Adhikar March from Red Fort to Parliament to demand their rights.

"Like the kisans of the country, the youth will now call out the bluff of the Modi government. We have been denied our rightful education, dignified employment and when we raised our voice, we were called

anti-national. In the last five years all of us have struggled, now we will unitedly march and challenge the present government," he added.

The Charter of Young India was also released.

"Fill all vacant government jobs and end the regime of paper leaks and corruption in recruitment. Spend at least 10 per cent of the budget on education. Stop the policy of school closure, seat-cut, fund-cut, fee-hike and reservation-cut in higher education," the charter read.

"End gender discriminatory rules, ensure girls' hostel and effective anti-sexual harassment cells. End saffronisation of education. Ensure academic freedom and freedom of expression in campuses. Fulfil constitutionally-mandated reservation. Institute anti-discrimination cells in all campuses," it added. **PTI**

Uttarakhand HC directs Ramdev's company to share profits with locals

Nainital (U'khand): In a first-of-its-kind order, the Uttarakhand High Court has directed a company run by Yoga guru Ramdev to share a percentage of its profits with local farmers and communities.

The High Court gave the order while rejecting a petition of Divya Pharmacy against the Uttarakhand Biodiversity Board (UBB) and upholding the provisions of fair and equitable benefit-sharing as provided under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.

The bench of Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia held that it was a fact that biological resources constitute the main ingredient and raw materials in the manufacture of ayurvedic and nutraceutical products. It ordered the pharmacy to share ₹2 crore out of its ₹421-crore profit with the farmers of the raw product.

Previously the UBB had directed the pharmacy to share the amount with the farmers and local communities out of its profit as per the Biological Diversity Act. The pharmacy had claimed that the UBB neither had the powers nor jurisdiction to pass such an order and it was not liable to pay or make any kind of contribution.

The court held that India was a party to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity and the country was under an obligation to give effect to the provisions of the treaty. **PTI**

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BJP's...

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The Department of Public Relations of Madhya Pradesh Government tweeted that there is no decision by the Government to ban the film, adding that media reports announcing the ban were not factual.

Responding to the BJP, Congress chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala said on Twitter that "such fake propaganda" would not stop it from asking the Modi Government questions on "rural distress,

rampant unemployment, demonetisation disaster, flawed GST, failed Modinomics and pervading corruption".

The Maharashtra Youth Congress too withdrew its demand for a special screening of the film on the former PM claiming that it did not wish to see the "campaign movie of the BJP". Maharashtra Youth Congress chief Satyaajeet Tambe had written to the film's producer demanding a special screening before the movie hit the screens as well as "course correction" in case there was any distortion in the way events of the time were depicted in the

film. Taking a dig at the BJP over the biopic, RJD's Rajya Sabha member Manoj Jha said that movies should also be made on alleged irregularities in the Rafale fighter jet deal, demonetisation and farmer suicides. He said films should also be made on embattled liquor tycoon Vijay Malaya and fugitive billionaire jewellers Nirav Modi and Mehul Choksi. National Conference leader Omar Abdullah also tweeted on the film, saying, "Can't wait for when they make The Insensitive Prime Minister. So much worse than being the accidental one?"



A Lucknow Metro train during a test run on bridge over river Gomti in Lucknow on Friday **PTI**

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Namita Kapoor, have lost some original documents related to 269, Udyog Vihar, Phase-IV, Gurugram, Haryana including the original Allotment Letter No. HSDIC/EO/89 dated 05/01/1990. I have lodged the FIR Number LR No.3079601/2018 dated 28/12/2018 regarding the same. In case found, contact NAMITA KAPOOR, D-128, East of Kailash, New Delhi-110065, Mob: +91 9810048588

BJP to do away with...

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The age flexibility in the candidates selection for the Lok Sabha may thus see many 'seniors' allowed to contest, if they are wanting to throw their hat in the ring again.

However, Lok Sabha Speaker Sumita Mahajan, 75, may choose not to contest again after getting elected from Indore for the record eighth time. According to sources, her decision may be linked to health issue including a lingering knee problem.

The two other prominent women BJP leaders Sushma Swaraj (66) and Uma Bharti (59) have already announced that they would be opting out of the Lok Sabha polls.

With the BJP finding itself short of experienced hands while engaging a rather aggressive Opposition in 2019, the party is mulling the possibility of drafting its State satraps like Shivraj

Triple Talaq...

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The Government has expressed hope that the bill, which criminalises the practice of instant divorce by Muslim men, will find support in the Rajya Sabha, whose approval is necessary for the bill to become the law.

CPI member D Raja said the Opposition has the numbers and would press for referring the bill to the Select Committee. "Opposition parties are asking for referring the Triple Talaq Bill to the Select Committee for further scrutiny when the bill comes up for consideration in the Rajya Sabha on Monday," said Raja.

He alleged that the government wants to use the bill for political purposes. "They are not genuinely interested in gender equality and gender justice," Raja alleged.

Another leader claimed that opposition parties are united in referring the bill to the Select Committee as the proposed legislation needs to be examined properly.

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New rules for coasts OK'd

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Modi Government on Friday approved new rules governing India's coastlines keeping tourism promotion, employment generation and economic development along with nature conservation in mind. The new regulations stipulate a No Development Zone (NDZ) of 20 metres from the High Tide Line (HTL) for all islands, but allows temporary tourist facilities on the beaches, falling under the Coastal Regulation Zone-III, like shacks and changing rooms. The temporary tourism facilities would, however, have to be 10m from the High Tide Line.

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification, 2018, wherein it delegated powers to give clearances to projects falling in CRZ-II and III at the State level with necessary guidance.

"The proposed CRZ Notification, 2018 will lead to enhanced activities in the



coastal regions thereby promoting economic growth while also respecting the conservation principles of coastal regions. It will not only result in significant employment generation but also to better life and add value to the economy of India. The new notification is expected to rejuvenate the coastal areas while reducing their vulnerabilities," an official statement said.

The CRZ notification was last reviewed and issued in 2011. The move comes in the backdrop of a series of repre-

sentations received by the Environment Ministry from various coastal States/UTs and other stakeholders.

"Temporary tourism facilities such as shacks, toilet blocks, change rooms, drinking water facilities etc. have now been permitted on beaches. Such temporary tourism facilities are also now permissible in the NDZ of the CRZ-III areas as per the Notification. However, a minimum distance of 10m from HTL should be maintained for setting up of such facilities," the statement

The CRZ notification was last reviewed and issued in 2011. The move comes in the backdrop of a series of representations received by the Environment Ministry from various coastal States/UTs and other stakeholders

said.

The notification also streamlined the process of CRZ clearances and only projects located in the CRZ-I (Ecologically Sensitive Areas) and CRZ IV (area covered between Low Tide Line and 12 nautical miles seaward) will now be dealt by the Union Environment Ministry for clearance.

"The powers for clearances with respect to CRZ-II and III have been delegated at the State level with necessary guidance," the statement said.

"For islands close to the main land coast and for all backwater islands in the main land, in wake of space limitations and unique geography of such regions, bringing uniformity in treatment of such regions, NDZ of 20 m has been stipulated," it added.

All ecologically sensitive areas have been accorded special importance and specific guidelines related to their conservation and management plans have been drawn up as a part of the notification.

"Pollution abatement has been accorded special focus. In order to address pollution in Coastal areas treatment facilities have been made permissible activities in CRZ-I B area subject to necessary safeguards. Defence and strategic projects have been accorded necessary dispensation," it said.

According to the statement, as per CRZ, 2011 Notification, for CRZ-II (Urban) areas, Floor Space Index (FSI) or the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) had been frozen as per 1991 Development Control Regulation levels.

Cabinet approves Bill for setting up NCIM

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Union Cabinet on Friday approved the draft National Commission for Indian Systems of Medicine (NCIM) Bill, 2018, which seeks to replace the existing regulator, the Central Council for Indian Medicine (CCIM), with a new body to ensure transparency and accountability.

The draft Bill provides for the constitution of a National Commission with four autonomous boards entrusted with conducting overall education of Ayurveda under the Board of Ayurveda and Unani, Siddha and Sowaigya under the Board of Unani, Siddha and Sowaigya.

There are two common boards namely Board of assessment and rating to assess and grant permission to educational institutions of Indian systems of Medicine and Board of ethics and registration of practitioners of Indian systems of medicine to maintain National



Register and ethical issues relating to practice under the National Commission for Indian Medicine, the statement said.

Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said, "It also proposes a common entrance exam and an exit exam, which all graduates will have to clear to get practicing licenses. Further, a teacher's eligibility test has been proposed in the Bill to assess the standard of teachers before appointment and promotions." Till now things were adhoc, he added.

Prasad said the government was committed to promote Indian System of Medicine, from Ayurveda to Siddha to Unani. "But it is equally important that we remain alive to having value addition in terms of eligibility, quality, in terms of having a system which produces quality practitioners and quality teachers. It is a major step in this direction," he said.

The draft Bill, according to the statement, is aimed at bringing reforms in the medical education of Indian medicine sector in lines with the National Medical Commission proposed for setting up for Allopathy system of medicine.

The proposed regulatory structure will enable transparency and accountability for protecting the interests of the general public, it said.

The NCIM will promote availability of affordable health-care services in all parts of the country, according to the statement.

Export incentive for onion farmers doubled

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Concerned over the fall in onion prices, the Government on Friday doubled the export incentive for the kitchen staple to boost shipments and ensure better returns for farmers. At present, onion traders get 5 per cent export incentive on fresh crop under the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS). Commerce Minister Suresh Prabhakar has sought ₹179.16 crore from the Finance Ministry to double the incentives for onion exporters amid significant fall in prices of the vegetable.

Meanwhile, seeking to provide relief to coconut growers, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on Friday announced a steep hike in minimum support price of copra by up to ₹2,170 per quintal to ₹9,521-9,920 for 2018-19 season. The MSP (minimum support price) of ball copra has been increased by ₹2,170 per quintal to ₹9,920



per quintal for the 2018-19 season from ₹7,750 per quintal in the last year, an official statement said. The support price of milling copra has been raised by ₹2,010 per quintal to ₹9,521 per quintal for the current year from ₹7,511 per quintal in the last year.

In a communication to Finance Minister Arun Jaitley, Prabhakar said the Ministry of Commerce is keen to increase export incentives under MEIS from 5 per cent to 10 per cent. Under Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS), the government provides duty ben-

efits depending on product and country.

"The Government today increased the export incentives under the MEIS from existing 5 per cent to 10 per cent in the interest of farmers," an official statement said.

This will result in better price for onion in domestic markets. Wholesale prices of onion are 'subdued' at present due to increase in the arrival of the fresh crop in the mandis, it said.

"To contain the situation, it has been decided by the government to encourage export of

Commerce Minister Suresh Prabhakar has sought ₹179.16 crore from the Finance Ministry to double the incentives for onion exporters amid significant fall in prices of the vegetable

onions so that the domestic prices stabilise," the statement said. With the current increase, onion enjoys one of the highest incentives for agro-exports. This timely intervention would help the farmers who have recently harvested their produce and who have sowed or recently planted their seeds and expected better prices, it added.

In July 2018, the Government had introduced 5 per cent export incentive for fresh onions.

India's exports of fresh and chilled onion stood at \$256 million during April-October 2018-19.

It was \$511.5 million in 2017-18. Good monsoon in states like Karnataka, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh has led to huge production of onion, resulting in less demand from south and north region.

Due to this, onion from Maharashtra has not been transported to other states, which caused a glut and sharp decline in prices.

Committed to democratic process in J&K: Rajnath

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday informed Lok Sabha that the Centre is committed to democratic process in Jammu & Kashmir, while replying to the debate on the Statutory Resolution on the imposition of President's Rule in the troubled state. The Statutory Resolution on imposition of President's Rule in Jammu & Kashmir, which requires Parliament's approval, was adopted with voice vote amid din in the House. The Opposition termed the decision to dissolve the Assembly as "unconstitutional".

Countering the arguments of the Opposition parties, the Home Minister said that no party in the Assembly was in a position to form the Government even a day before the decision to impose President's Rule. He also rejected claims of some Opposition parties that the BJP was propping up a regional party under the leadership of Sajjad Lone to

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form Government, saying if his party had such an intention, it would have done so within six months of the Governor's Rule.

"The Government doesn't conduct elections but the Government is ready for election. It is the responsibility of the Election Commission to hold elections... We are totally committed to democratic process," he said. The Minister assured the House that security requirement of the Election Commission will be met for free and fair Assembly election in the State.

Soon after imposition of the Governor's Rule in June, Singh said, the Governor's

report of June 19 to the President indicated that no party or coalition of parties in the state was in a position to form government. The Statutory Resolution will now go to Rajya Sabha for approval.

Initiating the debate, Congress MP Shashi Tharoor said Governor Satya Pal Malik acted in "gross violation" of the Supreme Court order in SR Bommai case that had stated that whether an alliance has a majority or not can be decided only on the floor of the assembly. Malik's decision to impose Governor's rule after the NC, PDP and the Congress made a move to form the Government in the State was also in "violation" of the Sarkaria Commission's guidelines on Centre-state relations, he said.

Trinamool Congress' Saugata Roy termed the Governor's decision as "arbitrary" and claimed the Centre had snatched up a rival alliance led by Sajjad Lone, who had the support of "only two MLAs".

Sonia to convene Congress general body meet on Jan 2

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Sonia Gandhi will convene a meeting of General Body meeting of the Congress Parliamentary Party (CPP) on January 2 to discuss the remaining course of action within Parliament scheduled till January 8 and also deliberate upon issues related to General elections 2019, the alliance partners and other strategy for the party ahead. The grand old party also observed its 134th Foundation Day with Rahul Gandhi hoisting the party's flag at its headquarters on Friday.

Sources said that CPP meeting will be presided as Sonia as she continues to be head of CPP after stepping down as Party president last year which was taken over by

Rahul Gandhi.

A Congress MP said that though he was not aware of the agenda of the CPP, but assumed that Rahul Gandhi's success in the recent concluded assembly polls may be discussed and the new chart of action for the Lok Sabha polls. A decision to reached out to "like-minded parties" to defeat the BJP in the next general election could also be discussed.

In her last year CPP address this year, Sonia had said that the party needs to ready itself for the challenge. "I will work with the Congress president (Rahul Gandhi) and other colleagues in discussions with like-minded political parties to ensure that in the next election the BJP is defeated and India is restored to a democratic, inclusive, secular, tolerant and economically pro-

gressive path," she had said in February 2018.

Celebrating the foundation day on Friday, the party stated it will continue to fight the propagators of hate with peace, unity and love. On the occasion, Rahul Gandhi acknowledged the selfless service and contribution of leaders and workers in building the party.

The event was attended by senior party leaders, including former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and former defence minister AK Antony.

Top party leaders Ahmed Patel, Ghulam Nabi Azad, Motilal Vora and Kapil Sibal were also present on the occasion during which a cake was also cut.

Amid Govt's U-turn, ICMR to form task force on rare diseases

New Delhi: Days after the Union Health Ministry dumped its plan to set up ₹100 crore fund for treatment of rare diseases, its research wing, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) is mulling formation of a task force to promote therapeutic research and expedite new drug development for the sector.

However, Ministry's U turn after it had announced fund of ₹100 crore under the National policy for the rare diseases has upset the patients and their families who cannot afford huge treatment cost.

The Ministry recently decided to "reframe" the policy citing bureaucratic hurdles and financial shortage.

Compounding the problem is the fact that there are some rare diseases like

Gaucher, MPS, Pompe, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, Spinal Muscular Atrophy etc., for which treatment is available but is unaffordable due to exorbitant costs. In many cases, the treatment has been seen to drastically improve the quality of life of a patient. The high cost of treatment, thus, increases inequality with respect to access to treatment for rare disease patients. A senior official from the Ministry said that the CMR's task force studies are national initiatives that are centrally planned, coordinated and implemented on a multi-centric basis.

The projects have defined targets and specific timeframe. With the new programme, the ICMR is encouraging researchers in areas such as clin-

ical and molecular genetics, genomics, bioinformatics and new drug development to collaborate and come up with innovative plans to tackle orphan diseases. In fact, the Council has already started accepting proposals from researchers. Apart from R&D, the task force will explore options to improve diagnostic, prenatal diagnostic and counselling facilities across the country. Short-term training programmes for clinicians to recognise and diagnose rare genetic diseases are also on the cards.

It is estimated that one in 20 Indians is affected by one of the 7,000 diseases listed as rare diseases. Last year, the ICMR had joined hands with AIIMS and JNU to launch the country's first Rare Disease Registry. PNS

CBI registers 2 cases of illegal trafficking of minors to US, Kenya

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI has registered two separate cases of illegal trafficking of women and children to the United States of America and Kenya.

Both the cases were registered on Thursday and the first relates to a complaint from the US embassy which reported that an attempt was made by a woman Gagan Gupta, in August last year, to smuggle four minor children to that country allegedly using assumed identities of four students of St Joseph's Convent in Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar district in Punjab. Five persons have been named as accused in the case. The second case registered following a reference from the Ministry of External Affairs which stated an unregistered recruitment agency was involved in trafficking girls and women to Kenya on the pretext of providing them employment.

The embassy said that the staff of United Airlines-83 flight stopped them from boarding the flight as the faces of four children did match with their photographs in the passport, according to the US Embassy complaint to the CBI, which is now part of the FIR. However, their passports were not seized and they were allowed to leave the Indira Gandhi International Airport. The airline staff did not contact the local police but it provided photos of the minor subjects, of the passports and the airline tickets to the embassy officials.

During inquiry by the embassy, it surfaced visas issued to the kids were part of a school group from St Joseph Convent for which a trip to the United States was organised by Click Education Services Pvt

Limited.

The school was allegedly sending its students for a cultural trip to the US for which the passports of student and staff were collected by an agent promising them to help in the visa process. The agent allegedly tried to send four of its clients on the assumed identity by providing them passports of the students to whom the visas were issued for the cultural trip.

The embassy conducted its own enquiry and managed to get vital information before it sent a detailed complaint on February 7 this year to the CBI. The five named in the case include Balraj Singh of Kings Punjab Travels, a travel agency besides other agents which include Gagan Gupta, Chetan Sabharwal, Lovepreet Singh and Tilak Raj.

The second case has been registered on a complaint from the External Affairs Ministry that Indian embassy in Nairobi, Kenya has rescued three young girls who were allegedly trafficked to Mombassa on the pretext of giving employment as dancers but were coerced into prostitution. The girls were taken to Nairobi by Shama Javid Deen, a Kenyan national and an agent Aryan who allegedly ran an "organised crime syndicate" which involved her family members too.

"It appears that the above mentioned persons are running a human trafficking network by pushing young Indian girls into prostitution abroad with a false promise of good job and salary", Col Rahul Dutt, Director (Overseas Employment) said in complaint in March, 2018.

"They were forced to consume alcohol and smoke against their will and were also being coerced to enter into prostitution."

Drone Olympics to be held in Bengaluru

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India for the first time will host an international level competition of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) named "Drone Olympics." It will be held during the forthcoming international aerospace exhibition Aero India 2019 in Bengaluru. The top three winners of the drone competition will be honoured with total cash prize of ₹38 lakh. Aerospace exhibition will take place from February 20 to 24. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to inaugurate it.

Giving details of the unique event, Defence Ministry sources said here on Friday it will not only encourage the UAV manufacturing in the country but will also provide an opportunity to the armed



forces to assess the capabilities that exist in the world.

The market of UAV is one of the fastest growing in the world and role of the UAVs in defence sector is ever increasing on account of new features

being added to them making these machines fit for intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, electronic warfare and strike missions, they said.

As regards the Drone Olympics, officials said it is

open to both Indian and international players. Three categories of events include surveillance challenge to determine surveillance capability, supply drop challenge to assess the weight dropping capability of the UAV and formation flying challenge to demonstrate different shapes with group of UAVs. A newly designed webpage was launched on Friday for Drone Olympics for registration of UV players.

On the Aero India 2019 event, they said it will be the 12th edition of the biennial exhibition. The coming event will see Indian origin US astronaut Sunita William attending the show and other women achievers will also be present there, officials said.

For the first time, the country's civil aviation exhibition

will be subsumed into the upcoming edition of Aero India. So far, Aero India has been defence oriented while a separate civil aviation exhibition was held in Hyderabad.

The biennial Aero India began in 1996 and has emerged as the largest aerospace exhibition in Asia attracting all major aerospace manufacturers around the globe given India's large armed forces looking at major modernisation. Yelahanka Air Force station in Bengaluru has hosted all the 11 editions so far. The tag line of Aero India 2019 is "runway for a billion opportunities." The logo is inspired by indigenous Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas.

Several firsts are planned in the 12th edition of the show which includes a round table of global Chief Executive Officers

(CEO), a student's event, academic seminars and photography contests.

The CEOs round table is scheduled on the inaugural day and in which about 15-20 CEOs from global aerospace majors are expected to participate.

Students will be encouraged to present projects related to the industry and is being promoted and monitored by the Defence Ministry. A Joint Secretary in the ministry is overseeing the effort, they said. Two international level academic seminars based are also planned.

There will be two photography competitions, one before and one during the event, the official said and added that there will be two categories, one for professional and one for the general public.

TN hosts prayer for world peace

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

It was Tamil Nadu's response to cow vigilantism and mob lynching which has become frequent affairs in North India. In Christmas day, Pongal in south west Tamil Nadu played host to this century's first ever Shodasa Mahalakshmi Maha Yagam which saw hundreds of priests offering special Pooja and Yaga for the Global peace, safety, security and prosperity of the country and its people, especially the farming community.



The three day event which culminated on December 23 and nearly five lakh people took part in the Yagam, according to Thirunavukarasu Elangovan, president, Hindu Munnani, the lead organisers of the event. "Shodasa Mahalakshmi Maha Yagam is to propitiate the 16 Maha Lakshmis while we are familiar with only Ashtalakshmi Poojas. Shodasa means 16," Elangovan told *The Pioneer*.

The three day event began with Aswa Pooja, worshipping 108 horses to placate the God of Power. "The last day saw the priests and the participants offering poojas to 1,600 cows, all native breeds, mobilised from various places in Tamil Nadu," said G K Nagaraj, organiser of the event who is a farmer leader from Kongunadu, south west Tamil Nadu.

The enthusiasm of the people could be understood from

the way coupons for the event was sold out. "More than 1,22,000 tickets costing ₹180/- per ticket was sold out a week before the Yaga. We charged entry fees to ensure that people attend the event," said Elangovan.

Sreepriya Iyer travelled all the way from Chennai to take part in the three day event. "Normally, we perform Ashtalakshmi Poojas in our houses. But Maha Lakshmi is worshipped in 16 forms during the Shodasa Maha Yagam and it is a rare event," said Iyer, a serious student of Indian culture.

Rama Gopalan, octogenarian founder of Hindu Munnani who has been confined to a wheel chair led the three day Yagam. "Yaso Lakshmi, Vidya Lakshmi,

Dhairya Lakshmi, Dhana Lakshmi, Santana Lakshmi, Dhanya Lakshmi, Gaja Lakshmi, Veera Lakshmi, Samrajya Lakshmi, Moksha Lakshmi, Sowmya Lakshmi, Sidha Lakshmi, Sri Lakshmi, Sowbhagya Lakshmi, Prasanna Lakshmi, Jaya Lakshmi are the forms of Lakshmi we worshipped during the three days," said Rama Gopalan.

Nagaraj said the Shodasa Mahalakshmi Yagam, though not held frequently, was imbibed in the Kongunadu culture. "We wish people with the words Pathinaru Sevengal Pettu Peruvaku Vazhka (Tamil for "Live prosperously with all the 16 assets which are the manifestation of 16 Maha Lakshmis)," said Nagaraj.

The event culminated peacefully but there was an attempt to derail it as members of the Periyar Dravida Kazhagam, followers of late E V Ramasamy Naicker had approached Madras High Court with a plea to ban the event because of their fear that the cows may cause the spreading of anthrax in and around Tirupur. The court is hearing the case after the Christmas vacation but by that time the cows would have reached their shelters after the Pooja.

Deoband forbids women to attend marriage processions with men

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Islamic seminary Darul Uloom Deoband issued a fatwa forbidding women from participating in marriage processions with men.

It is common for women relatives of the groom to participate in such processions with other men in the family. Sometimes, music is also played in these processions.

The fatwa came after a Saharanpur resident raised questions regarding the practice with the fatwa department of the seminary. The seminary responded that not only were women forbidden from participating in such social functions with men, they were also forbidden from eating food alongside men on such occasions.

The seminary also asserted that Muslims should not eat food while standing and advised them to refrain from such activities.

Deoband has come up with such bizarre fatwas at a remarkable frequency. Earlier in February, the Islamic seminary decided to issue a fatwa against Muslim women from taking



help of men while trying bangles in shops. Prior to that, Darul Uloom

Deoband clerics had issued a fatwa against life insurance, as they claimed that life and death were in the hands of Allah and no insurance company could guarantee a man's longevity.

In the past, a cleric of the seminary issued a fatwa against women watching football match, on the plea that watching men playing with bare knees was forbidden for women.

Darul Uloom Deoband opposes triple talaq Bill

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Islamic seminary Darul Uloom Deoband has opposed the triple talaq bill passed by the Lok Sabha on Thursday, terming it as "interference in religious affairs of Muslims".

Reacting strongly to the triple talaq bill which seeks to criminalise instant divorce, Mohtamin (Vice-Chancellor) of Darul Uloom Deoband, Maulana Mufti Abul Qasim

Nomani, said that the bill not only targeted Muslim men but was also against the welfare of Muslim women.

"The move of (Narendra) Modi Government to bring a legislation to criminalise triple talaq is a direct interference in the religious freedom of Muslims. It is an infringement of Shariat law. Muslims want to lead their life and conduct their family and social affairs strictly as per provisions of Shariat," Nomani said.

BULANDSHAHR VIOLENCE Man who 'shot' cop sent to 14-day custody

Bulandshahr (UP): A court Friday sent to 14-day judicial custody the man who allegedly shot dead a police inspector during mob violence in Uttar Pradesh's Bulandshahr district earlier this month.

Prashant Nat, who was arrested Thursday from Sikandrabad, was produced in the court of the additional chief judicial magistrate.

"He was not named in the FIR but was held based on local intelligence, eyewitness accounts and assessment of the video footage that was gathered. During the probe, we even recreated the crime scene," Bulandshahr Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Prabhakar Chaudhary said.

Mob violence broke out near Chingrawathi police post on December 3 after cattle carcasses were found strewn in a field near Mahaw village. Inspector Subodh Kumar Singh and 20-year-old Sumit Kumar were shot dead as the mob attacked the police.

Chaudhary said Nat, around 27, was absconding since December 3 and has confessed to shooting at the inspector. **PTI**

CBI wanted to implicate leaders in Sohrabuddin case, says court

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Justifying the "clean chit" given by his predecessor earlier in the alleged Sohrabuddin-Tulsiram fake encounter cases, Additional Sessions Judge SJ Sharma has indicted the CBI, saying that it had a "premeditated" theory and a "script" intended to "anyhow implicate" political leaders and it nearly did what was required "to reach that goal rather than conducting an investigation in accordance with law".

In the concluding portion of his 350-page judgement copy of which was accessed by the media on Friday, Special CBI court Judge Sharma observed: "Having given my dispassionate consideration to the entire material placed before me and having examined each of the witnesses and the evidence closely, I have not hesitation in recording that the premier investigating agency like CBI had before it a pre meditated theory and a script intended to anyhow implicate political leaders.

"And the agency there after nearly did what was required to reach that goal rather than conducting an investigation in accordance with law, the judge noted.

"It clearly appears that the CBI was more concerned in establishing a particular pre



conceived and pre meditated theory. Rather than finding out the truth. My predecessor has, while passing an order of discharge in the apicatuonn of accused number 16 (Amit Shah) clearly recorded that the investigation was politically motivated," Judge Sharma observed.

It may be recalled that the then Special Judge M.B. Gosavi, while discharging BJP President Amit Shah had on December 30, 2014 observed that the charges against BJP president Amit Shah in the Sohrabuddin Sheikh and Tulsiram Prajapati fake encounters had a political undertone. "I found substance in the main contention made by the applicant (Mr. Shah) that he was involved in the case by the CBI for political reasons," special CBI judge M.B. Gosavi had said.

The concluding portion of the crucial judgement in the Sohrabuddin Tulsiram "fake" encounter came into public domain exactly seven days after the CBI court acquitted all the 22 accused in the case for lack of "satisfactory" evidence.

Drugs worth ₹1K cr seized in Mumbai, four arrested

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In what is being as the biggest drug haul in recent years, the Anti-Narcotics Cell (ANC) sleuths of the Mumbai police seized ₹1,000 crore worth banned Fentanyl and arrested four drug peddlers from Vile Parle (East) in north-west Mumbai.

Acting on a tip off about the delivery of Fentanyl, the ANS personnel seized 100 kgs of the recreational (party) drug and from a car parked near the service road at Shakti Nagar located in the vicinity of the Mumbai

Airport at Vile Parle (East) on Wednesday.

Fentanyl is a potent narcotic analgesic, abuse of which leads to habituation or addiction. It is primarily a mu-opioid agonist. Fentanyl is also an opioid used as a pain medication and together with other medications for anaesthesia.

Fentanyl is also made illegally and used as a recreational drug, often mixed with heroin or cocaine to increase its euphoric effects. It is 50 to 100 times more potent than morphine. It is prescribed in the form of transdermal patches or lozenges.

Most recent cases of fentanyl-related harm, overdose, and death in the United States are linked to illegally made Fentanyl. It is sold through illegal drug markets for its heroin-like effect. There were as many as 20,000 Fentanyl over dose-related deaths in the United States in 2016.

"We have seized 100 kg of the banned Fentanyl. One kilogram of Fentanyl is worth around ₹10 crore. In essence we have seized ₹1,000 crore worth drugs," Deputy Commissioner of Police and ANC chief Shivdeep Lande said.

Ahmedabad: Fire in storeroom on ISRO campus

Ahmedabad: A minor fire broke out on Friday on the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) campus here, an official said.

The fire broke out in a storeroom in ISRO's Space Application Centre, the official said. Chief Fire Officer M F Dastur said the fire was brought under control in an hour, adding that five fire tenders were deployed for the operation, but only one was used.

"The fire started in a storeroom in the SAC campus on Friday morning," he said. **PTI**

JD(S) Minister's 'street dog' jibe at BJP leaders

Bengaluru: Karnataka Transport Minister and JD(S) leader DC Thamanna on Friday took a jibe at BJP leaders using an analogy of street dogs while rebutting senior BJP lawmaker Umesh Katti's claim that the Congress-JD(S) coalition Government would collapse soon.

Katti had recently claimed that 15 disgruntled MLAs of the ruling coalition were in touch with him and that the saffron party would form the new Government in Karnataka by next week.

Hitting out at Katti, Thamanna said, "J H Patel (a former Chief Minister) had once narrated a story in the State Assembly about an elephant and street dogs. He recalled Patel saying an elephant was walking ahead of street dogs who were hoping something would fall from atop the tusker that they would eat.

"Neither did the food fall, nor the dogs got something to eat. This story fits perfectly with BJP leaders, who are expecting this Government to



Sadhurais raise the Dharma Dhawaja (religious flag) to commemorate the Kumbh Mela 2019 festival in Allahabad on Friday **PTI**

Yoga is common heritage of mankind: Prez Kovind



President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurating the centennial celebrations of The Yoga Institute in Mumbai on Friday **Pioneer photo**

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI Averting that "togetherness is the essence of yoga", President Ram Nath Kovind said here on Friday that "Yoga not only helps us in connecting body, mind and soul but it also plays an important role in connecting different communities and countries".

Speaking at the inaugural ceremony of centennial celebrations of "The Yoga Institute" in Mumbai, Kovind said: "It is not appropriate to link yoga to any religion or sect. It is a common heritage of mankind. It belongs to everyone who is looking forward to healthy life. A healthy person makes a healthy family, healthy com-

munity, healthy country and finally a healthy world". The President said that it was our responsibility to establish good yoga institutes and skilled yoga teachers, since on India's initiative yoga was getting more popular across the world. Maharashtra Governor Ch Vidyasagar Rao released a book 'Yoga for All' written by director of the institute Hansaji Jayadeva Yogendra, on the occasion. The book is based on hundred years of research by The Yoga Institute.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, Union minister of state for AYUSH Shripad Naik and other dignitaries were present at the function.

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PM to visit Varanasi, Ghazipur today

Lucknow: Amid growing pressure from partners in the ruling alliance, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday will visit Varanasi and Ghazipur, the areas where two NDA allies have considerable influence.

The Prime Minister's trip to his Lok Sabha constituency Varanasi will be his second visit there in the last two months.

He will inaugurate the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) and South Asia

Regional Centre (ISARC) on the campus of National Seed Research and Training Centre (NSRTC) in Varanasi.

The centre will serve as a hub for rice research and training in South Asia and the SAARC region.

Modi will also attend the 'One District, One Product' Regional Summit at Deendayal Hastakala Sankul (Trade Facilitation Centre & Crafts Museum) in Varanasi. A commemorative postal

stamp on the Maharaja Suheldeo will be released by the Prime Minister in Ghazipur, where he will also address a public rally at the RTI ground there.

However, senior minister in the Yogi Adityanath government and SBSP president Om Prakash Rajbhar, an MLA from Zahoarabad assembly constituency in Ghazipur district, announced that he will not attend the Prime Minister's programme. **PTI**

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Rath Yatras meant for God, not to indulge in riot, says Mamata

Sagar Island (WB): Coming down heavily on the BJP for its proposed Rath Yatras in West Bengal, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Friday said such yatras are typically conducted in the name of God, and not meant to indulge in "danga" (riot).

The Supreme Court on Monday declined an urgent hearing on a BJP plea challenging a Calcutta High Court order disallowing its Rath Yatras in the state.

"There are yatras for Lord Krishna and Lord Jagannath, we take part in those rath yatras.

Those who carry out yatras to kill common people indulge in 'danga' yatras," Banerjee said at a public distribution programme here.

"We don't insult anybody. We respect everyone irrespective of their religious affinity," she added.

The three-phased Rath Yatra, also being called the 'Save Democracy Rally', was scheduled to be held this month, covering all the 42 Lok Sabha constituencies in the state. The rallies were to be flagged off by BJP president Amit Shah. **PTI**

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Uttarakhand government is going in for Agri processing cluster under Pradhan Mantri Kissan Sampada Yojna by MOFPI. This will be under the name of Sridev Suman Agri processing cluster at Nautha, Tehsil Dhanoli Dist. Tehri. Uttarakhand Agriculture Produce Marketing Board is inviting EOI for Food processing units which have to come up in Agri cluster. Following categories of Food processing units are sanctioned in the cluster:
1. Pears/Peach pulp processing 2. Tomato paste and ketchup 3. Honey Processing 4. Garlic and Ginger paste and powder 5. Lime, Amla Juice and pulp Spice Processing
The Major benefit includes 50% grant/subsidy on the proposed food processing units with a maximum grant limited at Rs 5 crores. Following common facilities will be developed in food processing cluster.
1. CA Cold Store 2. Cold store 3. Washing grading lines 4. Food testing labs
This will be proper food processing cluster with demarcated plots having roads, Common parking, weigh, bridge, sewerage etc. Electrical and water connection will be available for the Units. Itw solar power plant is also coming up in the cluster. Land for the plots in this cluster will be provided on lease basis for the interested food processing units. The lease rate will be **Rs. 20 per sqm per month**. There will be other benefit provided by State Government. For further details please visit Agriculture Produce Marketing Board website www.ukapmb.org

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Banker-turned-terrorist killed in J&K encounter

KHURSHED WANI ■ SRINAGAR

Security forces shot dead a terrorist during a brief encounter in south Kashmir's Pulwama district on Friday.



Youths protest against Pulwama encounter killing throw stones at police during a clash in Srinagar on Friday

Sources said the slain terrorist, Ishaq Yusof Wani, had joined the terror ranks last year abandoning his fruit business.

Police said that on the basis of credible input about the presence of militants a cordon and search operation was launched in Banderpora village in Awantipora area of Pulwama district, 30 kilometers from here.

As the searches were going on, the search party was fired upon by the terrorists. The fire was retaliated leading to a gun-fight. In the ensuing encounter, one terrorist was neutralised,

Wani was wanted by the law for his complicity in a

series of terror crimes including attacks on security establishments and civilian atrocities. Sourced said that Ishaq's father was a militant and had been killed in an encounter with security forces in 1996.

Clashes erupted in Wani's Koil village after his body was handed over to his family for last rites. The authorities suspended train services in the area after the clashes.

Meanwhile, General

Officer Commanding in Chief, Northern Command Lt Gen Ranbir Singh arrived in Kashmir Valley to review the prevailing security situation. A defence spokesman said that the Army Commander visited the forward areas in frontier districts of Kupwara and Baramulla where he was briefed by the commanders on ground on operational preparedness.

Gen Singh was accompanied by the XV Corps Commander Lt Gen AK Bhatt.

TRANSFER OF SURPLUS GODAVARI WATER TO CAUVERI

Gadkari's promise still pending

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

The "Game Changer" promised in November 2017 by Union Minister for Water Resources Nitin Gadkari to the farmers of the four South Indian States of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka remains a non-starter.

While speaking to journalists at Chennai on November 23, 2017, Gadkari had said he would soon call for a meeting of the Chief Ministers of the four States to evolve an action plan to transfer surplus waters of Godavari to Cauveri for addressing the perpetual water scarcity in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh.

"My Ministry has decided to transfer surplus water from Godavari river to Krishna, to Pennar river (Karnataka) and finally to Cauveri," the Minister had said. His Ministry was discussing with the States concerned, he said, adding "in near future we will come up with a concrete action plan." But till date no such meeting has taken place, according to farmers in Tamil Nadu. Meanwhile another legal battle has erupted in



Supreme Court between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka over the Mekadattu reservoir being planned by the latter across River Cauveri.

The Minister had also said that 3,000 Thousand Million Cubic (TMC) feet of water was being wasted from Godavari into Bay of Bengal. This along with the diversion of a portion of the 2,000 TMC ft of water being wasted into the Arabian Sea from the Hemavati River would have brought an end to the woes of farmers in Tamil Nadu, according to Kattumannarkoil Kannan, farmer leader in Tamil Nadu's Cauvery Delta.

"The recent Cyclone Gaja which devastated a portion of the Nagapattinam district and Thanjavur and Thiruvavur districts have upset the lives of farmers in the region," said Kannan while speaking to The Pioneer. Since no farming

operations were possible in his farm land, Kannan has turned author and is writing a book on the sufferings of the ryots in the region. Farmers in Tamil Nadu stand to lose 50 per cent of the yield this year because of Cyclone Gaja and an attack by a new breed of pests, said Kannan.

"There are readymade solutions to address the problems faced by the farmers but what the governments at the State and Centre lack the will power to execute them. The Modi Government had promised many times that it would launch the inter linking of major Indian rivers, but silent about it now," he pointed out.

According to Kannan and Arpathi Kalyanam, another farmer from Nagapattinam, the Narendra Modi Government missed a golden opportunity to earn the good will of the people by not taking up the inter linking of rivers. "More than waiving of loans, what we require is the infrastructure for agricultural operations. Making water and fertilisers available round the year is the responsibility of the Government," said Kannan.

Mohammed Raffi, former

associate professor, Centre for Advanced Studies in Marine Biology (CASMB), Porto Novo, Cuddalore, said he was shocked over the apathy shown by the government in taking up the project to divert a portion of water from the west flowing rivers of Netravati to Cauveri through Hemavati river. "This is a win-win situation for all stake holders in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. The flash floods in Cauveri and Netravati could be avoided and water would be available to the farmers throughout the farming season," said Raffi who has worked with the Cuddalore district farmers for years.

Late Bhavani Shankar, who was the chief engineer of Karnataka Government had submitted many proposals to the authorities stating that it was possible to transfer the west flowing waters of Netravati to Cauveri by a network of canals.

Vijayankanth, leader of the DMDK, had cast his lots with the BJP in the 2014 Lok Sabha election based on the assurance given by the Hindutwa party that it would take up the project to inter link the Indian rivers.

Bengal Govt to file FIR against Kolkata Metro for fire mishap



PNS ■ KOLKATA

The Bengal Government has decided to file an FIR against the Metro Railways a day after 47 passengers travelling in a Dum Dum-bound tube train fell ill and had to be hospitalised after a fire broke out in the engine of a running train inside the tunnel barely 100 metre off the Maidan Station.

Apart from the FIR being registered Trinamool Congress MP and Railways Standing Committee chairman on Friday directed Metro Railways General Manager to submit a report on the Thursday's incident within three days so that the same could be taken up for discussion in Parliament.

Bengal Fire Minister Sujit Bose who met top police officers at Lal Bazar Police headquarters on Friday said "we are taking appropriate action because this was no small incident and many people might have been killed. We have asked the Police to file an FIR and start a case," adding the forensic experts had been asked to investigate the matter too.

Meanwhile a three-member committee comprising electrical engineers and traffic officers had started an inquiry and were likely to submit a report within ten days' time, sources said.

A mild blast and fire somewhere around the front wheel of the front coach got the entire passengers of the fully crowded train running inside the tunnel trapped. "Many felt suffocated by the noxious fume and people had to literally break the windows and jump on to the track risking their lives as power supply to the high voltage third railway line was still on," passengers said.

One of the victims a woman had lost voice temporarily and she was unable to speak even 24 hours of the incident, doctors said.

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Govt's priority is Sunburn, not our trial: Arms haul accused

Mumbai: Sharad Kalaskar, a suspected right-wing Hindu activist arrested in an arms haul case, has sought bail contending that the Maharashtra Government is more interested in ensuring smooth conduct of the Sunburn festival than conducting his trial.

Kalaskar, Avinash Pawar and Shrikant Pangarkar, all arrested in August, moved a special court here Friday seeking bail. Judge D E Kothalikar will hear the pleas on January 7. The Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) of state police has arrested a total of 12 people under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) following raids at multiple places and seizure of arms and explosive materials.

The bail applications of Pawar and Pangarkar con-

tended that the material on record does not contain any evidence against them, not does it prove any offence under the UAPA.

Kalaskar said in his plea that "social media reports suggest that the state home ministry is too busy with preventive actions for ensuring a smooth conduct of the Sunburn festival next week (at Pune)."

"Such smooth conduct has taken priority over smooth and speedy trial. There is no seriousness for the State... To conduct this case.

The liberty of accused cannot be curtailed for satisfying whims and fancies of political rulers who prioritise their resources for their own cultural and political agenda," the plea added.

Another woman alleges contracting HIV after blood transfusion in TN Govt hospital

Chennai: In yet another case of alleged medical negligence in Tamil Nadu, a woman has claimed that she contracted the HIV virus following blood transfusion at a Government hospital where she underwent treatment for low haemoglobin.

The Government hospital has refuted the allegation. The affected woman, said to be in her 20s, told a Tamil TV channel Friday she underwent the transfusion in April while being pregnant.

She came to know she had HIV only when the hospital informed her after conducting

tests in August when she went there for check-up.

The women said though she had been regularly visiting a local public health centre when she was pregnant, she was only administered vaccines there.

"The blood transfusion happened at the Government Kilpauk Medical College and Hospital (GKMCH) only. That is where the mistake happened," she said.

Refuting the allegation, hospital dean Dr P Vasanthamani said the woman was transfused with "100 per cent HIV free" blood.



A man walks on a foot bridge in the interiors of Dal Lake on a cold morning in Srinagar on Friday

Guj CM orders probe into graft charges against pilgrimage board

Ahmedabad: The Gujarat Government on Friday asked the Vigilance Commissioner to probe the allegations of corruption in carrying out projects at religious sites by the pilgrimage development board and ordered suspension of an officer.

Chief Minister Vijay Rupani ordered the suspension of an officer whose audio clip brought the issue of alleged corruption in the board to the fore.

In an official release, the government said the CM has asked the Vigilance Commissioner to probe the allegations of corruption against the Gujarat Pavitra Yatra Board.

The issue came to the fore after a purported audio clip, hav-



ing conversation of a senior government officer and an RTI activist, went viral on social media platforms.

In the purported clip, Anil Patel, additional secretary in the state panchayat department, can be heard admitting large-scale corruption in the board where he was once posted.

Patel can be heard saying that corruption took place in carrying out various works at pilgrimage places such as Pavagadh, Rameshwara,

Only Didi can solve Ram temple issue: Bengal priest

Bahucharaji, Shabri Dham and Dwarka.

As per the government release, Rupani has asked the Vigilance Commissioner to submit preliminary inquiry report as early as possible.

The CM also asked the corruption watchdog to take action against those found guilty during the probe.

Terming Patel's conduct as "inappropriate", the CM has ordered his suspension for engaging in "indiscipline", said the release.

Patel has violated various provisions of the service conduct rules by "criticising the government" and providing information "without having any authority" to do so, it added.

Saugar Sengupta ■ KOLKATA

Gyandas Mahant, the high priest of Kapil Muni Ashram at Ganga Sagar, once again drenched Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in a cascade of praise saying only she could construct a Ram Temple at Ayodhya.

A highly revered priest in the Hindu order, Ganga Sagar mahant said, "we want a Ram temple washed by milk, not by blood and that can only be done by our Didi even as the Chief Minister stood by him a tad embarrassed, but not altogether disliking the praise.

Attacking Modi, the celebrant said "we do not want

a Prime Minister like him who only talks big loud but does nothing. Rather we want a Prime Minister like our Didi, Mamata Banerjee who means business and converts her promises into action."

If Banerjee is made the Prime Minister of India then "definitely India will progress," he said advising "conflict can never achieve a human goal."

NHRC notice to UP Govt over Dalit man's custodial death

Lucknow: The NHRC on Friday issued notices to the Uttar Pradesh Government over the death of a Dalit man allegedly in police custody in Amroha district, while the UP SC/ST Commission ordered a probe into the matter and action against those guilty.

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) noted that the incident amounted to "gross violation of human rights" of the victim.

Taking suo motu cognisance of media reports that Balkishan, 30, died in police custody at the Dhanora Mandi

Police Station on December 26, the human rights watchdog issued notices to the state's chief secretary and the director general of police, seeking a detailed report within four weeks.

It asked why the NHRC was not intimated about his death in police custody.

Balkishan was arrested by the police in connection with a case of theft on December 23. His family members have alleged that police personnel asked for a bribe of ₹5 lakh to let him off, which they could not arrange and, therefore, he was "tortured".

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Streaming content

Bollywood extended its story bandwidth like never before powered by the interactivity and intimacy of digital platforms

Entertainment is serious business in Bollywood and that is perhaps one of the reasons why it gets real about it faster than dipstick surveys. This year didn't set out to be a breakthrough one but as it turned out, the film industry realised the worth of smart budgeting, stories that are true to life, content with an endearing bandwidth, heroes who could be human and flawed and women who could shoulder the burden of a ₹100-crore revenue graph quite effortlessly. Also the star persona changed

offscreen as A-listers embraced normal patterns of life, coming out of their shells as it were, choosing to marry, have babies, go on vacations while being on top of their game, normalising family life and not letting it be a career deterrent as it once was, particularly for women. This levelling exercise has got to be credited in part to the digital streaming platforms that have consumers eating out of their palms, literally. In the quest for snackable content and a wider catchment area, Amazon and Netflix have indigenised shows and made them a personal talking point for every individual equipped with the internet at the local, neighbourhood level. So it is that the real India has found an echo in everyday life that includes the underbelly, the marginalised, the queer, the misfit, the conflicted and the grey. Be it Ganesh Gaitonde of *Sacred Games* or Akhanand Tripathi of *Mirzapur*, both dons brought us up close to the putrescence of a system that bred them, the anatomy of a contemporary socio-political milieu that doesn't talk down from the urbane perspective of arthouse but a felt rawness of the ground below. In such a situation, even a lawkeeper like Sartaj Singh sways on the edge of right and wrong. This "life or something like it" mantra online is the reason why we have had films on loveable rogues (*Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety*) geriatric pregnancy (*Badhaai Ho*) and the piercing subtlety of urban crimes (*Andhadhun*). Meanwhile, the women — be it the principled queen (*Padmaavat*), a Kashmiri spy (*Raazi*) who prizes nationalism over emotions for her equally nationalist enemy, a woman ghost who would abduct abusive men (*Stree*) or a teacher battling a speech disorder (*Hichki*) — showed that age, size, shape and looks did not matter as the mettle they were made of. All of these raked in big money at home and overseas too, shedding the pretty diaspora myth and proving Indians are totally comfortable in their skin, warts and all, and are not afraid to show their unabashed passion and fury, aspiration and ambition and most importantly engage with conflict and attempt a conversation with issues so long considered taboo, sex or terrorism. That a big commercial venture like *Sanju* did well has also got to do with the story about a flawed hero who had his comeuppance. Or as the year ends, *Simbaa* roars from the corrupt matrix he is born of and decides to turn it on itself. Bollywood has always made larger than life films for the masses but now the same masses do not want escapism but a stake in the truth of their everyday life with massy concerns, one that can be easily comic or tragic. Perhaps this is the reason why big ticket films, including the multi-starrer *Thugs of Hindostan*, *Race 3* and *Zero* tanked horribly. This also dimmed the sheen of the trinity of Khans — Salman, Shahrukh and Aamir while Saif rescued himself online. The young brigade of Ayushmann Khurrana, Rajkumar Rao, Vicky Kaushal and Ishan Khatter showed that they could handle both artistry and fame with equal elan and would surprise us with their non-conventional choices.

Regional films were mainstreamed, either as adaptations or importing their stars post the pan-India success of a *Bahubali*. Much experimentation is happening in the regional space and backed by big Bollywood funding, we could see a content storm brewing ahead of us. Thanks to digital flatness, the entertainment space has emerged as accommodating all kinds of "otherness."

And finally it was the year of Bollywood nuptials, complete with designer Sabyasachi and foreign exotica, that plumed up the big fat Indian wedding economy as an attractive option for Westerners too. Be it the trans-continental coming together of cultures in the Priyanka Chopra-Nick Jonas wedding or the inter-community alliance of Deepika Padukone and Ranveer Singh, these stars not only showed us how to celebrate but widened the possibility of couple branding as an allied revenue stream. Priyanka turned investor in a tech app while Deepika is running her mental health foundation, showing that diversification is the key to relevance. That pretty much sums up the mantra that Bollywood lived by.

The trouble with flying

The House panel on civil aviation wants to have its cake and eat it too. The financial health of airlines precludes that

Are airline passengers an angry lot? Yes. They are frustrated with high excess baggage charges, overpriced food and occasional inordinate delays of the airlines. But with airline tickets being cheaper than ever before, more and more Indians are flying. While some of the charges are understandable, they remain the only way for most airlines to make money. Indeed, evidence from airlines in the international market has proven that a lot of airline profits are driven by what are now known as ancillary revenues such as these. After a Parliamentary Committee report made it clear that many of these practices are unfair, what is the way forward? Well, the airlines should charge more for all tickets then. But given that a huge majority of travellers do manage to travel within the weight limits, fare increases, because some people want higher baggage allowances, might be unfair to the former. Why should a person, taking a short business trip between Delhi and Mumbai, subsidise the luggage allowance of another passenger? Especially with most Indian airlines suffering financially, these statements are confounding.

That said, it is imperative, as the Committee has noted, that airlines train their ground and cabin staff better to deal with trouble. While many Indian passengers do scream and shout, they should understand that many of the airline staff are doing a thankless job on days when there are weather-related delays and what not. Better staff training can help mitigate those problems. At the same time, the Government and the Civil Aviation Ministry should move an airline passengers' 'Bill of Rights' that has proper time-bound compensation written out in case of delays and cancellations. In Europe, all airlines are forced to pay out in case there are heavy delays instead of just 'refunding' tickets. Sure, there should be exemptions made for events beyond the airlines' control, such as the drone problems at London's Gatwick, but codifying compensation issues is a better move than demanding more baggage allowance.

Veterans as political prop

Using Army men for diplomatic muscle-flexing, be it in the US, UK or India, has become commonplace. In the end, it diminishes the institution's name and glory



BHOPINDER SINGH

Globally, 'veterans' naturally gravitate towards conservative parties as the Centrist and Left-of-Centre parties are traditionally perceived to be 'soft on security'. The Republican Party in the US and the Conservative Party (the Tories) in the UK usually garner more support than the Democratic Party or the Labour Party, respectively. With politics assuming more nationalistic undertones, political appropriation and positing of the 'soldiers' and their ostensibly-related causes has become more blatant and commonplace. UK Prime Minister Theresa May had slammed FIFA's decision to disallow English football players from wearing 'poppy' lapels (in remembrance of soldiers who died in wars) as "utterly outrageous"; whereas US President Donald Trump came back from the Bastille Day military parade in Paris, wanting to replicate and top the same with his own version of a grand military parade. Clearly, centering the 'soldier' makes for good politics.

However, beyond the immediate traction, overplaying the symbolic hand on this tact without doing anything concrete or meaningful has diminishing returns. Already, the unprecedented cuts in the UK's Department for Work and Pensions, affecting the 'veterans', have made 'ex-service' personnel account for one in 10 rough sleepers across the UK. Indeed, in the US, Trump's shocking mock of the post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)-affected soldiers or the 'privatisation' of the veteran health services, militate against the professed concerns for the uniformed fraternity. The lazy perception that these men and women of honour could join the Administration of the ruling political dispensations as 'trophy-candidates' and loyal 'yes-men', to project militaristic muscularity, patriotism and decisiveness on the bankrolling party, is slowly coming undone. It is true that the institutional ethos and regimental/corps spirit bequeaths these combatants with certain outwardly machismo, steel and heroic 'branding', but beyond the razzmatazz of their medals, uniforms and swagger, lie decades of hands-on experience, blood-sweat-toil in disturbed areas and years of training and reflection that make these people amongst the most balanced and nuanced individuals who do not suffer from knee-jerk reactions.

Usually, what comes as a surprise to the politicians is the latent gravitas, inherent sense of self-respect and the undying spirit of speaking the truth (gently but surely), that ultimately make the political masters uncomfortable in their midst. The retired Marine Corps General James Mattis (who recently quit as the US Secretary of Defence) is famous for telling his troops: "You are part of the world's most feared and trusted force. Engage your brain before your weapon."



The healthy institutional diversity within the 'barracks' and the societal bonhomie under the most trying of circumstances make these veterans life-long believers in plurality and 'inclusiveness' that is above the regressive divides that beset and define partisan politics.

Combatants are also hardwired into believing "dissent is not disloyalty", albeit, expressed in a certain form with the requisite context, form and dignity. Thus, the unimpeachable spirit of 'brothers-in-arms' that swears only to the hallowed Constitutional spirit of the nation, rises against the political necessities, compromises and bigotry that usually accompany partisan politics.

Contrary to some caricatured perceptions, soldiers are not war-mongering or blood-lusting cadres, as the nobility of the soldiers code ensures a more professional, rationale and reasonable instinct that differentiates a soldier from a mercenary. The legendary General Douglas MacArthur famously said: "The soldier above all prays for peace, for it is the soldier who must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war".

The recent case of a similar realisation dawned on the draft-evader, Trump, who, in order to inject some testosterone of muscularity that befitted his contours of 'America First', got carried over by the Captain America-like superhero image of the iconic, four-star General,

“ IN INDIA, TOO, VETERANS-TURNED-POLITICIANS HAVE BEEN AMONG THE MOST RESPECTED, WELL-READ AND RESPONSIBLE LEADERS. HOWEVER, IN RECENT TIMES, A NEW PHENOMENON HAS EMERGED OF NEWSROOM-WARRIORS PLUMED IN THEIR REGIMENTAL REGALIA

James Mattis (popularly known as 'mad dog' and 'warrior monk'), and inducted him as the Secretary of Defence.

Perhaps, unknown to Trump was the erudition, sagacity and profundity that also came along with the Pattonesque-persona, whose real-time combat experience was enhanced by the scholarship that came with a personal library of over 7,000 books, unlike the empty rhetoric and vacuous bluster of a Donald Trump. The officer-like conduct in Mattis had insisted on a certain decorum and dignity in engaging with the allies, and not in the fanciful flights of temperamental rants that define Trump. Mattis' exit and inability to get along with Trump mirrored the similar fate that beset other veterans, like the previous National Security Advisor, Lt Gen McMaster.

Historically, in India, too, veterans-turned-politicians have been amongst the most respected, well-read and responsible leaders like the classic cavalier Jaswant Singh, Maj Gen Khanduri and Rajesh Pilot — each of who did imminent justice and service to their respective political parties and administrative responsibilities. However, in the last few years, a new phenomenon emerged of newsroom-warriors plumed in their regimental regalia, thundering political invectives and positions dominating the prime-time slots. Thankfully, time and tide forced some into introspection, reflection and

realisation that the politico appropriated and misused the imagery of the 'soldier' for their own partisan purposes and basically the institutional interests and concerns remained unanswered, as before.

Election time is always fraught with the risk of such tactical propping of veterans as 'show-horses' for posturing patriotism and political muscularity. Care must be taken to ensure that the apolitical-construction and wiring of the Armed Forces is respected, and no 'firing from the shoulders' of these veterans is done to justify political pettiness, nefarious designs and selfish electoral objectives.

Like the veterans of yore, no implied extension of their military service should be encouraged to suggest an 'institutional' preference towards any political party — the veterans should propagate their partisan preferences in their individual capacity and certainly not on behalf of the institution. A delicate line must be maintained. Irrespective of the political parties, matters concerning the 'soldier' have remained unaddressed and in crunch situations, the discomfort of politicians with the perspective and concerns of the 'soldiers' — be it in the US, UK or India — has led to the steady diminishment of the 'institution' in the national narrative.

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SOUNDBITE

The current situation in the Valley is an outcome of a series of blunders by successive Congress Governments in the State starting with the Nehruvian blunder.



Union Minister — Jitendra Singh

National security is supreme. But declaring suspects as terrorists on the basis of *sutti* bombs, associating (them) with the dreaded IS is premature.



Former J&K Chief Minister — Mehbooba Mufti

Governor's House is not the place to prove majority. Governor didn't wait and dissolved it. The solution to the problems is not through the police.



NC leader — Farooq Abdullah

The Governor's private assessment is anathema to the Constitution and is also subject to personal malfeasance in Jammu & Kashmir.



Congress leader — Shashi Tharoor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Timely intervention

Sir — This refers to the report, "Terror bids foiled in nick of time" (December 27). The timely intervention of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) saved the nation from a great deal of chaos. That the investigative body seized a huge stash of bomb-making materials and a country-made rocket launcher from the terrorists' hideouts, testifies their very intent. It is now up for the NIA to make a water-tight case against these terrorists, undertake a thorough enquiry to get an in-depth details about their plans and *modus operandi*. Political parties must not politicise this matter to score brownie points.

Yvonne Fernando
Chennai

Mine tragedy brings to fore certain hard truths

This refers to the editorial, "The forgotten" (December 28). It is sad to learn that 15 young men remain trapped in an illegal mine in Meghalaya. It is a fact that none in our country seem to care about them. Curiously, it is also strange that the North-East barely warrants a mention in the national media. Why does the Government keep dilly-dallying on taking urgent action to rescue those trapped young men? In the recent past, 12 members of the young Thai football team went missing in a cave and the Government over there made all efforts to rescue them, although a Thai military diver lost his life. In the instant case, the missing men are not locals, but migrants from other States and some even illegals from Bangladesh. Like others, they are precious human beings and the Government is bound to save them on war-footing. It is heart-breaking that precious two weeks have passed since the occurrence of the



tragedy. It is not even known if they are dead or alive. Clearly, the Government was not equipped to meet this challenge. It must call for external help to rescue them at the earliest. Time is ticking away. Something must be done urgently to save them.

TK Nandan
Chennai

Seize the moment

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Annus Horribilis" (December 27). I totally agree with the views expressed in the editorial. This past year, the BJP has seen many ups and downs. However, despite the many losses, the Indian elec-

torate bestows faith on the Prime Minister who still enjoys massive popularity. His charisma is intact and his credibility remains strong.

A little jerk was the most essential for the BJP to unshackle it from day-dreaming about the Modi wave. That alone cannot lead it to register victory in the 2019 General Election. Honestly, there is no close

substitute to Modi yet. It should, therefore, not be troublesome for the BJP to get back to track once again.

All they need is proper strategy and a tactical plan to harmoniously tie up with allies in regional areas and build robust bond with the electorate to defeat the nemesis.

Kirti Wadhawan
Kanpur

Fatal flaws

Sir — This refers to the report, "LS criminalises triple talaq" (December 28). While the Lok Sabha successfully passed the triple talaq Bill yesterday, its journey will not be so smooth in the Upper House. Already, opposition parties, including the Congress, the Trinamool

Congress and the Samajwadi Party, staged a walk-out. Further, the ruling party does not have the numbers in the Rajya Sabha.

Most Muslim countries have discarded this practice. In fact, a section of the Indian Muslims, too, do not follow it. It is also a fact that attributing criminality and imprisoning of Muslim men would have a cascading effect on the livelihood of the affected family. Reform must happen but one that benefits the community.

Syed Nissar
Hyderabad

Punish the guilty

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Moment to movement" (December 28). Harassment or sexual exploitation against any gender can never be justified. It is of utmost importance that no innocent man/woman becomes a victim of allegations. It's the duty of the courts to punish and fine those against whom allegations have been proved right.

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FIRST COLUMN

Towards a more friendly GST

Slowly but steadily, India is making the move towards a less flawed system of implementation. Lower tax rates will ensure wider coverage



SANJU VERMA

The 31st Goods and Services Tax (GST) council meet on December 22, 2018, undertook some sweeping changes. Most important of all, tax slabs for more than 30 items were slashed, thereby making them cheaper. Barring tobacco products, luxury vehicles, molasses, air conditioners, aerated water, big televisions, dish washers among others, were transferred from the 28 per cent slab to 18 per cent and 12 per cent slabs. Changes will come into effect from January 1, 2019. Only 28 luxury or sin items will now remain in the highest 28 per cent bracket. Indeed, the Government has taken a significant move as 183 goods will now fall in the 0 per cent category; 308 items will be taxed at five per cent; 178 in the 12 per cent category; and 517 goods will fall under the 18 per cent bracket. Naysayers, who had predicted that GST would be inflationary during its initial years, had to eat humble pie. From a pre-GST tax rate as large as between 28 and 31 per cent, post the Modi Government's path-breaking GST move, 1,186 goods — comprising 97.69 per cent of the 1,214 goods widely used — will now be taxed at 18 per cent or below. Certainly, this is the biggest middle class friendly move taken by any Government in post-independent India.

Hence, while Congress chief Rahul Gandhi and his coterie of sycophants can keep vacillating between false bravado and sheer desperation, it's time for his party to stop playing the 'martyr' and blaming the BJP for 'snatching' their idea. An idea after all is only as good as its execution. Also, those, who accuse the Government of shifting goal posts, would do well to note that both the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank have, in no uncertain terms, commended the Modi Government's GST move. They said that while most countries have taken a few years to see GST stabilise, given its post-execution complexities, the pace of seamless transition in India has been much faster. This, of course, is borne out additionally by the fact that between April and November, ₹91,149 crore worth of refunds were disbursed, more than 10 crore e-way was generated, over 11 crore returns were filed and over 352 crore invoices were processed. Over ₹7.76 lakh crore worth taxes were collected in the first eight months of 2018 itself, with a monthly run rate in excess of ₹97,000 crore.

Of more than 140 odd countries that have implemented GST — France being the first one to do so in 1954 — only 49 of them follow the one-tax slab module; around 28 countries have two-slab tax modules; and all others have modified/tweaked the GST structure to align it with their country's specific needs. This essentially means that there is no need to follow an 'all size fits one' approach. One of the best thing about GST is that there are no hidden taxes. What one sees is what he/she gets. Efficiency gains, higher compliance, prevention of tax leakages, lower rates, wider base, export friendliness and tax neutrality have all brought down the overall tax burden for consumers and enhanced ease of doing business. Besides, of course, they have also made India's fuel economy more competitive by eliminating the need for truckers to wait endlessly to pay octroi and entry taxes at inter-State checkpoints.

In just one year, 105 per cent more two-wheelers and 42 per cent more cars and SUVs were registered in Mumbai as of April 2018 due to the elimination of a 4.5 per cent additional levy by way of octroi that was paid earlier on Mumbai-registered vehicles. According to RTO officials, a significant number of buyers prefers registering vehicles outside Mumbai in far off Thane or Panvel to save costs. The amount thus saved ranges between ₹3,000-₹5,000 for two-wheelers, ₹18,000 on an average for a hatchback, to roughly ₹60,000 for an SUV. But GST has made life all the more easier — there is no difference between registering a car within Mumbai or outside as one has to pay the same road tax and insurance across the Mumbai Metropolitan Region.

In November 2017, during its 23rd meeting in Guwahati, the GST Council reduced rates for all AC and non-AC restaurants from 18 to five per cent. Now only starred restaurants, with a tariff of ₹7,500 or more are being charged at 18 per cent. At its recent meet this month, the GST Council, among other concessions, announced its decision to exempt the 34 crore odd Jan Dhan accounts from taxes. The Modi Government's clarion call of 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas' is not a mere platitude but a work ethic it truly abides by.

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THE BJP IS TRYING TO DIVERT THE ATTENTION OF THE PEOPLE FROM ACTUAL ISSUES THROUGH THE FILM, *THE ACCIDENTAL PRIME MINISTER*.

—CONGRESS LEADER PL PUNIA



CAN'T WE EXTEND OUR WISHES FOR A FILM? CONGRESS HAS BEEN ALL FOR FREEDOM, WHY IS IT QUESTIONING THAT FREEDOM NOW?

—UNION MINISTER RAJYAVARDHAN SINGH RATHORE

India scores in climate politics

Given that the country is well on course to achieving its targets much ahead of the deadlines, a holistic approach to the climate change mitigation process will lead to meaningful action



VK BAHUGUNA

The global climate change negotiation under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is held periodically under the aegis of the Conference of Parties (CoP). The 24th CoP to the UNFCCC, COP24, was held in Katowice, Poland, from December 2 to 14. After the historic Paris Agreement on Climate Change in 2015, the Katowice meet was the most significant. It was supposed to lay down the contours for climate change action plans. This year marked the deadline, as agreed by signatories of the Paris Agreement, to adopt a "work programme for the implementation" of commitments that were made in 2015. An analysis of the decision taken in CoP24 clearly indicates that the shadow of the US' withdrawal from the climate change talk is over. A new global leadership has emerged and India is leading from the front.

Thanks to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, his actions, determination and dynamism ensured that the commitments made at the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference, COP 21, reached the ultimate goal despite the many problems faced by our country, most important of them pertaining to the growth in population. The second most important leader in the global climate leadership is French President Emmanuel Macron, who readily agreed to Prime Minister Modi's proposal for setting up the International Solar Alliance (ISA), which was signed by both leaders earlier this year. More than 120 countries have become signatories to the ISA. In October 2018, more than 48 countries along with 25 heads of states attended the ISA conference that was hosted by India.

Another reason for the progress of climate-related talks is the trust factor. Most low and middle income countries bestowed faith in Prime Minister Modi's capability to steer the climate change proceedings due to his stature as a global leader. The only other country that holds similar potential is China. But then, it suffers from trust deficit. It would be worthwhile to discuss some of the takeaways from the CoP24 and India's role in the successful conclusion of the climate change conference. Prior to this, we saw the then Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Jairam Ramesh, registering similar impact on India's idea of climate diplomacy. Ramesh also espoused the cause of the developing world.

Global rules are necessary to ensure that every percentage of the emission released into the atmosphere is accounted for. In this way, progress towards the limitation goals of the Paris Agreement can be measured accurately. Currently, climate actions of rich nations for the pre-2020 period are being guided by the Kyoto Protocol. The UN climate change conference adopted a rulebook for the implementation of the Paris Agreement only after protracted negotiations. This deal is meant for climate action by all countries across the globe.

Its success was explained by Michal Kurtyka, CoP24 president: "We have worked on this (Katowice) package for three years. With 200 countries in the room, it is not easy to find agreement on a deal so specific and technical. But under these circumstances, every single step

“ THE KATOWICE CLIMATE PACKAGE INCLUDES GUIDELINES THAT WILL OPERATIONALISE THE TRANSPARENCY FRAMEWORK AND POINTS OUT HOW COUNTRIES WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR NATIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTIONS THAT DESCRIBE THEIR DOMESTIC CLIMATE ACTIONS. THIS INFORMATION INCLUDES MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION MEASURES AS WELL AS DETAILS OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR CLIMATE ACTION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ”



forward is a big achievement."

The Katowice climate package includes guidelines that will operationalise the transparency framework. It sets out how countries will provide information about their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) that describe their domestic climate actions. This information includes mitigation and adaptation measures as well as details of financial support for climate action in developing countries.

With this, countries can chalk out a roadmap for the implementation of the Paris Accord that covers the period from now till 2020. The Katowice package also includes guidelines for establishing new targets on finance from 2025 onwards to follow on from the current target of mobilising \$100 billion per year from 2020 to support developing countries. The other guidelines include how to conduct the global stock-taking of the effectiveness of climate action in 2023 and how to assess progress on the development and transfer of technology by the developed nations. The guidelines, known as the Paris rulebook, will promote trust among nations that all countries are playing their part in addressing the challenge of climate change.

The word 'trust' signifies the most positive outcome of the Katowice Conference. However, issues that still have to be taken into account circle the use of cooperative approaches as well as the sustainable development mechanism, as contained in the Paris Agreement's Article 6. These would allow countries to meet a part of their domestic mitigation goals through the use of so-called 'market mechanisms'. On this matter, the Paris Agreement

recognises the need for global rules to safeguard the integrity of efforts of all countries. It is hoped that this issue will be decided in future meetings, and India is expected to play a key role.

The Indian delegation reiterated its stand with overwhelming support that the Paris Climate Agreement was "non-negotiable" and there could be no compromise on the basic principles such as equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities. It effectively countered the attempts of rich countries, led by the US and the European Union, to dilute this provision.

India stressed the need for using scientific findings on climate change and welcomed the recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC) Special Report, which said that human activities are estimated to have caused approximately one degree celsius of global warming above the pre-industrial levels and are currently increasing at 0.2 degrees celsius per decade.

India in its statement stood for the poor, marginalised and vulnerable communities as they are worst-hit by the vagaries of climate change. On the first day of CoP24, India made it clear to the world that it was well on course to achieve all its climate targets much ahead of the deadline it set for itself. It asked its developed counterparts to meet their obligations, including those relating to providing financial and technological help to the developing countries.

The Institute for Energy Economic and Financial Analysis (IEEFA), a US-based organisation that conducts research and analysis on financial and

economic issues related to energy and environment, showed that India was likely to attain the goal of having 40 per cent of its electricity generation coming from renewable sources by the year 2020, instead of the original target of 2030. It said that by the year 2027, renewable energies like solar, wind and biomass would generate about 275 GW of electricity, comprising 44 per cent of India's total power generation of 619 GW. Hydro and nuclear energy, which are also considered as clean sources of energy, would contribute another 80 GW or about 13 per cent.

The Government, however, needs to take some more pro-active action, especially in tackling the landscape. This (because India is a tropical nation facing the vagaries of climate change) has already started affecting its landscape and consequently the livelihoods of the poor. It has caused uncertainty in agriculture and disturbed hydrological cycles.

The Himalayan glaciers are receding and the flow of rivers originating from these glaciers is making the whole living scenario precarious. There is a need to adopt a holistic approach for the overall developmental process in which climate change mitigation and adaptation should be a collateral benefit. Otherwise, it will jeopardise the goals of sustainable development in the long run. Also, joint forest management must be made the central theme of the entire mitigation and adaptation procedure. It is to be hoped that the Government takes action on the suggested lines.

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Myths about Jinnah's last words

Like an impressionable teenager, Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan circulated a video of Dr Israr Ahmed claiming that the Quaid advocated a caliphate from his deathbed, when the claim is highly suspicious



NADEEM PARACHA

On December 14, 2018, Prime Minister Imran Khan uploaded two short videos of eminent Islamic scholar Dr Israr Ahmed. I am not quite sure which year the videos were from but they were obviously at least eight years old, since he passed away in 2010. In one of the videos, Ahmed quotes an excerpt from a diary written by Dr Riaz Ali Shah, who was a physician of Pakistan's founder, Muhammad Ali Jinnah, when the latter was suffering from tuberculosis. Jinnah passed away in September 1948.

In the video, Ahmed informed his audience that he had picked the excerpt from an article published in a September 1988 edition of the Urdu daily *Jang* — 40 years after

Jinnah's demise. Ahmed quoted the 1988 newspaper article about Riaz Ali's 'diary' in which he wrote that as Jinnah lay on his bed suffering from tuberculosis, he (Jinnah) spoke about his vision of a Pakistan that would be an Islamic state, or a 20th century manifestation of a state, constructed during the rule of Islam's first four caliphs (Khalifat-i-Rashida).

Riaz was one of the four doctors present during Jinnah's last hours. According to an article in the *Pulse Fortnightly* written by Lt Gen (Rtd) M Ahmad Akhtar and published on November 1, 2014, four physicians accompanied Jinnah when he travelled to the vacation resort of Ziarat in Balochistan. They were: Dr M Ali Mistri, Dr Illahi Bakhsh, Dr Ghulam Muhammad and Dr Riaz Ali Shah. Dr Mistri was Jinnah's personal physician who, according to Lt Gen Akhtar, had moved to Karachi from Bombay on Jinnah's request after the creation of Pakistan.

Nothing was reported about

Jinnah's 'last words' as such until the appearance of a book in 1978 by Dr Illahi Bakhsh, which was re-printed by the Oxford University Press in 2012. Dr Illahi's book, *With the Quaid-i-Azam during his Last Days*, is largely a detailed account of the Quaid's illness and how Jinnah tried to live with it. There is nothing in the book about a man ravaged by a crippling disease but one lucidly advocating the creation of an Islamic state.

There is also a PDF copy available online of an Urdu translation of Dr Illahi Bakhsh's book. However, attached to it is an Urdu translation of notes supposedly kept by Riaz Ali Shah in a diary. The notes appear in the shape of a booklet called *Quaid-i-Azam Kay Akhri Lamhaat* (The Quaid's Last Moments). It does not mention the date of publication. It is not available in any of the major bookstores in Pakistan nor on Amazon. And it is not mentioned in the long list of books and papers on Jinnah that appears on the Government of Pakistan's website dedicated to the

study of Pakistan's founder.

In a 2003 article for *The Concept*, Raja A Khan wrote that the booklet by Dr Shah was published in 1950. However, Raja only speaks about Jinnah sharing his views on Kashmir with Riaz. One wonders though, how many diverse topics the founder was discussing with the good doctor during his very last moments. What is more important is that after going through the online version of the booklet, I found no mention of Jinnah speaking to Dr Shah about the idea of the caliphate.

The booklet is only scarcely referenced in the papers and books written on Jinnah. Moreover, whenever it is, as in Masud-ul-Hasan's *Anecdotes of Quaid-i-Azam* (1976) and in an article in the 2002 issue of *South Asian Studies*, they simply quote Riaz as saying that Jinnah's last spoken words were, "Allah, Pakistan." Therefore, Imran Khan may have gotten a tad too excited — like an impressionable teenager — after coming across the mentioned clip of

Dr Ahmed. Without much thought, the Prime Minister used it in the same manner in which Jinnah was concocted by the Gen Zia dictatorship in the 1980s.

This is why I believe the confusion in this respect is rooted in what transpired during the Zia regime. For example, only quotes of Jinnah that had the word 'Islam' in them were allowed to be used in state-owned media. From 1978 onward, the sequence of words of Jinnah's motto, "unity, faith, discipline" was switched to "faith, unity, discipline."

In 1982, a portrait of Jinnah painted by artist Ahmad S Nagi was replaced in the waiting lounge of the Karachi Airport just because it showed Jinnah wearing a suit and a tie. An article on Nagi that appeared in the September 2, 2006 edition of *Dawn* said that the painting was finished in 1944 and then brought to Karachi after the creation of Pakistan. It was placed in the airport lounge but replaced in 1982 with another portrait of Jinnah in which he is seen wearing a *sherwani*.

Then in 1983, the Zia regime gleefully announced the 'discovery' of a diary kept by the founder in which he had expressed his desire of an Islamic state. KK Thomas, in the 1998 issue of *Asian Recorder*, and author Khaled Ahmed in his 2001 book *Pakistan: Behind the Ideology Mask: Facts About Great Men We Don't Want to Know*, write that the state-owned media enthusiastically began discussing the contents of the so-called diary.

According to Ahmad, Jinnah's personal secretary, KH Khurshid and veteran Muslim Leaguer, Mumtaz Daultana, challenged the discovery. Consequently, the claim was quietly dropped. Most interesting is the similarity between what Zia claimed Jinnah wrote in his diary and what Dr Ahmed claimed Dr Riaz wrote in his. One can thus conclude that may be a third party was involved who, for political reasons, concurrently ascribed the mentioned quotes to Jinnah as well as Dr Riaz. (Courtesy: Dawn)



BLAME THE CROWD FOR THE DISRUPTION

If America's national parks had a theme song, it might be "You Always Hurt the One You Love." These natural treasures are suffering, not from indifference or inattention, but from more visitors than ever before. No one wants to close the gates on the parks. But something needs to be done to keep the crush of humanity from ruining what all those people come to see. (Chicago Tribune editorial)

Govt mulls zero interest on timely crop loan repayment

Interest burden could double to ₹30K cr if interest is waived for prompt repayment, sources say

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
To address farmers' distress ahead of 2019 general elections, the Government is considering waiving interest on crop loans for farmers who pay on time, costing an additional ₹15,000 crore to the exchequer, according to sources.
Currently, farmers have to pay 4 per cent interest rate if they repay their loans within due date.
There is also a proposal to completely waive premium for taking insurance policy for food crops. The premium on horticultural crops could also be reduced, they said.
When asked about the Government's plan of announcing big farm package, Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said: "The Government is committed towards farmers' welfare. Going forward, whatever decision taken, will be announced."
He was speaking at a Cabinet briefing here. The ruling BJP Government has swung into action to address

distress in the agriculture sector after it lost power to the Congress in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh in the recent state polls.
According to sources, several rounds of meetings have taken place at the highest level in the past few days to chalk out a plan to address difficulties faced by farmers in view of low realisation in several crops amid bumper production.
To provide immediate relief, one of the proposals being studied is to waive the 4 per cent interest rate on farmers repaying farm loan promptly within the due date.
Currently, farmers get short-term farm loan of up to ₹3 lakh at 7 per cent interest rate. However, the interest rate charged is only 4 per cent in case farmers pay their loan within due date. Normally, loans are given at 9 per cent interest rate.
The Centre bears a cost of around ₹15,000 crore annually for the interest subsidies of 2 per cent in normal cases and 5 per cent in the case of prompt repayment of farm loans.
The Government has set a target to provide ₹11 lakh crore credit to farmers in the current fiscal. It extended ₹11.69 lakh crore credit to farmers last fiscal, surpassing the target of ₹10 lakh crore.
Sources said the interest burden could double to ₹30,000 crore if the interest is completely waived for prompt repayment of farm loans.

Central Bank to raise ₹200 cr via staff stock purchase plan

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
State-owned Central Bank of India on Friday said it will raise about ₹200 crore by issuing shares to staff under the employee stock purchase scheme.
The board of directors of the bank at their meeting held on December 28, 2018 approved the proposal to raise capital by issuance of shares to employees through Employee Stock Purchase Scheme (ESPS) to the extent of approximately ₹200 crore, the lender said in a regulatory filing.
The Committee of Directors will decide all operative steps, including convening of extra-ordinary general meeting of shareholders to pass the resolution and determination of pricing methodology and discount, Central Bank said.
Last week, Syndicate Bank had informed about raising up to ₹500 crore by issuing 30 crore shares to its staff under the employee stock purchase scheme.
Punjab National Bank said it has mobilised ₹500 crore through EPS.
The Government in March 2017, had allowed public sector banks to offer stock options to their employees, aimed at retaining experienced hands and better incentives besides a means for raising capital.

over 6,000 PSB officers caused bad loans: Jaitley

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The Government on Friday said action has been taken against more than 6,000 officers of nationalised banks last fiscal in cases of lapses that led to bad loans.
In written reply, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said that minor and major penalties have been imposed against erring officials. These include, dismissal, compulsory retirement and demotion.
"As per the inputs received from nationalised banks, in FY 2017-18, 6,049 officers have been held responsible on account of staff delinquency in NPA accounts..." Jaitley said.
Depending upon the gravity of lapses, the Minister said "minor penalty/ major penalty have been imposed against erring officials" and in all the cases, depending upon the amount involved, CBI and police complaints have been lodged.
The 19 nationalised banks, including PNB and Canara Bank, reported a net loss of ₹21,388 crore in the first half of the fiscal. This compares with a combined loss ₹6,861 crore in the similar period of 2017-18.
In another written reply to the Lower House, Shukla said as a result of transparent recognition of bad loans, the non-performing asset (NPA) amount of all commercial banks rose from ₹5.66 lakh crore at end-March 2016 to ₹9.62 lakh crore at end of March 2018.
Since then the amount has declined to ₹9.43 lakh crore.

NPAs of PSU banks decline by ₹23,000 cr in H1 FY19: Official

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
Various initiatives taken by the Government have yielded results, with the bad loans of public sector banks declining by over ₹23,000 crore from a peak of ₹9.62 lakh crore in March 2018, said a senior Finance Ministry official.
At the same time, public sector banks (PSBs) have also made a record in recovery of ₹60,726 crore in the first half of the current financial year, which is more than double the amount recovered in the corresponding period last year.
"Gross non-performing assets (NPAs) of PSBs have started declining after peaking in March 2018, registering a decline of ₹23,860 crore in the first half of the current financial year," Financial Service Secretary Rajiv Kumar said.
According to the latest Finance Ministry data, non-NPA accounts overdue by 31 to 90 days (Special Mention Accounts 1 & 2) of PSBs have declined by 61 per cent over five successive quarters - from ₹2.25 lakh crore as of June 2017 to ₹0.87 lakh crore in September 2018.
"This has substantially pared down credit at risk," he said.
Talking about various initiatives, Kumar said, recognition of restructured standard assets as NPAs, initiated with Asset Quality Review in 2015, and discontinuation of restructuring schemes, the recognition exercise is nearly over with such assets declining from the peak of 7 per cent in March 2015 to 0.59 per cent as of September 2018.
He also said that the resolution process has been strengthened by changing the creditor-debtor relationship through the Insolvency



and Bankruptcy Code and debarment of wilful defaulters and connected persons, which has resulted in record recovery this year.
"Reforms have accompanied recapitalisation in the form of a comprehensive PSB reforms agenda that addresses the root causes of poor asset quality, and commits banks to clean lending and rolling out of next-generation banking services by leveraging benefits of technology and formalisation of the economy," the secretary said.
Banks have got capital support of over ₹3 lakh crore since commencement of clean-up in 2015-16.
Earlier this month, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said the Government will invest an additional ₹41,000 crore into state-owned lenders over and above what was announced earlier to strengthen their capital base. This would enhance the total recapitalisation in the current fiscal from ₹65,000 crore to ₹1.06 lakh crore.
On December 20, the Government sought Parliament's approval for infusion of an additional ₹41,000 crore into the lenders.
Jaitley had said that this would enhance the lending capacity of PSBs and help them exit the Reserve Bank of India's Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework that imposes curbs on certain business operations at the banks.

Sebi slaps ₹50 lakh fines on Citrus Check, directors

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
Markets regulator Sebi on Friday imposed a penalty of ₹50 lakh on Citrus Check Inns and its directors for non-compliance of its order, where-in it had barred them from raising funds from the public.
The regulator, through its orders passed in June and August 2015, had directed the firm as well as its directors — Omprakash Basantlal Goenka, Prakash Ganpat Untekar, Venkatram Natarajan and Narayan Shivram Kottis — not to collect any more money from investors through the existing or new schemes.
Citrus collected ₹770 crore from about 4.5 lakh members in March 2013 through its various 'holiday plans' which later went up to ₹1,600 crore in 2015, the orders had noted.
The direction came after the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) found that the

company was raising money from investors through collective investment scheme (CIS) without obtaining requisite approval from it.
In a fresh order passed on Friday, Sebi said the company continued to collect money from the existing investors through periodic instalments.
"It is established that notices collected/raised money from the investors even after Sebi prohibited them from doing so wide orders dated June 3, 2015 and August 24, 2015 ... And thereby notices failed to comply with the directions contained therein," the regulator noted.
Accordingly, the regulator has slapped a penalty of ₹50 lakh on Citrus and its directors. The fine is to be paid 'jointly and severally' by them.
The regulator had began the probe after receiving a complaint alleging that Citrus was running a 'Ponzi Scheme' and 'mis-selling' its schemes to the public.

GST evasion worth ₹38,896 cr detected during April-October

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
The Government has detected GST evasion worth ₹38,896 crore in 6,585 cases in the April-October period of 2018-19, Parliament was informed on Friday.
Minister of State for Finance Shiv Pratap Shukla said while central excise evasion of ₹3,028.58 crore in 398 cases was unearthed during the seven-month period, service tax evasion of ₹26,108.43 crore was detected in 3,922 cases.
Customs evasion was detected in 12,711 cases involving ₹6,966.04 crore and Goods and Services Tax (GST) evasion worth ₹38,895.97 crore was unearthed in 6,585 cases, he said in a written reply in the Lok Sabha.
The total amount of evasion in indirect taxes (GST, service tax, excise and customs) during April-October adds up to about ₹75,000 crore.

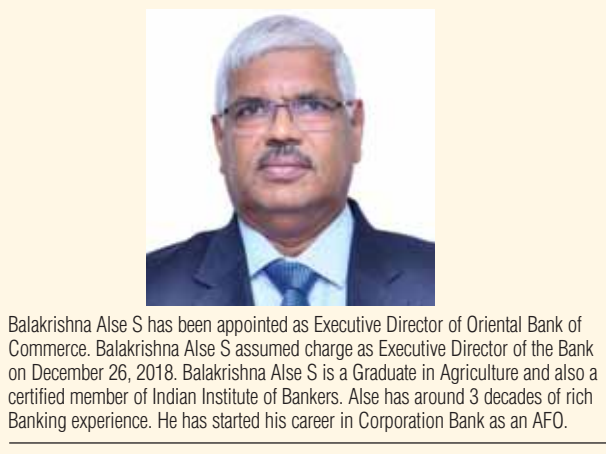
RBI to ensure sustainable growth of NBFCs with adequate credit

PTI ■ MUMBAI
In spite of the prevailing concerns around non-bank lenders due to defaults by industry major IL&FS, the Reserve Bank on Friday said it will ensure that growth in the shadow-banking sector is sustained and liquidity fears are eased.
The NBFC sector is liquidity crisis after a series of defaults by Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services (IL&FS) and its many subsidiaries since late August.
"While in 2018-19, though concerns surrounding the sector due to debt defaults amidst temporary asset liability mismatches arose, the inherent strength of the NBFC sector, coupled with the RBI's continuing vigil on the regulatory and supervisory front, will ensure that the growth of the sector is sustained and liquidity fears are allayed," RBI said in its annual report on 'Trends & Progress of Banking in 2017-18', released on Friday.



The report said the NBFC sector, with a size of around 15 percent of the commercial banks' combined balance sheet, has been growing robustly in recent years, providing an alternative source of funds to the commercial sector in the face of slowing bank credit.
The financial performance of these shadow-banks, including profitability, asset quality and capital adequacy, improved during FY18 as they weathered the transient effects of demonetisation and GST implementation, the report noted.
Consolidated balance sheet of NBFCs expanded in 2017-18 and in 2018-19 (up to September), buoyed by strong credit expansion, the report said without quantifying the same.
Category-wise, the balance sheet of NBFCs-NDSI expanded by 13.4 percent, while the balance sheet of deposit-taking NBFCs registering robust growth at 24.4 per cent in 2017-18 on account of a sharp rise in loans and advances.

Business Corner



Balakrishna Aise S has been appointed as Executive Director of Oriental Bank of Commerce. Balakrishna Aise S assumed charge as Executive Director of the Bank on December 26, 2018. Balakrishna Aise S is a Graduate in Agriculture and also a certified member of Indian Institute of Bankers. Also has around 3 decades of rich Banking experience. He has started his career in Corporation Bank as an AFO.
NMDC Limited, Hyderabad has been conferred with Award for "Best Supporting Organization Award in Public Sector" by Quality Circle Forum of India (QCFI) at its 32nd National Convention on Quality Concepts held at Gwalior recently. Sunil Kumar, General Manager (Production), NMDC, Donimalai and GE Reta Reddy, DGM (HRD), NMDC, Hyderabad received the Award on behalf of NMDC Limited from AK Mittal, President Emeritus, QCFI

PUBLIC NOTICE
The plot No. 208, Sector 17, HSIIDC, Industrial Estate, Bahadurgarh was allotted in the name of M/s Touchwood Pulpast Pvt. Ltd., having its Regd Office at M-248, 1st Floor, Guru Harishan Nagar, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi - 87 by HSIIDC vide Regular Letter of Allotment No. HSIIDC/RLA/Bahadurgarh/4577 Dated 12.07.06 for setting up the Industrial Project of Mfg. of Footwear. Subsequently Change in constitution vide HSIIDC letter No.HSIIDC/BOB/garh/2008/131 Dated 16.04.2008 and again vide letter No.HSIIDC/BOB/garh/2009/2300 Dated 23.04.2009 was allowed by HSIIDC. That the Auth. Director Sh. Neeraj Chouda Director of the company vide his request letter dated 03.12.18 intimated that Sh.Daya Nand Gahlaut (Shareholder of 26% shares) in the company M/s Touchwood Pulpast Pvt. Ltd. has expired on 08.11.2011. That the company has furnished the death certificate of late Sh. Daya Nand Gahlaut and an Undertaking indicating the name of the legal heirs of the deceased i.e. (1) Smt. Sudesh Devi Gahlaut, Wife (2) Sh. Jatin Gahlaut Son, (3) Sh. Ramit Gahlaut Son that the Company M/s Touchwood Pulpast Pvt. Ltd. has requested to transfer the said 26% shares of late Sh. Daya Nand Gahlaut in favour of Smt. Sudesh Devi Gahlaut Wife Late Sh. Daya Nand Gahlaut. Smt. Sudesh Devi Gahlaut and Sh. Jatin Gahlaut and Sh. Ramit Gahlaut. Through this Public Notice it is hereby informed that in case any person has any reservation/objection to the said transfer, he/she may file his/her objection(s) in writing before the undersigned alongwith an affidavit with in a period of 15-days from the date of publication of this notice. In case no reservation/objection is received within the aforesaid period it will be presumed that no person has any objection for transfer of said shares in favour of Smt. Sudesh Devi Gahlaut, Sh. Jatin Gahlaut and Sh. Ramit Gahlaut. On behalf of Estate Manager Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited, Sector-17, Industrial Estate, Bahadurgarh (Haryana), Office Tel.01276-297030, E.hsiiidcbahadurgarh@gmail.com

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION
General public is hereby informed that an unknown dead body was found at **Jwala Ghat No. 13, Faridabad Bus Stand, Kashmiri Gate, Delhi**, dated 20.12.2018. In this regard a **DD No. 14-A dated 20.12.2018**, has been lodged at **P.S. Kashmiri Gate, Delhi**.
The Description of the dead body is given as under: **Name:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Sex:** Male, **Age:** 50 years, **Height:** 5'5", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Wearing:** White Check Shirt and Grey Colour Pant.
Sincere efforts have been made by the local Police to trace out the dead person but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone having any information about this dead person, please inform undersigned.
SHO P.S. Kashmiri Gate, Delhi DP/9505/N/18 Ph: 011-23968730, 08750870123

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION
General public is hereby informed that a dead body was found at **Casualty Ward in BSA Hospital, Sector 6, Rohini, Delhi**. Dated 23.10.2018. In this regard a **DD No. 11-A dated 23.10.2018**, has been lodged at **P.S. North-Rohini, Delhi**.
The Description of the dead body is given as under **Name:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** 50 years, **Sex:** Male, **Height:** 5'9", **Complexion:** Fair, **ID Mark:** Gopal written on left arm, **Wearing:** Blue Jeans, White Shirt and Keshariya Pagdi.
Sincere efforts have been made by local Police to trace out the dead person but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone having any information about this dead person, please inform undersigned.
SHO P.S. North-Rohini, Delhi DP/2390/RD/18 Ph: 011-27048210, 08750870330

SEARCH FOR MISSING
General public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Sapna D/o Dharmbeer**, R/o Jhuggi No. 60, G-Block, Mangolpuri, Delhi, has been missing since 01.02.2018. In this regard, a case **FIR No. 79/18 dated 02.02.2018 u/s 363 IPC** has been registered at **P.S. Mangolpuri, Delhi**. The description of the missing girl is as under
Age: 11 Years, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Height:** 4'8", **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Black Colour Suit-Salwar and Blue Hawai Chappal in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out her but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing girl then please inform P.S. Mangolpuri, Delhi at following Tel No. / e-mail: **cic@cbi.gov.in** and Website: **http://cbi.nic.in**
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax No. 011-24368639 DP/1727/OD/18 Sd/- S.H.O. P.S. Mangolpuri Ph. 011-27922186

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED
General public is hereby informed that one boy namely **Fajal S/o Dilshad** R/o H.N. D-50, Rajdhani Park, Nangloi, Delhi, has been Missing/kidnapped since 02.12.2018. In this regard, a case **FIR No. 481/18 U/S 363 IPC** dated **02.12.2018** has been registered at **P.S. Nangloi, Delhi**. The description of the missing boy is as under
Age: 14 Years, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Height:** 5' 3", **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Yellow Checkdar Shirt-Chocolate colour Pant. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out him but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing/kidnapped boy then please inform P.S. Nangloi, Delhi at following Tel No. / e-mail: **cic@cbi.gov.in** and Website: **http://cbi.nic.in**
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax No. 011-24368639 DP/1709/OD/18 Sd/- S.H.O. P.S. Nangloi Delhi Ph. 011-25947225

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED
General public is hereby informed that a male namely **Anand Singh, S/o Ranveer Singh, R/o H.No. 396 KH no 54 Chandan Colony Saidulajab Village New Delhi** has been missing since 15.11.2018 from the area of P.S. Mehrauli, New Delhi. In this regard a report **DD No. 042 A, Dated 04.12.2018** has been registered at **P.S. Mehrauli, New Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing male but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing male is as under: **Name:** Anand Singh, **Gender:** Male, **Age:** 24 years, **Height:** 5'9", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Normal, **Wearing:** Red colour jacket and black colour pajama. If anyone has any information regarding this missing man, kindly inform **SHO/Mehrauli, New Delhi DP/5163/SD/18 SHO P.S. Mehrauli, New Delhi Ph: 011-26645050, 26643200**

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
(SEE SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Ms. Gauri @ Radha D/o Bhagwan R/o Jhuggi No.5, Badarpur, Delhi** and also residing at **R/o Near Shyam Rao Thakre House, Ward No. 5, Bargaon (Maghe), Wardha, Maharashtra** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **F.I.R. No. 308/15 U/s 379/411 IPC P.S. Darya Ganj, Delhi** and it has been returned to a Warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Ms. Gauri @ Radha** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Ms. Gauri @ Radha** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).
Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person **Ms. Gauri @ Radha** of F.I.R. No. 308/15 U/s 379/411 IPC P.S. Darya Ganj, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before dated **19.02.2019**.
By Order **Ms. Shilpi Jain DP/5944/CD/18 Metropolitan Magistrate, Central District, Room No. 180, 1st Floor, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi**

Corrigendum No.02 against E-Tender enquiry No. 12/CWR/HVPN/2018-19 Dated: 14-11-2018
HARYANA VIDYUT PRASARAN NIGAM LIMITED
Last date of online bid Submission is extended up to 10-01-2019 (13:00 Hrs)
Name of Work: Construction of ODSG foundations, ODCAT at 132 KV Sub-Station, Lulu Ahir (R-8)
Draft NIT and Tender document is available at website: **https://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in, https://www.hvnpn.gov.in**
-Sd- Executive Engineer, Civil Works, Division HVPNL, Rewari RO NO. 74489 Dt. 28-12-2018

Sensex vaults 269 points to reclaim 36K-mark; Nifty ends above 10,800

PTI ■ MUMBAI
Benchmark indices surged for the third straight session on Friday on across-the-board buying by foreign funds amid a rebound in the rupee and upbeat global cues. The BSE Sensex rallied 269.44 points or 0.75 per cent to finish at 36,076.72, while the broader NSE Nifty spurted 80.10 points, or 0.74 per cent, to 10,859.90. During the week, the Sensex gained 334.65 points, while the Nifty advanced 105.9 points. Apart from telecom, all sectoral indices on the BSE finished in the green in Friday's

session, led by consumer durables and healthcare. The biggest gainers in the Sensex pack were Sun Pharma, Bajaj Finance, Vedanta, Yes Bank, ICICI Bank, HDFC, Tata Motors, HCL Tech, IndusInd Bank and Axis Bank, rising up to 2.98 per cent. On the other hand, TCS, Bajaj Auto, Hero MotoCorp, Bharti Airtel, PowerGrid and Infosys shed up to 0.70 per cent. The gains were led by banking stocks, which rallied on reports that the government was likely to infuse ₹28,615 crore into seven public sector banks (PSBs) through recapitalisation bonds by the end of this month.

Yes Bank, ICICI Bank, Bank of Baroda, SBI and Kotak Bank gained up to 2 per cent. "Nifty ended this week above 10,800 mark led by banking and FMCG stocks. The domestic sentiment remained optimistic with reports that the government is contemplating several incentives for farmers ahead of the 2019 Lok Sabha elections," said Hemang Jani, head (advisory), Sharekhan by BNP Paribas. The rupee, meanwhile, strengthened against the US dollar and was trading 37 paise higher at 69.98. Brent crude futures rose 1.95 per cent to USD 53.76 per barrel.

On a net basis, foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) bought shares worth ₹1,731.91 crore on Thursday, while domestic institutional investors (DIIs) were net sellers to the tune of ₹663.00 crore, provisional data available with BSE showed. Elsewhere in Asia, Korea's Kospi ended 0.62 per cent higher, Hong Kong's Hang Seng gained 0.09 per cent and Shanghai Composite Index rose 0.44 per cent, while Japan's Nikkei slipped 0.31 per cent. In Europe, Paris CAC rose 1.47 per cent, while Frankfurt's DAX fell 1.56 per cent. London's FTSE gained 1.67 per cent.

Prabhu seeks more funds from FinMin to hike incentives on onion exports

New Delhi: Commerce Minister Suresh Prabhu has sought ₹179.16 crore from the Finance Ministry to double the incentives for onion exporters amid significant fall in prices of the vegetable. In a communication to Finance Minister Arun Jaitley, Prabhu said the ministry was keen to increase export incentives under MEIS from 5 per cent to 10 per cent. Under the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS), the government provides duty benefits depending on product and country. Rewards under the scheme are payable as percentage of realised free-on-board value and MEIS duty credit scrip can be transferred or used for payment of a number of duties including the basic customs duty. The reward for exports of fresh onion under this scheme is 5 per cent till January 12 next year. "The higher reward rates are expected to bolster the exports and would be necessary to support the domestic prices. In view of the urgency of the situation, the Finance Ministry is requested to allocate additional funds of ₹179.16 crore, so that MEIS reward at 10 per cent can be provided for the export of fresh onion up to June 30 next year," Prabhu said.

New e-commerce rules regressive, will harm consumers, says USISPF

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
The US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) has dubbed the new e-commerce rules as "regressive" and said that the changes would harm consumers, create unpredictability and have a negative impact on the growth of online retail in India. The Forum asserted that "it is not the government's business to micromanage businesses" and alleged that the amendments announced came out without any consultation and were akin to changing rules in the middle of the game. Earlier this week, the government appeared to have yielded to demands of domestic traders and put in place new norms, which would end discounts and cashback offers that online platforms with foreign investment are offering. The new rules are set to come into effect from February 2019. "The amendment to the FDI in e-commerce policy is regressive. It harms the consumer, who is ultimately the king in any retail environment. It is not the government's business to micromanage businesses. This amendment bars Indian manufacturers and sellers from effectively competing in the global online marketplace," USISPF president and chief executive officer (FPO) Mukesh Agni said in a statement. He fur-

ther stated that the amendment "highlights the lack of transparency in policy making and creates unpredictability." USISPF, which highlighted how American companies have led investments into e-commerce platforms in India and facilitated job creation, is consulting its members on the course of action and plans to meet government officials next week on the matter. With about a month to comply, American retailer Walmart-backed Flipkart and US-based Amazon — the two largest players in the Indian e-commerce sector — would be hit the hardest. Smaller traders have, in the past, cried foul alleging that preferential treatment was given to certain sellers that are affiliates of these larger online marketplaces. This, they said, created an unfair marketplace. Amazon India, in an e-mailed statement on Friday, said the company had "always operated in compliance with the laws of the land" and it was evaluating the new guidelines "to engage as necessary with the government to gain clarity."

The company has committed an investment of USD 5 billion — a large chunk of which has already been pumped in across various entities (like the wholesale, marketplace and payments) that it operates in India. Flipkart, which saw Walmart picking up 77 per cent stake for a whopping USD 16 billion earlier this year, has said the government should follow a consultative process in framing rules that have long-term implications, and any changes should be for driving the industry forward. The new rules, announced on Wednesday, bar online platforms from selling products supplied by affiliated companies, and from offering customers special discounts. For retailers such as Walmart, the new rules may hinder selling products under their own private brands. Market watchers said that so far, wholesale companies controlled by Amazon (Amazon Wholesale) and Flipkart (Flipkart India) would buy goods in bulk at cheaper rates from manufacturers, which would then be sold on the online marketplaces through 'select sellers' (like Cloudfair) who would also offer discounts and cashbacks. The new rules clamp down on exclusive deals; this could cast a cloud on partnerships seen in the past including those with electronic and smartphone brands like ASUS, OnePlus, BPL and others. However, smaller players such as ShopClues and Snapdeal have welcomed the move, saying the development will "close the back door" that has been "blatantly exploited" by larger companies and provide a level-playing field for all.

NMDPC to fuel growth of domestic industry: CII

New Delhi (PTI): National Medical Devices Promotion Council, set up under the Department of Industrial Promotion and Policy, will help promote growth of the sector and pave way for affordable access to good quality pharma instruments to people, CII said on Friday. The industry chamber said that it was a long-standing need of the medical devices industry in India. "Time has come for the medical technol-

ogy sector to have an exclusive promotion council that will safeguard the interests of the patients, industry and all stakeholders," said Himanshu Baid, chairman of CII Medical Technology Division (CII MTD) in a statement. He said that this council would provide anchorage and an environment for conducive growth for this sector. "We are looking forward to seeing strong Indian presence in the global medtech map in the next

few years," he added. The CII MTD is an industry association comprising of over 50 major domestic and global medical device companies. The council aims at boosting manufacturing, attract investments and promote exports of the fast-growing sector. The industry plays a critical role in the healthcare ecosystem and is indispensable to achieve the goal of health for all citizens. Although the industry has been growing in dou-

ble digits, it is predominantly import-driven, with imports accounting for over 65 per cent of the domestic market. The council will undertake several activities including holding seminars and workshops to garner views of industry and understand best global practices. It would also identify redundant processes and render technical assistance to the agencies and departments concerned to simplify the approval processes involved in the sector.

NIFTY 50

SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP CHANGE	
TITAN	904.00	925.75	898.80	924.15	36.50
SUNPHARMA	415.00	428.70	413.50	425.00	13.85
IOC	134.60	138.70	134.20	138.20	4.30
ZEE	461.25	478.70	461.25	474.50	10.10
BAJFINANCE	2603.00	2643.80	2585.95	2641.00	53.85
VEDL	195.65	200.65	197.00	199.90	4.05
YESBANK	180.00	183.30	180.00	181.65	3.55
TATAMOTORS	169.40	172.20	169.15	171.40	3.15
BAJAJFINSV	624.00	653.00	612.60	652.20	116.95
JSWSTEEL	294.40	300.60	294.40	298.00	5.05
HCLTECH	952.10	963.00	950.00	963.00	14.20
HDFC	1959.00	1990.00	1920.00	1978.15	29.50
INDUSINDBK	1578.85	1600.50	1571.00	1586.50	22.50
GRASIM	814.90	827.95	814.90	825.10	11.35
ICICIBANK	358.30	362.80	358.30	360.55	4.90
HINDALCO	221.00	226.05	221.00	223.65	3.00
DRREDDY	2605.00	2633.00	2601.10	2622.90	35.45
AXISBANK	623.90	628.00	620.00	625.80	8.20
HINDPETRO	253.50	257.00	251.00	255.80	3.15
TATASTEEL	508.20	516.45	508.05	512.35	5.85
UPL	752.50	771.00	752.50	758.00	8.35
IT	1426.55	1448.00	1426.30	1440.00	14.95
M&M	799.35	807.00	797.00	803.80	8.15
NTPC	147.45	151.60	146.50	149.80	1.50
HDFCBANK	217.35	2137.75	2115.50	2124.00	18.95
ADANIAPORTS	384.95	390.75	384.00	387.20	3.20
CPIA	514.30	525.35	514.30	522.00	4.10
SBIN	293.60	297.10	293.55	294.45	2.30
ONGC	148.20	151.50	148.00	150.60	0.90
TECHM	710.00	718.40	710.00	713.00	4.10
ECHERMOT	23011.00	23310.00	22955.00	23120.00	125.50
ULTRACEMCO	3986.60	4022.00	3985.00	4004.00	21.50
WIPRO	326.20	332.90	325.80	329.10	1.65
RELIANCE	1125.50	1135.25	1121.20	1125.65	5.45
ITC	279.15	284.00	279.15	282.00	1.25
IBULHSGFIN	850.00	858.00	838.90	847.50	2.40
HINDUNILVR	1817.90	1834.90	1815.70	1820.00	5.10
MARUTI	7548.00	7580.00	7490.00	7518.00	18.05
KOTAKBANK	1242.50	1250.90	1235.05	1239.65	-0.60
INFY	663.35	663.50	653.30	656.10	-0.70
POWERGRID	197.50	198.35	195.60	196.25	-0.30
HOMOTOTOCO	3138.05	3160.00	3110.75	3123.45	-5.35
BHARTIARTL	316.90	321.00	314.50	316.10	-0.60
GAIL	356.45	361.35	355.05	355.50	-0.95
COALINDIA	242.90	243.35	239.75	242.30	-0.60
ASIANPAINT	1383.00	1383.00	1359.00	1365.50	-7.55
TATACON	2753.90	2759.95	2711.75	2720.00	-17.00
RAJCS	1915.00	1920.00	1893.00	1897.00	-11.95
BPCCL	361.80	369.80	360.20	361.20	-3.40
INFRADEL	269.05	269.75	262.00	262.65	-4.15

NIFTY NEXT 50

SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP CHANGE	
NIFTY NEXT 50	27863.40	28123.65	27800.90	28062.30	282.25
SAIL	51.95	54.90	51.80	54.85	3.35
DMART	1580.00	1669.50	1574.00	1656.00	85.85
SUNTV	59.00	61.85	58.20	61.90	30.70
OIL	172.45	178.45	171.30	178.00	7.25
NMDC	92.40	96.25	92.40	95.55	3.25
BHEL	70.05	74.20	70.05	72.20	2.20
LECH	238.00	2373.70	2302.15	2360.00	69.10
LICHSGFIN	481.00	490.40	480.50	489.15	10.95
AMBIJACEX	217.10	222.80	217.10	221.75	4.90
CADILAHC	340.25	347.60	339.35	345.95	7.15
BEL	88.00	88.25	86.60	87.90	1.75
COLPAL	1302.05	1327.65	1302.05	1326.00	21.60
BANKBARODA	117.25	119.05	117.10	118.50	21.10
ABCAPITAL	98.50	102.25	98.05	99.85	1.70
BIOCON	612.75	623.60	611.50	621.90	10.45
PETRONET	224.00	228.70	222.30	226.20	3.70
AUROPHARMA	712.00	727.35	712.00	723.30	11.45
ICICIPRULI	324.00	331.00	323.45	328.50	5.15
SHREECEM	16900.00	17350.00	16800.00	17200.00	252.60
MCDOWELL-N	636.95	640.00	634.00	640.00	8.80
ACC	1465.00	1493.00	1465.00	1478.00	18.40
BOSCHLTD	19395.00	19678.00	19270.15	19640.00	230.85
DLF	177.90	180.70	177.10	177.70	2.05
SRILIFE	60.00	60.05	58.75	59.70	6.90
NIACL	177.00	179.55	176.95	178.10	1.95
INDIGO	1151.20	1188.00	1147.05	1176.00	12.20
IDEA	37.25	38.10	37.25	37.50	0.35
SIEMENS	1030.00	1060.00	1025.00	1041.75	9.75
DABUR	431.85	437.25	428.50	433.00	3.05
MRF	6729.00	6745.00	6680.00	6715.00	463.65
HAVELLS	686.05	696.60	684.05	689.35	4.50
PGHH	9790.00	9960.00	9751.00	9850.00	56.85
ABB	1319.95	1323.35	1309.05	1316.50	7.50
BRITANNIA	3083.00	3114.35	3089.95	3089.10	13.70
CONCOR	670.00	674.20	666.60	669.00	2.55
HINDZINC	276.00	277.70	271.50	276.00	0.85
MOTHERSUMI	163.60	164.50	162.10	162.80	0.35
OFSS	3660.00	3695.50	3637.50	3670.00	6.45
L&TFH	154.25	155.95	153.30	154.50	-0.25
ASHOKLEY	103.05	104.40	102.50	102.95	-0.05
LUPIN	841.00	852.00	836.80	837.65	-1.05
MARICO	375.25	381.65	370.15	375.80	-1.05
SKRTRANSIN	1224.00	1231.90	1216.25	1222.75	-3.95
GODREJCP	818.00	824.00	805.15	808.55	-6.80
NHPC	26.10	26.20	25.85	25.95	-0.25
PIDILITIND	1123.20	1127.45	1098.00	1101.40	-12.30
HDFCLIFE	391.40	393.40	384.50	386.00	-4.60
BANDHANBANK	549.00	549.00	532.00	533.35	-7.25
GICRE	260.50	264.50	254.50	255.00	-5.10
ICICIGI	865.00	865.00	844.95	847.75	-27.60

BSE 500

Script	Open	High	Low	LTP
RCOM	14.39	15.03	14.36	14.69
SUZLON	5.49	5.50	5.41	5.42
PCJEWELLER	88.30	90.00	86.35	87.80
JPASSOCIAT	7.64	7.73	7.54	7.63
SUNPHARMA	415.10	428.05	413.95	424.60
YESBANK	180.05	180.20	181.05	181.55
RELCAPITAL	216.00	229.90	215.80	228.15
JETAIRWAYS	272.00	277.35	267.40	276.10
IBULHSGFIN	846.25	857.80	838.95	848.75
DHFL	240.95	243.40	237.75	240.20
RELIANCE	1123.30	1135.90	1122.00	1125.80
IOC	134.40	138.60	134.20	137.65
SBIN	294.70	297.05	293.60	294.45
TITAN	905.00	925.90	899.25	922.50
VEDL	198.40	200.50	197.20	199.40
FRETAIL	514.00	520.40	484.50	510.35
INFY	662.80	663.90	656.00	657.60
LT	1415.00	1446.85	1415.00	1439.05
HINDPETRO	252.10	257.50	251.10	256.50
NBCC	55.00	57.85	54.35	56.65
SAIL	51.85	55.00	51.85	54.85
DMART	1580.00	1667.80	1575.05	1656.35
TATAMOTORS	169.90	172.15	169.20	170.80
RELINFRA	306.40	316.20	304.05	311.90
SPICEJET	87.50	88.70	86.20	88.30
ZEE	469.00	477.95	461.10	473.20
BAJFINANCE	2590.15	2638.50	2587.00	2631.65
TATASTEEL	507.80	516.60	507.80	513.70
COALINDIA	242.80	243.30	239.90	242.35
ONGC	1909.45	1921.00	1893.75	1895.80
PC	101.95	106.15	100.90	105.05
RECLTD	117.90	123.00	116.85	121.45
BLISSGVS	140.80	159.60	140.00	156.25
MARUTI	7539.00	7575.75	7492.00	7510.70
BELM	907.00	916.40	899.35	907.75
UNIONBANK	84.05	87.20	84.05	86.00
JNBFOF	1230.05	1266.55	1230.05	1249.75
ASHOKLEY	103.40	104.40	102.40	102.80
BANKINDIA	103.00	103.55	102.20	102.95
ONGC	148.50	151.25	148.00	150.45
HINDUNILVR	1811.00	1834.00	1811.00	1820.10
AXISBANK	622.95	628.10	620.50	625.25
JINDALSTEL	161.00	163.20	159.25	161.00
LEMONTREE	77.15	77.15	73.50	74.65

US Govt shutdown set to drag on to 2019

TRUMP, DEMOCRATS STICK TO THEIR STANDS

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

The partial US Government shutdown is all set to drag on to the new year as Opposition Democrats and Republicans refused to show any sign of compromise Thursday to end the impasse over President Donald Trump's demand for border wall funding.

Trump has refused to sign any stopgap spending bill that does not have provisions to fund a wall along the US-Mexico border which he says is essential to stop the flow of illegal immigrants.

The Democrats, who will hold majority in the US House of Representatives in 2019 and carries the crucial numbers in the Senate despite being in minority, has argued that such a move is waste of taxpayers' money.

Statements issued by both the camps on Thursday indicated that the impasse is all set to continue in the new year. The partial Government shutdown that started last Saturday has affected 800,000 federal employees, who have either been furloughed or are working without pay.



The Capitol is seen on a rainy morning in Washington on Friday

President Trump continued to blame Democrats for the shutdown. In a tweet, Trump said the government shutdown is not about the wall.

"Everybody knows that a Wall will work perfectly (In Israel the Wall works 99.9%). This is only about the Dems not letting Donald Trump and the Republicans have a win. They may have the 10 Senate votes, but we have the issue, Border Security. 2020!" he said.

White House press secretary Sarah Sanders also criticised Democrats on Thursday, saying in a statement that they had "decided to go home" over the Christmas holiday rather than stay in Washington to negotiate.

"The President has made

clear that any bill to fund the Government must adequately fund border security to stop the flow of illegal drugs, criminals, MS-13 gang members, child smugglers and human traffickers into our communities - and protect the American people," the White House said.

"The administration understands this crisis and made a reasonable, common-sense solution to Democrats five days ago - we've not received a single response," it said in a statement.

The President and his team stayed in Washington over Christmas hoping to negotiate a deal that would stop the dangerous crisis on the border, protect American communities, and re-open the Government, it said.

Indonesia trims tsunami death toll, hikes injury tally

AFP ■ JAKARTA

The number of people evacuated after Indonesia's deadly tsunami has nearly doubled to some 40,000 while more than 7,000 were injured in the disaster, officials said Friday, as they trimmed the official death toll.

Authorities said 426 people had been killed — down from a previous tally of 430 — with double-counting by different districts blamed for the change. Two dozen people remain missing almost a week after the disaster.

The fresh figures come a day after Indonesia's disaster agency raised the danger alert level for an erupting volcano that sparked the killer tsunami at the weekend.

They have also warned that fresh activity at the crater threatened to trigger another deadly wave.

Previously, the number of displaced — including many left homeless — stood at 22,000 but that figure has now jumped to just over 40,000, according to the latest tally.

Some 7,202 people suffered injuries, jumping from 1,495, while nearly 1,300 homes were destroyed as the waves crashed into the coastlines of western Java island and south Sumatra, authorities said.

Trump has 'black and white' world view: UK Minister

AFP ■ LONDON

British Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt on Friday criticised Donald Trump's view of the world after the US President's announcement of a withdrawal of American troops from the fight against the Islamic State group in Syria.

"President Trump makes a speciality of talking in very black and white terms about what's happening in the world," Hunt told BBC Radio 4's Today programme.

"We have made massive progress in the war against Daesh (Arabic acronym for IS), but it's not over and, although they have lost nearly all the territory they held, they still hold some territory and there is still some real risk," he said.

"We have to continue to be vigilant," he added.

Trump announced the pull-out last week, stunning allies including Britain and France who warned that the fight against jihadists in Syria was not finished.

Some 2,000 US troops, joined by other foreign forces, have been assisting local fighters battling against IS.

Britain takes part in the coalition by carrying out air strikes in IS-held areas in Iraq and Syria.



'We don't want to be taken advantage of any more by countries that use us and use our incredible military to protect them'

week, Trump declared an end to the US role of being the world's "policeman".

"We don't want to be taken advantage of any more by countries that use us and use our incredible military to protect them," he said.

Asked what would happen if US troops also withdrew from Afghanistan, Hunt said: "We will continue to do everything we need to do to make sure the streets of Britain are safe."

"This is a security issue for the UK as well as for Afghanistan," he said.

GLOBE TROTTER

CHINA TEACHER JAILED OVER 'NEEDLE' SCANDAL

Beijing: A Chinese kindergarten teacher was on Friday jailed for 18 months for abusing children with needles, a Beijing court said, sparking criticism online that the sentence was too short. Liu Yanan, who was a teacher at the RYB Education New World kindergarten, pricked four children with needles in November 2017, the Beijing Chaoyang Court said.

EX-PREZ RAJOELINA WINS MADAGASCAR VOTE

Antananarivo: Former Madagascar president Andry Rajoelina has beaten his rival and predecessor Marc Ravalomanana in an election beset by allegations of fraud, the electoral commission said Thursday. Rajoelina has returned to power after he won 55.66 per cent against 44.34 per cent for Ravalomanana in the run-off vote held last week, it said.

19 KILLED, 219 HURT IN SUDAN PROTESTS: GOVT

Khartoum: Clashes between Sudanese anti-rival police and protesters in demonstrations against a rise in bread prices have killed 19 people, including two security force personnel, the Government said on Thursday. "Nineteen people lost their lives in the incidents including two from security forces," Government spokesman Boshara Juma said on state television, adding that 219 people were wounded.

LOSS OF PASSPORT

We, KADHIM JAWAD HUSSEIN S/O JAWAD HUSSEIN AND IMAN ABDULJALEEL IBRAHIM R/O DIALI, IRAQ. Original Passports No. A1797747, KADHIM JAWAD HUSSEIN (2) Passport No. A1797787, IMAN ABDULJALEEL IBRAHIM have been lost. FIR has been lodged in Police Station, Shushant Lok, District Gurugram, Haryana India vide NCR No. dated 26.12.2018.

GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI, IRRIGATION AND FLOOD CONTROL DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE ENGINEER C-III, L.M BUND OFFICE COMPLEX, SHASTRI NAGAR, DELHI - 110031

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

The Executive Engineer, Civil Division No. III, &FC, Delhi invites on behalf of the President of India, online tender for the following works.

- 1. NIT No: EE/CD-II/UNIT/44/2018-19 HOA: 2711 MAINTENANCE OF DRAINAGE**
Name of work:- Maintenance of Trunk Drain No. 1 from RD 0m to RD 5260m by uprooting grass, vegetation and cleaning the bank and slope and by collecting all kind of floating material, grass, clearing of hyacinth, removal of obstructions etc. from water surface of the drain to maintain free flow and clearing of all vegetation along the bank & slope including supply & installation of floating trash barrier at RD 2870m for collection or any other location of drain. Estimated Cost: Rs. 34,93,632/-. Earnest Money: Rs. 69,873/- Period of completion : 365 Days; Last date & time of submission of tender: upto 3:00 p.m on 04.01.2019. (Tender LD 2018. IFC. 164294. 1)
- 2. NIT No: EE/CD-II/UNIT/45/2018-19 HOA: 2711 MAINTENANCE OF DRAINAGE**
Name of work:- Maintenance of Shahdara Outfall Drain from RD 0m to RD 5900m by uprooting grass, vegetation and cleaning the bank and slope and by collecting all kind of rubbish, garbage from drain water surface including clearing /removal of obstructions to maintain free flow for one year including Supply & installation of floating trash barrier at RD 1000m & RD 5600m or any other location of drain. Estimated Cost: Rs. 75,49,454/-. Earnest Money: Rs. 1,50,989/- Period of completion : 365 Days; Last date & time of submission of tender: upto 3:00 p.m on 04.01.2019. (Tender LD 2018. IFC. 164295. 1)
- 3. NIT No: EE/CD-II/UNIT/46/2018-19 HOA: 2711 MAINTENANCE OF DRAINAGE**
Name of work:- Maintenance of Trunk Drain No. 11 from RD 0M to RD 4550 M by uprooting grass, vegetation and cleaning the bank and slope and by collecting all kind of rubbish, garbage from drain water surface including clearing /removal of obstructions to maintain free flow for one year including Supply & installation of floating trash barrier at RD 400 M & RD 3900m or any other location of drain. Estimated Cost: Rs. 46,67,172/-. Earnest Money: Rs. 93,343/- Period of completion : 365 Days; Last date & time of submission of tender: upto 3:00 p.m on 04.01.2019. (Tender LD 2018. IFC. 164296. 1)
- 4. NIT No: EE/CD-II/UNIT/47/2018-19 HOA: 2711 MAINTENANCE OF DRAINAGE**
Name of work:- Maintenance of Ghazipur Drain from RD 0 M (Chilla Regulator) to RD 6150 M by uprooting grass, vegetation and cleaning the bank and slope and by collecting all kind of rubbish, garbage from drain water surface including clearing /removal of obstructions to maintain free flow for one year including Supply & installation of floating trash barrier at RD 400 M or any other location of drain. Estimated Cost: Rs. 94,23,471/-. Earnest Money: Rs. 18,84,682/- Period of completion : 365 Days; Last date & time of submission of tender: upto 3:00 p.m on 04.01.2019. (Tender LD 2018. IFC. 164297. 1)
- 5. NIT No: EE/CD-II/UNIT/48/2018-19 HOA: 2711 MAINTENANCE OF DRAINAGE**
Name of work:- Repair and Renovation of Petrol Pump at Mughal Bund. Estimated Cost: Rs. 21,38,179/-. Earnest Money: Rs. 42,764/- Period of completion : 120 Days; Last date & time of submission of tender: upto 3:00 p.m on 04.01.2019. (Tender LD 2018. IFC. 164298. 1).

Other details can be seen at website <http://delhigovt.nic.in/tender>

Executive Engineer, C-III
DIP/Shabdarth/2590/18-19

MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one male **Namely: Ramniwas, S/o: Sh. Ramnarayan, R/o: Gali No. 13/1230A, Govindpuri, New Delhi,** has been missing since 03.11.2018 from the Sehgal Market-1, E Block, GK-II, New Delhi. In this regard, a **Case Vide DD No. 06-A, Dated 24.11.2018, has been lodged at P.S. C.R. Park, New Delhi.** Investigations has been carried out but despite best efforts, the person could not be traced. The description of the missing person is as under:

Namely: Ramniwas, S/o: Sh. Ramnarayan, R/o: Gali No. 13/1230A, Govindpuri, New Delhi, Age: 42 years, Height: 5'6" Feet, Face: Round, Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: Black Pant, White Colour Shirt and Black Shoes in Feet. If anyone has any information about the missing/kidnapped male, then please inform P.S. C.R. Park, New Delhi.

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Fax: No. 011-24368639
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
P.S. Chittaranjan Park, New Delhi
DP/15173/SD/18.



Ramniwas

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL

General Public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo) namely **Chandra @ Deepa D/o Nandan Singh R/o F IInd 268, Madangir New Delhi Aged - 17 Years** has been reported missing since 27.11.2018 vide **FIR No. 594/2 Dated 06.12.2018** registered at Police Station Ambedkar Nagar, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

Complexion: Fair, Height: 160 cm, Face: Oval, Hair: Normal Black Long, Eyes: Black, Clothing: Black coloured kurta and light yellow coloured salwar.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing girl, may inform SHO, Ambedkar Nagar, Delhi at E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in or website : <http://cbi.nic.in> Sd/-
Tele No. : 11-24368638 or 24368641 SHO, Ambedkar Nagar, Delhi.
FAX No. : 11-24368639 Tel. : 011-29052304-1917
DP/5160/SD/18 Mob. : 8750870934



Chandra @ Deepa

Pompeo to meet Netanyahu in Brazil after Syria decision

Washington: US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo will meet next week in Brazil with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as Washington prepares to withdraw troops from Syria, the State Department said on Thursday.

Pompeo and Netanyahu will meet in Brasilia where both will be attending the New Year's Day inauguration of president-elect Jair Bolsonaro, a right-wing firebrand who has vowed to move Brazil closer to Israel and US President Donald Trump.

Netanyahu has met frequently with Pompeo and enjoys a warm relationship with Trump, happy about his withdrawal from a denuclearization deal with Iran and his landmark shift of the US embassy to Jerusalem. But Netanyahu has for the first time found himself at odds with Trump after the US leader's sudden announcement last week that he will bring home all 2,000 American troops from war-ravaged Syria, where Israel saw Washington's presence as a bulwark against Iran and counterweight to the influence of Russia.

AFP

Cohen dismisses report of Prague meeting with Russians

AFP ■ WASHINGTON

Michael Cohen, Donald Trump's former attorney, denied Thursday that he had ever visited Prague, shooting down a report that he had a meeting with Russian officials there during the 2016 presidential election campaign.

"I hear #Prague #CzechRepublic is beautiful in the summertime," Cohen tweeted. "I wouldn't know as I have never been."

"#Mueller knows everything!" he added in a reference to Special Counsel Robert Mueller, the former FBI director who is investigating whether Trump's campaign colluded with Russia to get him elected to the White House.

Cohen's tweet came several hours after the McClatchy news service reported that cell phone records showed that Cohen was near Prague in the summer of 2016, support-

Pak army chief confirms death penalty for 22 'hardcore terrorists'

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan Army Chief Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa has confirmed death sentences handed down to 22 "hardcore terrorists" by military courts, a report said on Friday.

The terrorists were convicted by military courts which were set up after the 2014 Peshawar school attack that killed 150 people, mostly schoolchildren, Radio Pakistan reported.

Their terrorist acts resulted in the deaths of 176 people, including 19 armed forces personnel, 41 police and levies officials and 116 civilians and injured 217 others, it said.

Besides those given death sentences, 15 convicts were acquitted.

British Indian family in freak Iceland crash, 3 dead

PTI ■ LONDON

Seven members of a UK-based Indian-origin family were involved in a freak accident in Iceland when their SUV crashed off a bridge on Thursday, killing two women and a child.

Four others, including two British Indian brothers and two young children, remain in critical condition after being airlifted to a hospital in Iceland's capital Reykjavik.

The family was reportedly on holiday in the Nordic island country when their hired Toyota Land Cruiser slammed through a railing while crossing a high single-lane bridge at Skeidararsundur, a vast sand plain in the southern part of the country.

Icelandic Police have only identified the victims as British, with their names to be released on formal identification.

Local media reports have named the deceased women as sisters-in-law Rajshree and Khushboo Laturia and an infant girl.

Rajshree's husband, Shreeraj, and his brother Suprem remain in hospital with two young children.

The Indian Ambassador to Iceland, T Armstrong Changsan, visited the injured at Landspítali hospital, where he spoke to hospital staff and the chaplain before contacting family members in India.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

It is publically informed that, one male namely Unknown, S/o Unknown, R/o Unknown, Age 55 years, Height 5'6", Complexion Wheatish, Wearing blue colour Check Shirt, black colour Pajama and black colour Shoes in feet, he was found dead at Gate No. 1, Roshanara Club, Roop Nagar, Delhi. In this regard a D.D. No. 07-A, Dated 20.12.2018 has been lodged at P.S. Roop Nagar, Delhi.

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

SHO
P.S. Roop Nagar, Delhi
Ph.: 011-23844632, 23849120
DP/9498/N/18

Appeal For Identification

General public is hereby informed that this lady **Namely: Unknown, D/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: 65 Years, Sex: Female, Height: 5 Ft. 2 Inch, Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: Cream Colour Saree,** has been found dead on 25.12.2018 at 03:15 pm Dr. BSA Hospital, Rohini, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 66-A Date 25.12.2018 has been lodged at PS. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this female but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this female may kindly inform to the following.

SHO
P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27821047, 8750870322
DP/2389/RD/18

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL

General public is hereby informed that one girl namely Khushi, S/o Shri Satrughan Singh, R/o H.No. C-64, Veena Enclave, Nangloi, Delhi, Age 13 years, Height 5'1", Complexion Wheatish, Round Face, Identification Mark A old mark on right elbow, Wearing Black colour suit & salwar and fancy brown sandal in feet has been missing/kidnapped from the area of PS Nangloi, Delhi since 19.05.18. In this regard a case FIR No. 172/18 dated 20.05.18 U/S 363 IPC has been registered at PS Nangloi, Delhi.

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

E-mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in SHO
Tele: 011-24368638, 24368641 PS: Nangloi, Delhi
Fax: 011-24368639 Ph.: 25947225, 25949470
DP/1736/OD/18

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a female **Age: 25-35 years, Height: 5'2", Complexion: Fair, ID Mark: Decomposed body,** was found dead on 15.12.2018 at Munak Nahar harewali Jhall, Bawana. In this regard a **FIR/DD No. 25-A** dated **15.12.2018** has been lodged at P.S. Bawana, Delhi.

If any one having any clue about deceased female may kindly inform the undersigned and contact on following numbers.

SHO
P.S. Bawana, Delhi
Ph.No.: 011-27752534
Mob.: 8750870321
DP/2385/RD/18

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person about 70 years of age whose name, residence and family is unknown, was admitted in Sanjay Gandhi Hospital on 17/12/2018 during treatment he was declared dead on 18.12.2018 at 10:00 a.m. In this regard a vide has been registered with **DD No: 18-B, dated 18.12.2018 at P.S. Mangolpuri, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to identify the deceased person but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the UIDB is as under:

Sex: Male, Age: About 70 years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: Unknown. If anyone has any information about his relatives, kindly inform the SHO/ Mangolpuri, Delhi.

SHO
P.S. Mangolpuri, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27921168, 27922186
DP/1756/OD/18

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given on behalf of Mr. Amar Singh who is the owner of the plot of land area measuring 1000sq. Yes, out of Khassa No. 321, situated in Village Nawada Mazra, Hastai, Delhi vide Relinquishment Deed dated 24.10.2016 and will be mortgaging against the Financial assistance from Auxilio Finserve Pvt. Ltd. The Surviving Member Certificate of Legal Heirs of Late Mrs. Angoon Devi is not available so to comply the requirements of bank/NBFC, we give this public notice that if any person(s) having any objection regarding ownership and / or creating mortgage of the said property please hereby requested to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 7 days from the date of this notice at below address:

Lucan Legal LLP
269, Rama House, Ground Floor, Masjid Moth, Opp. Uday Park, South Extn.II, New Delhi-49 Contact #011-4004316

NEWSPAPER NOTICE

BEFORE THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR NORTHERN REGION, NEW DELHI
In the matter of the Companies Act, 2013,
Section 13
Pursuant to the Companies (Central Government's) General Rules and Forms (Amendment) Rules, 2012 AND

In the matter of AL SHRIN TOURS AND TRAVELS PRIVATE LIMITED, having

Registered Office: A-18, First Floor, LIP, Okhla Vihar, Okhla, New Delhi, South Delhi - 110025, India.
..... Petitioner
Notice is hereby given that the above named petitioner company propose to file a petition under Section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 before the Regional Director, Northern Region, Noida seeking confirmation to the proposed alteration to Clause II (Situation Clause) of its Memorandum of Association so as to change its Registered Office from the 'NCT of Delhi' to the State of 'Maharashtra' in the terms of Special Resolution passed at the Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on Monday 24 st December, 2018 at its Registered Office.

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company may deliver or cause to be delivered or send by registered post his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of objection to the Regional Director, Northern Region, PDI, Bhawan, Ground Floor, A-14, Sector-15, Noida, Uttar Pradesh-201301 within 21 days from the date of publication of this notice and also to the petitioner Company at its Registered Office at the address mentioned above.

For AL Shrin Tours and Travels Private Limited (Director)
Date: 24-12-2018 Place: New Delhi

SHORT CIRCUITS



JASSIE GILL

India is a country that comprises a vast population of youngsters and it's crucial for them to realise the power they hold in their hands. To bring about a positive change in the country and with the forthcoming general elections, I urge the youth of India to vote and express themselves with #PowerOf18.



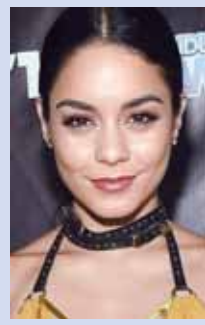
ABHIJIT PANSE

Every year, more than 52 films are made. So, every Friday, either one or two or three films release. The public knows everything and will see *Manikarnika*, *Cheat India* and as well as my film *Thackeray*. If the film is good, it will work. But yes, as a director, I want all the films to work.



VIVEK SHARMA

My forthcoming film, *Ram Singh Phillip* will be a cinematic milestone. It is an international subject dealing with innocence and dilemma of tribals; beautifully depicted with various emotions. While auditioning, actress Jinal Joshi portrayed both the vulnerable and the sensuous parts of the character.



VANESSA HUDGENS

Paparazzi were everywhere. I remember filming a scene under a bridge. I was having a really beautiful moment with Jennifer Lopez, until I looked away and was staring down the barrel of a paparazzi's lens. It threw me, but it also made the whole experience much more exciting.

EMMA STONE

I got gloomy for about a week after turning 30. But I realised the interesting part about becoming an adult is most things become bittersweet. I'm still finding my voice. And it's okay if not everybody likes you, that doesn't make it more appealing to convince them of why you are likeable.



WOMEN IN ART 30 MINUTES

THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

Actress LUSHIN DUBEY believes that theatre has become more fearless over the years when it comes to breaking norms

Actress and theatre veteran Lushin Dubey feels that theatre has become more fearless over the years in terms of breaking the norms. She also calls the medium the father of films and stresses that it's best to participate in both and not treat either like a poor cousin of the other.

"I think theatre has become more fearless over the years in terms of scripts, direction, music, costumes, breaking of norms and ideas. I do believe that having conviction in a project is more than 50 per cent success," Lushin said.

"Theatre is the father of films. For those who believe that success in the arts field is not measured by just monies and it's makings, they will attest that theatre is a towering medium of expression, more powerful than most other mediums because it demands so much from an individual like expression, voice, physique and so many other skills," Lushin said when asked about the changes that she has seen in the people's mindset towards theatre over the years.

The Indian stage actor and director has directed, acted in and scripted many drama productions over 20 years. She is known for her solo plays *Untitled* and *Pinkie Virani's Bitter Chocolate* with theatre director Arvind Gaur.

She acted in films *Partition* and *Perfect Husband* in 2007 and *Murder Unveiled* in 2005 — for which she won the 2006 Gemini Award for Best Performance by an Actress in a Featured Supporting Role in a Dramatic Program or Mini-Series.

Now she is back with yet another theatre production reinventing the popular story of *The Sleeping Beauty* along with Bubbles Sabharwal.



"Kids World (her production company) has written and directed innumerable productions over the years and this one is a classic re-written. Importance is linked not just to the classic replaying (albeit an improvised version) but to all

these factors that interplay in the kids presentation of their acting prowess on stage. Each environment offers a podium for fearlessness to grow and confidence to grow," she said. However when asked if theatre is facing challenges

when it comes to attracting youth, she said that most youth are there in it.

"Some are immersed and some are impatient, wanting to make it quickly in the big world of films. It's not that simple. Filmline and a successful

entry into it may or may not happen. So it's best to participate in both and not treat either like a poor cousin of the other. I strongly believe that working in both the mediums is important," she said.

Lushin calls theatre her baby as is Kids World. "It belongs to us I am not dependent on anyone for its operation or its movement forward. It belongs to us and our children. Not to be dependent on anyone gives us a liberated feeling. Besides, a film is a director's medium and theatre is an actor's medium. Even in my adult acting and solo performances, I am dependent on no one but myself," she said.

Does she feel that senior actors are not getting enough roles in Bollywood films now? "In India, age defines a lot on screen. There are a huge number of films being made. Mumbai is congested with actors wanting to make it — young, middle aged and older ones. There is no dearth of actors. Whatever has come my way has come through with no pushing from my side," she said.

"I don't even live in Mumbai. Also, I live partly in the US, so I do films because films have sought me, not the other way round," she added.

Asked about her plans, Lushin said that her next piece is for adults.

"I plan to direct (the piece), but cannot disclose much about it right now. I like to soak off life. To never stop. To keep going with new thoughts, new ideas and beginnings. I like the fact that I am restless and live in a world of imagination and dreams. Though I dream and plan I always surprise myself too. According to me that is the essence of joy, to not have everything predicted for you," she said.

—IANS



It's just the beginning

Kathak exponent SHOVARA NARAYAN says that the year welcomed a range of national as well as international performances

This year, on a professional note, has been a very satisfying one. It began with performances at international festivals in Hungary and Germany and went on to several other workshops during the summer, encompassing various countries of Europe and Turkey. It was a series of whirlwind performing tours at several national festivals in various cities and towns.

However, one thing that remained common in all the international and national workshops was that the participants showed a tremendous interest in the Indian classical dance form, Kathak. It dates back to over two and half thousand years, pre-dating the Natyashastra. I was simply bowled over by the questions asked by the students and members of such meets and workshops, be it abroad or in Indian cities.

This drove some innovation in performances. Two of the most challenging acts that the year welcomed were the ballet productions based on Ramdhari Singh Dinkar's *Rashmirathi* and on the select verses of the Bhagwad Gita, with lesser-known episodes of the Mahabharata titled *The Bhagwad: Ma Ganga Dhyayati*.

Dinkar's celebrated work *Rashmirathi*, centering around the sorrowful life of Karna, Kunti's first-born child whom she had abandoned as he was born before her marriage, presented the poignancy of Karna

and Kunti with all hues of human emotions trapped in moral dilemmas. On the other hand, *The Bhagwad's* theme centred around the pessimistic thoughts of mind that pollute the environment through our actions as human weaknesses have constantly been exhibited ages after ages, be it in the period of Mahabharata as well. Set in five acts, it explores the practice of virtues of abstention from greed, non-egoism, of eschewing pride, anger and desire for revenge, for they spell disaster in the long run as has been exhorted in the Holy

the Austrian Chamber Orchestra and sung by the members of Shillong Choir.

Another challenging assignment that I was involved with was acting in a feature film that is scheduled for release some time in 2019. I am looking forward to it as it's an eternal story of dilemmas and uncertainties that each individual in all professions go through and is an attempt at diversifying my artistic expression. As a guru, it was most heartening to see my disciples Shivani Varma, Mrinalini, Ragini Madan and Kristina Dolinina (Lithuanian) winning great accolades from artistes and connoisseurs alike.

On the academic front, my new book *Illuminating Classical Dance through Yoga* was launched at the International Festival on Health and Yoga under the aegis of Ministry of AYUSH at Goa. The ongoing research on Kathaks of *kathak* villages (villages named after the community of story-tellers), sprung several surprises that led to awareness of a living tradition of the *kathaks* in the temples of Ayodhya and such other holy places.

On the artistic scene, the year has seen creativity at various levels from artistes of several genres bursting forth non-stop despite challenging circumstances, especially in the field of Kathak. It was heartening to see such dedication to a classical dance form in the pop culture environment of today.

'IT WAS HEARTENING TO SEE SUCH DEDICATION TO A CLASSICAL DANCE FORM IN THE POP CULTURE ENVIRONMENT OF TODAY'

Bhagwad Gita.

There were more wonderful performances, in which I was involved as well — Kalidasa's poetic work *Shakuntala*. The performance saw music composed by the early 19th century famous Austrian composer Franz Schubert. The performance, staged at packed houses in three cities, Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai, was played live by

Lookback 2018

The year bore witness to a plethora of new material from various metal artistes. As they — old and new, the famous and the underground — decided on innovations and new ideas, it energised a whole genre.

At the same time, rock charts showed little or no creativity by most of the alternative and indie bands that dominate, rehashing the sound of their past. That, however, does not mean that rock is dead. There were still bands putting out some really cool stuff.

Here's a look at the top metal and rock offerings which made a difference during the year.

10. Metal: *Pal* by Kalmah. The Finnish melodic death metal legends returned with yet another brilliant album after five years. While no means groundbreaking, *Pal* features amazing arrangements, melodies and death metal aggression and technical dexterity precision.

Rock: *Eat The Elephant* by A Perfect Circle. American rock band's fourth studio album was worth its 14-year wait. This record is more of an atmospheric art rock record and lacks the band's previous heavier alternative metal sound. But nonetheless, it's a great piece.

9. Metal: *Cobra Speed Venom* by The Crown. The Swedish melodic death and thrash metallers have come back with added energy. There is a lot of violent fervour, growls, heavy thrash riffs, melodic leads and powerful drumming. It is a combination of thrash or death metal LP.

Rock: *Prequelle* by Ghost. While definitely not a straight-up pop rock album as it does contain plenty of heavy elements, this is far removed from metal, though it does have a lot going on: Hard rock, pop rock, and for the first time arena rock. Most songs have the element of catchiness due to the openly pop influences here such as ABBA.

8. Metal: *The Wake* by Voivod. One of the most underrated and creative bands,

Punk's not dead

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the Canadian progressive thrash metal veterans have released one of the greatest albums of their career. It manages to rival their original classics like *Killing Technology* and *Dimension Hatross* while combining modern production.

Rock: *Stone Temple Pilots* by Stone Temple Pilots. The self-titled album of the San Diego legends brings their trademark sound of distortion-filled heavy hard rock

riffs, marked by a psychedelic but also grooving melodic atmosphere. New lead singer Jeff Gutt does a splendid job.

7. Metal: *Electric Messiah* by High on Fire. You can always count on Matt Pike if you want something barbaric. This is definitely one of High On Fire's best. This album descends upon you with a plethora of monstrously heavy riffs and is just straightforward metal.

Rock: *Still Cyco Punk After All These Years* by Suicidal Tendencies. While essentially a near complete re-recording of frontman Mike Muir's 96 solo album *Lost My Brain*, it is still fully energetic, raw, fast, hard and fun.

6. Metal: *Rainier Fog* by Alice in Chains. The band is renowned for their dark and heavy sound and bleak subject matter. *Rainier* sounds a bit closer to their

older stuff while nonetheless having the sensibilities of their newer sound. Another truly brilliant record by AIC.

Rock: *Living the Dream* by Slash Ft. Myles Kennedy and Conspirators. When making a rock'n roll record with heaviness and attitude one can never truly go wrong with the guitar legend Slash and vocalist Myles Kennedy. Bluesy hard rock riffs and passionate soaring vocals, grooving drums and strong bass make this record yet another strong hard rock piece.

5. Metal: *Devouring Radiant Light* by Skeletonwitch. Rather underrated, Skeletonwitch is an American band which plays blackened melodic thrash metal. In *Devouring*, there is a change in vocalists and the style is different. The black metal tendencies are less and the music packs progressive tendencies and a powerful atmospheric element.

Rock: *Time and Space* by Turnstile. American punk band's second album is an instant classic for the hardcore scene. It has pretty much everything you want — raw, loud, aggressive, heavy, short and does not mess around with any experimental tendencies.

4. Metal: *Automata Part I and II* by Between the Buried and Me. A double-part concept album, about a man whose dreams are broadcasted worldwide as a form of entertainment. While the second part of this record is superior, the first is no slouch either. The band beautifully balances their progressive elements with a refined melodic technical death metal sound.

Rock: *Ember* by Breaking Benjamin. Rarely has a band sounded so consistent and yet not managed to grow dull. It has hard heavy metallic riffs, melodic choruses with clean singing and raw screams packed with a dark emotional atmosphere. Nothing different and yet everything sounds fresh and original.

3. Metal: *Thunderbolt* by Saxon. One of the most legendary bands in heavy metal

history, Saxon were part of the New Wave of British Heavy Metal. Anyone who thought that Saxon's quality may have dropped as a result of their age is in for a severe shock. This album has everything. Just listen and be transported to Valhalla.

Rock: *Book of Bad Decisions* by Clutch. Full of hard, raw gritty engaging songs, with southern rock and blues influences. And it packs a punch.

2. Metal: *Firepower* by Judas Priest. One of the first metal bands in history. It is just full-on energy packed, no messing around, straight-up melodic metal. Another masterpiece by *The Metal God*.

Rock: *Vaxis Act 1: The Unheavenly Creatures* by Coheed And Cambria. Having influences in hard rock, alternative rock, progressive rock, metal and punk, it is a continuation of the concept based on frontman Claudio Sanchez's comic book series *The Armory Wars*. Engaging to say the least.

1. Metal: *Queen of Time* by Amorphis. It is one of the greatest Finnish metal bands. While their style has changed, Amorphis have come out as an evolved animal, their sound being a unique mix of melodic death metal, heavy metal, folk metal and progressive metal. Everything about it speaks perfection.

Rock: *Lost on the Road to Eternity* by Magnum. What is astounding about the British progressive rock veterans is how inspired Bob Catlin and Tom Clarkin, the creative core of Magnum, manage to sound in their 70s. It is all you can want — melodic, catchy, progressive and full of pomp.

Honourable mention: Metal: *Love In Shadow* by Sumac; *A New Kind Of Horror* by Anaal Nathrakh; *The Science* by Sleep; *Our Raw Heart* by YOB; *Diluvium* by Obscura; and *Sunshine Dust* by Skyharbor.

Rock: *Vicious* by Halestorm; *Resistance Is Futile* by Manic Street Preachers and *Joy As An Act Of Resistance* by Idles. —IANS

IMMERSIVE 60 MINUTES

CONVERSATION 25 MINUTES

And the hard work pays off...

Indian Idol winner SALMAN ALI talks about how social media is becoming an easier platform for budding artists to showcase their talent. By CHAHAK MITTAL



When Salman Ali sang *Karu Main Tera Sajda* for the first time on the stage of *Indian Idol* season 10 as he auditioned for the talent hunt show, there were three speechless judges and applause all around to commend his voice that had limitless capacities. Who knew he would survive a fierce 25-week competition emerging as the winner?

Well, it hasn't been easy even for someone who began singing at the age of seven, or so he believes. Salman, who hails from a family of professional singers, said that struggle is a part of everyone's life and the only way out is to put your heart and soul into whatever one's passion is.

The singer believed that everyone's aim while entering such a show is to win. "So was mine. To win. Even though I never expected that it might come true for me, but I did all my efforts into it to make it happen. I also thank all the viewers and audience who voted for me," he said.

When asked what has been one of the most memorable experiences while being a contestant on the reality TV show? He revealed that it was meeting the two Khans — Shah Rukh and Salman — and singing with the veteran singer Kumar Sanu that he "will cherish all his life. They joined me in my performance, liked it and wished me luck. What better a thing than that?"

While there have been numerous debates on how reality TV shows work in the real scenario and that do they even help the young aspiring artists battling to win?

Salman, who has also been a part of the reality TV show, *Sa Re Ga Ma Pa Li'l Champs* during his childhood, said, "It does mount to a tough competition where you feel that you might lose or someone else is better than what you have

to offer. But the biggest thing is your resistance and determination throughout the period of struggle."

However, reality TV talent hunt shows do help the budding artists to a bit come closer to their dreams, he felt. "It is not just about appearing on national TV and that so many people are able to watch you. It is also about how you as a person evolve. Honestly, Neha Kakkar (mam) and all the mentors have been really helpful to make me grow as a person as well as a singer."

He talked about the rehearsals and the rigorous routine that they have to follow. "We have to rehearse over and over for one song. It's a tough schedule but important to follow," said he.

As more and more people are engaging themselves on social media and targeting it as a platform to showcase their talents, which medium is the easier one? Salman answered, "Definitely, it's social media. People today have online channels to showcase their dancing, singing, and even magic talents. They don't have to wait for a particular show on TV to showcase what they have. Though, yes it takes time to get noticed there. The competition has risen."

The 20-year-old singer, who has been awarded with ₹25 lakh cash prize, and a Datsun car, said that he will use the amount particularly to boost his singing career. "I am looking forward to collaborate with Vishal Dadlani (sir) as he promised one to me on the show. I want to try out my luck in singing for Bollywood films as a playback singer," he said.

However, he will also try out "acting" in Bollywood now that he is "done with his singing," he laughed.



MAN BEHIND THE MAGICIAN

GEORGE HARDEEN, the great-nephew of magician HARRY HOUDINI, delves into the history of his uncle in a new series

Growing up, George Hardeen never thought too much about being related to arguably the most famous magician of all time, whose name is synonymous with great escape.

But at 66, the Arizona man is delving into the history of his great-uncle Harry Houdini in a journey at the heart of a new series on the Science Channel.

"We spoke to many collectors and historians. These guys live Houdini all the time," Hardeen said. "They know more about Houdini than I will ever be able to."

Houdini's Last Secrets, which begins airing on January 6, follows Hardeen as he and escape artist Lee Terbosic explore the engineering behind some of Houdini's most legendary feats.

The Hungarian-born illusionist, who came to the U.S. as a child, generated headlines in the early 1900s for escaping from handcuffs, straitjackets and even a milk can.

Each of the four episodes focuses on a different stunt, including being buried alive and the water torture cell, in which Houdini was lowered upside down into a water tank with his feet locked in stocks. A stunt builder constructs the props, and Terbosic re-enacts the stunts.

"No one knows how Houdini did the tricks. So, we pondered it and came up with our own methodology so that Lee could perform the trick," Hardeen said.

Wyatt Channell, a Science Channel executive producer, said Houdini knew how to create a persona and hold people's interest but the programme tries to look at him from a different perspective.

"Everybody thinks of him as an escape artist, illusionist and magician. But there was a ton of engineering behind what he was doing," Channell said.

The production company approached Hardeen about a year ago. "I think, in many ways, the show is George's journey," Channell said. "George is really the one, as the everyman, asking the questions we all are wondering — How Houdini did these things."

It also touches on other questions, such as whether Houdini could have been recruited to be a spy. For that, Hardeen interviewed John McLaughlin, former acting director of the CIA and a lifelong magician and Houdini fan.

Hardeen's grandfather Theo Hardeen was Houdini's younger brother and an illusionist in his own right. George Hardeen's father didn't tell his son about his magical lineage

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until he was about 10. "My sister found a piece of mail that came addressed to my dad, Harry Houdini Hardeen. He always went by Harry H. Hardeen," Hardeen said. "That's when he basically told us."

The show has helped Hardeen learn more about the man behind the magician.

Houdini, who died on Halloween 1926 at 52, and other family members had an incredible work ethic and aimed to be the best, Hardeen said. Houdini ran 10 miles (16 kilometers) a day to keep his body in peak shape but also was a hoarder with a compulsive side, he said.

"It jibes with stuff my dad told me," said Hardeen, a communication consultant for an Arizona utility.

The show brought him to the House of Houdini, a museum in his ancestral home of Budapest, Hungary, where he hopes to take his three children.

His youngest daughter, Shonie Hardeen, said she would love that opportunity. The 24-year-old from the Arizona mountain town of Flagstaff said the show has increased her interest in her dad's family and Houdini.

"Some people are from Europe, and they can't pinpoint it. I guess it's easier for my family to figure out stuff because he's been written about for so long," Shonie Hardeen said. —AP

DIALOGUE 30 MINUTES

'Hear me roar'

Actor JARED PADALECKI aka Sam says that he feels weird to talk about the end of the show, *Supernatural*

The exhilarating and terrifying journey of the Winchester brothers continues as *Supernatural* enters its 14th thrilling season. Jared Padalecki as Sam and Jensen Ackles as Dean have spent their lives on the road, battling every kind of supernatural threat. Over the years, after countless adventures, they have faced vampires, ghosts, demons, shapeshifters, angels and fallen gods — but what will the brothers encounter next? Lets catch up with Jared Padalecki to find out...

After 13 seasons of Supernatural, how much do you enjoy playing the role of Sam Winchester?

I enjoy Sam Winchester, no doubt in that. Selfishly, I learn a lot about Jared by playing Sam. Plus, I enjoy the hell out of the people I work with. It's no secret that me and Ackles are dear friends. I met the mother of my kids on the show, and I enjoy Misha [Collins, who plays Castiel]. I think people sense the fact that we all legitimately enjoy each other. There's no bad apple here. I enjoy telling the journey. I love being a storyteller, and I can't think of another TV show or movie that I'd rather be on as an actor. I get to do everything in this show. I get to do comedy, play different characters. I

get to die and then come back. I even get to be in Scooby-Doo. I'm really happy to do it.

How would you describe Sam's role at the start of season 14? Does he have more leadership responsibilities than before?

It's different to when he led hunters against the British Men of Letters. There he was like, "Okay, we can do this. I need to lead this faction." Now he's the de facto leader. It's like, "Oh God... I guess it's all on me now. Okay, what do I do? But I'm worried about my brother, and this and that." He has people from a different universe living in the Men of Letters bunker. These people want to kill Michael. It's a tricky situation. Sam's goal is to save Dean and kill Michael. Michael destroyed their planet. They don't care about Dean, but they obviously want to exact vengeance on this archangel who destroyed everybody they knew, so Sam has to calm the waters. It's something I think that Sam is good at.

How much do you enjoy exploring the new side to the character of Sam?

I enjoy the parts of Sam where he goes, "I am lion. Hear me roar!" But I also enjoy the almost commanding general part of Sam bet-



ter; the behind-the-scenes thing. Sam knows he's got brawn, but I think he also knows that his power lies in his brain. The powerful Sam is cool and fun, but I prefer the more measured approach from him. I enjoy the thoughtful, pensive, academic, and research-driven Sam.

How does it feel to have Jensen Ackles play the big bad in?

It's fun. We approached it a little bit before when he was demon — but this is different. There have been times where Dean and Sam have been at odds; where Dean's been in the wrong or Sam's been in the wrong, but that's always fun to

'I learn a lot about myself by playing Sam. Plus, it's no secret that me and Ackles are dear friends. I even met the mother of my kids on this show. I can't think of any other TV series or movie that I'd rather be on as an actor'

explore. This is a totally new dynamic, but it's going to be interesting to see how it all pans out.

At Comic-Con in San Diego, you made a joke about the discussions on whether or not you could have facial hair in Supernatural. Was there really a big debate?

For me, it wasn't as much of an issue. I think Jensen wanted facial hair, but they were like, "No." I was allowed facial hair, but there's some reasoning behind it. When the new season starts, it's a couple months after the finale. I enjoy the fact that there was a passage of time. At that point in time, I figured there's a lot

going on with Sam. There are the hunters in the Men of Letters bunker. Sam is trying to find Michael and Dean. He's also trying to help Jack [played by Alexander Calvert] who's now human. At the start of the season, I feel like Sam is at the point where he's a little too distracted to eat. Everything's on the go. He's aware of the ticking clock. He has more important things to think about than tweezing his eyebrows and lathering up his face to take care of some facial hair.

Did you have to ask permission to have facial hair?

Yes, but it wasn't too much a

debate. When we started shooting, I had a beard. I was very proud of my beard, but it was too much. I reached out [to the show's executive producers] to find out their thoughts on the matter. I was like, "Hey Bob. Hey Andrew. I read the first few episodes. What do you think about a little bit of facial hair?" I talked about a few other things in the script, too. They said, "Yeah, let's go with full stubble." They wouldn't say the word 'beard' but they said 'full stubble.' We trimmed it down.

Let's talk about the future of the show, Jared. When Supernatural finally comes to an end, what would you like to see happen? Would you like the story to end violently or to see Sam and Dean ride off happily into the sunset?

It feels weird to talk about the end of *Supernatural*. Believe me, I've thought about it before, but I don't like it. We have talked and thought about it. As a fan of storytelling and books, I think the boys have to die. Why? Because I think that's what needs to happen. If the boys are alive, they will continue to hunt. And if they're hunting, I want to see them. For that reason, I think one or both the boys has to go. I know it would be difficult, but those are my thoughts on the matter. I'm not a writer. I don't get my say. If they keep it open, I would love to keep on going — but that's what I think.

After 13 seasons of Supernatural, each of the characters in the show have incredibly developed. There are defining traits in everyone. If you could borrow one trait from another character that could then be explored more for Sam, what would it be?

I enjoy the quirkiness of Charlie [played by Felicia Day]. I enjoy that she gets to read the fantasy books. Sam reads and he's aware of what's going on, but he doesn't get to nerd out over stuff that he likes as much as I wish he did. I'd love to see more of that in the show. That would be fun.

BUMRAH PUTS INDIA ON FRONT FOOT

Jasprit's 6/33 helps India strengthen grip over Aus in third Test despite early 2nd innings collapse

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

Pacer Jasprit Bumrah had Australia's batsmen tied up in knots with his immaculate line and length, giving India the decisive advantage that withstood a second innings batting collapse in the third Test here on Friday.

Called a "genius" on air by Australia's former captain Michael Clarke, Bumrah's career-best figures of 6/33 in 15.5 overs also made him the first bowler from the subcontinent to take a five-for or more in South Africa, England and Australia in the same year.

At the end of day three, India, after bowling out Australia for 151 in response to their first innings total of 443/7 declared, took a 346-run lead. The visitors were struggling at 54/5 in 27 overs in their second essay but had the upper-hand.

Debutant Mayank Agarwal (28 batting), who scored an impressive 76 in the first innings, and Rishabh Pant (6) were at the crease after 15 wickets fell in all on an exciting day.

In their second innings, India were jolted by Pat Cummins (4-10), who took four wickets for two runs in the space of 19 balls, including Virat Kohli (0) and Ajinkya Rahane (1) caught off successive balls.

Rohit Sharma (5) prevented his hat-trick, but fell before end of play.

This was after Bumrah's outstanding effort handed India a 292-run lead.

Bumrah returned second-best figures for an Indian bowler in Australia after Kapil Dev's 8-106 at Adelaide in 1985. But he surpassed B Chandrasekhar's twin hauls of 6-52 in each innings at this ground in 1977.

Post tea, Australia's innings lasted for only four overs as Bumrah quickly cleaned up the worrisome tail. First he got rid of Tim Paine (22) caught behind, and then trapped Nathan Lyon (0) lbw.

Three balls later, he bowled Josh Hazlewood (0) as India took a hefty lead. Kohli though decided not to enforce the follow-on and the Indian mini-collapse followed thereafter.

Cummins bounced out Hanuma Vihari (13) for the second time in this Test, while Cheteshwar Pujara (0) was caught at short square leg for a duck following his hundred in the first innings.

India were reduced to 32-4 with a



Jasprit Bumrah, left, celebrates after getting Shaun Marsh, right, out lbw in Melbourne

double break against Kohli and Rahane. Rohit Sharma was caught at slip off Josh Hazlewood (1-13) as India finished five-down but still in control of the game.

Earlier, Australia sunk to 145-7 at tea. Post lunch, it took only four overs for Bumrah to strike again as he bowled Travis Head (20), playing on in the 37th over.

Australia were in dire straits at 92-5 and things didn't improve when Ravindra Jadeja (2-45) struck for a second time against Mitchell Marsh (9). The batsman tried an exaggerated inside flick, but

ended up edging to slip as the ball exploded off the pitch.

The hosts managed to cross 100 in the 41st over, but were struggling at 102-6. The next pair then batted with more patience and cut down on attacking strokes for the next hour.

In doing so, Paine and Pat Cummins (17) added 36 runs for the seventh wicket and added some respectability to the total amid the ruins. To India's credit, they never relented the bowling pressure and executed their plans to near perfection. It could have been different, but



Rishabh Pant, center left, and Mayank Agarwal, center right, walk off the field at the end of play

Cummins was dropped on 2 by keeper Rishabh Pant off Hanuma Vihari in the 50th over.

Just when it appeared that Australia might avoid another dismissal, Mohammed Shami (1-27) got into the attack and bowled him to give India the advantage again.

The visitors struck four blows in the morning session as Australia were reduced to 89-4 at lunch.

Starting from overnight 8-0, Australia were under the pump early on as Ishant Sharma (1-41) and Bumrah gave them no room for manoeuvring.

Ishant struck in the fifth over of the morning as Mayank Agarwal scooped up a sharp catch at short mid-wicket to send back Aaron Finch (8). The fielder was stationed there for any aerial shot and the plan worked to get an early breakthrough.

Four overs later, Marcus Harris (22) went for an uncontrolled pull and found the fine leg fielder as Bumrah celebrated his first wicket of the day.

India used the scoreboard pressure to good effect as Jadeja came on to bowl with close-in fielders all around the bat. Usman Khawaja (21) fell to this ploy, caught at short leg, as Australia slipped further to 53-3 in the 20th over.

Shaun Marsh (19) and Head then added 36 runs for the fourth wicket and brought some semblance of stability to the Australian innings. They used good footwork against Jadeja to smother the possibility of turn from the rough.

But Bumrah came up with an inspirational yorker at the stroke of lunch, and the slow dipping delivery caught Shaun Marsh plumb in front of the wicket, as Australia's top-order was completely blown away on this third morning.

Tom, Henry add to NZ advantage

AFP ■ CHRISTCHURCH

Centuries from Tom Latham and Henry Nicholls put New Zealand in line for a defining victory over Sri Lanka Friday in the second Test with a 659-run second innings lead and the tourists losing early wickets in their record chase.

New Zealand, who lead by 74 on the first innings, declared their second innings on day three in Christchurch at 585 for four with Latham scoring 176 to go with his unbeaten 264 in the drawn first Test.

Nicholls was not out on a career best 162 with healthy contributions from Jeet Raval (74) and Colin de Grandhomme (71 not out).

Sri Lanka at stumps were 24 for two with Dinesh Chandimal on 14 and Kusal Menis on six.

Victory for New Zealand would give them a fourth consecutive series win for the first time after wins over the West Indies, England and Pakistan in the past year.

With more than two days left, Sri Lanka had reason for patience but lost both openers — Dimuth Karunaratne without scoring and Danushka Gunathilaka (four) — in the first two overs.

No team has ever scored more than 418 in a successful



Henry Nicholls plays a shot

fourth innings run chase and the pitch continues to offer some assistance to the New Zealand bowlers.

Sri Lanka, however, were less effective with the ball and de Grandhomme in particular was scoring freely when Kane Williamson declared midway through the final session.

De Grandhomme, who had six fours and two sixes in his whirlwind innings, passed the 50 mark in a New Zealand record 28 deliveries, one better than the previous best by Tim Southee against England 10 years ago.

New Zealand resumed Friday at 231 for two and

Latham, whose unbeaten 264 in the drawn first Test is the top score in all Test cricket this year, continued his purple patch with grim determination through 370 deliveries.

For the most part, it was a near faultless innings, although he was dropped by Dushmantha Chameera on 32 and survived an lbw review on 75. But, on the stroke of tea, Chameera made the breakthrough when he had Latham caught behind off a faint leg-side edge.

The only reward with the new ball in the morning session came when Lahiru Kumara trapped Ross Taylor in front to claim the senior batsman's wicket for 40. Latham and Nicholls put on 214 for the fourth wicket with Latham achieving his eighth century and Nicholls his fourth.

Only three times in cricket history has the winning side scored more than 400 in the fourth innings, while the current record held by the West Indies is 418 for seven against Australia 15 years ago in Antigua.

The highest fourth innings score in the modern era is New Zealand's 451 chasing 550 against England in 2002, while England scored 654 for five after being set a target of 696 by South Africa in 1939.

Amla, Elgar put SA 1-0 up

AFP ■ CENTURION

Dean Elgar and Hashim Amla hit half-centuries as South Africa beat Pakistan by six wickets inside three days in the first Test at SuperSport Park on Friday.

The pair survived some early scares and put on 119 for the second wicket before Elgar was caught behind off part-time medium-pacer Shan Masood for 50, one ball after reaching his half-century.

Amla finished a year in which he found top form by making 63 not out. The value of the partnership between Elgar and Amla was shown as Theunis de Bruyn and captain Faf du Plessis both fell cheaply before Temba Bavuma swept Yasir Shah for four to take South Africa past their target of 149 shortly before tea on the third day.

Both captains, Du Plessis and Pakistan's Sarfraz Ahmed, made 'pairs' by being dismissed without scoring in both innings.

Pakistan made an ideal start when Hasan Ali trapped Aiden Markram leg before wicket before a run had been scored.

Hasan and Mohammad Amir did not concede a run off the bat until Amla clipped Hasan for four in the sixth over.

There were two crucial incidents with the total on 16, either of which could have swung the game in Pakistan's favour.

Amla, on eight, was dropped by Fakhar Zaman at third slip off Hasan when he slashed hard at the ball, which flew at chest height to the fielder. In the



next over, Elgar, on four, edged new bowler Shaheen Shah Afridi low to first slip where Azhar Ali appeared to take a diving catch.

On-field umpires Bruce Oxenford and Sundaram Ravi conferred before referring to television umpire Joel Wilson with a 'soft' signal of out, indicating they thought it was a clean catch.

After looking at several replays, including super-slow close-ups, Wilson ruled the ball had bounced and Elgar was reprieved.

The decision clearly astonished the Pakistan players and coach Mickey Arthur was seen leaving his place on the players' balcony and going to the adjacent office of match referee David Boon.

Elgar and Amla survived some testing bowling from the Pakistan seamers and gradually began to lift the scoring rate on a pitch which favoured bowlers throughout.

South African fast bowler Duanne Olivier was named man of the match for his match return of 11-96.

The second Test begins in Cape Town on January 3.

Office of Uttar Pradesh Medical Supplies Corporation Limited
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Tender Ref. No.: UPMSCLEQ/RFP/58 Date: 27th December, 2018

e-tender NOTICE INVITATION

Uttar Pradesh Medical Supplies Corporation Limited, Lucknow invites online tenders for Request for Proposal for Empanment of Agencies to Provide Technical Assistance towards Human Resource Management. The schedules of E-Tendering activities are as here under:

S.N.	Activity	Date & Time
01.	Tender Reference No.	UPMSCLEQ/RFP/58
02.	Commencement of Downloading of Tender Document	28th December, 2018 From 10:00 AM website of www.etender.up.nic.in
03.	Date of Pre Bid Meeting	02nd January, 2019 at 03:00pm in the conference hall of UPMSCLEQ, Lucknow.
04.	Last Date & Submission of online Bids	07th January, 2019 up to 03:00 pm
05.	Date, Time & Place of Opening of Technical Bids	07th January, 2019 at 04:00 PM in the office of UPMSCLEQ, SUDA Bhawan, Lucknow.
06.	Cost of Tender Document	Rs. 2,250/- (Rupees Two Thousands Two Hundred & Fifty Only) Non-refundable.

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1.	(LC No. PTM32555 of our Delhi-Pitampura Branch) Rangli International Pvt Ltd (Borrower)	24-12-2018 for Rs. 5,29,50,597/-	All that part and parcel of the Property Bearing No Plot No. Gm-8, Gulmohar Marg 2, Dlf Phase-2, Gurgaon, Haryana-122002

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Date : 29/12/2018

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Applications are invited on the prescribed format for the post of Professors, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor, Autonomous State Medical College Society, Firozabad. The tentative number of post is given below:-

S.No.	Name of Speciality	Professor	Associate Professor	Assistant Professor
1	Anatomy	1	1	1
2	Physiology	1	1	1
3	Biochemistry	1	1	1
4	Pharmacology	-	1	-
5	Pathology	-	1	1
6	Microbiology	-	1	-
7	Forensic Medicine	-	-	1
8	Community Medicine	-	1	-
9	General Medicine	1	1	3
10	Paediatrics	-	1	-
11	T.B & Chest	-	-	1
12	Skin & VD	-	-	1
13	Psychiatry	-	-	1
14	General Surgery	1	1	3
15	Orthopedics	-	1	-
16	ENT	-	-	1
17	Ophthalmology	-	-	1
18	Obs. & Gynae.	1	1	2
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Letter No.: 1127/RED/Tender/5Cr./File No Lekha-58&60/Bond Clerk/2018-19 Dated : 22-12-2018

1. THE SUPRINTENDING ENGINEER RURAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, ALIGARH CIRCLE ALIGARH, on behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh invites the percentage rate bids through e-tendering system from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with UP RED, in appropriate class A, B, and C as the case may be. The Bidder may submit bids for any or all of the works.

2. Name of work as per table.

S. No.	Name of District	Name of work	Total estimated cost (in Lakh) Excluding GST	Bid security (EMD) in Lakh	Cost of Bid document including GST (in rupees)	Period of completion including rainy season
1	Etah	Construction of B.T. Road From Lohakhar to Sonhar Bamba.	89.00	1.780	(300+54+2000) = 2354.00	03 Months
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4	Etah	Construction of B.T. Road From Jalapur Palra road to Nagla Samda (Samda).	76.00	1.520	(300+54+2000) = 2354.00	03 Months
5	Etah	Construction of B.T. Road From Etah Sidhapura road to Athaiya Via Nagla Premi.	143.00	2.860	(300+54+2000) = 2354.00	03 Months
6	Etah	Construction of B.T. Road From Rar Patti to Nagla Machi Nagla Kadam.	130.00	2.600	(300+54+2000) = 2354.00	03 Months
7	Etah	Construction of B.T. Road From Marthara Mirahchi road to Bhagipur.	98.00	1.960	(300+54+2000) = 2354.00	03 Months
8	Etah	Construction of B.T. Road From Village Kharsulya Alipur road to Village Ramnagar.	91.00	1.820	(300+54+2000) = 2354.00	03 Months
9	Etah	Construction of B.T. Road From Village Kulhapur Khurd to Garhi.	77.00	1.540	(300+54+2000) = 2354.00	03 Months
10	Etah	Construction of B.T. Road From Village Gadiya to Lahri.	64.00	1.280	(300+54+2000) = 2354.00	03 Months
11	Etah	Construction of C.C. Road From Village Nayagaon to Nagla Bari Road.	64.00	1.280	(300+54+2000) = 2354.00	03 Months
12	Etah	Construction of B.T. Road From Aliganj Sauro road to Ramnagar Gate.	44.00	0.880	(300+54+2000) = 2354.00	03 Months
13	Etah	Construction of B.T. Road From Kheda Nuhpul to Meesa Khurd Khediya Surji.	120.00	2.400	(300+54+2000) = 2354.00	03 Months
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15	Etah	Construction of B.T. Road From Agra Jalesar road to Nagla Sukha.	46.00	0.920	(300+54+2000) = 2354.00	03 Months
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18	Etah	Construction of Road From Kunwarpur to Nagla Lakshi Via Garhi.	53.00	1.060	(300+54+2000) = 2354.00	03 Months
19	Etah	Construction of Road From Hathras Iglas road to Nagla Kunwar ji	42.00	0.840	(300+54+2000) = 2354.00	03 Months
20	Etah	Construction of Road From Hardpur to Basgoi road.	47.00	0.940	(300+54+2000) = 2354.00	03 Months
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5. Date of opening of bids through e-procurement: 02.02.2019 at 12.30 pm
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From Les Blues triumph in the FIFA World Cup final over Croatia to Real Madrid's journey of becoming the first club to win UCL three times in a row, **PIONEER SPORT** brings you a list of some of the major headlines that gained spotlight in 2018



French players celebrate with the World Cup trophy after beating Croatia 4-2 in the World Cup final in Moscow

AP

France beat Croatia 4-2 in the final played at Moscow to emerge champions of the 2018 FIFA World Cup in Russia. Star striker Antoine Griezmann, Paul Pogba and Kylian Mbappe were in the score sheet for Les Blues while Ivan Perisic and Mario Mandzukic scored for Croatia.

However both Mandzukic and Perisic were guilty of handing France an advantage in the final, as Juventus striker first scored an own goal to give France an early advantage in the final whereas Perisic's handball land France a penalty which was successfully converted by Griezmann to further build on his side's advantage.

This was the second time France won the elite title, their first after 20 years.

It was also the moment to cherish for French coach Didier Deschamps, under whose leadership France won its first ever World Cup in 1998.

19-year-old sensation Kylian Mbappe emerged as the star player for the French side as he becomes the first teenager after Pele to score



in the World Cup final. In total he scored four goals in the tournament out of which his brace against Argentina in the round of 16 clash scripted France's epic victory. He was named as the FIFA's best young player of the tournament.

France were put ahead in the 18th minute of the match by an own goal from none other than Mario Mandzukic. He had the dubious honour of becoming the first man to score an own goal in a World Cup final but he would get

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to make amends later in the match. Exactly 10 minutes later, Ivan Perisic equalised for Croatia after a deft set-piece routine triggered by the unconquerable Luka Modric.

The drama was not to end there. Just over five minutes before half-time, then referee, with assistance from VAR gave France a penalty kick due to an apparent handball by Perisic. The validity of that decision was debatable – replays indicated that Perisic did not move his hands towards the ball – but Antoine Griezmann was in no doubt as to what he wanted to do with it. He calmly rolled the ball past Danijel Subasic into the bottom left-hand corner and France were in the lead at half-time.

The second half started with Croatia all over the French defence. Deschamps' men weathered that storm and it was not too long before they extended their lead Paul Pogba sent in a thunderous strike from the edge of the box and extended France's lead to 3-1.

Minutes later, Kylian Mbappe scored a similar goal, from outside the box and that marked the third record of the day – Mbappe

became the first teenager to score a goal in the World Cup final since the great Pele. Croatian shoulders slumped at that point but this match was not done yet.

France goalkeeper and captain Hugo Lloris has built a reputation of having a sturdy pair of hands and a calm head to go with them in the years in which he has been Tottenham Hotspur and France's No 1 goalkeeper but he chose a very wrong time to make an uncharacteristic blunder. He literally put the ball into the path of Mandzukic who tapped it in to goal.

Mandzukic became the first player since Netherlands' Ernie Brandts in 1978 to score for his team and an own goal in the same game. All those second-half goals were scored within the space of nine minutes and after that, France held on.

They kept making attacking moves whenever they could and eventually, the Croatian players' body language said that they knew it was now a lost cause. The final whistle came and tears flowed on both camps, albeit for opposite reasons.

HAT-TRICK OF TITLES

Two times defending champion Real Madrid thrash Liverpool 3-1 in the final played at Kiev to win record third consecutive UEFA Champions League title.

After an evenly poised goalless first half and their star striker Mohamed Salah back into the dugout after getting injured during a clash with Real Madrid's captain Sergio Ramos. Karim Benzema opened the scoring for Spanish giants in the 51st minute of the game after a goal-keeping error by Loris Karius.

Benzema deflected a throw by Karius back into the Liverpool's net to put his side ahead in the big final. However Real's advantage was very short lived as Sadio Mane scored the

equalizer for the Merseyside club just four minutes after Benzema's opener to bring match back on the level terms.

In the 61st minute, Real substituted Gareth Bale in place of Isco and within two minutes of his arrival the Welshmen scored using an acrobatic bicycle kick to finish cross by Marcelo. And then in the 83rd minute another mistake by Karius helps Bale to net his second of the night. This time a long range shot by Bale went through his (Karius) hands into the net.

Real's star forward Cristiano Ronaldo wasn't able to make into the score sheet but he was the chief architect to Real's triumph to glory.



GOLDEN YEAR

Croatia and Real Madrid midfielder Luka Modric ended Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo's dominance in the Ballon d'Or awards by winning the prestigious French football award.

It was for the first time in 10 years that neither Messi nor Ronaldo was able to win this award which they have won record five times each in past decade.

The midfielder, 33, who helped Croatia reach the men's World Cup final in Russia in the summer, is the first Croatian to win the prestigious prize, which is voted for by journalists.

On a historic evening in Paris, the ceremony had a women's category for the first time since its inception in 1956, with



Croatian midfielder Luka Modric kisses Ballon d'Or trophy

Norway's Ada Hegerberg crowned the inaugural women's Ballon d'Or winner.

Kylian Mbappe, who dazzled for France as Les Bleus triumphed in Russia in the summer, won the newly-formed Kopa award for the best young player.

The 19-year-old finished fourth overall, above Messi in fifth. Ronaldo was second, with France and Atletico Madrid striker Antoine Griezmann third and Liverpool and Egypt star Mo Salah sixth.

SEE YOU, NEXT ?



In the most surprising announcement of the year, Arsene Wenger, who served as Arsenal's manager for more than last two decades decided to leave the club at the end of 2017-18 season, ending his 22-year career as the longest-serving manager in the Premier League.

The Frenchmen during his stay won seven FA Cup titles along with three Premier League while at the helm of the north London club, the last of which came as a result of the unbeaten 'Invincibles' season in 2003/04.

In the Premier League cycle, Chelsea sack Italian Antonio Conte at the end of 2017-18 season, while Manchester United parted ways with Jose Mourinho after his side loses 1-3 against Liverpool in the English Premier League game.

In other major fallouts within a week after winning third UCL in as many attempts, Zinedine Zidane calls it time over his Real Madrid job, he was replaced by former Spain boss Julen Lopetegui but even his spell lasted for only 138 days and he was sacked after Real loses against Barcelona 5-1.

This was a massive setback for Julen as he lost his Spanish national team job for Real and within five months he was out of favor from Madrid based club also. Also, Unai Emery was released by Paris Saint Germain despite successful Ligue 1 title win while Argentina parted ways with Jorge Sampaoli after poor show in Russia.



Clockwise: Jose Mourinho, Julen Lopetegui, Arsene Wenger and Zinedine Zidane

NEW DESTINATIONS



Liverpool's goalkeeper Alisson Becker, (right) Juventus forward Cristiano Ronaldo



In the most unexpected transfer of 2018, Portugal's star Cristiano Ronaldo leaves Real Madrid to join Serie A champions Juventus for 100 million Euros.

After spending nine seasons at Spanish capital and scoring 450 goals in 438 games, five time Ballon d'Or winner calls it time and move to Turin in search of new challenges. His new deal will see him play for the Turin based club for next four years.

However in 2018, Ronaldo's transfer wasn't the only major highlight in the transfer window. A couple of new age stars also opted for new roles and joined new teams.

England's club Liverpool looked to be the biggest gainer via these transfers. The Merseyside club strengthened its side by adding Brazilian goalkeeper Alisson Becker, Dutch defender Virgil Van Dijk, Swiss playmaker Xherdan Shaqiri, Neby Keita and Fabinho and all these five have added strength to the Reds side because of which they are sitting at top of the Premier League table, still unbeaten and six points ahead of second placed Tottenham.

Meanwhile, Borussia Dortmund completed signing of Spanish forward Paco Alcacer from Barcelona, who on his loan spell at Bundesliga created magic on the field for Dortmund by repeatedly making his presence in the scoresheet.

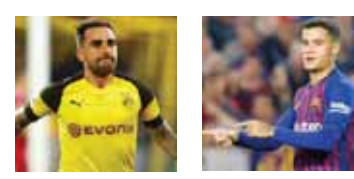
In the January transfer market, Brazilian midfielder Philippe Coutinho switched to Barcelona for 120 million euros plus 40 million benefits.

Also former Atletico and Chelsea goalkeeper and World Cup golden glove winner Thibaut Courtois landed in spanish capital again but this time to join the other Madrid club.

In process of let the Belgian go and join Real, Chelsea brought Kepa Arrizabalaga from Athletic Bilbao for 80 million euros to London which is a record price for any goalkeeper.

Premier League champions Manchester City also boosted its attacking strength by adding Riyad Mahrez from Leicester for whopping amount of 67.8 million euros.

But Alexis Sanchez stint at Old Trafford turned out to be a bad dream for the Chile international as he failed to find form under Jose Mourinho and was later sidelined due to injury.



Paco Alcacer (striker) Barcelona to Dortmund 14 games, 13 goals

Philippe Coutinho (winger) Liverpool to Barcelona 44 games, 15 goals



Thibaut Courtois (gk) Chelsea to Real Madrid 19 games, 0 goals

Xherdan Shaqiri (winger) Stoke City to Liverpool 18 games, 6 goals



Aubameyang (striker) Dortmund to Arsenal 38 games, 25 goals

Alexis Sanchez (forward) Arsenal to Man United 34 games, 4 goals



Virgil Van Dijk (defender) Southampton to Lpool 46 games, 2 goals

Riyad Mahrez (winger) Leicester to Man City 27 games, 7 goals



Arthur Melo (midfielder) Gremio to Barcelona 18 games, 0 goals

Kepa Arrizabalaga (gk) A Bilbao to Chelsea 25 games, 0 goals

YOUNG GUNS

Kylian Mbappe, Richarlison, Jordan Sancho, Vinicius Junior, Arthur Melo, Matthijs de Ligt and Frenkie de Jong are some of those names which you will hear in many more years to come. By virtue of their stellar performance in 2018, these stars have shown that why they are considered as the future superstars.

While Kylian Mbappe helped France to win the World Cup and is leading the goalscorer in Ligue 1, Richarlison gained immense spotlight while playing for Everton.

