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Sants demand Ordinance for Mandir

Top BJP netas also join the rumble, say don't waste time, construct temple

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

The Ram temple movement gathered further momentum on Sunday with 3,000 seers, including Baba Ramdey, Jaggi Vasudey, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, passing a resolution asking the Government to asking the Government to either bring an Ordinance or enact a law for construction of the temple in Ayodhya. The resolution also said that five lakh Ram Bhakt will gather at a 'Dharma Sabha' in Delhi on December 9 to put pressure on the Government for building the Ram temple.

Several other top BJP lead-ers, including Yogi Adityanath, Uma Bharti and Giriraj Singh, also called for construction of the temple without any waste of time

Besides, the Ram temple issue, the seers also batted for the re-election of the BJP in the general elections next year.

The demand for a law for

construction of the Ram tem ple has intensified after the Supreme Court refused to entertain plea for speedy hear-ing of the Ram Janamabhoomi-Babri Masjid land dispute case.

The resolution was passed at two-day seers' sammelan 'Dharmadesh' organised by the Hindu seers and sants at the Talkatora Stadium. Seers and sants who spoke on the occasion also criticised the Supreme Court for deferring the hearing on Ayodhya issue for January 2019. As per resolution, a large number of seers and sants will



Spiritual guru Sri Sri Ravi Shankar addresses at the Dharmadesh, a two-day meeting of sants organised for national integration, at Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi on Sunday

and Bengaluru on November 25 to press their demand of Ram temple. On December 9, over five lakh Ram Bhakt, including sants, will assemble in Delhi in this regard. After that, similar gathering by seers will be held in at least 500 districts across the country

Bharatiya Saint Samiti chief Swami Jitendranand Saraswati said the revered seers have issued decree to the Government to bring an Ordinance or a law for Ram temple construction in the upcoming Winter Session of

Parliament. He said the Government can request the Supreme Court that public sentiments are linked to Ram temple and the law and order system can get worse hence the hearing of this case should start soon. The resolution also expressed satisfaction over the expressed satisfaction over the Narendra Modi Government's policies through resolution and hoped that the present Government will resolve the Ram temple issue.

Spiritual guru and Art of Living founder Sri Sri Ravi Shankar denounced the

Supreme Court's intervention as an option in order to build the Ram temple at the dispute site in Ayodhya, citing continued talks between the primary players should be of prime nportance. "The three parties should have a discussion on this. And find an appropriate and an amicable solution to the issue. The Supreme Court's intervention should be the second option. An interference by the law of the country should be the last resort," he said, while addressing the gathering of more than 3,000 saints from

Support pours in

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Akhada and various other right wing spiritual organisations assembled to give delibera-tions on the construction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya.

"Sants in India had always worked for the country and worked as a support system whenever the country was in crisis. Two things which are a matter of concern are Sabarimala and Ram Mandir but we cannot forget the SC is the pride of this country and we will always respect it. India always respected the women power in this country. This is a tradition which has been followed for years. When we intensely looked into the matter we realised how it has been practised for the years. I am hopeful the SC will look into the review petition and under-stand the sentiments of the

In his valedictory speech, agadguru Ramanadacharya Hansacharya narrated the 'Dharmadesh" to the

Government. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath also advised people to "light a diya in the name of Lord Ram" and the "programme" may be taken forward from Diwali, trigger-ing excitement among the right-wing groups that have been demanding that the build-ing of a Ram temple in Ayodhya be fast forwarded.

Reacting on the sant gathering for putting pressure on the Government, Union Minister Uma Bharti said that while Hindus were the "most while Findux were the most tolerant" people in the world, any talk of constructing a mosque on the periphery of a Ram temple in Ayodhya could make them "intolerant". The Minister also invited Congress while Raybu Condition to leave the second second control of the control of chief Rahul Gandhi to lay the foundation stone of the temple in Ayodhya with her, saying he would "atone for the sins" of his party by doing so. She said when there could not be a temple in the holy town of Medina or a mosque in the Vatican City, it would be "unfair" to talk

about a mosque in Avodhya. Union Minister Giriraj Singh said that no power in the world could stop the con-struction of a Ram temple in Ayodhya. Singh has urged the Central Government and the Supreme Court to come forward and resolve this issue.

If adopted, Delhi draft norms will ease sealing woes

Defaulters will get more time to prove their case

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

With sealing of illegal properties likely to be major issue in the next year's Lok Sabha polls in the national Capital, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has prepared a draft guideline for sealing of unau-thorised construction thorised construction.

If adopted, the owners of such property will have to be given 15 days notice and two weeks of additional time for disposal of their cases. This will come as major relief to thou sands of parties who could have found their properties sealed on waking up in the morning without any advance notice to even remove their garments and kitchen wares.

The guidelines called Draft Procedure for Issuance "Draft Procedure for Issuance of Advance Notice to alleged Defaulters," for sealing elaborates how many days of notice period should be given before sealing of the unauthorised construction and what procedure should be adopted before the demolition. Presently, there is no standard operating procedure is adopted by the local bodies for issuance of advance.



the unauthorised construc

As per ongoing norm, though a showcause notice is issued to the owners of the unauthorised properties to prove his case, yet there is no fixed timeframe. In case of many privileged colonies the notice was never executed even after lapse of months, but in other cases properties were sealed and demolished within

According to proposed guidelines, defaulters of unauthorised construction will be iven one month time to prove their case.

In case they fail, the sealing or demolition drive will take place. In the case of misuse of premises, the local body

NKS activists stopped from entering city

144 clamped on NH 16; 25 police platoons deployed



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Thousands of farmers under the banner of the Krushak Navanirman Sangathan (NKS) on Sunday began a march towards Bhubaneswar for holding a mass convention on Monda demanding price, prestige and pension for farmers.

However, police stopped them midway at Tamando and Hanspal on National Highway-16 Police said the farmers' rally would cause traffic jams and create a law and order situation in the State capital.

Nearly 25 platoons of

police force were deployed and Section 144 of the CrPC was

clamped on the NH to prevent the farmers from

reaching the city. However, NKSS convenor hold a peaceful protest for fulfilment of our longstanding demands. We are waiting for the Government's decision. But we will start our Padayatra from 11 am tomorrow."

Meanwhile, Congress and BJP leaders joined the agitating farmers expressing solidarity with their demands.

BJP State vice-president Samir Mohanty, who along with some leaders of his party met the farmers, said the State Government has failed to address the grievances

of farmers. We support the farmers' agitation. Already, PM Narendra Modi has taken However, NKSS convenor a lot of measures to Akshaya Kumar said, "We will double the farmers' income in the country.

reaction, spokesperson Samir Ranjan Dash said farmers across the country are facing problems

"Six months back, the Supreme Court had asked the Centre to submit an affidavit on what can be done to improve the conditiona of farmers as part of a uniform policy in the country. But the Centre is dillydallying the matter and our party will definitely cooperate in whatever decision is taken on farmers' issue," said Dash

Looters take selfies with victims in city!

Gang commits series of robberies

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ocking a snook at the effi-Commissionerate police, a gang committed a series of robberies by brandishing lethal weapons under the jurisdiction of the Khandagiri police on

Saturday night.

But the gang triggered shockwaves in the city by brazenly shooting selfies with the victims.

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worth over ₹1.5 lakh, gold ornaments and other valuables in four separate incidents in 24 hours. Sources said four people,

The criminals looted cash

including two engineering stu-dents were reportedly targeted by the miscreants on Saturday night. One of the victims said that the miscreants had covered their faces with black clothes

and terrorized him with sharp weapons. They fled the spot after taking selfies.
"I was physically assaulted by them near SUM Hospital



last night. They looted cash worth₹25,000 and other valu-ables from me. Before leaving

they took selfies with me while posing with billhooks and revolver," said a victim Sudhir.

said they took him to a ATM on gunpoint and asked him to withdraw money from his account around 2.15 am Apart from the cash, they also loot-ed a gold ring and watch. The criminals asked him to hold the gun and clicked a picture.

Another victim Sourav Das

Meanwhile, police have started investigation taking into account the statements of the victims. However, locals alleged that inadequate night patrolling by police and their lack of visibility has led to the rise in such heinous crimes in Khandagiri

<u>Capsule</u>

DELHIITES BREATHE EASY

AS AIR QUALITY IMPROVES New Delhi: Delhiites breathed easy on Sunday after air quality significantly improved due to increased wind speed and control measures implemented by the Government, even as authorities warned of severe deterioration from

CIC ISSUES SHOW-CAUSE NOTICE TO RBI GOVERNOR New Delhi: The CIC has issued show-cause notice to RBI "dishonouring" a Supreme Court

DFO's revelation

they killed an RBT

Maharashtra's Forest Minister Sudhir Mungantiwar on Sunday found himself in the dock over the controversial killing of tigress 'Avni' in Yavatmal district on Friday, as miffed Union Women & Child Development Minister and Animal Rights activist Maneka Gandhi dubbed tigress' elimination as "straight case of crime" and virtually rooted for Mungantiwar's dismissal from

the Devendra Fadnavis Cabinet Terming sharpshooter Shafat Ali Khan whose son killed Avni as "a criminal" known for supplying guns to anti-nationals and for a suspected case of murder in . Hyderabad, Gandhi said, "I am deeply saddened by the way tigress Avni has been murdered by a professional anti-national killer at the behest of the Minister

Arrested persons say

Debrigarh tigress carcass not yet indentified

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Mystery still shrouded the recovery of a decomposed tiger carcass at the Debrigarh forest in Bargarh district as Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) Abhay Kumar Dalai on Sunday said that the arrested persons confessed to having killed a Royal Bengal Tiger. The DFO's revelation con-

tradicted the PCCF's and Forest Minister Bijayshree Routray's

contradicted the **PCCF's and Forest** Minister Bijayshree Routray's statement that the carcass recovered on October 28 wa

statement that the carcass

of a leopard

a leopard.
While forest officials arrested three persons on Saturday in connection with the 'poaching', another person was arrested on Sunday, according to reports.

This apart, samples from the carcass have been sent to

the Wildlife Institute in Dehradun and National Centre for Biological Sciences in Bengaluru for examination official sources said.

An official stated that the

animal's paws, nails and that of a Royal Bengal Tiger.

IMFA chromite mines workers on strike

After 2 on-duty labourers hurt



PNS JAJPUR

 E^{ven} as the alleged anti-worker attitude of the Indian Metals and Ferro Alloys (IMFA) at its Therubali (Rayagada) plant triggering prolonged agi-tation is still fresh in mind,

resentment among workers is now brewing at the two chromite mines of the IMFA at Kaliapani in Jajpur district.

Aggrieved over the injuries sustained by two workers at the Mahagiri underground chromites mines, their col-

leagues have been sitting on a dharna in front of the mines since last four days.

The two injured workers Aditya Mahanta and Motilal Mahanta are currently under going treatment. The agitating workers are demanding that the

IMFA authorities make provi-

Sukinda Region Mines Workers' Association secre-tary Narayan Chandra Dhir, joint secretary Bharat Chandra Mahanta, vice-president Prabhat Ranjan Pradhan and leaders like Śubrat Maharanta and Subrata Jena are among others participating in the agi tation, in which as many as one thousand five hundred workers have joined.

Óperations at the IMFA Sukinda Chromite mines have been seriously hit due to the strike. The workers have been demanding adequate safety measures for them.

It may be mentioned that the two workers were injured in a an accident in the underground mines operation on October 31.

would be first shifted to the Raiguda enclosure. The big cat's movement was last noted The expert teams from Kanha and Pench tiger reserves on Sunday began their

Op Sundari: All eyes on Chandaka jumbo

process to tranquilise Royal Bengal Tigress 'Sundari' in Satkosia with the help of Chandaka forest elephant 'Jashoda' The trained jumbo Jashoda was brought from Chandaka by a truck to the Satkosia forest in order to expedite the tranquilisation process. Jashoda was

kept in the Court Range premises for medical examina-

tion and the teams are now all set to mount on Jahsoda's back

and embark on the operation.

As many as 30 forest officials and three vehicles will be sation process fails. If the operation is successful, Sundari involved in operation. A stretcher and several medi-

cines have also been kept in readiness to attend to medical emergencies. Teams have begun a mock drill, following which the main phase will begin. According to sources, a trap would be laid late on Sunday night if the tranquili-

in the Tikarpada Forest Range. Notably on October 25, the two special teams were roped in to expedite the process of tranquilising the tigress after

a local team failed.

Forest and Environment Minister Bijayshree Routray has already said that the 'intelligent' creature, once captured, would be relocated to the Nandankanan Zoological Park

three consecutive attempts by

Jagatpur cracker unit busted; 11 tractors seized

Police busted an illegal firecracker manufacturing **P** unit and seized as many as 11 crackers-laden tractors during a raid in the Jagatpur area here on Saturday night ahead of Diwali celebrations.

However, tension sparked after several villages, including Trilochanpur and adjoining it under the Jagatpur police limits were sealed by the police for allegedly running unlicensed firecrackers units.

The local administration deployed sever

platoons of police forces to bring the situation under Notably, police started busting the illegal fire

crackers units after several cracker explosion incidents were reported from across the State.

Recently, a woman died while preparing fire-

crackers in the Balipatna area on outskirts of Similarly, a woman teacher was seriously

wounded after firecrackers exploded at her residence



DMs alerted to keep watch on imported firecrackers

People can burst firecrackers from 8 pm to 10 pm

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A few days ahead of Diwali, Home Secretary Asit Tripathy has cracked the whip against foreign origin fire crackers, which are being imported illegally.

Tripathy has asked the District Magistrates to look

into the matter as the import of firecrackers is 'Restricted' in terms of foreign trade policy

and act according to law.

The District Magistrates issue temporary license to sale firecrackers to the duly authorised persons under Rule 84 of sives Substances Rules-2008 for store and sale of fireworks.
The Union Government

insists on issuing license for sale of Indian fireworks, not the fire crackers of foreign origin.

Mostly Chinese crackers are quietly sneaking into Indian soil and in many cases those are imported illegally without any permission from the Director General Foreign Trade (DGFT).

Besides, import of illegal

fire crackers by some traders is also harming the domestic industry and fireworks of foreign origin are hazardous in nature and adversely affect public safety and health. DGFT Director General

Debi Prasad Dash had requested the State Government to look into the matter as it has come to notice of the central authorities about large scale illegal import of fire crackers of



foreign origin.

Dash has said that some elements circumvent the poli-cy of foreign trade and indulge in illegal import of fire crack

ers reportedly continuing despite best efforts by the law

enforcement agencies. In the meantime State police have issued guidelines on the sale and purchase of

Licences for sale of crackers will be issued on the basis of Provision 84 of the Explosive Substances Rules 2008 regarding temporary shops for possion and sale of fireworks

during Diwali festival. District police will also ensure strict vigilance round-the-clock to prevent undesirable practice of cracker manufacture and sale.

has issued guidelines in this regard, Police Commissione Satyajit Mohanty has also asked the DCPs of Bhubaneswar and Cuttack to strictly adhere to the guidelines, said sources.

Besides, as per the Supreme Court orders people of Odisha like Delhi and other States can burst firecrackers for two hours from 8 pm to 10 pm. If the restrictions are violated it would be treated as contempt of the apex court. People can-not burst firecrackers according to their will and pollute the environment.

Environment Department Director has alert-ed the Home, Revenue, School and Mass Education, Information and Public Relations Departments and the Odisha State Pollution Control

Soon a Vigilance Academy in Bhubaneswar

"My Government has taken a series of measures to improve the investigative capacity and the prosecution system of the State Vigilance"

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The State would have a Vigilance Academy to upgrade the knowledge of sleuths engaged in anti-corruption drives on a continuous basis so as to retain their pro-

fessional edge. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, while addressing a ceremony organised at the end of the Vigilance Awareness Week on Saturday, informed that the academy would be set up in Bhubaneswar soon. Chief Secretary Aditya Prasad Padhi and Vigilance Director Debasish

Panigrahi were present.
"It has also been the firm resolve of the State Government to eradicate corruption in implementation of welfare and development schemes," the CM

He pointed out that there has been a four-per cent rise in the conviction rate in Vigilance cases in the first 10 months of this calendar year compared to the previous two years. "My Government has

taken a series of measures to improve the investigative capacity and the prosecution system

of the State Vigilance," he said.
As per its annual report, the Vigilance Directorate has recorded a 51-per cent convic-tion rate within first 10 months this year which is nearly 4 per cent higher than the rate of conviction in the past two years. Official sources said the State Official sources said the state Vigilance this year has registered 287 criminal cases against 413 persons, including 37 Class-I officers, 33 Class-II officers and 238 Class-III employees till October 31, 2018.

Of the 287 cases registered, 55 were made against 57 public servants and 23 others for acquisition of disproportionate assets (DA) amounting to ₹7.26

crore.
The highest-ever total assets seized by the Vigilance Directorate in a single dispro-portionate asset case was of ₹7 crore, which was also registered this year. Vigilance officials also conducted 148 trap cases against 155 public servants for demand amounting to ₹12.71 lakh.

Shreemandir interior pix | Strike against online go viral on social media



In a glaring example of breach in the security arrangements at the highly sensitive Jagannath Temple here, pic-tures of the shrine's interior

have gone viral on social media. A tourist from New Delhi, Megha Luthra, uploaded the photos of the interiors of the temple on her Facebook

Megha, who works as a

cabin crew member of the IndiGo airlines, uploaded the pictures on Saturday with the caption 'Ek Dham Yatra'.

The photos are taken from Anand Bazaar and have the Bhoga Mandap and the Nata Mandap in frame.

The incident has exposed the poor security arrangements at the world-famous shrine by police and the temple administration despite the intelligence inputs that the Shreemandir is on the radar of terror outfits.

After the picture posting came to the fore, it has triggered deep resentment among the devotees and people of the

It is worth mentioning that use of smartphones and other electronic gadgets inside the 12th-century shrine are strictly prohibited.

This is the second instance

of Shreemandir interior pictures going viral on social media. Earlier on October 9, a Sub-Inspector of the Puri Sea Beach police station had uploaded the interior pictures of the shrine, following which he was suspended by the DGP.

cab companies today

Cab Assn resents monopoly, sets various demands



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rhe Odisha Cabs Welfare The Odisna Caus wenare Association, members of which are working for online taxi organisations like OLA and UBER, has called a strike against these organisations on Monday, alleging that the latter have flouted agreements.

"Online cab organisations had given us different lucrative schemes, but they have broken all promises and started tortur ing us physically and mentally,"

alleged association vice-president Deepak Kumar Mishra.
The association has demanded that the parking time at city airport be increased by six to 15 minutes, some rules

be framed by the Transport Department, identity cards be issued by the Labour Commissioner, parking places be provided to the online cabs be provided to the online caps service, all drivers and vehicles be identified by police, apps be introduced for keeping KYC of customers for drivers' safety, no more vehicles should be introduced and details about cabs should be shared with the asso-

Besides, they also demand ed provision of health and life insurances for drivers, removal of branding otherwise provision of Rs 5,000 per car for the same and decrease in total deduction percentage from 26

INBRIEF

SOCIAL ACTIVIST FEDERATION OF ODISHA FORMED

Federation of Odisha' was formed under leadership of Narayan Chandra Ojha here on Sunday. Noted freedom fighter Bhabani Charan Patnaik, senior journalist Pradosh Patnaik, Utkal Journalists' Association president Bibhuti Bhushan Kar, Indian Democratic Human Rights Association central

secretary Lingaraj Sahoo, Manashwini Jena, Dhiren Routray, Dr Asit Das, Sushant Nayak, Chinmayi Patnaik discussed about social activism at a meeting held on the day.

PLANTATION DRIVE HELD AT IDC COLONY



var: A sanitation and plantation drive was launched in the IDC Colony of Unit -9 Bhubaneswar. Badachana MLA Amar Prasad Satpathy launched it by planting a banyan sapling. Among others Additional Chief Principal Conservator of Forest Dr AK Pathak, president, OFS Association Nihar Ranjan Swain, Anil Kumar Mohanty, representative of TREE

oluntary Plantation Organisation for Kitchen Garden / Mesiv Plantation), Ashok Kumar Das representative of Unit -9 Basti, Chitta Ranian Mandal of IDC were present.

IIT BBS HOLDS 'UNITY RUN'

Bhubaneswar: The Indian Institute of Fechnology Bhubaneswar organised a 'Unity Run' on Sunday to mark the birth anniversary of SardarVallabhbhai Patel. Director Prof RV Raja Kumar flagged off the run and reminded students about Patel's contributions in the freedom

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struggle and in unifying the nation. The Unity Run started from the IIT Administrative Building went up to Haribhaina Square Jatni and returned to the institute's main gate, covering a distance of 8 km. Around 550 students, faculty and other staffa took part in the event.

S'pur woman wins in Int'l beauty contest

Priyadarshini Panda of Sambalpur district made the State and the country proud once again by win-ning three crowns at Mrs International beauty pageant recently held in Singapore.

She bagged Mrs India International 2018, Most Beautiful Mom International 2018 and Royal Beauty International 2018. She was crowned with the three titles on the stage of Mrs International beauty competition held at Orchid Country Club in Singapore on Friday.
Priyadarshini clinched

three major titles beating 80 contestants from various countries in the final round of the event organised by the TKS the finest contestants in the competition that had commenced from October 27. She bribes proved her talent with beauty



participating in various pro-grammes and interaction among other contestants. E a r l i e r Privadarshini was

contest held on May 29 this year in New Delhi. She met with an accident near Raipur on her way back to Sambalpur. Recovering from the accident, she prepared herself for inter-national beauty competition.

With success at the Mrs International beauty pageant, Priyadarshini, wife of Ruturaj Mishra and an IT graduate from Bhubaneswar, set an example for other married women, who tread their world. She had tied the knot with Ruturaj in the year 2011. Her husband is currently working as the Project Manager in Samsung India in Indore. The couple is blessed with two

Lawyers' issue: Cong seeks Guv intervention

"Even if lawyers' strike has

'Naveen working more as BJD chief'

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team of Congress leaders A team of Congress seaucion Sunday submitted a memorandum to Governor Prof Ganeshi Lal here on the issue of lawyers' strike and sought his early intervention for smooth functioning of courts that have been hit for over two months due to the agi-

closed 65 days, it is disappointing that the Chief Minister and the Law Minister have still sat silent. Common people are now facing difficulties in getting legal services as the High Court and lower courts have stopped function-ing due to the strike," men-tioned the memorandum.

Cuttack Nagar Congress president Md Moquim, PCC vice-president Prof Kailas Acharya, Dr Debashish Patnaik, Shubhendu Mohanty, general secretary Bishwajit Das Mahila Congress chief Sumitra Jena and secretry Er Akash

Bhuyan were in the delegation.
They alleged that Chief
Minister Naveen Patnaik is working more as the president of the BJD than the Chief Minister of the State. Had the State Government taken an appropriate step, the lawvers issue could have been resolved,"



Deatening noise menace in Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar, known for long as a city of residents with a laid-back outlook to life, maybe because of the deafening sound generated and patronised by its senior citizens, has passed into the hold of residents who relish the glitz and glitter marked by year-round noisy sound on all occasions, festivities, celebrations, felicitations, public functions in honour of both persons of eminence and politicos in seats

of power.
Sound, a euphemism of noise, has tended to drown the culture part of the various cul-tural programmes, barring

Physicists have defined decibel (dB) as a unit of measuring the intensity of sound; the higher the decibel level, the louder the noise. Scientists have studied the levels of sounds in our environment and prescribed decibel level 85 dB for safe listening and avoiding noise-induced hearing loss.

Protecting the ears from the sounds around us using earplugs is also their guideline Mob: 9437616497

for all noisy situations.

While it is not within the asp of lay people to decipher the connect between the figures of dB and the levels as well as the sources of sounds, scientists have prepared a short list of common sounds and how they measure up: Normal conver-sation– 60 dB; heavy city traffic- 85 dB; MP3 player at max-imum volume- 105 dB; sirens-120 dB; concerts- 120 dB; fire arms- 150 dB.
Now, Bhubaneswar will be

celebrating the festival of lights Deepavali, more appropriately the festival of sound generated by a wide variety of fireworks, including crackers. The nation's apex court

has taken the initiative to make the festival less noisy by spelling out the do's and don'ts during

The advisory has always fallen on deaf ears of the revellers even as the show goes on, bringing to one's mind the anecdote of the donkeys ren lering music during the wed ding of camels.

K Ravi, E-237, GGP Colony, Bhubaneswar-751025,

State to have action plan to tackle heatwaves

Health Dept to formulate the strategy

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With apprehensions expressed by the authorities that next summer season will bring in frequent and prolonged heatwaves, the State Government will chalk out a heat action plan to meet

the challenge.

And the State Government will notify a task force to take up task of climate change impact on healthcare. Chief Secretary Aditya Prasad Padhi held discussions with Secretary Health and Family Welfare Pramod Kumar Meherda in this regard.

While this year, frequent and prolonged heat wave con-ditions were observed, experts on climate are apprehensive of similar worst experience in The Union Ministry of

Health and Family Welfare has also advised the State Government to prepare the heat action plan.
Union Secretary Health

and Family Welfare Preeti

Sudan has brought it to the

attention of the State Government to strengthen environmental health system as health is directly and indirectly affected due to impacts of various environmental factors. Sudan has said that an

area of concern today is the changing climate and its related impact, largely in heat related illness and other climate sensitive illness such as vector borne and water-borne

The State Government will

have to undertake activities to

make health system climate resilient for which a senior offi-

cer will be notified as State

Nodal Officer-Climate Change,

who will have support of a fullfledged team Environment Health Cell in the Department of Health, said the Union Secretary.

With air pollution badly hitting the National Capital Region and Delhi has been branded as worst polluted city in the world, the Union Government is worried over the alarming situation.

Under the backdrop, a

State specific action plan for climate change and human health is needed to be formulated soon by the State Government, said the Union Secretary Health and Family Welfare. Keeping this in view, Chief Secretary Padhi has held dis-cussion with Dr Meherda and asked to chalk out the State hassles due to heat waves.

In the meantime, the Ministry of Health Family Welfare (MoHFW) has decided to initiate sentinel surveillance of acute cardio-respiratory events in selected hospitals of selected towns.

And the State Health authorities will have to carry out Information Education and Communication (IEC) initiatives in the State in order to make aware the people about the hazards of pollution on

K'put HC Bench demand gains momentum Economic blockade

threatened MONOHAR MOHANTY

The lawvers of undivided The lawyers of undivided Koraput district convened a meeting here on Sunday demanding a permanent Bench of the Orissa High Court.

The executive members of all Bar Associations of undivided Koraput district participating in the meeting expressed their desire to intensify their strike to build a pressure on the Central as well as the State Government to achieve

their goal.

Justifying the demand for

the HC bench in undivided Koraput district, Jeypore Bar Association president and steering committee president Biresh Patnaik said: "Koraput district fulfils all the criteria laid by the Jaswant Singh Commission for establishment of a permanent Bench of the Orissa High Court."

The district is located more than 550km away from the High Court in Cuttack, besides being a tribal-dominated dis-trict. We have been demanding for the HC bench for long. But, both the Central and the State Governments have been delib-

erately ignoring our demand, he added.

Umarkote Bar Association president Prasant Kumar Sahu said that majority of people in undivided Koraput district live below the poverty line, and are unable to bear the cost to go far way Cuttack to pursue legal matters.

Senior lawver of Umarkote Bar Jaydeb Parida exhorted to invite all associations of the undivided Koraput district and general public to extend their support.

"We will resort to eco nomic blockade if our demand is not fulfilled," said Prasant Tripathy of the Jeypore Bar.

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OMC bauxite mine damages agri lands, roads

K'put villagers meet SPCB Member-Secy

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

delegation of seven vil-Alagers of Talakai Padar and Narsikai Padar of Odia Pentha gram panchayat in Koraput district has met the State Pollution Control Board Member-Secretary and lodged a complaint about the damages

caused by the Kodingamali bauxite mine, Laxmipur run by the Odisha Mining Corporation (OMC).

The OMC bauxite mining project in Kodingahill started in February 2018 without the consent of Gram Sabhas has damaged agricultural land, environment and water bodies in the area, the delegation alleged.

On October 12, 2018, the mining over burden (mine rejects) were flooded into the agricultural lands in Talakai lages. Besides, lands recog-nised under the Forest Rights Act have also been damaged.

Though villagers had lodged a complaint before the district Collector in this regard, no action has been taken yet. Here in Bhubaneswar also

they have given representa-tion to the Member Secretary of Pollution Control Board or 1st November and demanded for site inspection followed appropriate action against OM

Besides, the mine water has polluted the local streams, which are lifeline of the local

Few of such streams locally called as Utan Jola, Gunji Heini, Misini Miringi, Grispa Haan, Jai Mandin, Dangiri Jhola, Munda Jhola, Jading Jala, Kaja Miring, Lukka Padar, Ambili Bara, Karki Jala, Kida Baara and Barada Ganda are located in Talakai Padar village.

transportation of minerals though 300 trucks, village roads have been damaged and air is

The villagers requested SPCB Member Secretary to visit the affected villages and take urgent action to save agricultural field and check the

water and air pollution.

They further demanded that the OMC be directed to stop mining operation till the conditions are fully com-

Raise Grade-D retirement age: Association

KHORDHA: Even though the State Government has raised the retirement age limit of its employees from 58 years to 60 years, the retirement age limit of the Grade-D employees is not increased, pointed out State Grade-D Employees Association member Raj Kishore Mahapatra.

He said that the employees have since long been demanding to increase their retirement age limit from 60 years to 62 years, but the State Government has turned deaf ears to their demand.

Keeping in mind their dedicated service and to meet their families needs, the association has requested the Government to increase their retires within one month.

was conferred with the Kalinga Safety Award for its exemplary efforts in maintaining best safety practices in the power plant at the Odisha State Safety Conclave. GKEL COO Ramesh R Pai and head

their immense contribution. Pai said promoting a safe and health workplace is an integrated part of the GKEL work culture.

BARIPADA VIGILANCE WEEK HELD

42 Ganjam pilgrims

requesting him to extend nec-essary support for safe return of the pilgrims.

"Forty-two pilgrims of Ganjam district with Guide

Sources said the pilgrims were returning from Badrinath after taking Darshan when the Hariyali

Meanwhile, Minister Dharmendra Pradhan talked to Uttarakhand Chief Minister Tribendra Singh and requested him to provide all support to the stranded Odia pilgrims. In response, the CM said that his Government has already taken steps for safety of

This has brought about a

significant change in the way students engage and learn, as collaboration and understanding each other's work enhances the students with a much broader view that encompass-es more factors than their individual subjects encompass.

vidual subjects encompass.

D a s s a u l t S y s t è m e s'
3D Experience on wheels is
currently at Parlakhemundi
campus of the Centurion
University. It is a mobile lounge
mounted on a bus that will
travel to over 23 cities in over
six months and connect directly to over 250 companies. It is ly to over 250 companies. It is equipped with demonstrations of the latest in manufacturing technologies.

Blood camp held in Mao-hit K'put areas



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The Mission Udaya, a joint effort by UNFPA and KISS, organised a blood donation camp in the most remote and Maoist affected panchayats, Ramgiri and Doraguda of Boipariguda block.

Young and first time donors were seen excited for

Odisha XI defeated

The much-awaited exhi-

bition hockey match between Odisha XI and New South Wales (NSW), Australia, was

played here at the Biju Patnaik Hockey Stadium on Sunday which was witnessed by a

record crowd of about 20,000.

Patnaik inaugurated the match.

The crowd witnessed competitive hockey match but was lit-

tle disappointed since the home

Chief Minister Naveen

MALAY RAY ■ ROURKELA

by NSW

Khatua motivated the common public to donate blood and aware them about the impor tance and benefits of blood donation. While the camp was coordinated by district coordinator Manas Mohanty, region-al coordinator of the Mission Udaya, Gyanendra Dhal attended as guest and motivated the donors. A total of 127 units of

team Odisha XI was defeated by the New South Wales by 2-3 goal

margin.
Chief Minister

Patnaik said his Government is commit-

ted for the development of sports in the State. "We have already organ-

ised major sports events
like Asian Athletic
Championship and
Champions trophy etc. and we

are going to organise the Men's Hockey World Cup during last

week of this month," Patnaik

As a different gesture.

OASME meet: Alternative of plastic discussed

mining project in

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'Affected MSMEs to be benefitted by using Korean tech'

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The Odisha Assembly of Small and Medium Enterprises (OASME), Cuttack in association with the Hoopoo Overseas Private Limited. Bhubaneswar, organised a workshop entitled "Next 2 Plastics" on Saturday.

It was largely attended by the MSME entrepreneurs engaged in plastics activities all over the State.

During the inaugural ceremony, Er Satwik Swain, sec-

CM unveils hockey match at Rourkela

Patnaik also hit a penalty stroke

with Olly mascot as the goalkeeper and the crowd was euphoric when the ball reached retary general of OASME said that due to ban of plastics near about 500 MSEs of the State the alternative items will be manufactured within a short period by using Korean have closed down their units and the entrepreneurs are seating idle.

As a responsible apex MSME association, it is the moral duty of OASME to extend support and guidance to the MSEs to overcome from such a crisis.

Hoopoo Overseas Private Limited MD Monalisha Mohapatra said they would market the raw material of the alternative plastic in Odisha.

HS Kang and Vinod Manchanda, representatives of Indian Business Associate of Biotrack International Private

nessed from the begin-

ning of the match. Although Odisha got its

first penalty corner in the first quarter of the match, goal scoring

opportunity was missed narrowly. The stadium

went euphoric when Odisha XI scored in the second quarter and got the lead by the end

of second quarter. The NSW however came

back strongly in the third quar-

ter by scoring two goals in a span of ten minutes and took the lead of 2-1 by the end of

technology without any pollu-

They informed that the uniqueness of their products is they are compostable within 180 days and eco friendly.

Zonal General Manager, NSIC Limited, Bhubaneswar Sanjaya Kumar Rautela described in detail about different schemes of Government of India through which affected MSMEs can survive easily and re-start their units

Director, EP and M, Odisha Saran Kumar Jena inaugurated the workshop as chief guest. Chairman of OASME Gauri Sankar Dash

come back well with levelling the score with 2-2 in the fourth

the winning goal, in the last minute of the match and

Dilip Tirkey, Raghunathpalli MLA Subrat Tarai etc. handed

over the prizes to the players of

both the teams.

Later, Chief Minister

Patnaik attended another func-

tion at Uditnagar parade ground and laid foundation stones of some projects.

became the winner. State Sports and Youth Services Minister Chandra Sarathi Behera, hockey legend

stranded in **Badrinath**

State Govt, Dharmendra urge U'khand Govt for support

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

s many as 42 Odia pilgrims As many as 42 Odia pilgrims from Ganjam district have been stranded at Badrinath in Uttarakhand for the last two

days due to heavy snowfall.
Odisha Joint Relief
Commissioner PR Mohapatra on Sunday wrote to the Chamoli district Collector

Bhagaban Suar on their return journey from Badrinath have been stranded at Dharmasala due to snowfall.

They have not eaten since Saturday and facing various problems due to power cut," Mohapatra mentioned in the

road got blocked with three-four deep snow layers. The pil-grims later took shelter at

INBRIEF

2 YOUTHS KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENT IN M'BHANJ the bike by which they were travelling was hit by an unidentified vehicle near the Jagannathkhunta High School at Jharpokharia on NH-18 in Mayurbhanj district on Sunday. They were identified as Deepak Sethy (27) of Sarasakana and Dipun Sahu (25) of Tulasibani in

BARIPADA HEALTH CAMP FOR PREGNANT WOMEN HELD



Baripada: A health camp and free medicine distribution programme was held near here on Sunday. At least 58 underprivileged pregnant women of Baripada block were given prenatal vitamins and mineral supplements in the camp organized by "PRIDE", a oluntary organisation of this area. The USA-based 'Vitaminangels' collaborated

in holding the programme. Experts participating in the camp educated the women on how to improve birth weight, reduce the chances of anemia and night blindness and increase a healthy immune system Krushnachandrapur CHC Medical Officer Dr Maheswar Maihi, PHEO Kishor Kumar Kabi, MPHS Jagannath Murmu, MPHW Kishan Nandi and Ashish Parida, among others, attended the programme.

VEDANTA LANJIGARH BAGS KALINGA SAFETY AWARD Bhuhaneswar: The Vedanta Limited, Lanjigarh rece

Safety Award-2018 at the Odisha State Safety Conclave (OSSC) held here in the silver category for excellence in safety practices under the Alumina Production Industry category. The award was received by company Associate GM Misbah Uddin Khan from Governor Ganeshi Lal. The Vedanta has always considered safety as its utmost priority

GKEL GETS KALINGA SAFETY AWARD



Bhubaneswar: The GMR Kamalanga Energy Limited (GKEL) (EHS) Susanta Sahoo received the

award from Governor Prof Ganeshi Lal. Appreciating all employees for

Baripada: The Vigilance Awareness Week was observed here from October 29 to November 3. The theme of this year was 'Eradicate Corruption - Build a New India.' Besides other programmes, a officials of the district administration, a good number of intellectuals

'3D Experience

RSP Dy Manager found Lovers hang to hanging at residence

PNS ROURKELA

Mystery shrouded the death of a Deputy Manager of the Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP) after he was found hanging from the ceiling of his official

quarters in Sector-2 here on Sunday morning.

The deceased was identi-fied as Jay Prabesh (31), Deputy Manager of Plate Mill Department, RSP. Sources said Prabesh's wife, who was also staying with him at the RSP quarters, is pregnant and went to her in-laws' house in Meerut in Uttar Pradesh three days ago. Prabesh was also supposed to go to his house on Sunday. When Prabesh did not receive



phone calls, his wife called up his friends, who went to his quarters and found him hanging from the ceiling. The Sector-3 police rushed to the

Though the reason behind his death was vet to be ascertained, it was suspected that Prabesh might have committed suicide

spot and sent the body to the Ispat General Hospital (IGH) postmortem.
Though the reason behind

his death was yet to be ascertained, it was suspected that Prabesh might have committed suicide between 8 pm and 2

death in Nuapada

PNS III NUAPADA

ove took an ugly turn when La young couple allegedly hanged themselves to death at Pawartala village under the Dharambandha police limits in

Nuapada district.

The deceased were identified as Siba Majhi (21) and Rashida Majhi (18) of Pawartala village. On Sunday morning, locals found the couple hanging from a tree near a farmland and informed their family members. While the reason behind the incident was yet to be known, it was suspected that the two committed suicide over some issues pertaining to their love relationship.

On receiving information,

The reason behind the incident was yet to be known, it was suspected that the two committed suicide

> the Dharambandha police reached the spot and interrogated family members of the deceased.

over some issues

pertaining to their love relationship

Hariyali Bhawan Dharmasala in the district. Union

the pilgrims.

on wheels' at Centurion campus



PNS ■ PARALAKHEMUNDI

he Centurion University The Centurion Chrystolly, has partnered with Dassault Systèmes in 2015 to make the world's most advanced technologies accessible to the students. The university has under-

taken consulting project using 3D technology, CATIA, Enovia, Delmia, Dymola, Geovia and Biovia, etc. Working with this platform represents a new par-adigm in teaching because it allows multidisciplinary inter-action. Mechanical, electronics, systems engineering, materials, CNC, welding and design students work together on very complex and detailed virtual 3D models, including com-

Rugby and KISS synonymous to each other



ACHYUTA SAMANTA

It's a proud movement for the State that Asia Rugby Sevens Girls U18 Championship is being hosted at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. For the first time such a prestigious tournament being hosted in India by Rugby India. It brings me extreme joy to state that five girls from the Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) are selected to play in the Indian team. It is a matter of pride for the institute and Odisha and my heart swells with pride with this empower-

Asian rugby games have created in Bhubaneswar is tremendous and overpowering as unite over the course of the tournament This is a moment of tri-

umph for Odisha and its rich legacy in sports and CM Naveen Patnaik's vision to promote Odisha as the sports destination of India. Under his leadership, a conducive ecosystem for hosting national and international sports has been created in Odisha.

If Odisha is the nursery for producing sporting talents in India, the KISS is the cradle of sports in Odisha. Odisha consists of 24% tribal population. The KISS now supports 27,000 grades one students from through graduate training along with vocational training, skill development, academia, sports, and culture.

The priority given to sports in KISS is unmatchable and the result is epic. Over 5,000 ath-

The atmosphere that the letes have played national and international tournaments over 100 different events giving the mileage those sports desper-ately need in this country. This includes the participation in Olympics, Commonwealth and Asian Games. But when it comes to rugby, the KISS means rugby; and when you talk about rugby, one remem-bers the KISS. Both are synonymous to each other. The KISS has created pop-

ularity of the sport that had no identity in Odisha. The KISS busted the myth in the perception that rugby was a game of the elite Western world and not suited to Indian climes with the brilliant display of wit. planning, strategising and

Rugby as a sport requires a lot of strength both mental and physical. When it comes to the students of KISS, they are genetically gifted with the mental and physical endurance, which is required to play and win the sport. We introduced

and since then, there has been no looking back.

In 2005, we brought in State-level coaches to train our students and then promoted to national-level coaches for furher guidance and training. When the students became extremely passionate about the sport, we brought international coaches for rigorous training. Finally, KISS players aged 12 to 13 represented the Indian team to play the World Rugby Championship in London in 2007. It was indeed an epochmaking event in the history of emerged as champions; and rest is history.

I personally visited them,

paid my regards and fulfilled all the necessities of the budding rugby players who were going to represent India because it was their first-ever grand tour-nament. I oversaw the stitching of their suits, see them flaunting it with pride and preparing them for victory or lesson.

rugby; students loved the sport; The risk involved in their entourage because of the pres-sure they had on them of representing India, going out to new places, adjusting with the climatic condition and the other territorial pressures were large; and we mustered up all the courage to do it. The team faced all odds and emerged as winners.

Winning the tournament in a European setting by these children who had never had the occasion of seeing their own State's capital, Bhubaneswar, was indeed an eye-opener and established beyond doubt the belief that given the right opportunity, these communities who mastered such a game much of which is yet to be seen in India could do wonders.

I was extremely proud of KISS students who defeated 10 countries to win and raise the flags of Odisha and India. I flew down to Kolkata to receive the entire team where we dined at a five-star hotel. I personally motivated them to beat all

odds. After 2007, both boys and girls have played many national and international rugby games and brought acco-lades for the country. The KISS has been an undisputed rugby

Fast forward to 2018. All the dignitaries from rugby, Pramod Khanna, president of Rugby Association, Priyadarshi Mishra, president, and Upendra Mohanty, secretary of Odisha Rugby Football Association, have acknowledged our contribution to this game. Rahul Bose has frequently visited the KISS and

Sumitra Navak, currently Vice-Captain of U-19 India Girls Rugby Team, has travelled five countries and addressed in the TEDx Conference besides winning many national and international events. A school dropout, Sumitra, escaped a fire in her house and braved most tumultuous times to become what she is today. She was also nominated for Youth Peace

Muna Murmu, the star in the Jungle Crow in 2007, is a coach in KISS, producing more success stories like him. Hailing from a primitive tribal com munity of Odisha has not deterred Muna from scaling new highs in the sporting

After his solid performance Under-16 National Tournament, he was selected for the Indian U-19 Team in 2010. After making his senior international debut in 2013, Muna is a permanent winger in the side because of his skills to run fast. Recently, he played for Team India in the Asian Rugby Championship Division-2 in

Hupi Majhi has won her international last year. This was the second time she was the top try scorer at an interthird consecutive occasion where she top-scored for her team. At the Asia Rugby Development Sevens Series,

in five matches and was the lone Indian scorer at the Sevens Series in Sri Lanka. All with a five-foot height, and weighing just over 50 kg. Her strength, however, is speed and reading of the game.

Bhagyalxmi Barik was the first from KISS to represent the Indian team. She has won several gold medals in rugby and was the captain of the team when Odisha created a hattrick. After years of oppression and exploitation when I see the

redemption of tribal kids through sports, especially rugby, I have a state of bliss and When our CM announced that Asian Rugby Games would be held in Odisha, I had a sim-

conscience. I am sure the entire State would bask in its glory and such stories of hope tinue in Odisha through the catalyst called KISS.

ilar bliss running through my

(Dr Samanta is Founder, KIIT & KISS)

IN GAJAPATI -

DM walks, distributes reliefs in remote areas



PNS PARALAKHEMUNDI

ajapati district Collector Gajapau district concetor Anupam Shah moved on foot many kilometers and distributes relief among Cyclone Titli and floods-affected people

The Collected took stock of

damages and plights of people in Dimbosing, Badiar, Tilibang and Daleisahi of Managarajpur gram panchayat under R Udayagri. He told the people,

Bhuyanpada relief camp, that they would be rehabilitated in a safer area for which land have been identified. As many as 56 families would be shift-

ed, he said.

Besides, Shah went to Anjarabada, 17 km from the main road, and distributed blankets among the villagers. Later, he distributed land patta to 40 families at Ramgiri TR Colony. He handed over a cheque of Rs 10 lakh to the widow of Shukru Dalei, who died due to the cyclone. The Collector directed officials to provide pension to Krupasindhu Badamundi of Behera Sajhi, who has been partially disable, and put his children in an Ashram School.

Additional District Collector Birendra Karkara, R Udayagiri BDO Pradeep Nayak and DCPO Arun Tripathy were

U Sammilani holds 'Odia signboard' drive Urges city traders to write shop names in Odia



PNS BHUBANESWAR

he Utkal Sammilani central I committee on Sunday paign on the need for writing signboards in Odia and urged owners of all shops and other business establishments along Master Canteen Square-Rajmahal Square to write sign-

sion," Thripathi alleged and demanded that the State

Government make it public regarding recruitment of Odia

youths appointed by MoU-signed large firms. Among others, BJP Yuba

Morcha general secretary Bishwaranjan Badajena, trea-

surer Pratap Chandra Nayak and coordinator Kamaksha Prasad Pradhan were present.

"Unemployment has risen in the State during the last 19

vears of BJD rule. The State

Government has betrayed them. It is disappointing that

the State Government is only

providing job to youths," said

"In 2008, it was decided at the

Government level that private companies would recruit 90

per cent of unskilled workers

60 per cent of semi-skilled

workers and 30 per cent of

skilled workers from among

Government has failed to

implement the decision, Thripathi alleged

blaming the Central Government instead of boards in Odia, Members apprised about the rules of Odisha Shop and Business Establishment (Amendment) Act 1018 while asking them to write signboards in Odia. A shopkeeper can be imposed a fine of ₹1,000 to ₹2,500 if he violated the Act. Many businessmen hailed the campaign and assured that they would

A shopkeeper can be imposed a fine of ₹1,000 to ₹2,500 if he violated the Act

abide by the Government rules Among others, Utkal Sammilani central committee

Tripathi, general secretary Dr Radhanath Praharaj, viceident Dr Gourang Prasad Behera, Tapas Ranjan Mishra, Satyajit Nayak, Dr Banambar Parida, Pathani Jena, Trinath Parida, Patnani Jelia, Irinaui Samantray, Sarojini Mohanty, Ashok Patra, Krupanidhi Mishra, Benudhar Sahoo and Dr Abani Bhushan Mishra par-

Tourists thronging S'pal in large numbers

PNS BARIPADA

With the Similipal National Park having reopened for public from November 1, tourists, from within and outside the State have been flocking to the sanctuary in increas ing numbers.

With the weather being fine and favourable and every thing being conducive and peaceful, the visitors have been showing great enthusiasm in

travelling to the area.

On the first day itself, i.e.

November 1, the tourists
moved to the National Park through both the Jashipur and Lulung routes. Similipal, it may be noted, will remain open for the visitors for the next 7-8 months.

Similipal had been closed for the tourists for the last four and a half months. Every year, authorities close Similipal for visitors during the rainy season.

NITIE honours Bishnupada Sethi

Senior IAS officer Bishnupada Sethi has been honoured by the National Institute of Industrial Engineering (NITIE) Alumni Association in Mumbai for his rich contributions and exem-

Odisha's Special Relief Commissioner, Higher Education Secretary and Odisha Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA) Managing Director, has been bestowed with Distinguished Alumnus Award-2018 for his emblematic leader ship, exemplary services and

outstanding contributions to the industry and academia. NITIE Director Professor Karuna Jain honoured Sethi in the Annual Alumni Meet held in Mumbai on Saturday. Sethi did his Post Graduate Diploma in Industrial Engineering (PGDIE) at the NITIE in 1989

1990 with an outstanding feat. The NITIE offers a twovear residential Post Graduate Diploma in Industrial Engineering, equivalent to Master's Degree in Industrial Engineering, recognised by the Government of India. Later, Sethi joined the Indian Administrative Service.



NITIE DIRECTOR PROFESSOR KARUNA

INDUSTRIAL **ENGINEERING (PGDIE)** AT THE NITIE IN 1989-1990 WITH AN

JAIN HONOURED SETHI IN THE ANNUAL ALUMNI

MEET HELD IN MUMBAI ON SATURDAY. SETHI DID HIS POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN

OUTSTANDING FEAT

BJP to gherao job exchanges today

The BIP would lock all The BJP would lock all Employment Exchange offices across the State on Monday in protest against the State Government's failure to provide jobs to youths, informed BJP Yuba Morcha president Tankadhar Tripathi at a Press meet here on Sunday.

"Unemployment has risen in the State during the last 19 years of BJD rule.

The State Government has betrayed them. It is disappointing that the State Government is only blaming the Central Government instead of providing job to youths," said Tripathi Alleging that the District Employment Exchange offices have failed to provide jobs to youths in both the Government

and private sectors, Tripathi said party activists would lock all these offices and held protest meetings in front of them. "In 2008, it was decided at the Government level that private companies would recruit 90 per cent of unskilled work-

ers, 60 per cent of semi-skilled workers and 30 per cent of skilled workers from among

Acharya nominated AIIMS-BBS president PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Padma Shri Prof Subrata Kumar Acharya, Pro-Chancellor, KIIT University and overall in-charge of Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS), has been nominated as President of the All India Institute of Medical (AIIMS) Bhubaneswar by the Government of India.

Dr Acharya was associated with the AIIMS, New Delhi rendering service for last 40 vears. After retirement, he oined as Pro-Chancellor of



FOUNDER DR **ACHYUTA SAMANTA EXPRESSED** HAPPINESS OVER DR ACHARYA'S NOMINATION AS PRESIDENT, AIIMS-**BBS AND CONGRATULATED**

KIIT & KISS founder Dr Achyuta Samanta expressed happiness over Dr Acharya's nomination as President, AIIMS-BBS and congratulated

Dr Acharya is a renowned gastroenterology and hepatol-

ogy specialist.

He was honoured with
Padma Shri for his remarkable contribution in the field of medicine.

medicine.

Reacting to the development, Dr Acharya said he would remain as KIIT Pro-Chancellor and overall incharge of KIMS along with his new assignment.

Cong, BJP protest CM visit at R'kela 'Stone laying by Naveen to dupe people'

The Rourkela District Congress and the Rourkela BJP staged protest against Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik's visit here on Sunday at different places of city. Congress led by unit president Rabi Ray staged a peaceful protest near Bisra

The party alleged that Chief Minister Patnaik had laid foundation stone of the Koel barrage, a whole sale market at Balughat, a Medical College and Hospital at Kuanrmunda four years ago but all the projects have not yet taken off. Since the election is approaching, the

India Post cover released at SOA meet | 'Mo Bus' network

During the protest, they further alleged that land acquisition for the second Brahmani bridge has not yet been done by the State Government

present show of the Chief Minister by lay ing of foundation stones of some other projects at Rourkela is to dupe the people,

the Congress protestors alleged.

During the protest, they further alleged that land acquisition for the second

Brahmani bridge has not yet been done by the State Government but it was blaming the Center for delay in construction of the bridge. The party men targeted both the Center and the State for doing nothing for the people of Rourkela.
Similarly, the BJP under the leadership of Rourkela district president protested the Chief Minister near Sinhasini temple with similar allegations.

The BJP charged that though it had demanded a quarter final or semifinal match of the Hockey World Cup at the Biju

Patnaik stadium but it was ignored.

The BJP further said that Union
Tribal Affairs Minister Jual Oram and Rourkela MLA Dilip Ray were also not invited to foundation laying ceremony attended by the Chief Minister. Around

City resident duped of ₹20 cr

CM INTERVENTION SOUGHT AFTER POLICE INACTION

After failing to get justice station, action. Bhimatangi, who has become a victim of a fraud of whopping ₹20 crore, has sought the Chief Minister's intervention to get back his money from the fraudster.

The Thaka Birodhi

Sanghathan has informed in a statement that Ashok Das of ₹20 core by fraudster over nine years.

Though he had filed a complaint at the Airfield police station, the latter didn't take any

He then approached ACP, DCP and the CP, but in vain. Then he approached court, which directed the police to conduct probe and take action into the allegation of Ashok.

"If the accused doesn't get punishment and the victim Police Commissioner office, said Sanghathan convenor



justice, we will gherao the Inana Prakash Pal.



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m F}$ or the first time, a special cover was released by the India Post to commemorate

the organisation of a National Integration Camp (NIC) being held at the SOA University here on Saturday.

National Service Scheme (NSS) volunteers from ten States representing 21 universities, was inaugurated on October

The week-long NIC, being

Rs.51.86 lakhs & 61.88 lakhs

4 (Four) months to 9 (Nine) Months

attended by around 250 29.The postal cover, emblazoned with the design of the

famous Shanti Stupa (Peace Pagoda), located on the historic Dhauli hill here, and logos of NSS and SOA, was presented by Senior Superintendent of India Post, Bhubaneswar Division Satyabadi Biswal to Regional Director of NSS, Odisha R Gokulkrishnan at a

simple function held at the

Khandagiri Sub-Post Office in presence of SOA's Vice-Chancellor Prof Amit Banerjee. Explaining the significance of the release of the postal cover, eminent philatelist and secretary of the Eastern India Philatelic Association Shanti Swarup Rath said a special cover was issued by India Post when a commemorative stamp was not released.

Such postal covers are treated as a collector's item which are picked up thematically and were of immense

Routes in three phases Canteen Terminal with Kalinga Nagar. The Mo Bus phase-II net-

to be launched

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November 6 with nine routes, while the phase-II network will be launched from November 15 and phase-III from December 10.

tomorrow

Sources at the Capital Region Urban Transport (CRUT) said while route No. 20 will include Master Canteen Terminal and Khurda New Bus Stand via Vani Vihar, route 21 will include Master Canteen Terminal and Khurda New Bus Stand via Odisha University of Agriculture Technology. Similarly, route No 22 will include Master Canteen Terminal and Khordha New Bus Stand (via Jatni).

Route No. 23 will link Master Canteen Terminal and SUM Hospital and the route No. 24 will have Kalinga Vihar and Sai Temple.

While the route 25 will link Dumduma with Mancheswar, route No. 26 will include the route between Dumduma and Chakeisiani.

While the route No. 27 will connect between Master Canteen Terminal and All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) near Sijua, route No. 28 will link Master

City's robust public transport through state-of-the art technology the Mo Bus's phase I network will have route No.10 connecting Biju Patnaik International Airport (via Nandankanan) Badambadi Square (Cuttack), route No. 11 connecting Master Canteen Terminal with Biju Patnaik Park (Cuttack) and route No.12 linking Sikharchandi with Lingaraj Temple. Route No. 13 will connect

Master Canteen Terminal with Patia, route No. 14 with Vani Vihar and Uttara Square and route No. 15 will join Sikharchandi with SUM Hospital. Route No. 16 is going to connect Biju Patnaik International Airport with SUM Hospital, route No. 17 with Balianta and Lingaraj Temple and the route No. 18 will include a hop-on and hop-off service between Lingaraj Temple and Madhusudan Das

Park, Pokhariput.
The Mo Bus phase-III network is likely to be launched on December 10 and for it the route planning is under

. While 100 buses will be utilised for the Mo Bus Phase-I network, another 100 buses are in for Mo Bus Phase-II network routes. Similarly, 89 refurbished buses from the older fleet will be used for the Mo Bus phase-III network.

EAST COAST RAILWAY **E-PROCUREMENT OF** TRACK FITTINGS E-TENDER NOTICE NOS. ECORCONTP181906 & ECORCONTP1819 FOR AND ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT OF INDIA CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (CON), EAST COAST RAILWAY, BHUBANESWAR INVITES E-BIDS AT E-PROCUREMENT WEBSITE http://www.ireps.gov.in UNDER E-TENDER-GOODS & SERVICES PORTAL FOR MANUFACTURE AND SUPPLY OF TRACK FITTINGS, DATE OF CLOSING OF E-TENDER NOTICE NOS. ECORCONTP181906 &

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'E' PROCUREMENT NOTICE NO.RWD-II/KPD-06/18-19 DTD 30.10.2018 Construction of building and repair of road work in the District of Kendrapara for the year 2018-19

1 No of road & 1 no of Building Name of work

Total No of road Estimated Cost

Opening of Technical Bid Opening of Financial Bid

Period of Completion

clarification

25098/11/0012/1819

Procurement officer Availability of tender online & submission of bid Last date & time of seeking of tender

20.11.2018 up to 5:00 PM 24 11 2018 at 11:00 A M

Further details can be seen from the Govt, website www.tendersorissa.gov.ir Sd/-

Executive Engineer, Rural Works Division-II, Kendrapara

08.11.2018 at 11:00 AM to 22.11.2018 up to 5:00 PM

Executive Engineer Rural Works Division-II Kendrapara

CIC issues show-cause notice to RBI Governor

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Central Information Commission (CIC) has issued a show-cause notice to RBI Governor Urjit Patel for "dishonouring" a Supreme Court judgment on disclosure of wilful defaulters' list.

The CIC has also asked the Prime Minister's Office, the Finance Ministry and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to make public the letter of former RBI governor Raghuram Rajan on bad loans.

Irked over the denial of

information on the disclosure of the names of wilful defaulters who have taken bank loans of ₹50 crore and above by the RBI in spite of a Supreme Court order, the CIC has asked Patel to explain why a maximum penalty be not imposed on him for "dishonouring" the verdict which had upheld a decision taken by then Information

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calling for disclosure of names of wilful defaulters.

Patel, speaking on September 20 at the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), had said the guidelines on vigilance, issued by the CVC, were aimed at achieving greater transparency, promoting a cul-ture of honesty and probity in public life and improving the overall vigilance administration in the organisations within its purview, the CIC pointed out.

"The Commission feels

that there is no match between what RBI Governor and Deputy Governor say and their website regarding their RTI policy, and great secrecy of vigilance reports and inspection reports is being maintained with impunity in spite of the Supreme Court confirming the orders of the CIC in the Jayantilal case", Information Commissioner Sridhar Acharyulu said.

He concluded that it did not serve any purpose in pun-ishing the CPIO for this defiance, because he acted under the instructions of the top authorities.

"The Commission considers the Governor as deemed PIO responsible for non-disclosure and defiance of SC orders and CIC orders and directs him to show cause why maximum penalty should not be imposed on him for these reasons, before November 16, 2018," Acharyulu said.

these formulations can be used to treat 20 to 30 different dis-

MP polls: Cong releases second list of candidates

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

With the Congress releas-ing its second lists of candidates on Sunday for the Madhya Pradesh Assembly elections, the party has set aside speculations of internal rife in the State cadre led by heavyweights and old timers Kamal Nath and Digvijay Singh and the new generation leader Jyotiraditya Scindia. The party has struck a fine balance between supporters of Nath, Singh and Scindia.

Last week, during the discussion on finalising the first set of candidates, Digvijaya Singh and Jyotiraditya Scindia had a huge argument and the Central Election Committee meeting had to be stopped midway which also had presence of Kamal Nath.

The dispute was over the selection of candidates and both the leaders last Thursday walked out of the party's warroom in national Capital after heated exchanges with Scindia. Congress chief Rahul Gandhi thereafter appointed a three-member committee led by Ahmed Patel to resolve the





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Two-time Chief Minister Digvijay Singh has a long-standing rivalry with Scindia leading to factionalism within the party in the state, where it has been out of power for 15 years. With the Shivraj Singh Chouhan governing the state since 2003, Congress is hoping to take a lead on the anti-incumbency factor.

Congress which has released a total of 171 candidates of the 230 member assembly, it has on expected lines, renominated 46 MLAs

while dropping Govardhan Upadhyay, Shakuntala Khatik and Manoj Kumar, sitting MLAs from Sironj, Kerera and Kotma respectively. They have been replaced by Ashok Tyagi, Iaswant Jatav and Sunil Saraf.

Elections in the state are due on November 28 while the results will be declared on December 11 alongwith the results of Rajasthan, Chhatisgarh and Mizoram where polls will be held simultaneously.

The names of Congress

state unit chief Kamal Nath and poll campaign committee in-charge Jyotiradtiya Scindia are not on the either list. They are touted to be frontrunners for the chief minister's post if the party wins. The list of 155 names, released late Saturday night, includes that of 21 women and 24 fresh faces. The remaining 75 candidates will be announced during the

next couple of days.

Interestingly, the Congress
has nominated Dr Hiralal Alawa, convener of the tribal political outfit Jai Adivasi Yuva Shakti (JAYS), from the Manawar seat in Dhar district. Alawa, a former assistant professor at Delhi's All India Institute of Medical Sciences,

was unable for comment.
The Congress-JAYS were in talks for an alliance, especially in the Nimar-Malwa region where the BJP has a formidable following. Former chief minister Digvijay Singh's son Jaivardhan, a sitting MLA. brother Lakshman Singh and nephew Priyavrat Singh have been given tickets from Raghogarh, Chachoda and Khilchipur seats respectively.

Similarly, Scindia loyalists Hemant Katare and KK Singh have been nominated from Ater and Jaora seats respec-tively. Four former MPs, comprising former Union minister Suresh Pachouri, Vijaylaxmi Sadho, Sajjan Singh Verma and Surendra Singh Thakur have been nominated from Bhojpur, Maheshwar, Sonkuth Shoppin, Maleshwar, Solikuti and Sehore respectively. Sanjay Sharma, Padma Shukla and Abhay Mishra, who recently joined the Congress after leav-ing the ruling BJP in Madhya Pradesh, have been given tick-

'Possible to take Ayushman Bharat to 6L villages'

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■

 $E^{ven \ as \ the \ Center \ is \ yet \ to}_{include \ the \ old \ systems \ of}_{medicine \ (AYUSH) \ in \ its}$ biggest medical insurance policy (Pradhan Mantri Ian icy (Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna), Union Minister Mahesh Sharma, who also hap-pens to be an allopathic doctor, vouched on Sunday for its efficacy saying that through alternate system of medicine, it is possible to take the Ayushman Bharat scheme to over six lakh villages across the States. During the inaugural ses-

sion of the two-day national seminar on Entrepreneurship and Business Development in Ayurveda', Sharma said, "Through Ayurveda, it is possible to take Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Ayushman Bharat scheme to over six lakh

villages of the country. arma also hoped that the AYUSH Ministry can make significant contribution to the



economy of the country by expanding existing market of Ayurveda and AYUSH products and therapies. The ministry has aimed to expand the current size of Ayurveda and AYUSH business of around USD 3 billion to USD 10 billion by 2022.

Earlier, Minister of State for AYUSH Shripad Yesso Naik said that the ancient Scriptures of Ayurveda have at least 1.25 lakhs formulations which are collected in Traditional knowledge Digital Library. Each one of

of the event. CEO of Niti Ayog Amitabh

eases. In this way we have 20 lakh medicines which is an incredible and unimaginable figure for entrepreneurs, he said. In, fact, the Ministry has already initiated pilot projects in few districts to integrate tra-ditional healing by using med-icinal herbs with Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) in hospitals. "The aim is to show efficacy of

herbal drugs to treat non-communicable diseases like dia-betes and thyroid. We have drugs like BGR-34 developed by scientific bodies such as CSIR to treat diabetes cases which is on increase," said a senior official on the sidelines

Kant too pitched for providing platform to Ayush which, he said, is "the best and purest" source of rejuvenation and there exists a "great opportunity" to create knowledge and business based on it.

Rajiv Vasudevan who heads Bangalore-based AyurVaid, a chain of Ayurveda in-patient hospitals focused on medical management of serious chron-ic diseases said that going back to basics of authentic ayurveda treatment and leveraging its capabilities comprehensively is an imperative. He also called for inclusion of AYUSH in the PMJAY to reach out to the peo-

AIKS to organise march from Nov 28 to 30

he All India Kisan Sabha 1 (AIKS) will organise a march from November 28 to 30 to press for the pending demands of the farmers in the

national capital.
Earlier, 30,000 farmers have walked and travelled in tractors to Delhi in the first week of October to push their demand of loan waivers to farmers. Slamming the BJP farmers. Slamming the BJP and the Congress governments for the plight of farmers in the country, AIKS General Secretary Hannan Mollah alleged that successive Governments' "failure" to bring "land reforms" has triggered the "agricultural crisis". AIKS has sought President Ram Nath Kovind's intervention to resolve the "agricultural crisis" that renders 70 per cent of people in the country vulnerable, by addressing a joint session of

Asserting that farmers'

tre of the Left parties' political activities, Mollah said that agricultural crisis is manifested in different ways and there are historical reasons behind it. "The main cause of agricultural crisis is failure to bring about

land reforms. After Independence, if the farmers had got land then their condition would have been better," said Mollah adding that a march would be organized on November 28 and 30 to press press for the pending demands of the farmers in the national

capital.

Alleging that after Independence the government had not taken steps for land reforms with the agricultural sector as its prime focus, he alleged that the then ruling party maintained close affinity with landlords of major states. He also hit out at the BJP

government at the centre, accusing it of not fulfilling his 2014 electoral promises to farmers while terming its

announcement of hike in min-imum support prices (MSPs) of 22 mandated crops and fair and remunerative price (FRP) of sugarcane "a hoax".

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Alleging that while agricultural inputs costs have increased many folds, farmer are not getting due price of their products, Mollah said, "The BJP is now seeking to hoodwink farmers by planning an aggressive campaign ning an aggressive campaign for the general elections next

"Farmers across the country have realized who are the main culprits behind their plight. We have been working for farmers' cause since long. On many occasions, our efforts vield dividends to farmers. We are uniting farmers bodies across the country and have created a common platform,"

A 'Kisan March' would be organised in Delhi from November 28 to 30 under the aegis of the All India Kisan Sangharsh Coordination Committee (AIKSCC), a conglomerate of 260 farmers bodies across the country, to press for their various demands, Mollah, who is also a convenor of the AIKSCC, said.

He said the 2011 Census

reveals that there are nearly 15 million less farmers in the country than there were in 1991. "This pattern of distress migration indicates that the agrarian crisis has burst from the seams of rural India, under-mining both the country's food security and our collective food sovereignty," Mollah said, asking, "Why cant' the same government waive farmers' loan which is near about half of the loans waived for industrialists?"

About the 'Kisan March', he said, "Farmers will come on tractors. On November 29, they will assemble at the Ramlila grounds here. We are trying to organise our rally at Boat Club. If we get do not get the permission to hold the rally there, it would be held at

'Candidates failing to fulfil income requirement for HC judgeship being recommended

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government has flagged several recommendations made by high court collegiums to appoint lawyers as judges, saying the candidates fail to fulfil the minimum income require-

In the past three months, the Department of Justice in the Law Ministry has pointed out at some 25 recommendations where the candidates from the Bar have failed to meet the requirement to have an average annual income of ₹7 lakh in the preceding five years to be considered for high

while forwarding the recom-mendations to the Supreme Court collegium.The SC collegium would automatically reject such recommendations. But, it is our duty to point out eration to the collegium.

the lacunae," a functionary

The minimum income requirement is prescribed in the memorandum of procedure, a document which guides the appointment and transfer of high court and Supreme

Court judges.

As per the established procedure, the high court collegiums send the names of can-didates to be appointed as high court judges to the Law Ministry.

After attaching reports of

ministry forwards it to the apex court's collegium.

The Supreme Court colcourt judgeship. The Supreme Court collegium then recommends the

Experts fear China lifting ban on tiger, rhino parts may intensify poaching in India

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Indian wildlife experts have lurged the government to be vigilant against poaching of tigers and rhinos after China eased a 25-year ban on the trade of body parts of the animals, and said New Delhi should also raise their concern with Beijing at international fora.

They said the decision by China is likely to result in decline in the population of the animals and has potential "grave and devastating" implications for tiger and rhino conservation

According to media reports, China has partially lifted the ban on the use of tiger bones and rhino horns for medicinal uses. the Intelligence Bureau on the background of candidates, the The ban was imposed in 1993 to save the endangered species. Dipankar Ghose, director-

suitable for judgeship. The Government either accepts the recommendations or returns them for reconsid-

names of candidates it finds

across the globe.

According to a latest survey,
India has 2,226 tigers and 3,500
rhinos are left in both India and

"People involved in illegal wildlife trade of tiger bones and rhino horns might target the wild populations in India. Our country, with 60 per cent and 85 per cent of global populations of wild tigers and greater one-horned rhinos respectively, will be under threat of poaching.

"India and other tiger range countries are committed to doubling populations of wild tigers under the ambitious Global Tiger Recovery Programme, and reversal of this ban on commercial trade of tiger bones would have devastating implications on reaching the Tx2 goal," Ghose said.

Tx2 is a 12-year ambition to double wild tiger numbers by 2022, the next year of the tiger. Ghose said the ban on trade of tiger bones and rhino horns in China had reduced the

was less pressure on the population of wild tigers and rhinos.

"The Environment

Ministry along with the state governments would need to strengthen protection of wild tiger and rhino populations and be vigilant against poaching. It would also need collab-oration between enforcement agencies at central and state level for curbing illegal trade in tiger and rhino derivatives," he said. Gajender K Sharma, anoth-

Gajender K Sharma, another wildlife expert, said China's reversal of the ban has "potential grave implications" for the conservation and welfare of tigers and rhinos in India.

"We urge the Indian government to voice their concernent to a safety with the Chinese of the concernent to the safety with the Chinese of the concernent to the safety with the Chinese of the concernent to work and the chinese of the concernent to the chinese of the concernent to the chinese of the concernent to the chinese of the chinese

on this matter with the Chinese government via fora like the Global Tiger Forum. We also urge the government to take steps to prevent any poaching incidents that may happen in the future as an impact of this decision," said Sharma, India country director, World Animal demand, and as a result there Protection.



Mahatama Gandhi's life will be showcased at R-Day parade

Next year's Republic Day celebrations will be unlike any other in the past when floats of the Ministries and States have depicted varied themes like the rich cultural heritage of India. However, on January 26, 2019, the tableaux rolling down the Rajpath will be entirely devoted on showcasing the milestone events of the life of Mahatma Gandhi.

The Gandhi-themed tableaux at the Rajpath is part of the Government's year-long plan celebrating the birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation.

The Union Culture Ministry has prepared a tentative list of the important events related to the life of Gandhi that ministries and States can show-case through the floats on the

occasion. While, the Union External Affairs Ministry has been asked to highlight historical Pieter Maritezburg incident on June 7, 1893, which led to the birth of a Satyagrahi and political awakening" as also has been stated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on several occasions, Union Women and Child Development Ministry, in all its likelihood, will focus on Gandhji's thoughts on women

The Union Health and Family Welfare Ministry has been asked to depict Gandhi's work in leprosy and tubercu-losis sectors while the Drinking water and Sanitation Ministry

will showcase Gandhi and sanitation. The central Ministry will also highlight Gandhi's sanitation drive during his stay in South Africa and India. Similarly, Union Tribal

modeled upon the Gandhi's Adivasis while the tableaux of Law and Justice Ministry will portray the life of the freedom fighter as barrister, steps initiated by him for jail and judicial reform. Gandhi believed that "if we were not under the spell of lawyers and law-courts and if there were no touts to tempt us into the quagmire of the courts and to appeal to our basest passions, we would be leading a much happier life than we do."

species and landscapes programme at WWF-India

Secretariat, said the conse-

quences of such a reversal is likely to adversely affect the

population of the two species

The Social Justice and Empowerment tableau will be featuring Gandhi views on temple entry and the steps he initiated to reform the society. He was of the view that political freedom would mean nothing unless the oppressed millions in Indian society are that ended with 9 percent defi-

Monsoon reasonably distributed across country: Met Dept PNS NEW DELHI

The India Meteorological Department (IMD)

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) claimed that southwest monsoon 2018 was reasonably dis-tributed across the country barring East and North East India.
"The acreage data of the

Ministry of Agriculture suggest that overall crop acreage dur-ing the Kharif season is highthe country. Adequate soil moisture available over northern parts of India may help the Rabi crops during 2018- 19," the IMD report said.

er by 2.6% as compared to the highest ever acreage/record food production that India experienced during 2017. The resultant acreage is largely manifested by the good soil moisture distribution across

cient rainfall this year, witnessed 10 monsoon low pressure systems including one cyclone, one deep depression, four depressions and two depressions and two well marked low pressure areas and two low pressure areas. This may be reasons for scattered rainfall this year.

In its report, the IMD said that the number of Low Pressure System (LPS) had been 50 as against the normal of 57. The IMD also stated the all India weekly rainfall anomalies during 13 of the 18 weeks of the monsoon season were negative. "Out of the 5 positive rainfall anomaly weeks, 2 weeks were from July (weeks ending 4 th & 18 th) and one week each from other 3 months (weeks ending June 13, August 22 & September 26). The highest negative weekly rainfall anomaly was recorded during

THE IMD ALSO STATED THE ALL INDIA WEEKLY RAINFALL ANOMALIES DURING 13 OF THE 18 WEEKS OF THE MONSOON SEASON WERE NEGATIVE

the week ending September 19 (-55%) followed by the week ending 30th September 30th,"

the IMD report said.
According to IMD, the first low pressure system of the current monsoon season formed over northeast Bay of Bengal and adjoining Bangladesh coast on 10th June. It crossed Bangladesh coast and weakened over the land during the same night. Also this had been the only intense low pressure system during

The second system of July had been a well-marked low pressure area, during July 13-19. Under the influence of a cyclonic circulation, a low pressure area formed over northwest Bay of Bengal and neigh-bourhood on July 13.

The third system of July over northwest Bay of Bengal and adjoining Gangetic West Bengal and Odisha on July 19 which concentrated into a Depression on July 21, morn-

ing. The second system in August formed as a low pres-sure area over North West Bay of Bengal and adjoining Coastal areas of West Bengal & Odisha on August 13. The third system in August was a Low Pressure area which formed over northwest Bay of

Bengal and neighbourhood on August 19.

It subsequently moved west northwestwards before it became less marked over northwest Madhya Pradesh and neighbourhood on August 22. Under its influence, wide spread very intense rainfall activity had been reported from parts of central India and adjoining peninsular India. The last low pressure sys-

tem formed as a low pressure area over East Central Bay of Bengal and adjoining Myanmar coast on 18th September, evening. It con-centrated into a Depression over east central Bay of Bengal and neighbourhood during the night of Centember 19. It then night of September19. It then intensified further into Cyclonic Storm 'DAYE' over 8 northwest Bay of Bengal on 20th September and crossed south Odisha.



TINSUKIA KILLINGS ======

TMC MPs visit victims' kin, offer ₹1 lakh each

Days after Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee lambasted the BJP-led Governments of Assam and Gujarat for targeting the lin-guistic minorities, a team of Trinamool Congress MPs led by Derek O'Brien on Sunday met the kin of victims alleged-ly massacred by terrorists in Tinsukia district of Assam.

The team constituting MPs Derek O'Brien, Mamata Bala Thakur, Nadimul Haq and MLA Mahua Moitra later announced an assistance of ₹1 lakh each for the families of the five victims, sources said, adding, the Chief Minister had also directed her party MPs to raise the issue with President Ramnath Kovind.

An appointment had been sought with the President, TMC sources said in Kolkata.

Condemning the brutal act O'Brien said, "I have no words to express this terrible act. After these people were poor and innocent and did not deserve to be killed like this. They have been murdered in cold blood." He said, "this is a humanitarian visit and we have to come to stand by the grieving families."

Five people of Bengali-speaking community were gunned on Thursday down at Kherbari village of Tinsukia district allegedly by ULFA ter-rorists. "We met the family members of the victims. They belong to the poorest of the poor section of the society. These families are living in this region for generations. They have no enmity with anyone. Still they were killed in cold blood like this. The Government must fix responsibility and secure the lives of minorities living in Assam,"

Earlier Mamata Banerjee



suspected ULFA terrorists at Dhola in Tinsukia district on Sunday

Assam Govt hands over ₹5L each to kin of five deceased

compensation to families of each of the five people, three days after they were killed by unidentified gunmen in the district

in the district.

BJP MLA from Sadiya,
Bolin Chetia, visited the victims' houses and gave the
cheques. "I have handed over
the cheques that the state government had announced after

with the striking out of the names of 40 lakh people from the National Register for Citizens and attacked the BJP Governments of Assam and Gujarat for pursuing a politics of hatred by "driving out Bengalis, and UPwallas from Assam and Biharis from Gujarat."

Her nephew and TMC MP Abhishek Banerjee went to the extent of seeking the resignation of Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal for failing to ensure the safety and security of the citizens, particularly the minorities. Both the TMC and the CPI(M) had

Tinsukia: The Assam the massacre," Chetia told Government on Sunday handed over cheques of ₹5 lakh as victim families. The Assam government

had announced a compensation of Rs 5 lakh and a job for the next of the kin of the deceased. Three members of a family were among five people shot dead by suspected ULFA (Independent) gunmen while two others were injured at Kheroni in the district Thursday night, police said.

other parts of Bengal protesting the Assam killings while the Congress on observed a "black day" to denounce the killings allegedly caused by the divisive policies of the BJP in general and the Assam Government in particular.

However Bengal BJP president Dilip Ghosh refuted the ident Dilip Ghosh retuted the charges saying "there are law and order problems in every State. Thousands of people were killed during the Left regime in Bengal, hundreds of them have been killed during the Trinamool period and we

Jayanti amid protests

Even though when they were not in power, the JD(S) had opposed the Congress Government's move to celebrate the Jayanti of 18 century Mysore King Tipu Sultan, the JD(S)-Congress coalition Government in Karnataka has sovernment in Karnataka has now decided to continue to celebrate the Kings Jayanti amidst opposition by the BJP, other Hindu and Right wing organisations.

organisations.

Karnataka Chief Minister
HD Kumaraswamy who is
heading a fragile coalition has
announced that his
Government would continue to celebrate Tipu Jayanti despite violence in the previous years and opposition from the BJP. He said "We will continue the programmes that were started by the previous government. Because they (BJP) object doesn't mean we should stop," the Chief Minister said on the sidelines of a programme in Bengaluru.

Tipu Jayanti celebrations had evoked strong protests in the State last year, with clashes erupting in various districts. In 2015, two persons were killed in Madikeri when a group taking out a procession was stalled by Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) activists.

The Tipu Jayanti Virodhi Horatta Samiti a right wing supported organisation has condemned the move of the State Government to celebrate Tipu Jayanti. The same organ-isation last year also filed a PIL in the Karnataka High Court. The opposition BJP has been opposing the Government's move and it became a major rolitical your between the rul political row between the rul-ing Government and the BJP.

The petitioner cited decrease in Kodava race due to Tipu's legacy and the communal clashes as reasons to stop observing the birth anniversary of the former Mysuru king. The Karnataka High court had asked the State to file its objection to the PIL before November 2018. However, the



State failed to file its objection, forcing the court to impose a fine on the State Government on Wednesday. The court will hear the case next on November 9.

What is the need for this celebration when CM could not go for Valmiki Jayanti celebrations... Valmiki who has written the Ramayana. Instead, he wants to celebrate Tipu who killed so many Hindus? This shows his priority," BJP spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi said.

owerful Muslim neta Roshan

Beg criticised the BJP and said it rakes up to polarise the people. The State Government has decided to go ahead and celebrate Tipu Jayanti on November 10, Kannada and Culture Minister R Jayamala said. "We will definitely go ahead with the Tipu Jayanti celebration on November 10, it is our duty. Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy has already taken a decision to this effect. Hitting back at the BJP over the threat to stage protests, Jayamala said the saffron party would be directly held liable if there is any untoward incident during the celebration.

K'taka to continue Tipu | Iconic Vice Admiral Awati (Retd) passes away in Satara

Legendary Vice Admiral (Retd) Manohar Pralhad Awati, who had "displayed gallantry, leadership and devotion to duty of a high order" during to duty of a high order during the operations against Pakistan in December 1971 and inspired generations of sea-goers through cirmumnavigation missions, died in his native village of Vinchurni in Palthan taluka of Satara district in western Maharashtra on Sunday.

When the then President

when the then President Rajendra Prasad presented colours to the Indian Navy on May 27, 1951, the young Lieutenant who had been chosen to receive the colours was none other than Admiral Awati.

Vice Admiral Awati (retd) was 91. "A giant of a man, one of our tallest heroes and greatest icons. It's truly the end of an era. May his soul RIP," Admiral Sunil Lanba, the Chief of Naval Staff, tweeted.

Awati was the command ing officer of an Indian naval unit of the Eastern Fleet during the operations against Pakistan in December 1971. Throughout the period, he was called upon to operate within enemy waters where there was constant danger to his ship from enemy mines and sub-marines. Undeterred, he carried out continuous probes into the enemy defended harbours in Bangladesh and inflicted heavy damage

on the enemy.

During the blockade, Awati attacked and captured three attacked and captured three enemy ships carrying contra-band goods. He also gained a submarine contact and pressed home an attack with great vigour, which possibly resulted in destruction of and damage to the submarine. Throughout, Captain Awati displayed gallantry, leadership and devotion to duty of a high order.

Mourning the death of Vice Admiral Awati (Retd), Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman tweeted: "Vice INS Kistna, and later com-

Admiral MP Awati (Retd) #PVSM, #VirChakra passed away; was the commanding officer of a naval unit of the Eastern Fleet, Dec'71. Captured three enemy ships carrying contraband goods. His actions led to destruction of an enemy submarine An icon in naval

history. My homage". Born on September 7, 1927, Awati had his schooling in King George's School, Mumbai and The Maharashtra Education Society School, Pune. Having attended TS Dufferin, he was selected for the Royal Indian Navy (RIN) in November, 1945.

After his training at the Royal Naval Colleges at Dartsmouth and Greenwich, Admiral Awati also had training stints with the British Mediterranean Fleet and the Naval Specialist School at Portsmouth. In March, 1950, Admiral

Awati returned to India for active service in the

Indian Navy.

A specialist in signals communication, Admiral Awati served on Indian Navy ships INS Ranjit, INS Venduruthy, INS Delhi and

manded INS Betwa, INS Tir and INS Mysore.

As the Commanding Officer of INS Kamorta during the 1971 Bangladesh Liberation, he was awarded the Vir Chakra for leadership and gallantry.

His sailing career reached its height with the command of the sword arm of the Indian Navv. the Western Fleet. \

An alumnus of the Defense Services Staff College Wellington, and the Royal College of Defense Studies, London, Admiral Awati subsequently held crucial shore appointments such as Commandant of the National Defense Academy (NDA), Chief of Personnel at the Naval Headquarters and Flag officer Commanding- in-Chief of the Western Naval Command from where he retired in March 1983.

A recipient of Param

Vishishta Seva Medal (PVSM), Admiral Awati was the chairman of the Asian Games (1982) Yachting Organizing Committee. Admiral. Awati's love for ecology and its conservation emerged after retire-ment from active service in association with the legendary Dr Salim Ali.

Recent activities related to Ram temple 'politically driven': AIMPLB

PTI ■ LUCKNOW

Terming "extremely danger-ous" an RSS functionary's remark that the Sangh, if needed, will launch an agitation for a Ram temple in Ayodhya, the AIMPLB on Sunday said the recent activities related to the

issue were "politically driven".

On Friday, Rashtriya
Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)
general secretary Bhaiyyaji
Joshi had said the Sangh will not hesitate to launch an agitation for a Ram temple at Ayodhya, if needed.

The remark came amid a growing clamour for a law to clear the way for its construc-tion at the disputed site in Uttar Pradesh.

'The flurry of activities visa-vis the demand for construc-tion of a Ram temple by the socalled Hindu outfits and their impatience clearly indicates that

it is politically-driven.
"This is being done to build pressure for the upcoming 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

Maulana Ashad Rashidi, president of the Jamait Ulema-e-**Hind's Uttar Pradesh** unit, said, 'All of us have to exercise patience and wait for the court's verdict'

not clear," general secretary, India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB), Maulana Wali Rahmani told PTI

He said if the RSS launches a movement in this regard, "it will be extremely dangerous" and will lead to an "atmosphere of chaos in the country'

"The quantum of hatred between the Hindus and the Muslims was not so much in 1992. In the recent years, the rift has widened. At this point of time, the hatred between the two communities has increased significantly," Rahamai claimed.

Maulana Ashad Rashidi, president of the Jamait Ulema-

patience and wait for the court's

"Whatever is the verdict of the court, it must be accepted. This will ensure an atmosphere of peace in the country," Outlining the RSS's stand on

the Ram temple issue at a news conference Friday, Bhaiyyaji Joshi had said Hindus were feeling "insulted" by the Supreme Court's declaration that it had priorities other than the Avodhva issue and insisted for an ordi-nance if all options run out. "We will not hesitate to

launch an agitation for a Ram temple, if needed, but since the matter is in the Supreme Court. there are restrictions," he had said when he was asked by a newsperson whether the Sangh will launch an agitation for Ram temple construction like in the 1990s.

Joshi was interacting with the media after the conclusion of the National Executive meeting of the RSS in Uttan town in e-Hind's Uttar Pradesh unit, Thane district on the outskirts Janmabhoomi title suit to

Giriraj: No power in world can stop construction of **Ram Mandir**



Patna: Union Minister Girirai Singh on Sunday said no power in the world could stop the construction of a Ram temple

in Ayodhya. "No power in the world can stop construction of Ram temple because people's patience is running out for it; the Minister told the media in Nawada, his parliamentary constituency in Bihar. Giriraj Singh has urged the Bharatiya Janata Party-led

Central government and the Supreme Court to come forward and resolve this issue.

The Supreme Court has rected the listing of the Ram

American Hindu teacher for Ram temple at Ayodhya

PTI ■ MANGALURU

Temples are meant to promote harmony and there should not be any objection to the construction of Ram Mandir at Ayodhya which is the Lord's birthplace, American Hindu teacher and author

David Frawley said on Sunday.
After releasing his book
titled 'What is Hinduism' at the venue of the Mangaluru Literary Festival (Mangaluru Lit Fest-2018) here, he said there was no opposition towards constructing mosques and churches in the country and there should be no opposition for constructing a temple also.
Temples are part of nation-

al heritage and meant to pro-mote harmony among the people, he noted.

In his speech, Frawley, who was awarded Padma Bhushan in 2015, said Hindu religion is the only religion which gave

greatest importance to women Hindus offer poojas to var-IANS ious Goddesses like Saraswathi,



Frawley, also known as Vamadeva Shastri, said age-old practices of Hindus like Yoga, meditation and Ayurveda had

received universal

acceptance over the years Kali, Lakshmi and woman is considered as mother of the universe in the religion, a con-

cept not found in any other

religion, he claimed.

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While following the cus-

toms, traditions and rituals, Hindus always had respect for the values of other religions, he

On the second and con-cluding day of the literary festival, based on the theme Idea of Bharat, veteran Kannada novelist S L Bhyrappa was felicitated.

SC verdict on homosexuality, adultery detestable: Church body

Kohima: The apex church body in Nagaland has taken strong exception to the recent Supreme Court judgments decriminalising homosexuality between con-senting adults as well as adultery, terming them "detestable" and "unacceptable" to Christians.

The Nagaland Baptist Church Council (NBCC) deliberated on the court rulings threadbare in its executive meeting held on October 30-31, it said in a statement on

Saturday.

"Legalising of such acts (homosexuality and adultery) is extremely detestable and unacceptable to the Christians under any circumstances," the statement by NBCC said.

"This interpretation that granting of liberty, empower-ing adulterers and unnatural relationship with the encour-agement and support of law is terribly wrong for our society," the NBCC added. PTI

Like Sabarimala, this Kolkata Kali Puja prevents women's entry

A mid the raging controver-sy surrounding Kerala's Sabarimala temple, a 34-yearold Kali Puja here is now getting media attention as it doesn't allow women to step inside the marquee premises, with belief

reigning stronger than rights.
"Our 34-year-old
Panchamunda Kali Puja follows tantra (an ancient esoteric Hindu tradition). Tantric priests from Tarapith have been conducting the Puja every year. We had questioned our ancestors, but they said a female is not even allowed to touch any-thing," Gangaram Shaw, executive body member of the

Chetla Pradip Sangha said.

Kali Puja — which is celebrated as Diwali in Bengal —
is scheduled to be held on November 6.

Shaw mentioned the restriction on entry has been there ever since the Puja was first



ber, Manoj Ghosh, said: "As organisers, we want women to be included in the Puia but this

low whatever the tantrics say. However, a priest of Tarapith temple (265 km from Kolkata), situated on the banks

Birbhum district, expressed immense surprise. Tarapith is

famous for its tantric practices.
"I am one of the aged priests here and I know there

wondering who are those priests talking about such restrictions," exclaimed Mulmantra Roy, 81.

The community Puja, with a budget of around Rs 3,00,000, is a major crowd-puller and, this year, the organisers plan to bring their 15-feet-tall idol on November 4. The immersion

will take place on November 9.

But they simply plead helplessness over bringing about any change with regard to the

"People come in large groups and the ground that you can see beside the marquee helps in managing the crowd. We allow them to worship from outside. The restriction is really surprising as the Goddess herself is a woman, but it cannot be changed," Gangaram said.

Commenting on the reason cited by the organisers, Indologist Nrisingha Prasad Bhaduri said, "This is particu-

larly a patriarchy-induced con-dition. Most of the Shakti Pujas are done following the tantra rituals and such practice is not prevalent anywhere. Finally, if the tantric has so many problems, then why are they worshipping the female goddess?"

"This is not logical and they are projecting a sort of vainglory, Bhaduri affirmed.

The women residents of

the area seem least bothered about the restrictions as they don't want to break the age-old

"I have seen this Puja when it started during my child-hood days. Women can be part of the procession of bringing the idol and also join the visarjan (immersion procession). But once the rituals of the Puja begin, we cannot step inside the pandal. This has



Sohrabuddin killed ex-Guj Min Pandya?

Awitness in the Sohrabuddin Sheikh alleged fake encounter case told a trial court here Saturday that Sheikh had killed former Gujarat Home

Minister Haren Pandya.

The killing had allegedly been ordered by former Gujarat IPS officer DG Vanzara, the witness further claimed. Pandya was murdered in Ahmedabad in 2003.

The witness — name not disclosed — said he met Sheikh in 2002 and became good friends with him and his wife Kausar Bi and his associate

Tulsi Prajapati.
"During that time,
Sohrabuddin told me he had got money from DG Vanzara to kill Gujarat's home minister Haren Pandya and he completed the job. I then told him that what he did was wrong and he had killed a

VANZARA TO KILL GUJARAT'S HOME MINISTER HAREN PANDYA AND HE COMPLETED

THE JOB. I THEN TOLD HIM THAT WHAT HE DID WAS WRONG AND HE HAD KILLED A GOOD PERSON,' THE WITNESS TOLD THE COURT

The witness further said that in 2005 he was arrested by Rajasthan police and lodged at Udaipur jail where he met Prajapati.

Prajapati told me that the Trajapati told me that the Gujarat police killed Sohrabuddin and his wife Kausar Bi," the witness said, deposing before special CBI Judge SJ Sharma.

The testimony will continue next week

Shaikh and his wife were killed in an alleged fake encounter in 2005 by Gujarat police. Prajapati was later killed in another alleged fake encounter by Gujarat and





Rajasthan police.

Of the 38 people charged by the CBI for the two alleged fake encounters, 16 were discharged by the trial court.
Those discharged included

ply for the second consecutive day. The power supply was restored in several parts of the summer capital Srinagar. Reports of damage to fruit BIP chief Amit Shah, Vanzara orchards and crops in south and all senior officers of Gujarat and Rajasthan police. central and northern areas of Kashmir, have been received.

Snowfall wreaks havoc in J&K The orchadists and farmer

said the unexpected snowfall damaged their fruits and crops. The Kashmir Chamber of The normal life remained affected in Kashmir Valley on Sunday a day after moder-ate snowfall wreaked havoc in Commerce and Industry in a statement said that preliminary the region disrupting power supply and traffic movement reports received from various Fruit Associations including Anantnag suggest that losses upwards of Rs 500 crore have and causing massive damage to orchards in the countryside. been incurred and irreparable Valley with the outer world including the strategic Srinagar Jammu national highway damage caused to trees, plantations and orchards. "We appeal to the whole community remained closed for the second to stand behind our brothers in distress and extend support in whatever manner possible," the slides triggered by incessant rains during intervening night of Friday and Saturday. statement said

Advisor to Governor Khurshid Ganai has issued directions to the horticulture department to immediately assess the losses suffered by the fruit growers and orchardists due to untimely snowfall in the Kashmir valley.

While tourists present in Kashmir Valley have been enjoying the substantial snow-fall at Gulmarg, Sonamarg, Pahalgam and other tourist places, the local people particularly those living in far flung areas are facing various diffi-culties in the shape of disruption in water and electric supply.

Residents are also experi-encing more cold in view of absence of electric supply to use



fresh snowfall in Kashmir region, at Nagrota on Sunday

room heaters and other gadgets. The mobile internet services are also affected in some areas in Srinagar and elsewhere following heavy snowfall.

In view of heavy snowfall, the business establishments, markets and private offices also curtailed their activities.

Authorities have estab-lished control rooms at district headquarters. Fresh snowfall occurred in the higher reaches of the State while heavy rains lashed the plains on Saturday. Fresh snowfall occurred in Zojila Pass, Drass, Kargil, Sonamarg, Pahalgam and Gulmarg during intervening night of Friday and Saturday while rains lashed the plains of the valley and the Jammu division during this period. Traffic Officials said only Durbar Move vehicles had been scheduled to move on Saturday and Sunday from

Srinagar to Jammu. Around 120 truck drivers were earlier rescued from Mughal Road since its closure on Friday. More than 100 vehicles are still stranded on the Road in south Kashmir's Shopian district connecting Jammu province

through Rajouri district. The MeT Department Director Sonam Lotus predicted that rainfall in plains and snowfall in higher reaches will recede and weather would start improving Sunday afternoon. He said the weather will significantly improve from Monday.

Jammu bound passengers including dozens of security personnel were rescued Saturday night after they were caught in heavy snowfall near Jawahar tunnel on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway. The stranded passengers were lodged in Sarais, hotels, Shelter Sheds, and religious places at Banihal. Security personnel were lodged at Army camp in Banihal town. National Conference vice

president and former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah expressed concern over the massive damages suffered to apple orchards following heavy owfall across the valley.

"The state government

must depute revenue teams to the affected districts and assess the losses so that they are compensated forthwith," he said.

Chief Engineer PDD Kashmir, Hashmat Qazi, said that "heavy" snowfall in the Valley has resulted in trees with thick foliage coming down heavily on electrical lines, damaging most of the 33KV lines.
He said intermittent rain-

fall and heavy snowfall led to frequent faults in the electrical system affecting supply in most parts of the uptown and civil line areas of Srinagar.

Fake Indian currency of face value ₹9.82 lakh seized in Bengal

IANS ■ KOLKATA

The Border Security Force (BSF) has seized fake Indian currency notes of face value ₹9.82 lakh from a Bangladeshi national in West Bengal's North 24 Parganas district, an official said on

Acting on specific information, the BSF officials raided Halderpara village on Saturday and apprehended one Mohammed Sukur Ali, 41, seized the fake currency notes being spugged from India to being smuggled from India to Bangladesh. "The patrol party chased him and managed to apprehend him. 491 fake currency notes in denomination of ₹2,000 were found on him. The Notes were wrapped with plastic and kept in a bag," Prabhat Kumar Singh, Deputy Inspector General of BSF's South Bengal Frontier said in

Indian currency amount-

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archives, two short data and inspassport were also seized.
The apprehended person revealed his identity as Mohammed Sukur Ali, 41, of Chapainawabganj district in Bangladesh. The BSF has banded ear Ali and the items. handed over Ali, and the items seized from him, to Gaighata police station for further legal

action," he said.

The BSF's South Bengal Frontier has so far this year seized fake Indian currency notes of face value ₹34.48 lakh, and apprehended six

Projections about Goa CM Parrikar's health incorrect. says Sardesai

PTI ■ PANAJI

Days after Goa Health Minister Vishwajit Rane expressed concern over the health of Manohar Parrikar, his Cabinet colleague Vijai Sardesai Sunday said the Chief Minister was doing fine.

Sardesai, whose Goa Forward Party (GFP) is a rul-ing constituent in the Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP)-led alliance Government, also said the "projections" being made about Parrikar's health are incorrect.

"Parrikar's health is far better compared to his stay in the AIIMS in Delhi in September this year. The way the picture is being projected about his health is not true. Parrikar is much better now compared to when we had seen him after his discharge from Delhi," he told reporters.

Parrikar, 62, was shifted to his private residence in Goa last month. He is currently recuperating at his private residence here.

J&K Guv orders restoration of essential services in areas affected by snowfall

PTI ■ JAMMU

mmu & Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik on Sunday took stock of the situation arising due to heavy snowfall and ordered immediate restoration of essential ser-

The vital roads linking the

consecutive day. The highway remained closed due to land-

This was the season's first snowfall in the region and unexpected in the beginning of November. The residents resort-

ed to heavy woolens to fight the

spine-chilling cold wave.

Even as the authorities pressed in men and machinery

to restore essential services

most areas in the countryside

remained without power sup-

vices in the affected areas.

Normal life was disrupted in the Kashmir valley and parts of Jammu region experienced moderate to heavy snowfall on Saturday.

The governor is personal-In governor is personal-ly monitoring the situation and has issued instructions to the power development and public works departments for immediate restoration of elec-tricity supply and road con-nectivity in the affected areas, an official spokesman said.

Malik directed the admin-

istration to expedite efforts to mitigate difficulties of people and meet their requirements in view of the inclement weather

advisers and the chief secretary have been asked to get regular updates on restoration of essential services from the concerned so that people do not face any inconvenience.

On restoration of electric ity supply, the Governor was informed that massive damage was caused to transmission lines and transformers due to snowfall and uprooting of trees. Restoration work is in full

Restoration work is in full swing,he said.

The power department has informed Malik that by this evening electricity would be restored in 90 per cent of the affected areas while in other areas restoration work is under-way the spokesman said way, the spokesman said.

Regarding restoration of road connectivity, the governor was told that all inter-district roads have been restored and the Srinagar-Jammu highway will be open by this



A couple takes pictures under a tree after seasons first snowfall, at a garden in Srinagar on Sunday

BJP to appoint 100 women 'tripe talaq pramukhs' in UP

PTI ■ LUCKNOW

The Uttar Pradesh BJP will soon be appointing about 100 women as teen talaq pramukhs' across the state to ensure rehabilitation of the victims and their children, a party leader said Sunday.

Nazia Alam, secretary of UP Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) minority wing, who will be the overall in-charge, said triple talaq pramukhs will be appointed for each of the 93 organisational districts' and 'organisational districts' and six regional units of the saffron party in the state.

31 deer die in TN

park due to high intake

"Educated women who have sound knowledge of Shariat and law and who can bring a social change in the lives of the victims of triple talaq will be appointed as pra-mukhs," Alam told PTI. "Each of the 93 organisa-tional districts and six region-

al units will have a triple talaq pramukh and some of the victims are already working with us to eradicate this social evil," she added. Alam said the candidates

will likely be finalised after Diwali followed by a survey in December to ascertain the total in the state.
"We will carry out a survey,

by the end of December, to know the exact number of victims of triple talaq in every district. Our work is likely to begin after Deepawali," she said. She further said that efforts

will also be made to assist the integration of talaq victims with Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) in a bid to make them self-dependent. The PMKVY is the flagship

scheme of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship with the

number of triple talaq victims objective to enable a large objective to enable a large number of Indian youth to take up industry-relevant skill train-ing that will help them in securing a better livelihood.

"We will also seek information from the victims as to what do they actually need, be it education and health-related needs for their children or employment-related things for themselves," she said.

Nazia further said that the minority wing of the BJP will also launch awareness cam-Quran and Shariat.

'Lord Ram's statue should be taller than Statue of Unity'

Taking a dig at Prime
Minister Narendra Modi
and Uttar Pradesh Chief
Minister Yogi Adityanath,
Samajwadi Party leader
Mohammad Azam Khan said
the proposed statue of Lord
Ram in Ayadbya should be Ram in Ayodhya should be taller than the statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel — the Statue of Unity — unveiled by the PM

in Gujarat on October 31.

Azam Khan said this fol-

ing construction of a 151-metre tall statue of Lord Ram in Ayodhya. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will formally lay the foundation stone of the project

on November 6. "Lord Ram's statue, which is likely to be erected on the banks of river Sarvu in the temple town, should be constructed taller than the recently-unveiled 182-metre statue of Sardar Vallabhai Patel," Khan said while talking to reporters in his home town, Rampur, on Sunday



of subabul leaves PTI ■ TIRUCHIRAPPALLI (TN)

As many as 31 spotted deer have died at a park near here in the past few days due to indigestion caused by excessive intake of leaves

Containing toxic amino acid, a Forest Department official said.

The deer died of excessive consumption of subabul tree leaves, which are rich in protein and have mimusin a toxic amino acid, since November 1.

Too much intake of the leaves had resulted in digestion problems leading to the death of the animals, the official said

Sunday. While 17 deer died on November 1, eight perished the next day. Another six died on Saturday. Twenty-five of them were female and some were also pregnant, the official said.

There were about 180 deer in the park which were taken

are of by their keepers Officials were now keeping an eye on the rest.

Postmortem of a couple of deer revealed the cause of the deaths, following which the keepers have been asked not to feed subabul leaves to remaining, official said.

According to the official, the keepers overfed the deer in their enthusiasm as the animals ate the leaves with relish

Officials were now providing certain type of grass, besides a concoction, including powdered pepper, and drinking water for the rest of the herd as a preventive measure, the offi-

Any symptoms of illness would be noticed only after a deer would isolate itself from the group and no deer has done so since Saturday night, she said.

'Therefore, there may not be anymore casualties," the official added. Aparna's parliamentary dream rests on Mulayam nod BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■

he 'chhoti bahu' of Uttar The 'chhoti dailu oi cili.

Pradesh's most powerful
political family, Aparna Yadav, is ready to contest the 2019 Lok Sabha election if her father-in law Mulayam Singh Yadav asks her to do so. She will contest the poll on the ticket of the party of 'chacha' or 'bhaiya', depending on Netaji's choice. "Yes, I am willing to con-test the Lok Sabha election if

Netaji (as Mulayam Singh Yadav is known) asks me to do so. I have two or three constituencies in mind from where can contest but the final choice will be of Netaii," Aparna told *The Pioneer* in a free-wheeling interview in which she talked about politics, fam-

ily feud and her passion for music and social work. Aparna had contested the 2017 assembly elections from Cantonment seat of Lucknow but had lost to Cabinet minister in Yogi Adityanath govern-ment, Rita Bahuguna Joshi.

"If I contest (the Lok Sabha poll) it will not be from Lucknow for sure. It will be

some other constituency. I have something in mind but the call has to be taken by Netaji. I contested the assembly poll only after Netaji asked me to do so and now also I will abide by Netaji's order," Aparna said.

The big question is if Aparna contests the election, will it be from 'bhaiya' Akhilesh Yadav's Samajwadi Party or the Pragatisheel Samajwadi Party of 'chacha' Shivpal Singh Yadav?
"I am with Mulayam Singh

Yadav and at present he is in Samaiwadi Party," she said, without directly admitting that she would contest the poll on SP symbol. Aparna gave a diplomatic

answer when asked if Mulayam gave her freedom to choose between 'chacha' and 'bhaiya', with whom she would prefer to go. "I know that by that time Netaji will take a call. He will decide about my political future. I know one thing, that he loves me like a daughter. I do not have words to express his love for me. Let him take the decision. He is more experienced," she said.

Aparna further said: "Netaji is torn between the two

(Akhilesh and Shivpal). He loves his son and also his brother. When he was national president of the party, he ensured that the family remained united. The family has fallen apart after he was divested of his position in the party. The feud in the family started after two people, with different political thought pat-tern, did not gel. What hap-pened thereafter is now on

public platform. 'Chacha' has parted ways and it will obviously have an impact on the Lok Sabha election." The 'chhoti bahu' admitted that things would have been different had the party's presidentship been given back to Netaji after the assembly

election as promised by Akhilesh Yadav. "If someone had said something, he should have honoured his words. Why he honoured his words. Why he did not do so, only he can tall," she said and added, "One should realise that people still vote for Samajwadi Party only because of Mulayam Singh Yadav. There is a miniscule young generation in the party which thinks otherwise. The Netaji is still the fulcrum of the party, the better it is for them."

About Samajwadi Party and Bahujan Samai Party

alliance, Aparna said if the party (SP) wanted to go for tie-up, it should not be limited to one election.

"Top leaders might come on one platform, but what about the workers at ground level because both the parties are at loggerheads. The alliance should not be stitched only to gain

political mileage. There should be substance to it," she said. The question meanders to her contesting election and her past experience of electoral battle. "The defeat in the assembly election has made me said 'jo haar sikha sakti hai woh jeet nahi'. One who can digest defeat can handle success in a better way. This is a history that ople who get success early in people who get success cu., _ life become arrogant," she said.

"I can now say that I am better placed to contest election because of the experience I had lighted and it was a Guinness in the assembly polls and my understanding of electoral pol-itics," she said. Book record.

Ayodhya lights up as Deepotsava begins



A decoration of LED lights near nava Ghat at Avodhya on Sunday

KAMLESH SRIVASTAVA ■

The much-hyped three-day The much-nyped unce-day Deepotsava, a prelude to Diwali festival, started with presentation of Ramlila by a cultural troupe from Laos in the Vivekananda auditorium of Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Awadh University in Ayodhya

on Sunday. Senior officials from the State capital accompanied by district officers reviewed the arrangement for the lighting of over three lakh 'diyas' (earthen

lamps) on November 6.

The function on that day will be attended by Governor Ram Naik. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and other dignitaries. But the main attraction of this Diwali celebrations will be the first lady of South Korea, Kim Jung sook, the wife of South Korean President Moon Jae-in. She will attend the programme on November 6, when three on November 6, when three lakh 'diyas' will be lit to create a new world record. In 2017 over 1.71 lakh 'diyas' were

In-charge of the programme, SN Shukla, said that

of the three lakh 'diyas', over 10,000 'diyas' each would be lighted at Ram ki Pauri and at the banks of river Sarvu. Besides, 5,100 'diyas' would be lighted at Guptarghat and 11,000 at Bharat Kund, he

added.
"When Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will perform aarti, over 10,000 'diyas' will be released from a steamer and will cross the Saryu ghat," Dr Shukla said.
The celebrations will

include laying of the founda-tion of a Rs 50-crore memorial of Oueen Hur Hwang-ok, also known as Suriratna, a princess of Ayodhya who went to South Korea and married the king.

Last year, the Diwali celebrations in the temple town were limited to one day while

Sunday. The UP Tourism department is organising a series of events to celebrate Diwali in Ayodhya. All prominent build-ings, temples and ghats in the city are being decorated while many cultural programmes are being organised for the grand event.

this time it will be a three-day

affair which started from

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Now or never

The RSS realises that the next few months are crucial for a Ram temple at Ayodhya



The last time the Sangh Parivaar attempted a mass mobilisation on the Ram temple issue, it failed to get appreciable traction. That was in 2002. Atal Bihari Vajpayee was the Prime Minister at the head of a multi-party coalition at the Centre and not exactly simpatico, Uttar Pradesh was in between Chief Ministers Rajnath Singh and Mayawati with a few months of President's Rule to separate their tenures but the administrations were committed to preserving the status quo at

Ayodhya, and Narendra Modi was the Chief Minister of Gujarat, one of the few States where the call for *kar sevaks* had resulted in decent numbers being mobilised. Oh, and the acerbic, doctrinaire KS Sudershan, who did not have anywhere near the influence his predecessors and successor had — and have — on the BJP, was the RSS Sarsanghachalak. A lot of water has flowed down the Saryu since.

Now, the Sangh, in the aftermath of the Supreme Court's recent refusal to accord the kind of urgency the RSS felt was required in hearing and disposing of the appeal against the Allahabad High Court by Muslim parties to the Ram Janmabhoomi Ayodhya title suit, has decided to ratchet up the pressure. With the Bench to hear the appeal not yet constituted and the hearing of the matter listed for January 2019, the court verdict path to the Ram temple is effectively closed. And with negotiations between community representatives over the past decades having come to naught, the Sangh knows that the intervention of the Executive is now the last chance, at least for the foreseeable future, of ensuring what has been an article of faith for it. But the RSS also knows it is dealing with a BJP leadership which while in tune with its agenda does prioritise electoral power politics over all else and will be weighing the pros and cons of bringing in a law/ordinance, especially in terms of timing. RSS thinkers are also acutely aware of the fact that while its senior leaders, including general secretary Suresh 'Bhaiyyaji' Joshi, are speaking of looking at the option of launching a 1992-like agitation to demand the construction of Ram Mandir "if required", the moot question remains who its cadres will agitate against to concede their demand for a law enabling the construction of a grand Ram Temple at Ayodhya? Prime Minister Narendra Modi? BJP president Amit Shah? Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath? Sangh cadres, who have played a significant role in ensuring these personalities have achieved political success and the BJP is the dominant political force across large swathes of the country today, clearly feel it is time for payback.

Indeed, the taunt — mandir wahin banayenge lekin tithi (date) nahi bataenge — is hitting the Swayamsevak where it hurts most; his credibility and claim to tyaag ki bhaavna (spirit of sacrifice) in the nation-building effort. The RSS has made it clear to the BJP — Amit Shah was closeted with senior leaders for hours at the end of the RSS' executive meet last week — that the cavalier fashion with which it believes the apex court has ignored the sensitivities of the Hindu community in not expediting its verdict on the Ayodhya land dispute leaves the Government with no choice but to bring in an appropriate law. The timing, apparently, has been left to the BJP to work out and insiders say post-Assembly elections and after seeing how the court hearing in January goes is the rough timeline. Because for all the talk of Opposition unity and anti-incumbency which is part of the ebb and flow of politics, the Sangh is pressing the point that it is on Ayodhya that there can be no backtracking by the BJP.

Web of hatred

The indigenous versus outsiders divide has flared up periodically through clashes in parts of the Northeast



s Assam going back to its dark days of the Bongal Kheda, a systematic ethnic cleansing of Bengali origin people whom it once considered colonisers and now see as bleeders of its natural resources and growth in an assertion of neo-Ahom identity? Is there a hitback following the NRC (National Register of Citizens) drive where the lines between settlers and immigrants have blurred, where the Hindu origin and Muslim immigrant res-

idents have been lumped in the same basket as "foreigners" or "infiltrators" and is fuelling the current wave of hatred? Or is it that faced with the strong identity politics of the BJP, which came to power in 2016 on an anti-foreigner platform, the hawkish wing of the United Front of Liberation of Assam (ULFA) is reclaiming legitimacy? Perhaps it is a tidal sentiment born of all the three insecurities. Nothing else can explain the savage killing of five Bengali Hindu farmers of Tinsukia district by suspected ULFA extremists. While the debate over inclusion of bhumiputras and exclusion of foreigners in the NRC rages, it has inadvertently opened the wounds of the state's history, its hurt pride and a denial of equal opportunities. The indigenous versus outsiders divide has played out from the colonial era and has flared up periodically through clashes in parts of the Northeast, the latest being in Meghalaya. But the problem in Assam is one of disentangling genetics as one third of the population is Muslim, mostly of Bengali origin.

When the British took over from the Ahom kings in the early half of the 19th century, they manipulated the state's demographics by relocating and resettling Bengali farmers as the territory was grossly underdeveloped. Encouraged by this policy, millions of Bengalis settled in Assam, rising in prominence in local businesses and civil administration. Understandably, they carved a negotiable niche for themselves as the colonial government rolled out a "grow more food" policy and put the local economy under their supervisory watch. The indigenous people were clearly left out of the political, administrative and most importantly economic discourse, a drift which has only grown wider post Independence. Assam's politics from 1940s onwards has been plaqued by ethnic violence against Bengalis, who were cast as neo-imperialists and land-grabbers. In fact, the immigrant Muslims were in those early years encouraged by indigenous movements to wipe out Bengali Hindus, without realising that they too would become targets one day by virtue of their over-population. The subsequent language wars, whereby Assamese was posited as the official state language, only cemented the divide. Local political movements have used this to stake their claim, often through violent and genocidal means. And now that the NRC compilation has questioned the definition of who is Assamese and who is not, identity assertion is manifesting itself in troubling ways. What is disturbing is the gunmen are alleged-Iv believed to have cited the Bengali support to the Citizenship Amendment Bill. 2016, which allows Hindu immigrants from neighbouring countries to become naturalised citizens. As the attack concerns Hindus, the BJP has a tough call ahead to reconcile local dynamics with its nationalist agenda.

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Theory of strong leadership

The National Security Advisor's apprehensions about the weaknesses of coalition Governments should not be politicised; nor should we jump to conclusions



JASIM MOHAMMAD

hen India achieved Independence, our freedom fighters and leaders dreamed that the country should become strong and poverty should be wiped out. In her early years itself, India faced hostilities from across the border. But the country embarked upon massive nation-building nonetheless. In the following decades, India witnessed massive industrialization and then an agricultural revolution of sorts. India's economy, which started at a slow trot, began galloping from the 1990s.

Against this backdrop, we must remember that our system of democratic governance is based on a multi-party model, which has its advantages and dis-advantages. Often, Governments have to take populist decisions. But this trend of taking populist decisions has, objectively speaking, weakened the Indian economy and, in fact, undermined it over the past three decades. After the 2014 Lok Sabha election, Narendra Modi took over as the country's Prime Minister and soon after taking the oath of office, launched eco-nomic and administrative reforms which were resented in many quarters. Simultaneously, the rise in terrorist incidents over the past nearly two decades were taken seriously by the Prime Minister and a counter-strategy put in place to take on terror. The data shows clearly that there has been an appreciable decline in terror-ist incidents after the zero tolerance policies put in place by the Prime Minister started having an impact. This is, by all standards, an achievement which all Indian citizens regardless of colour, creed and caste should applaud.

Recently, the National Security Adviser

Recently, the National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval, who has had a key role to play in formulation of the Government's policies, delivered the annual Sardar Patel Memorial Lecture organised by All India Radio (AIR) titled 'Dream India 2030— Avoiding the pitfalls' wherein he said: "India will need a strong, stable and decisive Government for the next 10 years to achieve our national, political and strategic objectives." He further argued that a "weak democracy can tend to make the country a soft target and India cannot afford to be a soft power for the next few years." Doval also pointed out: "Weak Governments are unable to take hard decisions which are good for people but are not necessarily populist. Unstable regimes are more vulnerable to fragility and corruption, and often local and sectarian political interests take precedence."

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Doval did nothing more than state the obvious but he has been vilified by those working overtime to defame and demonise the Narendra Modi Government on one pretext or the other. His speech drew a lot of criticism from various political leaders

too, who claimed Doval should not have delivered such a speech which had "political overtones". His critics also argued that a strong Government meant a tyrannical Government under which the interests and freedoms of citizens would not be safeguarded. The most objectionable, underlying implication of their criticism was that if any Government takes hard decisions in the national interest, it would be contrary to the wishes of people and thus dictatorial. This is nonsense.

The freedom of expression and speech in the country allows everybody to have and express his/her opinion on any issue. But when the interest of the country and its security are involved, it is not desirable that we make such remarks which may damage our national interest which is in fact nothing but the interest of the people who are the sovereign in a democracy. It would behove the NSA's critics to analyse his speech academically and critically before jumping to any conclusions.

First, we should understand why Prime Minister Narendra Modi picked Ajit Doval for the post of National Security Adviser. Doval is a highly competent intelligence professional, who retired from the Indian Police Service after vast experience in security



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The NSA has shown over

his glittering career that he has
the talent and capability to
hold talks with any adversary
even when the odds are
stacked against him; take for
instance his crucial role in
negotiating with the Talibanbacked terrorists when an
Indian Airlines flight was
hijacked to Kandahar in
December 1999. Modi
appointed him as NSA, a position that comes with both
power and responsibility, to
ensure a check on terror and
the results have borne out his
choice as the correct one.
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Second, during the tenure of the current Prime Minister, the country has seen impressive if incremental reforms in the structures that govern our economy and administration. Industrially, we are on the upswing with a focus on manufacturing and militarily our position is one of strength. The military-industrial complex in India, including the involvement of the private sector, is finally taking shape in tune with global realities.

Though India is a peace-

Though India is a peaceloving country, contemporary geopolitics calls for the country to be strong militarily in order to sustain a peaceful atmosphere in the region. Apropos of which, one needs to remember India's retaliation against Pakistan's cross-border infiltration of terrorists by car-

rying out surgical strikes.

Lastly, we need to keep in mind that the world has moved to a market-oriented economy. The corporate sector should be strong for the overall development of the country. Also, trade, business and industry will improve when there is no problem or shortage of labour. Modi's moves have all been to ensure just that, for which he had to take tough decisions like demonetisation and implementation of GST to rationalise the tax structure in the country. These steps are not populist but are very important for the future development of the country and its people.

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Doval hinted at these developments in his speech; there is no question that he was right, the country needs a strong Government. Doval's argument is very meaningful if analysed in depth.

The development initiated by the Government is now visible on ground level. An era of development and prosperity is dawning on the country but it will only be visible to all if political leaders have the courage to take the correct decisions at the right time.

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SOUNDBITE

There should be no liquidity crunch for businesses in India while ensuring accessibility to loans from banks.

-Rajnath Singh



China and Pakistan are all-weather partners. Pakistan has always been regarded as a foreign policy priority.

—Li Keqiang



There are moments when I always feel I am not good enough. And therefore, I put in more effort in my work.

—Shah Rukh Kha



Out of the many promises, I have never heard a political leader promise a new court. Courts are a low priority item

Retired SC judge



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rafale deal row gets messier

Cancer awareness

Sir — Awareness is the key word to prevent and overcome any health disorder. Cancer is no different. It is heartening that various health bodies in the world are focussing on certain common cancers every month. October was the breast cancer awareness month and November is set to raise awareness on lung cancer. The occurrences and deaths due to lung cancer are on the rise in both developed and developing countries. The chemicals in smoke, estimated to be above three thousand, of which many are carcinogenic agents, have put the life of smokers in peril.

Spotting the early symptoms of lung cancer will go a long way in early diagnosis and treatment. Cough, breathlessness and chest pain are major symptoms which should draw the attention of people towards the disease. Simple investigative tools like chest x-ray and sputum examination may help in diagnosis of the disease, though more sophisticated techniques may be needed to confirm the presence of the disease and set up approaches towards planning of treatment. The cost of

his refers to the report, "Reliance got ₹284 kick-back from Dassault: Rahul" (November 3). In a recent interview, Eric Trappier, CEO of Dassault Aviation had said that Dassault had been in discussions with the Ambani family since 2012. He rejected the allegation that the Indian side had nudged them to give the offsets to Anil Ambani's Reliance Group and claimed that India had bagged a better deal for the 36 jets in 2016 compared to what it would have

suing as part of the 126-jet deal.

Trappier said that India brought down the cost by nine per cent and Reliance Defence will get only ₹850 crore worth of offsets, not ₹30,000 crore as being alleged. His statement contradicted Congress president Rahul Gandhi's allegations against the Reliance and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the Rafale deal. He said that Dassault CEO had lied and

paid for the 18 that the previous Government was pur-



alleged that Reliance got 7284 crore kickback from Dassault. If Rahul Gandhi is sure of his facts and has evidence of what he is saying, what stops him from an enquiry on the Rafale controversy, which he himself termed as an "open and shut case".

> MC Joshi Lucknow

chemotherapy drugs are prohibitive for the less fortunate. The Government has a duty to ensure that patients get proper treatment.

Ganapathi Bhat

Welcome initiative

Sir— Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a "Diwali gift" for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to finalise 12 policies to boost the sector. The announcement of a 59-minute loan facility of up to one crore rupees for small and medium businesses was one of the key decisions while launching the MSME support programme. As the MSME sector plays a vital role in employment, it constitutes a vast network of over 63 million

units and employs around 111 million people. It also contributes around 30 per cent to the gross domestic product (GDP). Such industry-friendly initiatives by Prime Minister Narendra Modi will surely boost the economy, reduce unemployment and encourage each and every Indian to venture out and explore their entrepreneurial skills.

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The Prime Minister needs to

be applauded for taking publiccentric decision. However, he should also form a system to ensure that the loans are repaid on or before time.

QB Malik New Delhi

Slow justice delivery

Sir — The biggest weakness of our justice delivery system is liberal ex parte stay orders followed by frequent adjournments in courts, the main reasons of huge pendency of cases resulting in justifying the proverb, justice delayed is justice denied.

Even then Vice President Hamid Ansari was of the view that liberal adjournments in courts needed to be taken seriously by the judiciary for reforms within. The Supreme Court in the Shiv Cotex vs Tirgun Auto case observed that the litigants seek and the courts grant adjournments at the drop of the hat. This has corroded the entire

justice delivery system.

Madhu Agrawal

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FIRSTCOLUMN

Brexit and the Irish border

As UK is edging closer to a chaotic Brexit by ending the customs union, the prospect of a renewed war in the North is creeping closer



GWYNNE DYER

was either ignorant or irresponsible for those campaigning for Brexit (British exit from the European Union) two years ago to claim that the Irish border would not be a problem. In fact, it may lead to a catastrophic 'no deal' Brexit in which the United Kingdom crashes out of the EU without an agreement of any kind. Both the British negotiators and their EU counterparts say that the deal is "95 per cent agreed", but the other five per cent is the border between the Republic of Ireland (an EU member) and Northern Ireland (part of the UK and therefore soon not part of the EU). Time is running out, and agreement on that last five per cent is far from certain.

The border has been invisible since the signing of the Good Friday agreement in 1998 ended 30 years of bloody conflict between the Protestant and Catholic communities in Northern Ireland. Three thousand people had been killed, but the situation had reached stalemate. The Good Friday deal let both sides accept that fact. For the (Catholic) nationalists in Northern Ireland, a com-pletely open border with the (Catholic) Republic was a vital part of the deal. It implicitly acknowledged that the two parts of the

island might one day be reunited, although not now.

As the 1998 agreement plainly said, people born in Northern Ireland have the right to be "Irish or British or both as they may so choose." And it worked, sort of: The only way you can tell you have crossed the border now is that the speed signs change from miles to kilometres or vice versa. It was a brave, imaginative deal that has given Northern Ireland 20 years of peace, but it is now at risk. When the 'Leave' side narrowly won the Brexit referendum in the UK and Theresa May replaced David Cameron as prime minister in 2016, she had a credibility problem. Like Cameron, she had supported 'Remain', but the Conservative Party she now led was dominated by triumphant Brexiters. So, she became an enthusiastic Brexiter herself. The English nationalists who ran the Brexit campaign had said nothing about leaving the EU's 'single market' and customs union, but within weeks of taking office May declared that Britain must leave both of them.

She even made this demand part of her famous 'red lines' the non-negotiable minimum that the British Government would accept in the divorce settlement. Unfortunately, ending the customs union would mean recreating a 'hard' border between Northern Ireland and the Republic — and that might lead to a renewal of the sectarian civil war between Catholics and Protestants in the North. It's not clear when the Conservative government in London realised that the Irish border was going to be the biggest stumbling block on the road to Brexit, and the party's more extreme Brexiters are still in denial about it. But the Republic will stay in the EU, and it insists that there must be no hard border after Brexit. Ireland has seen enough killing. No hard border is therefore an EU red line, and it's impossible to square that with May's decision to leave the EU customs union. If there is no customs union, then there have to be border checks. And maybe a new war in the North. So the EU suggested a 'backstop'.

If London and Brussels can't come up with a free-trade deal to keep the border soft (ie invisible), then Northern Ireland could stay in the customs union, and the rest of the UK could leave. The real border, for customs purposes, could run down the middle of the Irish Sea. Theresa May actually signed up to this solution last December, because the only real alternative is a hostile Brexit that simply ignores the EU's position. But no sooner had she agreed the 'backstop' with the EU than rebels in her own camp — extreme Brexiters and members of a small Northern Ireland-based Protestant party whose votes are all that keeps the Conservatives in power — forced her to repudiate it.

Now May's position is pure fantasy: No customs border with the EU either on land or in the Irish Sea — which is why the probability of a chaotic 'no deal' Brexit is growing daily, and the prospect of renewed war in the North is creeping closer. Is renewed war really possible? Last year Sinn Fein, the leading Catholic party in Northern Ireland, withdrew from the 'power-sharing' Government mandated by the Good Friday agreement. That could be seen as clearing the decks for action once it became clear that Brexit would undermine all existing arrangements in Ireland.

And if the UK crashes out of the EU without a deal, the ratings agency Standard and Poor's predicted on Tuesday, unemployment in the UK will almost double, house prices will fall by ten per cent in two years, and the British pound will fall even further. First impoverishment for the British, then war for the Irish. (The writer is an independent journalist)

POINTCOUNTERPOINT

THE GOVERNMENT WAS HELPING THE ANIL AMBANI GROUP GET A CONTRACT WORTH ₹30,000 CRORE FROM THE RAFALE DEAL. —CONGRESS PRESIDENT RAHUL GANDHI





RAHUL IS A CONFUSED MAN. HE HAS BEEN SAYING AT DIFFERENT PLACES THAT WE HELPED MANY PERSONS. SOMETIMES HE SAYS IT IS ADANI, SOMETIMES AMBANI. —DEFENCE MINISTER

Rusting steel frame

Among all the civil services in the country, the work profile of IPS officers requires total devotion to effectively enforce law and order in a country of India's size and dimension



VK BAHUGUNA

he steel frame of the country is slowly losing its sheen as story after story reveals the murky world of India's babudom. The latest before the pubbaoudom: The latest before the public is the dirty linen being washed in public by two top IPS officers of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), India's premier investigation agency. The All India Services played a crucial role for British India in setting up an administrative structure for efficient governance and uniting the country as a nation. Soon after Independence, the civil services played a very vital role in integrating the country on a uniform pattern, and its work during the initial years of Independence led Sardar Patel to call India's civil services, the "steel frame" of India's Government machinery. Watching the CBI top bosses quarrel in open, against this backdrop, is depressing.

Among all the civil services in the country,

the work profile of IPS officers requires total devotion for enforcing law and order in a coun-try of India's size and dimension. They have to work beyond designated office hours; they are on duty round-the-clock, eating into their on duty round-tne-clock, eating into their family time. The CBI is an organisation which has gained immense faith of the citizens of the country for its expertise in detecting crime and exposing graft. The latest developments within the CBI, however, are the culmination of a larger malaise of deterioration of the value system of institutional integrity. This is more often. tem of institutional integrity. This is more often than not seen in other areas of administration too. In any society, lack of a sense of justice and a preponderance of lawlessness is the greatest terror the people in power can enforce on citizens. The Indian public has a short memo-ry and a great tolerance for wrongdoers and, because of this, we fail to generate public opinion against bad governance and fritter our ener gy on petty issues.

A proto-CBI could be said to have been

created in 1946. It was the successor organisa-tion to the Special Police Establishment (SPE) which was set up in 1941 to investigate cases of bribery and corruption in transactions with the War & Supply Department of India during World War II. After the end of the war, the need Government agency to investigate cases of bribery and corruption by Central Government employees was felt. The Delhi Special Police Establishment Act was, therefore, brought into force in 1946. The CBI derives powers from this Act. The reputation and image powers from this Act. The reputation and image of the investigation agency has been severely dented recently. This systemic degradation of institutions has been a gradual phenomenon in this country, mainly due to political interference and the misuse of bureaucracy and police against political opponents; the CBI is no exception to this.

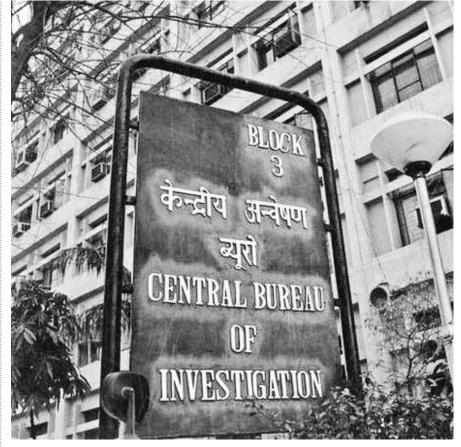
When such things happen, the corrupt gets closer to such elements and destroy the fairness and integrity of the institution. It is also ironical that Alok Verma is the third CBI director after AP Sineh and Raniit Sinha to be investi-

after AP Singh and Ranjit Sinha to be investi-gated for alleged corruption with the infamous meat trader and suspected smuggler Moin Qureshi hogging the limelight in two of the cases. The CBI has been routinely used against



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the political opponents by the ruling party at the Centre. It was hoped that the scenario would change after the misuse was challenged and a consequent Supreme Court decision in the Vineet Narain Case of December 1997. The order laid down guidelines to ensure independence and autonomy of the CBI and ordered that the CBI be placed under the supervision of the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), an independent governmental agency free from executive interreference. In the current brawl, between Verma and special director Rakesh Asthana, the Supreme Court on October 26, 2018, delivered one of its finest judgements in recent months and saved the reputation of the CBI which the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) had failed to do.

The apex court has given two weeks time to the CVC to inquire into the allegations against Verma under the eyes of a retired Supreme Court Justice AK Patnaik. It has also restrained the interim Director from taking policy decipies. Let us exempted the suprementation of the court of the cour taking policy decisions. Let us examine this episode from the point of view of propriety and what is wrong in the governance template and who is responsible for it.

The country had been witnessing an agonising war between these two officers for past few months as media

was full of news of both trading charges against each other. The CVC and the Cabinet Secretary were aware of this internecine war. In any organisation, the hallmark of a good leader is to control things within the organ-isation. In this particular case, the CBI director proved to be a poor leader. He should have gone beyond his ego and taken up matter with higher authorities if he found Asthana doing wrong. Similarly, CVC and Cabinet Secretary proved their incompetence

in not handling the matter in a time-ly fashion and allowed things to go out of hand despite knowing the facts. In such a situation, no Prime Minister can run the country if people responsible for running important institutions have a lackadaisical atti-tude in dealing with such matters. The Prime Minister's Office should have acted firmly at the first hint of differences and the CVC should have taken a stand. Not doing so has eroded the image of the Government while the Opposition is busy politicising

It is, therefore, necessary for the Government to analyse in detail how far the institutional reforms after the Supreme Court decision in December 1997 have been able to improve the functioning of the CBI. And it will be worth finding out the rate of convic-

tion of cases probed by CBI after this decision. This decision of the Court took away the power of appointing and sacking the CBI director from the Executive. In hindsight, it seems that it has emboldened incumbents to be arrogant; otherwise, how would a former CBI director have the courage to meet an accused in his residence? As for appointments, it is well-known that most of the appointments in the Central Government have since long been controlled by a Delhi coterie which, irrespective of the party in power, can mar the reputation of any good and honest officer and promote officers who are smart in networking.

It would be prudent to say the job

of the Executive should be done by the Executive, provided the methodology of short-listing candidates is fair and beyond reproach. The CBI is a prestigious organisation and its former glory should be salvaged. Prime Minister Narendra Modi must sem the systemic rot by going for drastic reforms and he must review if the Vinest Narin judgment has been of Vineet Narain judgement has been of use and how far it was implemented for maintaining the institutional integrity of the CBI. Politicians of all hues, however, must stop meddling in this matter.

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Healthcare in India: Not so healthy

It is time for India to take the innovation route as this crucial sector has substantial unmet needs which must be addressed. We need out-of-the-box initiatives that propel the development of high quality medicines for patients



Then Prime Minister Narendra Modi lauded India's potential as the multitrillion investment hub at the recent Independence Day speech, the world gaped in awe. This speaks volumes for the exciting investment market India is becoming, doesn't it? Promises are fragile, Especially, when the roadmap tragine. Especiasity, when the roadmap to fulfilling them is packed with potholes. There is no denying that India has made a mark on the global map. In fact, after a record jump of 30 places to rank 100th in the World Banks Ease Of Doing Business ranking, the country is all set to leapfrog into the top 50.

But are we ready to make the next jump? While the aim is laudable, the process is debatable. How is global innovation to enter the domestic mar-

ket without an environment to prosper? Price caps are creating market dis-tortions in a country which relies heavily on imports in medical devices Decisions like a blanket price on coronary stents are a disincentive to future investment in India.

Unintended consequences of price capping: India's healthcare sector is expected to be \$280 billion in size by 2020, growing at a compound annual growth rate of 16 per cent and medical devices form a significant share of this infrastructure. The total import of medical devices is more than 75 percent of total medical devices sales in India. The Government decided to regulate the prices of medical devices with the aim to increase access to patients, who were not able to afford them. These benefits seem lucrative in the short-term but may not work as effec-

tively in the coming years. Sure, it is time to make healthcare affordable and accessible but these steps cannot be executed in silos. When you bring critical medical devices, like heart stents, diagnostic equipment and orthopaedic implants



under regulation, it impacts the import of high-end state-of-the-art medical

equipments.

On the one hand, we talk about the multi-trillion investment hub that India is, but on the other, specific policies are discouraging these companies from investing. To deal with the healthcare roadblocks that pervade in India, we need the market to be open to foreign investments, because technology is making healthcare better around the world. Why should India

stents below their cost of production does not offer an economic incentive for firms to continue production. No wonder many multinationals that supply stents in India debated on pulling out of the market, with some refusing to bring their latest innova-tions to India. The concept is small investors judge the attractiveness of an investment based on its expected return compared to other investments. Thus, as long as price caps affect wind the world. Why should India left behind?

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ket. These returns are needed for companies to maintain business sustain-ability and focus on new research and innovation.

When we talk about accessible health care, what about all those who are looking for the latest technology to improve their condition? Today, India is one of the top 20 global medical device markets and the fourth largest medical device market in Asia. The medical value travel market in India is expected to grow at a Compound Annual Growth Rate of 30 per cent from \$2.8 billion in 2014 to \$10.6 billion in 2019. When we talk of medical tourism and Make in India, we can-

not ignore the influx of quality healthcare services that foreign players bring.

Of what started as a dream to build India by creating a robust manufactur-ing sector, 'Make In India' also came with a promise to "represent important opportunities for foreign investor." The strategy included 25 target sectors, including pharmaceuticals and wellness among others. India's murky medical devices market needs innova-tions and because 'Make In India' is

now becoming all about creating everything in the local market, it can impact the health market negatively. It is time for India to take the inno-

vation curve as the healthcare sector has substantial unmet needs that need to be addressed. We need pro-innova tion policies that propel the develop ment of high quality and innovative medicines for Indian patients. It is critical that innovative thinking walks in line with the social and economic evo

lution of the nation. As mentioned earlier, we need to look beyond price capping. What India needs is a solution like trade mar-gin rationalisation, which allows for market-based differentiation of prod uct prices, and that too, from the first point of sale, so that the margins are fairly decided. For India to sustain the ranking in the Ease of Doing Business it is imperative that we have the right policies in place to invite investments from global research-based companies

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DEMOCRACY & SUBVERSION

Western democracies are vulnerable to subversion. Murky offshore wealth can be used to support proxy nolitical actors. Nowhere is that being more thoroughly exposed than in the work of US special counsel Robert Mueller, who is examining links between Trump's presidential campaign and the Russian Government.

(The Guardian editorial)

Jaitley likely to finalise capital infusion in PSBs this month

The Finance Ministry is the Finalise the second round of capital infusion for public sector banks (PSBs) towards the end of this month ter's performance, sources said.

In this round of fund infusion,

most of the banks would be getting growth capital for expanding their lending, particularly to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs). Last week, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a slew of

measures, including loan sanction of up to ₹1 crore in less than an hour and relaxation in labour and environmental laws for MSMEs to give a boost to the sector, the country's sec-

ond-biggest employer.
Second quarter result announcements of banks, barring one or two, would be over this week and subsequently the ministry would start discussions with them, sources said.



After assessing the requirement, the ministry is expected to finalise the capital infusion of about ₹54,000 crore by November-end or by the first half of the next month.

The ministry had earlier this year

provided capital infusion of ₹11,336 crore to five PSBs to help them meet their interest payment commitments.

Punjab National Bank (PNB), hit by the Nirav Modi scam, got the highest amount of ₹2,816 crore, while Allahabad Bank received

Andhra Bank got capital support of ₹2,019 crore, Indian Overseas Bank ₹2,157 crore and Corporation Bank ₹2,555 crore.

The infusion was part of the remaining ₹65,000 crore out of ₹2.11 lakh crore capital infusion over two financial years.

The government announced the ₹2.11 lakh crore capital infusion programme in October last year.
As per the plan, the PSBs were to get ₹1.35 lakh crore through re-captalisation bonds, and the balance ₹58,000 crore through raising of capital from the market.

Out of the ₹1.35 lakh crore, the government has already infused about ₹82,000 crore through recap bonds and the balance would be done during this fiscal.

Oil market on alert as Iran sanctions hit

 $U_{\text{of Iranian oil threaten the crude oil market's precarious bal-}}^{S \, \text{sanctions against importers}}$ ance and risk surging prices, all under Saudi Arabia's watchful gaze,

according to experts.
"In the next weeks all eyes will be on Iranian exports, whether there will be some cheating around US sanctions, and on how quickly production will fall," said Riccardo Fabiani, an analyst for Energy

Aspects.
The US will from Monday target buyers of Iranian oil in order to deprive Tehran of its main source of income.

Going after Iran's oil money will hit Tehran where it hurts, but it also means hitting a major pillar of the global oil market -- Iran is the OPEC cartel's third-largest producer -- with major consequences for world supply.

Iran exported the equivalent of

2.5 million barrels a day in April, before the announcement of sanctions turned buyers away.

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grants exemptions, Washington will demand that the volume imported from Iran be significantly reduced," said UBS analyst Giovanni Staunovo, who expects prices to rise.

However, oil prices have fallen nearly \$15 in less than a month, after peaking in early October at their highest level in two and a half years, with a barrel of Brent at over

Part of the explanation lies in the ambiguous position of the US, which initially insisted that the sanctions were designed to reduce Iranian exports to zero barrels, but has since has softened its posi-

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on Friday announced exemptions for eight countries,

without naming them.

Turkey indicated that it was one of them and analysts believe that India, one of the world's rgest importers, is also on the list, which will be published on

"India said to the US that they can't stop before March, they are facing a major currency crisis," explained Joel Hancock, analyst at Natixis.

Consumer confidence in the US itself could also suffer if rising oil prices translate into higher prices at the pump.

"If prices start to rise again or

another major producer has diffi-culties, it could put pressure on the US and lead to new exemptions," said Fabiani The other major oil producing

countries are expected to ramp up production to try and compensate for Iran's anticipated decline in out-

But in doing so, they run the risk of hampering their ability to react to any future crises.

Saudi Arabia, the world's largest exporter, has claimed that it

can respond to the Iranian short-fall, but some market players are wondering whether the kingdom is exhausting its capacities. "Saudi Arabia can produce 12

million barrels a day, but only if it invests," said Hancock, noting that the country currently produces just under 11 million barrels a day.He believes that Riyadh can currently only rely on 300,000 barrels per day of spare capacity, the extraction of which can be launched in fewer than 30 days

"The mantra right now is to go to Saudi Arabia but its exports have remained flat at around 10 or 10.2 million barrels a day," said Samir Madani, an analyst at Tanker Trackers, which specialises in satellite tanker tracking.

"The big increase right now is Iraq at 4.2 million, which I've never seen before," he added.

The US, which is in the process

of becoming the world's leading producer thanks to its shale oil operations, could meet part of the demand, but lacks export capaci-

DG Audit to ensure right GST allocation to States Complete exploration of 329

In order to prevent incorrect allocation of GST revenue among states, the Directorate General of Audit has been asked to scrutinise the accounting software of large service providers like banks and telecom companies, an official

The issue concerning allocation of revenue in case of inter-state supply of services was raised by some states dur-ing high-level meetings between the Central and state tax officers to analyse reasons for Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenue shortfall, the

Some states have expressed the apprehension that service providers might not be depositing the taxes collected from customers to the state exche-

quer where they are rightfully due. Instead, they are depositing in some other states where they are not due as per the GST rules and regulations of Place

of Supply (PoS).
Under the PoS rules, the taxes are required to be paid at the place of consumption. However, in case of services it becomes difficult to identify the place of consumption and hence, the GST regulations have laid down elaborate rules for appropriation of taxes by

states.
"The DG Audit will check whether the accounting softwares of service providers who are operating in different states are depositing the taxes with the states where they legitimately accrue," an official told

The DG Audit has been asked to give its report within as per the record of the sup-

three-four months.

The official said that since GST is a new tax, it is likely that the service providers may not be depositing the taxes cor-rectly to the states which are entitled, especially with regard to banking and telecommuni-

cation sectors.

In case of banking and financial services, the PoS is the location of the recipient of the However, in case the loca-

tion is not known, the PoS would be deemed to the location of the supplier of services.
In case of post-paid mobile connection, the PoS is the

billing address of the recipient.

As regards pre-paid vouchers for mobile, internet or home television, the PoS would be deemed to the address of

However, in case of online recharges, the place of deposit-ing GST will be the address of the recipient of service on record with the telecom com-

For the hospitality industry, the PoS would be the location of the immovable property. Similar regulations have been laid down for other ser-vices like insurance, passenger transportation and trans-portation of goods including by mail or courier.

The DG Audit would go

into the details of software being used by service providers to ensure whether the GST collected is flowing to the states as specified under the regula-

tions, the official said.

Finance Secretary

Hasmukh Adhia has met GST

state tax departments, in certain states to understand issues plaguing the GST collections. A discussion to shore up

revenues has already happened with six states -- Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Puducherry, Jammu & Kashmir, Bihar and Uttarakhand. The states faced Ottaraknand. The states faced an average 16 per cent short-fall in GST mop up in the first year of implementation (July 2017-March 2018), which has come down to 13 per cent during April-August period of current fiscal current fiscal.

While only six states Mizoram, Arunachal, Manipur, Nagaland, Sikkim and Andhra Pradesh -- are facing revenue surplus in the current fiscal, 25 states are staring at revenue shortfall and have to be compensated by the

mining leases expiring in 2 yrs'

he Centre has asked minl eral rich states to complete by next month the exploration of all the 329 mining leases expiring in another two years

Mines Secretary Anil Mukim advised that "exploration of all mining leases expiring in 2020 should be completed by December 2018," according to the minutes of the Coordination-cum-Empowered Committee (CCEC) meeting held last

During the meeting, Mukim --who reviewed the exploration status of various mines -- sought constitution of a committee to look into the

post auction issues related to transition from the old to the new lessee and prepare a draft guidelines for the same.

Of these 329 mines, 281 are non-working while 48 are working mines. The maximum working filmes. The maximum 184 mineral blocks are in Goa, followed by 48 in Karnataka and 31 in Odisha, among oth-ers. During the meeting, Odisha government stated that exploration of various mines in the eastern state will be com pleted by December by the existing lease holders.
"The Secretary also advised

the states having less number of leases due to expire in 2020 to initiate action on similar lines," the minutes of the meeting said. During the meeting,

mation from states with regard to the blocks which were planned to be auctioned in 2018-19 and current state of the preparation regarding the auction of mineral blocks.

The Centre had earlier asked all states to begin the auction of mining leases expiring in the next two years by July 2019 to avert any shortage of minerals.

The Federation of Indian Mineral Industries (FIMI) has expressed concerns over the expiry of the existing mining leases in March 2020, which, it said, may affect availability of raw materials for the Indian mining industry if leases are

Govt plans to list TCIL in Jan-March quarter

New Delhi: The Finance Ministry is planning an initial public offering (IPO) to sell up to 25 per cent stake in telecon engineering and consultancy firm TCIL in the January March quarter of the current fiscal, an official said.

The ministry is planning to list four Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) and work on launching the IPO of Telecommunications Consultants India Ltd (TCIL) has begun, the official added

"We are looking at launching TCIL IPO in current fiscal. We will soon approach Cabinet for securing approval for up to 25 per cent stake dilution," the official told PTL TCIL, under the administra-tive control of the Department of Talecommunications was of Telecommunications, was set up in 1978. The company had a turnover of Rs 1.205 rore and profit after tax of Rs

SBI puts up 11 NPA accounts for sale to recover ₹1K crore

SBI has put up 11 non-per-forming assets (NPAs) for sale to ARCs and financial companies to recover dues of nearly ₹1,019 crore. The country's largest lender said the e-auction of

these NPA accounts will take place on November 22. "In terms of the bank's policy on sale of financial assets in line with the regulatory guide-lines, we place these accounts

for sale to ARCs/ Banks/ NBFCs/ FIs," SBI said in an auction notice on its website Of these 11 accounts, Janki Corp Ltd has the highest out-standing dues of ₹592.53 crore.

Among others, Venus emedies Ltd has to repay ₹83.01 crore, SBS Transpole Logistics Pvt Ltd ₹63.36 crore, R S Luth Education Trust 70.8 crore in 2016-17 fiscal. | R S Luth Education FTI | ₹60.62 crore, Nilachal Iron &

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NBFCs/FIs

Power Ltd ₹52.41 crore and Sri Balmukund Polyplast ₹50.12 crore. The rest of the five companies owe the bank the remaining ₹117 crore.

The interested asset reconstruction companies (ARCs)/ banks/ non-banking financial companies (NBFCs)/ financial

institutions (FIs) can conduct due diligence of these assets with immediate effect, after submitting expression of interest and executing a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) with the bank, State Bank of India (SBI) said.
Once the deal is finalised

the assignment deed and other legal formalities will be com-pleted in the shortest possible time as mutually agreed upon, SBI's gross NPAs rose to

10.69 per cent of the total advances at the end of the first quarter ended June this fiscal year, as against 9.97 per cent a year ago. In value terms, they increased to ₹2,12,840 crore,

from ₹1,88,068 crore.
SBI has reported a hefty loss of ₹4.876 crore for the June quarter due to higher NPAs or

'Global factors, ₹, oil to drive stock markets this week'

Trend from global equities, macroeconomic data as well as movement of the rupee and crude oil prices will set the tone for the stock markets in the holiday-shortened week

ahead, say experts.

Bourses would remain closed on Wednesday and Thursday for 'Diwali Laxmi Pujan' and 'Diwali Balipratipada'.

The BSE and NSE will conduct a special 'Muhurat'

trading session on Wednesday, November 7.
'Muhurat' trading, which

is conducted on the auspicious occasion of Diwali, will be held between 1700 hrs and 1830 hrs, the stock exchanges had said Friday.

PMI data for the services

sector is scheduled to be released Monday, which might have a bearing on market sentiment, experts said.
On the global front, the

US Fed interest rate decision

will be closely watched. For markets as we said, it

will be global cues and any positive news or move from western markets will have an exponential factor for domes tic markets and the recent drop in crude is further keep-

"IIP numbers, inflation are lined up and will be watched in the second week. The volume may remain thin due to holidays on the occasion of Deepawali," said Mustafa Nadeem, CEO, Epic Research.

The rupee Friday clocked its biggest single-day gain in over five years, surging by 100 paise to close at 72.45 against the US dollar.

Cipla, Gail (India) and Indian Bank are among the corporates scheduled to announce their earnings this

Over the last week, the Sensex surged 1,662.34 points or 5 per cent to close at 35,011.65.

POWERGRID conferred Dun & Bradstreet Infra Award

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PowerGRID has been conferred the Dun & Bradstreet Infra Award-2018 for Excellence in Power Transmission category.

Shri K. Sreekant, Director (Finance) received the award from Shri Amitabh Kant, IAS, Chief Executive Officer, NITI Aayog, Government of India at a ceremony held in New Delhi.



Petrol dips down by 21 paise; total reduction reaches ₹4.05 in 18 days

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Petrol price has been cut by Y over ₹4 per litre and diesel by ₹2.33 in the last 18 days on softer international rates, a pace faster than the spike in prices witnessed in the twomonth period beginning mid-

Petrol price Sunday was cut by 21 paise a litre and diesel by 17 paise, according to a price notification issued by state-owned fuel retailers.

In Delhi, petrol now costs ₹78.78 per litre while diesel is priced at ₹73.36, it said. Petrol in Mumbai costs ₹82.28 and diesel ₹76.88.

With this, the reduction in rates in last 18 days now totals ₹4.05 per litre for petrol and ₹2.33 for diesel.

Rates have been on the

decline since October 18. Petrol price had touched a record high of ₹84 per litre in Delhi and ₹91.34 in Mumbai on October 4. Diesel on that day had peaked to ₹75.45 a litre in Delhi and ₹80.10 in

Prices had started to climb from August 16. Petrol in Delhi was priced at ₹77.14 and in Mumbai at ₹84.58 per litre on August 15. Diesel on that day was priced at ₹68.72 per litre in Delhi and ₹72.96 in Mumbai.

Between August 16 and October 4, petrol price was hiked by ₹6.86 per litre and diesel by ₹6.73.

On that day, the government decided to cut excise duty on petrol and diesel by ₹1.50 per litre each and asked state-owned fuel retailers to subsidise the price by another ₹1 a litre by reducing their

Subsequent to this, the petrol price came down to ₹81.50 per litre in Delhi and diesel to ₹72.95 a litre on October 5. In Mumbai, rates fell to

₹86.97 per litre for petrol and ₹77.45 in case of diesel.
As the international oil prices continued to rise, price petrol and diesel in Delhi increased to ₹82.83 and ₹75.69

on October 17.

In Mumbai, rates touched ₹88.29 a litre for petrol and ₹79.35 for diesel.

But since then, interna tional oil prices have been falling and rupee has also appreciated, resulting in decline in retail rates.

Mukesh Ambani sets up Estonian JV for -governance; takes up E-residency

 $I^{
m ndustrialist}$ Mukesh Ambani is keen on the e-governance space and has set up a subsidiary company in Estonia to get a grip on the solutions, government officials of the Northwestern European nation have said.

Ambani has formed a subsidiary with the Estonian government's former chief information officer Taavi Kotka.

The joint venture will be looking for solutions in the e-governance space, Viljar Lubi, vice-minister for economic affairs and communications of Estonia, which is a European Union member, told a group

of visiting journalists recently.

He, however, did not elaborate on the exact scope of the partnership, saying government only plays the role of a facilitator. A Reliance Industries spokesperson refused to share details of the project or plan. Multiple officials in Estonia, which is among the most digitised countries in the world, maintained that the role of private companies has been crucial in developing the digital infrastructure used by all most all of its citizens.

The country claims of 99 per cent of

digital penetration. Ambani, the richest Indian who runs the most profitable domestic company Reliance Industries took an e-residency of the European nation in May this year, the officials said.

An e-residency helps a foreigner

access the EU opportunity by helping him/her form a company, among other

Weve one of the founders of e-residency programmes, Kotka, who is cur-rently working together with Reliance and Mukesh Ambani to digitalise India in

terms of accessing digital identity.
"That is why Ambani became an e-res ident recently," a spokesperson for Estonia's

e-residency programme said. An email sent to Reliance Industries spokesperson on this aspect was also not answered. Asked if Ambani has visited Estonia, Lubi declined to comment, but named other Indian industrialists like Infosys co-founder NR Narayana Murthy as among those who have visited their country to have a closer look at the work on digitisation. Lubi said while digitisation has helped Estonia to get connected its scattered and very low population basethe country with a large land mass is home to only 1.4 million citizens -- it can help India as well because it has a large population to be reached out to.

There are just about 2,000 Indians who

have opted to become e-residents of Estonia so far, primarily to access the business opportunity presented by the European Union.

Over half of them are freelancers, who

unlike big companies, cannot afford to set up subsidiaries in any EU country, the offi-cial said.

An e-residency enables a person to

work for EU clientele and is lapped by star-tups looking for a footing in the EU. Lubi said Estonian journey to digitalisation started right after regaining independence in 1991 from the erstwhile USSR due to a resource crunch and later it discovered the efficacy of the same as the world went digital. At present, nearly all- - 99 per cent to

be precise -- government services are digital in this country and an Estonian gets to know who all have accessed his/her If a citizen observes any activity on her information being accessed by an unauthorised entity, including any government department, then she can initiate legal

The e-residency initiative was started in 2014 as a digital identity for foreigners. Apart from forming a company, an e-resident can access banking services, payment processing and also gets a digital sig-

India ranks ninth among the list of countries from where e-residents are coming in, but the pace of growth is very fast, e-residency programme's managing director Kaspar Korjus said. The country is aiming to increase the number of e-residents from India to 1 million by 2025, he said, pointing out that India has over 50 million freelancers who will be keen on such an initiative.

India to impose anti-dumping duty on uncoated paper import from three countries

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India may impose anti-dumping duty on certain kinds of uncoated paper from Indonesia, Thailand and Singapore for three years to protect interest of domestic companies against cheap ship-

The commerce ministry's investigation arm directorate general of trade remedies (DGTR) has recommended the duty after establishing in its probe that the dumping of uncoated paper from these countries are ĥaving impact on

domestic players.

The West Coast Paper Mills, Tamil Nadu Newsprint, Papers Ltd, Ballarpur Industries and JK Paper had filed an application before the directorate for initiation of the anti-dumping investiga-tion. The DGAD in its probe has concluded that the product has been exported to India from these countries below their normal values and consequently, the domestic industry has suffered material injury. It said in a notification that

855 per tonne. The finance ministry will take the final call on the imposition of the duty. The move is aimed at protecting domestic players in

material injury has been

caused by the dumped imports of the goods from these coun-

tries during the period of

investigation.

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"The Authority recommends imposition of definitive

anti-dumping duty...On the imports of the subject goods,

originating in or exported from these countries, for a period of three years" the DGTR has said.

The directorate has recommended anti-dumping of difference between the landed

value of the product and USD

the sector against cheap imports. The period of probe would be April 2016-June 2017 (15 months). Countries carry out anti-dumping probe to determine whether their domestic industries have been hurt because of a surge in cheap imports.



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Index Fund-Sensex Plus(FV-Rs32.161)	462.5623	Super 20 Fund - Growth Option	19.2707	Interval Fund III Quarterly Interval - Direct Plan - Dividend	10.1854	Banking and PSU Debt - Monthly Dividend	10.5242	Interval Fund - II - Series 2 - Direct - Growth Plan - Growth Option	12.9862
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Blended Plan A - Dividend	13.5898	Wealth Plus Fund-Variable Pricing Option-Direct -Dividend	35.3276	Interval Fund - Series VI - Annual Interval Plan - A - Direct - Cumulative	13.9796	Bond - Growth - Direct	50.4769	Interval Fund - II - Series 3 - Direct - Growth Plan - Growth Option Interval Fund - II - Series 3 - Dividend Plan - Dividend Option	12.8033
Blended Plan A - Direct Plan Bonus	10.9152	Wealth Plus Fund-Variable Pricing Option-Direct-Growth	49.2641	Interval Fund - Series VI - Annual Interval Plan - A - Direct Plan - D		Bond - Quaterly Dividend - Direct	13.6607	Interval Fund - II - Series 3 - Growth Plan - Growth Option	12.7519
Blended Plan A- Growth	22.7587	Wealth Plus Fund-Variable Pricing Option-Dividend Option	34.8277	Interval Fund - Series VI - Annual Interval Plan - C - Cumulative Interval Fund - Series VI - Annual Interval Plan - C - Direct - Cumulative	14.9423 14.9835	Bond Regular Plan Annual Dividend	29.5584	Interval Fund - II - Series 4-Direct Plan-Growth Plan -Growth Option	
Blended Plan A-Direct Plan - Dividend	13.6408	Wealth Plus Fund-Variable Pricing Option-Growth Option SBI MUTUAL FUND	48.0384	Interval Fund - Series VI - Annual Interval Plan - D - Cumulative	14.9023	Bond Regular Plan Bonus Plan	30.696	Interval Fund - II - Series 4-Dividend Plan -Dividend Option	10
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Bluechip Fund - Dividend	31.927	MAGNUM NRI FLEXIASSET PLAN-GROWTH	30.1918	Interval Fund - Series VII - Annual Interval Plan - C - Cumulative	13.774	Bond Regular Plan Quaterly Dividend	10.7888	Interval Fund Annual Interval Fund Series-I -Dividend Option	10.2278
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Equity Arbitrage Fund - Bimonthly Direct	20.3331	FIXED MATURITY PLAN - SERIES 47 - DIRECT PLAN - GROWTH	14.096	Interval Fund II Quarterly Interval Plan A - Growth	13.6425	Bond Short Term Plan-(Half Yearly Dividend) - Direct	12.3328	Interval Fund-Monthly Interval Fund-Series-II -Dividend Option Interval Fund-Monthly Interval Fund-Series-II -Growth Option	10.0078 23.9022
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Equity Savings Fund - Direct - Quarterly Dividend	11.0725	Blended Plan B - Half Yearly Dividend Option - I	10.3661	Interval Fund II Quarterly Interval Plan C - Direct Plan - Othly Div Payout	10.2204	Credit Risk Fund - Annual Dividend	10.5645	Interval Fund-Quarterly Interval Fund-Series-I -Dividend Option	10.0787
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Small Cap Fund - Dividend - Direct	37.594	Dynamic Bond Fund - Half Yearly Dividend	10.2388	Interval Fund II Quarterly Interval Plan F - Dividend	10.1825	Dynamic Bond Fund - Growth - Direct	23.7172	Yearly Interval Fund - Series 5 - Direct - Growth Plan - Growth Option	
Small Cap Fund - Growth	67.364	Dynamic Bond Fund - Monthly Dividend Dynamic Bond Fund - Premium Plus Growth	10.9656 20.7632	Interval Fund II Quarterly Interval Plan F - Growth	17.716	Dynamic Bond Fund - Quarterly Dividend - Direct	10.8381	Yearly Interval Fund - Series 5 - Growth Plan - Growth Option	13.8388
Small Cap Fund - Growth - Direct	72.326	Dynamic Bond Fund - Premium Pius Growin Dynamic Bond Fund - Quarterly Dividend	10.408	Interval Fund II Quarterly Interval Plan F Retail Qtrly Div Payout	10.0046	Dynamic Bond Fund - Weekly Dividend Direct	12.8673	Yearly Interval Fund - Series 8 - Direct - Div Plan - Dividend Option Yearly Interval Fund - Series 8 - Direct - Growth Plan - Growth Option	
Standard Multicap Fund - Dividend	21.478	Interval Fund - Annual Interval Plan I - Retail Dividend	10.7894	Interval Fund IV - Quarterly Interval Plan B - Retail Dividend	10.0009	Dynamic Bond Fund -Regular Plan- Monthly Dividend Option	21.8967	Yearly Interval Fund - Series 8 - Dividend Plan - Dividend Option	10.0005
Standard Multicap Fund - Dividend - Direct	22.992	Interval Fund - Annual Interval Plan I - Retail Growth	22.5035	Interval Fund IV - Quarterly Interval Plan B - Retail Growth	19.7164	Dynamic Bond Fund Regular Plan Daily Dividend	10.0364	Yearly Interval Fund - Series 8 - Growth Plan - Growth Option	13.7436
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BANKING & FINANCIAL SERVICES FUND-DIVIDEND OPTIC		Interval Fund - Annual Interval Plan II - Retail Growth	22.6497	Interval Fund V - Monthly Interval Plan A - Retail Dividend Interval Fund V - Monthly Interval Plan A - Retail Growth	10.0033 20.0008	Flexi-Debt- Regular Plan - Daily Dividend	14.3817	Magnum Income Plus Fund - Savings Plan (D) Magnum Income Plus Fund - Savings Plan (G)	11.1062 12.5326
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Growth Fund-Growth- Direct	149.7337	Interval Fund - Annual Interval Plan III - Retail Growth	11.7874 21.8977	Interval Fund V Monthly Interval Plan A - Growth	13.8735	Low Duration Fund Direct Plan- Bonus Option	1321.4208	Corporate Bond Fund Annual Dividend Option	13.347
Infrastructure FundFIXED PRICING -Direct-Dividend Infrastructure FundFIXED PRICING OPTION-Direct-Growth	20.328	Interval Fund Annual Interval Plan III - Direct Plan - Growth	17.7978	MIP - Direct Plan - Dividend Half Yearly MIP - Direct Plan - Dividend Monthly	13.6318 12.7914	Low Duration Fund- Direct Plan- Growth Option	2282.0587	BANKING AND PSU DEBT FUND RETAIL MONTHLY DIVIDEND	D 10.8154
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Infrastructure FundVARIABLE PRICING OPTION-Direct-Div	22.3093	Interval Fund - Annual Interval Plan IV - Retail Dividend	11.6845	MIP - Direct Plan Bonus	13.7171	Low Duration Fund-Retail Plan-Growth Option	1971.7193	BANKING AND PSU DEBT FUND DIRECT BONUS	13.9911
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Infrastructure FundVARIABLE PRICING OPTION-Growth Op Midcap Fund-Auto Payout	74,496	Interval Fund Annual Interval Plan IV - Growth	20.4088	MIP - Growth	48.1366	Medium Term Fund - Annual Dividend	10.7646	BANKING AND PSU DEBT - REGULAR DAILY REINVESTMENT	T 10.0519
Midcap Fund-Auto Payout-Direct	79.6429	Interval Fund - Monthly Interval Plan I - Retail Dividend	10.0016	JM FINANCIAL MUTUAL FU		Medium Term Fund - Direct - Annual Dividend Medium Term Fund - Direct - Quarterly Dividend	15.3534	BANKING AND PSU DEBT FUND REGULAR GROWTH	27.8313
Midcap Fund-Bonus	74.496	Interval Fund - Monthly Interval Plan I - Retail Growth	21.1844			Medium Term Fund - Direct - Quarterly Dividend Medium Term Fund - Direct Growth	10.6739 15.3163	BANKINGAND PSUDEBT-PEGULAR MONTHLY DIV REINESTMENT	
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Midcap Fund-Dividend -Direct	33.3511	Interval Fund Monthly Interval Plan I - Direct Plan - Growth	13.4735	MIP Fund (Direct) - Bonus Option - Principal Units	25.9834	Medium Term Fund - Quarterly Dividend	10.653	BANKING AND PSU DEBT FUND- Direct Plan - Growth Option Corporate Bond - Direct Plan - Half Yearly Dividend Option	27.9584 0
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Power & Natural resources Fund- Growth - Direct	21.7152	Interval Fund Quarterly Interval Plan - 1 Retail Quarterly Div Payout	10.0022	MIP Fund - Bonus Option - Principal Units	24.5085	Multi Asset Allocation Fund-Growth - Direct Multi Asset Allocation Fund-Monthly Dividend	14.3128	Corporate Bond Fund Direct Plan - Monthly Dividend Option	12.2149
Power & Natural resources Fund- Growth Option	20.1427	Interval Fund Quarterly Interval Plan 1 - Direct Plan - Growth	17.6211	MIP FUND-Annual Dividend	19.4034	Multi Asset Allocation Fund-Monthly Dividend - Direct	13.1358	Corporate Bond Fund Institutional - Growth	0
Power & Natural Resources Fund-Dividend - Direct	16.0357	Interval Fund Quarterly Interval Plan 1 - Direct Plan - Dividend	10.0017	MIP FUND-Growth	24.1503	Multi Asset Allocation Fund-Quarterly Dividend	12.3879	Corporate Bond Fund Institutional - Monthly Dividend	10.5417
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Main contingent of migrants pushes through Mexico

Thousands of wary Central American migrants resumed their push through Mexico on Sunday, a day after arguments over the path ahead saw some travelers splinter away from the main caravan, which is entering a treacherous

part of its journey.

The majority of the roughly 4,000 migrants are now headed along what some called the "route of death" toward the town of Cordoba, Veracruz, which is about 124 miles (200 kilometers) up the road. The daily trek will be one of the longest yet, as the exhausted group of travelers tries to make

progress any way it can.

The arduous trip has already taken its toll.

A day prior, the group was beset by divisions as migrants

argued with caravan organizers and criticized Mexican officials before setting out on their own for Puebla and Mexico City.

Some were disappointed after three weeks on the road. Others were angry for being directed northward through the Gulf Coast state of Veracruz, calling it the "route of death."

A trek via the sugar fields and fruit groves of Veracruz takes them through a state where hundreds of migrants have disappeared in recent years, falling prey to kidnappers looking for ransom payments.
Authorities in Veracruz

said in September they had discovered remains from at least 174 people buried in clandestine graves, raising questions about whether the bodies

belonged to migrants.

But even with the group somewhat more scattered, the majority of migrants trekking through Veracruz on Sunday were convinced that traveling as a large mass was their best hope for reaching the U.S.
"We think that it is better

to continue together with the caravan. We are going to stay with it and respect the organizers," said Luis Euseda, a 32year-old from Tegucigalpa, Honduras who is traveling with his wife Jessica Fugon. "Others went ahead, maybe they have no goal, but we do have a goal and it is to arrive."

Mynor Chavez, a 19-year-old from Copan, Honduras, was determined to continue.

"I have no hope. I graduated as a computer technician and not even with a degree have I been able to find work,"



Central American migrants, part of the caravan hoping to reach the US border, a ride on in the trunk of a taxi, in Acayucan, Veracruz state. Mexico on Saturdav AP

he said of life in his home coun-

In his desperation to flee Chavez was one of the many people who crossed a river from Guatemala into Mexico, defying authorities deployed to patrol that country's southern

It remained to be seen if the main group will now continue directly north through Veracruz to the closest U.S.

ward and make a stop in the country's capital.

The capital could serve as a better launching pad for reaching a broader array of destinations along the U.S. border. They could also receive additional capacity and the support and the supp tional support, although Mexican officials have appeared conflicted over whether to help or hinder their journeys.

Mexico now faces the

unprecedented situation of having three caravans stretched over 300 miles (500 kilometers) of highway in the states of Chiapas, Oaxaca and Veracruz, with a total of more than 6,000 migrants.
On Friday, a caravan from

El Salvador waded over the Suchiate River into Mexico, bringing 1,000 to 1,500 people who want to reach the U.S. borto cross the bridge between Guatemala and Mexico, but Mexican authorities told them they would have to show pass-

ports and visas and enter in groups of 50 for processing. Another caravan, also of about 1,000 to 1,500 people, entered Mexico earlier this week and is now in Chiapas. That group includes Hondurans, Salvadorans and

some Guatemalans. The first, largest group of mainly Honduran migrants entered Mexico on Oct.19.

Immigration agents and police have at times detained migrants in the smaller cara-

vans.

But several mayors have rolled out the welcome mat for migrants who reached their towns — arranging for food

NORTH KOREA SLAMS SEX ABUSE REPORT

Seoul: North Korea on Sunday slammed a report by Human Rights Watch which said sexual abuse of women was rampant in the isolated nation. In its report released on Thursday

6.0-MAGNITUDE QUAKE HITS PHILIPPINES Manila: An earthquake measuring

6.0 on the Richter scale jolted the Philippines' Lanao del Norte province on Sunday, the US Geological Survey (USGS)

SHOOTING IN SWEDEN LEAVES 7 PEOPLE INJURED Helsinki: Swedish Police say

wounded and 12 arrested in a shooting allegedly linked to country's second city of

French Pacific territory rejects independence

The Pacific islands of New Caledonia opted to remain part of France on Sunday, early results showed, as voters reject-ed independence in a closelywatched referendum seen as a measure of support for Paris in one of its many strategic out-

Some 18,000 kilometres from the French mainland, New Caledonia is home to a quarter of the world's known supplies of nickel — a vital electronics component — and is a foothold for France in the

With 70 per cent of voting slips counted, 59.5 per cent of people had rejected the proposition that New Caledonia become independent, the local electoral authority said.

Some 175,000 people were eligible to vote in the remote islands fringed by spectacular beaches, with opinion polls ahead of Sunday's ballot predicting a large majority in favour of staying French.

But there are fears the referendum could inflame tensions between indigenous Kanak people, who tend to favour independence, and the white population which has settled since France annexed the islands in 1853.

These differences caused ethnic strife in the 1980s which

Polling station officials count the votes as part of the independence referendum in Noumea, the New Caledonia's capital on Sunday

which paved the way for a steady devolution of powers as well as Sunday's referendum.

Separatists had urged Kanak voters to choose selfdetermination for Kanaky, their name for New Caledonia, and throw off the shackles of the "colonial" authorities in Paris.

The Kanak community is plagued by high school dropout rates, chronic unemployment

and poor housing conditions.
"My father, my grandfather fought for this country and today is the second fight in the ballot box," said pro-indepen-dence supporter Patrick Watrone as he voted Sunday.

'Today, us young Kanaks, we have no jobs. If we are the ones who manage the country, we will have more opportuni-ties," said Fabrice Ude, 28.

But indigenous people make up less than 50 percent of the electorate and some Kanaks back staying part of France, not least due to the 1.3 billion euros (\$1.5 billion) the French

state hands to the islands every

sure we have all the assets we'd need to succeed," said Marc Gnipate, a 62-year-old pensioner. Michaele Mikena, 61, also "voted no. I'm not afraid of independence, but I am attached to France, I owe it a

Under the 1998 deal, further referendums on indepen-dence can still be held before

2022 French President Emmanuel Macron, who is due to give a televised address

With 70 per cent of voting slips counted, 59.5 per cent of people had rejected the proposition that New Caledonia become independent, the local electoral authority said

after the results, has largely stayed clear of the campaign but during a visit to Noumea in May he declared "France would be less beautiful without New Caledonia"

over increasing Chinese influ-ence in the Pacific, where Beijing has invested heavily in Vanuatu, a territory which broke from France and Britain

Accusing the US of "turning its back on the region in recent months", Macron said China was "building its hege-mony step by step" in the Pacific — suggesting an independent New Caledonia could be Beijing's next target.

also Australia has expressed concerns about China's activities in neighbouring island states — which the Lowy Institute think-tank estimates received \$1.78 billion in aid from Beijing from 2006-16 — boosting its own spending in response.

Home to 2,69,000 people, New Caledonia is one of a handful of French island outposts — a legacy of the country's 19th-century empire which retain strategic impor-

The referendum will be a test of the appeal of remaining part of France for such farlung territories, which are heavily dependent on state handouts but where many feel overlooked by Paris.

Ahead of polls,

Trump: Democrats would ruin Florida, his second home

AP ■ PENSACOLA, FLA.

President Donald Trump on Saturday used his final Florida campaign event before next week's elections to implore supporters to send Republicans to the governor's mansion and the US Senate, claiming that allowing Democrats to win either office would bring ruin to the state he also calls home

Trump returned to Florida for the second time this week to help rally support for Gov. Rick Scott, who is challenging Democratic Sen. Bill Nelson. Trump also sought to boost for-mer Rep. Ron DeSantis, who is facing off against Andrew Gillum, the Democratic mayor of Tallahassee, in the race for governor.

Trump argued that Gillum would "destroy Florida" and claimed that Gillum's policies vould be a "total nightmare" for the state.

"You have only one choice, Ron DeSantis for governor," Trump told thousands of cheering supporters at a rally at Pensacola International Airport, with Air Force One oark right outside of the

hangar.

"If you want to pay high taxes, you ought to vote for the mayor of Tallahassee," Trump said. "You will destroy the state that I love." Trump noted that he also calls Florida home; his Mar-a-Lago estate is located in Palm Beach and he spends most weekends there in the



He also said of the Democrat: "Andrew Gillum is not equipped to be your governor. It's not for him.

Trump criticized Nelson too, claiming that he only sees the former astronaut "around election time when he's on television every night."

Earlier Saturday, Trump campaigned in Montana, where he made it clear that he wants see Democrat Jon Tester booted from the Senate on Tuesday over a personal grudge as much as political ambition. Trump blames Tester for

the defeat of his nominee to run the Department of Veterans Affairs. The president told hundreds of cheering sup porters at a separate airport rally in the Montana chill that Tester "tried to destroy" Ronny Jackson, a Navy admiral and White House doctor.

"That's why I'm here," Trump said. "I've never forgotten it and it's honestly one of the reasons I'm here so much," said Trump.

Egypt says police kill 19 jehadis suspects linked to Copt attack

Nineteen suspected jehadis linked to a deadly attack on Coptic Christians in central Egypt have been killed in a shootout with police, the interior Ministry said on Sunday.

Those killed in the

exchange of fire were part of a cell that left dead seven pilgrims in Friday's attack in Minya province, a statement by the Ministry said.

"The terrorist elements opened fire on the (security) forces who responded," the statement said.

The 19 suspected jehadis were found "as part of a pursuit of terrorist elements involved in carrying out hostile operations in the country, including the last armed attack which tar-geted citizens returning from the Saint Samuel monastery",

the Ministry said.

The Islamic State group claimed Friday's attack — which killed six Copts and one Anglican — in a message via its propaganda agency

Amaq. Raids were undertaken in the mountainous western desert of Minya province to track down the "fugitive terorist elements", the interior

Ministry said. Several Egyptian TV sta-tions broadcast images pro-vided by the interior Ministry, which showed the bodies of armed men strewn across desert sand.

The television images also displayed a tent alleged to have been used by the suspected jehadis cell, and a black ISIS flag. Pope Francis on Sunday spoke of his pain over the attack.

"I express my pain after the terrorist attack which two days ago hit the Coptic Orthodox church in Egypt," Francis said at Saint Peter's in the Vatican

City.
"I pray for the victims, pilgrims killed just because they were Christian," he added. Copts, a Christian minor-

ity that make up 10 percent of Egypt's 97 million people, have in recent years been repeated-ly targeted by ISIS jehadis. In May 2017, masked gun-

men ordered Christians travelling to Saint Samuel to get off their buses and recant their faith. The group refused and were shot one by one, leaving 28 people dead in that ISIS

claimed attack.

ISIS also killed more than 40 people in twin church bombings in April 2017, and an IS gunman last December killed nine people in an attack on a church in a south Cairo suburb. Egypt's President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi called for citizens to battle against religious discrimination.

"When an Egyptian falls in a terrorist attack, we suffer and all the people of Egypt suffer", Sisi said in an address to a youth forum in Sharm el-Sheikh.

China backs Pak's 'quest for peace through dialogue' with India

Csupported Pakistan's "quest for peace through dialogue" to for peace through dialogue" to settle the outstanding disputes with India as it backed Islamabad's "engagement" with the Nuclear Suppliers group

A joint statement, issued here after Prime Minister Imran Khan's talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Keqiang, said that China backed Pakistan's efforts to improve ties with India to settle "outstanding disputes", without directly mentioning the Kashmir issue.

"China appreciates Pakistan's quest for peace

through dialogue, cooperation and negotiation, on the basis of mutual respect and equality, and supports Pakistan's efforts for improvement of Pakistan-India relations and for settlement of outstanding disputes between the two countries," the joint statement said. The ties between India and

Pakistan had strained after the terror attacks by Pakistanbased groups in 2016 and India's surgical strikes inside Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. In recent years, China has refrained from taking a public stance on the India-Pakistan

ties, expressing hope for reso-lution of the disputes through

On the Kashmir issue,

China's oft repeated stand was that it should be resolved peacefully through dialogue.

India too supports dia-logue as the way to resolve the issue with Pakistan but maintains that the talks and terrorism cannot go together.
For its part, Pakistan supported active participation of China at the platform of the

South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC). Also significantly, China tacitly expressed its backing for Pakistan's efforts to secure the NSG membership. India has also been seeking entry into the 48-member elite

Hasina announces to build 560 model mosques

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Sunday announced that her Government will construct 560 model mosques and an Islamic university with the Saudi assistance, in an attempt to woo hardline Islamists ahead of the parliamentary elections scheduled next month.

Speaking at an Islamic cler-rally here, Hasina urged the clerics not to be agitated by anti-Islam propaganda on social media, saying her government has enacted tougher laws to expose to justice perpetrators of any malinuclear club, which controls nuclear trade, but China has cious campaign regarding the

Storms, floods in Sicily kill at least 12 people; 2 missing

Rome: Storms lashing Sicily have killed at least 12 people with torrential floods, Italian authorities said as the country's leader headed on Sunday to the stricken Mediterranean island.

Divers pulled out nine of those victims from a home flooded by a rapidly swelling river in the countryside near

State TV broadcaster RaiNews24 said the sole survivor of the flood that ravaged the home with water and mud was the owner, who had just stepped outside to walk the family dogs Saturday when the torrent hit.

News reports said the man at first clung to a tree, then ended up on the roof of a nearby house. He used his cellphone to call for help but it was too

late for the others, who includade for the others, who included a one-year-old baby, a three-year-old child and a teenager. The victims were from two families who had gathered in the country villa for the week-

A man's body was also found on a guardrail along a Palermo-area road after flood waters swept away his car, Italian news reports said.

Across the island, in the town of Cammarata, near Agrigento, the fire department said its divers were working to recover the bodies of two people swept away while driving on a road near the flooding Saraceno River.

Also in Agrigento province, firefighters rescued 14 people from a hotel in the

Over 150 killed in weekend violence around Yemen's Hodeida

emeni officials say fighting Y has escalated around the key port city of Hodeida, with more than 150 combatants killed over the weekend from

ment-backed side. They say on Sunday that airstrikes and naval artillery have pounded rebel positions around the Red Sea costal city, which government backed troops launching a major ground assault seek to wrest from dug-in rebels. The officials spoke on condition of Observatory for Human Rights anonymity for fear of reprisals.

Fierce fighting also erupted in Bayda and Saada

IS attack kills 12 US-backed fighters in east Syria: Monitor

AFP ■ BEIRUT

¬he Islamic State group Rilled 12 US-backed fighters in a surprise attack on Sunday from the jihadists' holdout in eastern Syria on the Iraqi border, a Britain-based monitor said.

Twelve fighters of the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) were killed and 20 wounded in a suicide car es in the eastern province of Deir Ezzor, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said. An SDF spokesman, how ever, denied any members of his Kurdish-led alliance had

Pakistan arrests 250 for rioting, disrupting peace

Islamabad/Lahore: Pakistan police on Sunday arrested nearly 250 people from across the country on charges of arson, vandalism and violence during the three-day mass protests following the acquittal of Christian woman Asia Bibi.

A day after striking a deal with the radical Islamist party Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP), the government swung into action as it started a crack down against the people who vandalised public properties during the protests. Asia Bibi, was convicted in 2010 after being accused of mounts.

Islam in a row with her neigh-

Obama to rally for Indiana senator who backs Trump policies

Indianapolis: Former President Barack Obama's national campaign tour to boost Democratic candidates takes an unusual path on Sunday with an Indiana rally for Sen. Joe Donnelly, who has sounded more like Donald Trump while trying to persuade voters in the conservative Midwestern state to grant him

a second term. Obama's rally for the Democratic senator in Gary will be sandwiched between his successor's trips to the state Friday and Monday on behalf of GOP Senate candidate Mike

For Braun, a businessman who has campaigned as a steadfast Trump ally, the current president's appearances in Indianapolis and Fort Wayne are no-brainers in a state he won two years ago by 19 points. But for Donnelly, who frequently touts how often he otes with Trump, the Obama rally is a little more complicat-

including US President Donald Trump and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin are preparing to fly to the French "If he does need to inoculate himself from some of his capital next weekend for a cerfirmer conservative rhetoric, it's a pretty effective way to do it," said Christina Hale. AP | Macron begins his own week-

World leaders to mark WWI in France amid warnings about nationalism

Paris: French President Emmanuel Macron on Sunday kicks off a week of commemorations for the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One, which is set to mix remembrance of the past and warnings about the present surge in nationalism around the globe. Some 70-80 world leaders

eastern France and attend indi vidual ceremonies with the leaders of Germany, Britain and centrist is expected to use the international spotlight to issue a rallying cry against national ism, having recently warned that the world risked forgetting the lessons of the 20th centu-

long tour around the country, which will see him criss-cross

war-hit areas in northern and

ry's great conflicts.
"I am struck by similarities between the times we live in and those of between the two world wars," he told a French newspaper last week.

Rohingya teen injured in firing at Bangladesh-Myanmar border

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Rohingya refugee bov was Ashot and injured on the Bangladesh-Myanmar border

as multiple rounds were fired from a Myanmar border security post, an official said on Sunday. Nurul Islam, 15, was graz-

ing cows when 17 rounds were fired from Myanmar's Rymongkhali security post, Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) spokesman Major Iqbal Ahmed said.

"Islam was lucky as a bullet scratched his elbow," he told *AFP*, adding the boy lives

The BGB would send a

otest letter to their Myanmar counterparts, the Border Guard Police, over the shooting, he said. A local Bangladeshi official, speaking on condition on anonymity, said the incident might be aimed at delaying the repatriation of Rohingya refugees, set to begin in next

"Otherwise, why would they fire at the Bangladeshi ground? It is to create pressure on the refugees and the UN," he said. Bangladesh and Myanmar officials last week said some

in Balukhali refugee camp in Bangladesh's southeastern Cox's Bazar district. 2,000 Rohingya refugees would return to their homeland in Myanmar's western Rakhine state as part of a repatriation deal. More than 720,000 of Myanmar's stateless Rohingya fled a brutal military crackdown in August last year, taking shelter in crowded camps in Bangladesh and bringing with them harrowing tales of rape, murder and arson in a military crackdown.

Investigators have said senior Myanmar military officials should be prosecuted for genocide in Rakhine, but the country has rejected these calls, insisting it was defending itself against militants.





Richa speaks on patriarchy

Actress RICHA CHADHA, who essays south Indian film actress Shakeela in an eponymous biopic, says being disrespectful towards any successful adult film star and tagging her as a "norn star" is a sign of a hypocritical and patriarchal society. "Calling an adult (film) star a porn star is a sign of patriarchy. You are disrespecting an actress (Shakeela) who is part of films that are adult in theme," said Richa. She added, "Adult films are made because there is a market for them. It is really easy to call successful, selfmade woman names in a patriarchal society. Directed by Indrajit Lankesh, the logo of Shakeela reads Not A Porn Star.

'Digital space has opened up a whole new chapter in our (actors) lives and I am grateful for it. The format of a web



show is very interesting fro<u>m</u> a writing point of view. It has

given a lot of writers opportunities to explore characters and plots.'
—Rasika Dugal

Actor RAJNIKANTH's forthcoming science-fiction action drama 2.0's trailer was unveiled recently. It is a sequel to Shankar's film Enthiran. The film also stars actors Akshay Kumar, Amy

Jackson, and Sudhanshu Pandey. Speaking at the trailer launch, Rajinikanth said that the film has been made on a lavish budget,

"Mark my words, the film will be a super hit. Wishes to Shankar and Lyca Productions. Nearly ₹600 crore has been spent on the film. The film wouldn't have been possible without Lyca's support.' The film is set to release on November 29

Jolie takes son to university tour

Actress ANGELINA JOLIE's oldest child Maddox is getting ready to leave the house as the actress took the 17-year-old on a university tour. The actress travelled to South Korea on an official visit as the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugee (UNHCR) Special Envoy and she made sure to set aside time for her 17-year-old son Maddox to visit university campuses. The



The pianist tells Asmita Sarkar how the landscape in India is changing enough to pull more youngsters to the genre

here are only a few individuls who can be called an institution or the origin point of something and Louiz Banks is one such person. He has been called the godfather of jazz in India by many and the septuagenarian's journey into the exploration of music, fusion or pure jazz, goes on still.

In fact, he believes that his

journey will go on right till the end and then "after that some-where else". "They say that a musician dies with his boots on and that's how I want to die," he says. Given that he doesn't stop experimenting even now, that statement is the truth he lives by. Recently, he performed at a con-cert called Sufi Jazz and as the name suggests, it was a fiesta of fusion. He performed with vocal-ist Pooja Gaitonde and because of her interest in western music and ideas of integration with jazz they formed a new group. "We kept both streams of music pure," he says. Having discovered fusion in the 80s, he has performed with Indian classical musicians like Zakir Hussain, with whom he has

band Cross Currents, "god of the flute" Hariprasad Chaurasia, Shivkumar Sharma, Ramamani, Niladri Kumar. He counts Shivamani and Shankar Mahadevan among his favourites. "If I focussed only on jazz it would be difficult to relate with them. With fusion, it allows me to bring East and West together," he says. He started learning his craft

at a young age since his father was also a jazz musician. As a per-former now, he encounters a space with younger audiences and a bit of flair is perhaps what they seek. However, Banks is old school. He says, "in jazz, music is most important and what the artist does with the music. 90 per cent of it is improvised and while different jazz musicians have a set of language with hand and facial gestures, the thinkers don't. They might be expressionless, like I am, when playing the piano. We don't dance around and the music that comes out is of a high standard. My son, Gino, who is a drummer, says 'Dad, come on move a bit but I am like that. I concentrate more on what I will play.



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FALLS INTO PLACE

Despite years of performing, he still begins his performances with a silent prayer and nervous-ness deep in his heart, but one that is limited only till the first song.
"I worry about the first num-

ber I would play and how it would cut across the audience. But it passes as I start performing. If the response is very good everything falls into place," he says.

The musician doesn't want to

compare Indian and foreign audiences because the tradition of jazz is a lot more entrenched in

Western shores while in India the youngsters are just picking it up.
"The foreign audience is more knowledgeable. They understand everything that you do on stage. In India, it's sometimes difficult to

reach out to the audience with the reach out to the audience with the serious stuff you want to do. Then you sort of play the popu-lar stuff, play to the gallery but the scene is changing there's a whole lot of breed of musicians and listeners. They understand what's going on stage and I am happy about that," he says, adding that festivals like the Jazz India Circuit Launch Concert are helpful in pulling new crowds. "To bring bands on stage to do a variety of performances definitely contributes to the popularity of the genre. And gone are the days when it was thought that only those over 40 listen to it because it's too complex. Gradually, kids are beginning to listen and that is great for performers," he says.

would be a painter. He currently has over 100 canvasses with por-traits, abstract art that he wants to put up for an exhibition soon as well. The multi-talented man says, "I am learning so much every day with new people. I am looking inward into my own work and thinking of music. It's a vast ocean with no end to it. You can go on searching and learning. I always say that the next performance well be better and when mance will be better and when people ask me what's the best song you created my response is that it's the song I am going to write tomorrow. In music, there is no end to creativity and no age

In Delhi, his quartet headlined the concert, in which he performed with Sheldon D'Silva on bass. While he loves playing with Gino, he is on a tour this time. Instead he performed with jazz drummer Aron Nyiro and

Sanjay Divecha.

"I like working with professional people who have expertise of the highest order. If you want to perform a great piece of music you need good people around you. I like to play with Sheldon, my son, they are my first choice. In India, I like Sonia Sehgal, Vasundhara, Gary Lawyer, with

whom I have been performing with him for years," he says.

Reflecting back, he says, "I always ask that question how does it happen that one member of the family takes up the father's dream and career and the rest are dream and career and the rest are not interested. My father was the kind of guy who did not force anything on anybody but being a musician he taught all his children the rudiments. The only one who kept it up and began to love music was me. The rest learnt a bit but not quite but I am happy with my youngest son has taken it up and my other children are associated with it in different capacities. We are a musical family. There is music in the house all the time,"







ights to guide you home

As festivities take over our lives, various fashion destinations and shopping complexes make sure their decor give relay that with joyful vibes to brighten otherwise

monotonous routines.
While Mall of India celebrated it by bringing in the multiple deals for shoppers, the place also installed a lifesize blue elephant with an anklet around its foot in their main atrium. DLF Place, Saket hosted a Diwali Bazaar offernosted a Diwan Bazaar offer-ing gifts, jewellry, lights, fun games and home decor items. It also decorated its interiors with *jali-cut* hangings which are placed in the atriums and the plaza area. They have also installed a Ganesha made with layers of ghunghroos.

The next in line is Promenade, Vasant Kunj that



brought to life the sacred emblem of Ramayana with Lord Vishnu and his various avatars (disguises) by installing a life-size shankha (conch) in their main atrium. It has also been gifting saplings to its mall patrons to promote a green and clean Diwali. These places of comis celebrating a green and eco-friendly Diwali. It has make it a wholesome time.





Big B sings Iullaby

Actor Amitabh Bachchan has sung a soulful lullaby that highlights his character Khudabaksh's relationship with Zafira, played by Fatima Sana Shaikh, the film *Thugs of Hindostaan*. Khudabaksh is the father figure in Zafira's life and has vowed to protect her at any cost. It isn't confirmed yet that what

happens to Zafira's parents that compels her to be looked after and mentored by Khudabaksh, it is sure that this is the most pivotal point in the script that triggers recovered by

every plot.

According to a source, Viktor wanted to show the beautiful father-daughter like relationship between the two that develops ever since Zafira was a child. Khudabaksh will be seen protecting Zafira at every step. He will be seen trying to make Zafira, who fights the brutal memories of her past, sleep by singing a lullaby. Bachchan was moved by doing this scene and decided that he wants to sing the lullaby himself.

"Bachchan was so kicked about singing this lullaby that he decided to record it himself and that too at his home. The initial idea was to make a short lullaby but Bachchan went a step further and converted it into a song. He insisted that Adi puts it into the album," the source adds.

Bachchan, who felt really excited to sing the lullaby, says, "The song tells you the depth of the bond that Zafira and Khudabaksh



share. The lyrics are beautiful and the composition highlights the emotional journey of the two characters who have an incredible father-daughter relationship. I have been telling Adi to put this in the album. I'm sure he will do it because it's turned out to be a

becautiful song."

The lullaby has been composed by the duo Ajay-Atul and the lyrics are penned by Amitabh Bhattacharya.

A few lines of the lullaby are: "Baba lauta de mohe gudiya mori, Angna ka jhoolna bhi, Imli ki daar vali muniya mori, Chaandi ka painjana bhi..."

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Tales from the back of the beyond

Directors KARAN ANSHUMAN and GURMEET SINGH tell Ayushi Sharma, one cannot do justice to the crime genre in cinema because of certain restrictions in the medium

 $T^{
m here's}$ always a spot for gore and crime content. We are all big fans of stories from the hinterland and have seen and appreciated it in films like *Omkara* and *Gangs of Wasseypur*. But one cannot do justice to this genre in cinema alone because the format comes with censorship. Cinema demands a check on the content, believe directors Karan Anshuman and

In Mirzapur, a small town in Uttar Pradesh well known for its carpets and brassware becomes a place for bloodshed and gang wars

in a new Amazon prime series releasing on November 16. Gurmeet says, "At our end we're just trying to touch the walls that have not been touched. We want to push the boundaries in a manner where it's enjoyable to watch for the audience. When there's no curtailment you have the authority to showcase a scene in a way it should be. When there is some kind of restriction to present the content, there are big guidelines that one has to serve. You might not agree with it but you have to sanitise the content. It becomes your job to follow it."





Whereas Karan says while explaining how it becomes troublefree for directors like us, when there is no added pressure of restrictions "Censorship is a thrust upon us. It's not about showing anything and everything because you can. It becomes easy for directors to present a story in a very natural and organic manner. We won't do anything that the script doesn't demand just for the sake of no censorship. Let me give a practical example, suppose there's a scene where one has to behead a person what they do is take you away from that moment so that ou cannot see it but then take you back there to make you feel the impact and effect of it, in movies And what happens in digital is that we show it and in a manner it needs

to be done, because of no issue of censorship. We can actually show how brutally one has killed or murdered someone.

"The digital format definitely allows one to push boundaries. A character is written and portrayed in a much better manner. It allows a person a lot of space to explore new possibilities," he says.

They wanted to create a world that was hyper-real, a world of violence where even the nicest person would have a gun and could pull the trigger if it needs to be pulled. Gurmeet feels that *Mirzapur* is a

lot more about youngsters' aspira-tions from small towns and how they act according to given circumstances. The characters and their relationships are emotional. All the characters are heroes in their own arc, so each type of audience will find something to relate to. This definitely sets the series apart from the stories of *Gangs of Wasseypur* and Omkara.

"This is not an exploration of good vs evil. It's just a story of gangwars. We have showcased violence and visceral imagery," says Karan.

TECH TALK

Why a WiFi failure makes you angry?

If poor digital connectivities frustrate you, then it could be because of your personality, says a research

Do you get frustrated and angry when your WiFi connection stops working? It could be because of your personality, says a research.

A research showed that when digital technology stops working, people with a fear of missing out (FOMO) — the anxiety that you are missing out a social experience others might be having while you

are offline — or an internet addiction displays more extreme reactions.
People who were

seen as being more neurotic and extroverted also had more extreme reactions to failures in digital technology. "The more we use

our devices, the more we get attached to them, so when they

do not work, we tend to just go a little bit 'crazy' or just switch off and stop doing things altogether," said lead researcher Lee

Hadlington, psychologist at the De Montfort University, UK. For the study, published in the jour-nal Heliyon, the team examined 630 par-

ticipants aged 18 to 68.

The fear of missing out, internet addiction, extroversion and neuroticism all have a significantly positive influence on maladaptive responses. This means the people most psychologically dependent on digital technology are most likely to have maladaptive responses when it goes wrong. Maladaptive responses are not only

unhelpful, they also have a detrimental impact on productiv-ity and achieving goal, resulting in poor job performance, the researchers said.

Moreover, they also found that as the age increases, the level of frustration a erson experiences

decreases. "If we can understand what leads indi-

viduals to react in certain ways, and why these differences occur, we can hopefully make sure that when digital technology does fail people are better supported and there are relevant signposts for them to fol-low to get help," Hadlington noted.

GREEN WATCH

Tourism hotspots like Peru, UK and New Zealand are facing the brunt of climate change and are beginning to take cognizance of its effect on the natural habitat and temperatures in their surroundings



Tropical nights

Britain's national weather forecasting service says warm spells and tropical nights are increasing in Britain as the climate changes.

The Met Office study says

the length of warm spells has more than doubled when data for the last 10 years is compared to figures from 1961 to 1990.

It also said Friday that hot summer days in the last 10 years period are on average hotter than during the earlier period. The Met Office also finds an increase in the frequency of tropical nights, classified as nights when temperatures do not fall below 68 degrees Fahrenheit (20 degrees Celsius).

The head of the Met Office

National Climate Information Center Mark McCarthy said the data provide a "valuable ord of the changing climate" in Britain.

n an attempt to protect the coral reefs that divers so admire they have dubbed them the underwa ter Serengeti, the Pacific nation of Palau will soon ban many types of

President Tommy Remengesau Jr. last week signed legislation that bans "reef-toxic" sunscreen from 2020. Banned sunscreens will be confiscated from tourists who carry them into the country, and merchants selling the banned products will be fined up to \$1,000.

Remengesau said in a statement

that the penalties find the right bal-ance between "educating tourists and scaring them away.

The law defines reef-toxic sun-screen as containing any one of 10 chemicals, including oxybenzone, and states that other chemicals may also be banned.

The legislation also requires tour operators to start providing customers with reusable cups, straws and food containers.

Remengesau said a big impetus for the ban was a 2017 report which found that sunscreen products were widespread in Palau's famed Jellyfish Lake, which was closed for more than a year due to declining jellyfish numbers before being

recently reopened.

The president noted legislative findings that "plastic waste, chemical pollution, resource overcon-



sumption, and climate change all continue to threaten the health of

our pristine paradise."
Palau's ban comes after Hawaii
in July banned the sale of sunscreen containing the chemicals oxybenzone and octinoxate from 2021 in an attempt to protect its reefs. In Hawaii, however, tourists will still be able to bring the banned sunscreen with them into

the state or buy it there if they have

a doctor's prescription. Scientists have found that some chemicals in sunscreen can be toxic to coral reefs, which are a vital part of the ocean ecosystem as well as a popular draw for tourists. But some critics say there aren't enough independent scientific studies on the issue while others worry that people will suffer from too much

sun exposure if they stop using the products. Some manufacturers meanwhile, have already started

selling "reef-friendly" sunscreen. Palau, located east of the Philippines and north of Indonesia, is home to 21,000 people and has an economy that relies on tourism and fishing. It has a compact of free association with the US.

A meticulous re-creation of a three-decade-old study of birds on a moun-tainside in Peru has given scientists a rare chance to prove how the changing climate is pushing species out of the places they are meticulous re-creation of a three-

best adapted to. Surveys of more than 400 species of birds in 1985 and then in 2017 have found that populations of almost all had declined, as many as eight had disappeared complete-ly, and nearly all had moved to higher elevations in what scientists call "an escalator to extinction."

"Once you move up as far as you can go, there's nowhere else left," said John W Fitzpatrick, a study author and director of the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology. "On

this particular mountain, some ridgetop bird populations were literally wiped out." It's not certain whether the birds shifted ranges because of temperature changes, or indirect impacts, such as shifts in the ranges of insects or seeds that they

These findings, published Monday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, confirm what biologists had long suspected, but had few opportunities to confirm. The existence of a 1985 survey of birds on the same mountain gave scientists a rare and useful baseline.

Past research has documented habitats of birds and other species moving up in ele-

Birds find new

vation or latitude in response to warming temperatures. But Mark Urban, director of the Center of Biological Risk at the University of Connecticut, who was not involved in the study said it was the first to prove what climate change models predicted: that rising temperatures will lead to local extinction. "A study like this where

you have historical data you can go back to and compare is very rare," said Urban.
"As long as the species can disperse, you will see species marching up the mountain, until that escalator becomes a stairway to heaven." In 1985, Fitzpatrick

established a basecamp alongside a river running down a mountain slope in southeastern Peru, aiming to catalog the habitat ranges of tropical bird species that lived there. His team spent several

weeks trekking up and down the Cerro de Pantiacolla, using fine nets called mist nets to catch and release birds, and keeping detailed journals of birds they caught, spotted or heard chirping in the forests.

Two years ago, Fitzpatrick passed his

journals, photos and other records to Benjamin Freeman, a postdoctoral fel-low at the Biodiversity Research Centre at the University of British Columbia. Freeman, who has been researching tropical birds for more than a decade, set out to recreate the journey in August and September of 2017. Using old photos of mountain views, his team located the same base-

Freeman largely recreated Fitzpatrick's path and methodology to see what had hap-pened in the intervening years, a period when average mean temperatures on the mountain rose 0.76 degrees Fahrenheit (0.42 degrees Celsius). Because the mountain

lies at the edge of a national park, the area hadn't been disturbed. In addition to unfurling 40-foot (12-meter) mist nets on the slopes, Freeman's team placed 20 microphone boxes on the mountain to record the chirps of birds that might not easily be seen.
"We found that the bird communities

were moving up the slope to reach the climate conditions to which they were originally adapted," said Freeman, the lead author of the study. Near the top of the

mountain the bird species moved higher by 321 feet (98 meters), on average.

"We think temperature is the masterswitch in explaining why species live where they do on mountain slopes," and have priciple of explaining the species of Freeman. "A huge majority of species in our study were doing the same thing." Birds adapted to live within narrow

temperature bands — in regions without wide seasonal variations — may be particularly vulnerable to climate change, Fitzpatrick said. "We should expect that what's happening on this mountaintop is happening more generally in the Andes," he added.

PEACE ALL AROUND

Constraints make it difficult for us to develop universal empathy, as a result we cannot think or act globally. It translates to a very limited understanding of ourselves. By Rajyogi Brahmakumar Nikunj Ji

It's often observed that whenever people meet any spiritual personality or a learned, enlightened soul, they invariably get an expres-sion on their face that reflects inner contentment and peace. However, hardly do these people make a sustained effort to go deeper into the factors that lead to a life of contentment, inner harmo-

ny and a state of calm and composure and much less do they make a serious attempt to attain these even though they highly value them.

A quiet reflection and serene introspection would, however, lead to the conclusion that contentment does not come from high and numerous material attainments. Contentment dawns when the dark night of ignorance ends. It is a sign of spiritual wisdom and maturity. It comes when there is the spirit of renunciation and fulfilment. So what is so special about it that it has made many great people talk or write about it? We would first need to understand its opposite, i.e discontent-ment. If we look around, we would hardly find anyone who is not discontented, right? As per studies, there are numerous causes of discontentment that brings mental agitation and disturb intellectual equipoise. When he is not in a position to exercise his discrimination to find means of improving his conditions and loses the ability to act. Thus, his plans and acts go wrong and

give rise to quarrels.

A discontented person has a typical habit to build castles in the air while he is as poor as he can be. Such peo-ple fail to understand that it is only by dint of hard work that a man can make both ends meet and work on the right lines. Otherwise, it is a blunder to let your reason be clouded by passion and lose your own happiness. Hence, just as food sustains the body, the mind finds sustenance in happiness. So, there is no food as good as happiness.

To be happy, you've to be contented.

As Alfred Nobel rightly said "Contentment is the only real wealth," we should therefore not run after securing another kind of wealth to lose it. Likewise, peace comes when one's inner conflicts have been resolved and harmony of the mind. Peace is born when one's anxieties and thirst for worldly possessions have ceased. One glows of purity when he has constant peace. It is truly our original nature but we act through human bodies and lose our original energy in the cycle of action, interaction with souls. When we strip off of our original positive ener-gies, negativity manifests in our mind, then to actions that finally result in sufferings. However, our endeavour to attain that peace is limited by certain

human constraints, of which the first is the constraint of the human body. We neither know past lives nor our future. The only thing we know is what we are in our present life. Hence, we do not understand the implica-tion of laws of karma to discipline us in the present. Apart from this, we are constrained by

geographical, environ-mental, cultural and religious barriers in addition to individual personality traits. All these constraints make it difficult for us to develop universal empathy; as a result we cannot think or act globally, resulting in very limited understanding of our world and our-

selves too.

Our skewed vision has led us to believe that the massive army and weapon built-up will make us more secure. This approach has led to an unhealthy competition, malpractices and misleading the whole generation, thereby killing our feelings of sympathy, compassion and co-operation, the fundamental human quality. One wonders, then how can we bring peace to the divergent universe? For that we need to first understand that peace is a composite phenomenon. Hence one cannot hope to live in peace without hoping the same for his/her neighbours. Therefore our positive actions that ensure peace for self, society and the environment alone can generate and sustain universal peace.

Contentment, purity and peace are the trio which make one's life worth living. They appear on the life-scene after one has been pursuing one's spiritual studies and has also been practising meditation. Without Yoga, one cannot attain and sustain inner peace. The crux of the problem, however, is that people generally think that spiritual studies are uninteresting, boring and tedious and are based mainly on faith (in many cases 'blind faith') and are accompanied by rituals and mantras. But this is not true. Spiritual studies are as interesting as any other subject and meditation is neither a ritual nor does it involve the repetition of a sacred Sanskrit formula. It is as simple as reflecting, remembering and feeling. It does require guidance in the beginning. Spending some time for this should be considered as a small investment for gaining contentment and peace, which are the most valuable in life. If we look around, how many people would we find who are spending their time, money and energy for peace in society? Unfortunately, there are not many. It's high time that we receive to my core. high time that we resolve to put our time, money and energy for harmony, because if we wish to have a peaceful world around us, then it should begin with each one of us.

for cause

Cafe Arpan in Mumbai is helping staffers overcome disabilities

ly those who suffer from various developmental disabilities. Now, Cafe Arpan has gained huge popularity — among patrons, many of whom have become regulars, and among the 19 specially-abled staffers who love to slog 30 hours over six days a week to make this trendset-

It was barely three months ago that a US-returned medico started a small cafe in upscale Juhu as a unique venture—employing most-August 2. I have 19 staffers including my elder daughter, all suffering from some or the other form of developmental disability," the founder-owner, Sushama Nagarkar.

A psychologist and single mother of two daughters — Aarti (32), who suffers from autism, and Divya



(30), settled abroad - Nagarkar wanted "to do something different, and empower disabled people."

Initially, she started with a tiffin service, around one-and-half years ago, which proved to be a hit and had over a dozen staffers with afflictions like autism and Down

Syndrome, as also under-developmental and intellectual disabilities The cafe is specially designed for

them. "With a limited yet distinctive menu, there is ample space for the staffers to move around conveniently and everything functions on

electricity for their safety. They can comfortably work around five hours a day and take home salaries comparable with industry standards," said Nagarkar. In the age group of 23-50, most are barely literate, but they have learnt to handle every-thing "with complete dedication and focus", said Nagarkar, who opened the eatery under the auspices of Yash Charitable Trust (YCT) of which she is Managing Trustee, and which carries out multifaceted social activities. "I returned to India after 15 vears in the US and started the YCT in 2014 to bring people with developmental disabilities into the social and national mainstream," she said.

Nagarkar feels these people have great potential but severely lack opportunities, and that the cafe and the tiffin services have started to contribute in a small way, helping them become independent and capable of supporting their families. Initially, there was a communication gap between the staff and patrons, but the latter proved to be very understanding with customers appreciating the initiative.

Open for 12 hours from 8 am, Cafe Arpan offers a simple but special-ly-designed menu of barely 30 items, which the specially-abled staffers handle without complications. "During a visit for a snack, I was

surprised when one of the staffers took my order, unusually quiet, but apparently efficient, serving it grace-fully. Later, I realised that all the staffers here are specially-abled and the experience was amazing," said an awed customer, Mini P Menon. She feels the venture would help commoners view people with develop-mental disabilities in a new light and open up new avenues for them to become valued members of the community.

Cafe Arpan's hand-picked special team includes: Nazneen Kagalwala, Sudha Chhabria, Pratibha Kamath, Ashritha Shetty, Nandini Rajwade, Abuli Mamaji

Aaron Colaco, Samvit Desai, Chetan Jawale, Nikhil Sharma, Shefali Gundecha, Saurabh Kambli, Shonali Menon, Bunny Aman, Ram Bhiwandikar, Raees Shaikh, Anand Jangir, Gaurav Vanvari and Aarti

Jangir, Gaurav Vanvari and Aarti Nagarkar.
She urged people and the soci-ety to come together and create more such opportunities that can enable people with developmental disabilities become self-sufficient and lead a dignified life. Nagarkar said that all the staffers here have come through word-of, mouth pubcome through word-of-mouth publicity and the demand of the special-

ly-abled job-seekers is increasing. "I briefly considered a similar venture in the US where I could have got ample state funding. However, I decided on the option here as the need is more in India, though I had to start from scratch. But we are satisfied with the results and may consider expansion plans soon," Nagarkar concluded.

You can't cross the sea merely by standing and staring at the water. -Rabindranath Tagore

NEW THERAPY FOR PARKINSON'S PROMISES

Researchers have developed a new therapy using a molecule that can stop the development of Parkinson's disease in several animal models.

The therapy is based on the MCC950 molecule. The researchers hope to carry out human clinical trials of drugs based on this molecule by 2020. It works by cooling the "brains on fire," turning down inflammatory activity caused by immune cells in the brain called microglia, and allowing neurons to function normally, as per the study published in the iournal Science Translational Medicine

Parkinson's disease is the second-most commo neurodegenerative disease worldwide, with 10 million sufferers " said researcher Trent Woodruff associate There are no medications that prevent brain cell loss in Parkinson's patients, with current therapies focussing on managing symptoms rather than halting the

OVER 200 GENES LINKED TO AUTISM IDENTIFIED

A network of more than 200 genes linked to autism has been advance that will help develop new therapies for the disorder 160 children worldwide.

nravelled by researchers. It's an that is estimated to affect one in The new genes were involved in

controlling alternative splicing events that are often disrupted n autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Alternative splicing is a process that functionally diversifies protein molecules cells' building blocks — in the brain and other parts of the body. The researchers had previously showed that disruption of this process is closely linked to altered brain wiring and

behaviour found in autism. 'Our study has revealed a mechanism underlying the splicing of very short coding segments found in genes with genetic links to autism," said Benjamin Blencowe, professor at the University of Toronto's Donnelly Centre.

OVER 486 MN UNDERNOURISHED IN ASIA-PACIFIC

As per a report by the UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), around 486 million people remain undernourished in Asia-

The region is also home to the fastest growing prevalence of childhood obesity in the world. This paradox is attributed to a nutrition transition with children increasingly exposed to chean and convenient unhealthy processed

food rich in salt, sugar and fat but poor in essential nutrients. This double burden of malnutrition sees undernourished and overweight children living in the same communities and households. As per the report, there were multiple causes of child malnutrition.

including poverty, poor access to food markets and health services, as well as poor knowledge and practices for nutrition. The UN urges local city governments and urban planners to become the new nutrition partners and nutrition policy advocators in tackling these challenges.



Increasing the daily amount of protein intake - known to slow the loss of muscle mass - can belo the elderly preserve the ability to

perform daily activities and prevent their risks of disability, as per a research Eating more protein can delay the risk of disability obstructing them to perform basic daily and houseke activities like self-feeding, bathing, dressing.

"Our findings support current thinking about increasing the recommended daily intake of protein to maintain active and healthy ageing," said Nuno Mendonca, researcher from Newcastle University, UK. For the study, published in the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society, researchers examined 722 participants in North-East England, of whom 60 per cent were women. The results showed that those who ate more protein were less likely to become disabled. The elderly should aim to eat about 1-1.2 gm of protein for every 2.2 pounds of body weight, they recommended.

EARLY LIFE ADVERSITY LINKED TO AGEING

Children exposed to physical, emotional violence or sexual abuse are more ageing, including pubertal development and increased symptoms of depression



In children who experienced early life violence accelerated epigenetic ageing was associated with increased symptoms of depression.
This means that faster biological ageing may be one way that early life adversity "gets under the skin" to

contribute to later health problems.

Children exposed to forms of early life deprivation including neglect and food insecurity were more likely to experience their puberty at a later stage compared with their peers, the researchers said. "The findings demonstrate that different types of early-life adversity can have different consequences for children's development," said Katie McLaughlin, postdoctoral student at the University of Washington.

Ranji Trophy

MUMBAI SECURE 3 PTS AGAINST RAILWAYS

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 $F^{
m ormer}$ skipper Aditya Tare scored his eighth first-class hundred on an inconsequential final day of their group A encounter against

Having ensured three points by virtue of 104-run first innings lead by the end of the third day, Mumbai decided against sporting declaration reaching 321 for 5 when captains decided to call time.

Tare (100 no, 187 balls) and all-rounder Shivam Dube (69 no, 99 balls) added 163 runs for the unbroken sixth wicket stand. Tare's innings had 11 fours and two sixes and Shivam smashed eight fours and a couple of

The duo came together when Mumbai were 158 for 5 in their second innings but Tare-Dube didn't feel much pressure as the overall lead had

already swelled to 262 runs by then. Left-arm spinner Harsh Tyagi (3/86 in 36 overs) was the most successful bowler for

Siddhesh Lad (76, 168 balls) also continued in rich vein of form having scored 99 in the first innings. Lad will however rue the fact that he missed three-figure mark twice during the match and was dismissed by left-arm ortho

INDRAJITH SHINES IN DRAWN MATCH

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Tamil Nadu captain Baba Indrajith hit an unbeaten century as the team finished at 236 for 4 on the final day of the rain-hit Elite Group 'B' match against Madhya Pradesh.

B match against Madhya Pradesh.

The hosts innings finished at 236 for 4 in 77.4 overs in reply to Madhya Pradeshs 393 as rain intervened again.

The two teams finished with one point each

as the first innings was incomplete.

Indrajith and his twin brother Baba

Aparajith (who came in at No 3) added 80 runs in nearly 30 overs with some enterprising play. After Aparajiths exit, the captain was involved in a half-century partnership with Vijay Shankar (17), who didn't look at his flu-

Later, Indrajith and B Anirudh Sitaram (28 not out) put on 51 runs for the fifth wicket before rain brought about a premature end to

proceedings.
Earlier, Madhya Pradesh made 393, riding

on Patidar's brilliant 196.

In other matches in the group, Bengal and Andhra Pradesh secured three points each by gaining the first innings lead against Himachal Pradesh and Punjab respectively, while Kerala and Hyderabad had to settle for a point each as the first innings was not completed in a rain-affected encounter at Thiruvananthapuram.

RAJASTHAN DEFEAT J&K BY 75 RUNS

 $R_{\rm Kashmir}$ by 75 runs in their Elite Group C

Rajasthan bowlers rose to the occasion even as a Jammu and Kashmir skipper Parvez Rasool
(110 not out) played a defiant knock in the second outing, albeit which went in vain, at the
Sawai Mansingh Stadium.
Chasing a daunting target of 395, Jammu

and Kashmir, who began at overnight score of 34/0, were eventually bundled out for 319 in their second innings.

For the hosts leg spinner Rahul Chahar (4-89) and Nathu Singh (4-83) took four wickets each in the second innings, as they earned six crucial points and have stated their campaign on a winning note.

Chahar ended the game with nine wickets as he had taken a five-wicket haul in the first innings. In the day, Rasool raised the hopes of Jammu and Kashmir of a draw, but he wasde

INDIA WIN AFTER EARLY STUTTER

Krunal's all-round performance, bowlers brilliance help India beat Windies by 5 wickets in first T20

ndia ended a four-match winless run against the West Indies with a five-wicket victory that came on the back of debutant Krunal Pandya's flourish and

Dinesh Karthik's poise here on Sunday. Wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav (3/13) led the Indian bowlers' fine show to restrict West Indies to 109 for eight after stand-

west indies to 109 for eight after staffich in skipper Rohit Sharma opted to to field on a dew-laden Eden Gardens. India responded well with the pacers giving them a fine start after Umesh Yadav dismissed Dinesh Ramdin in the third

Playing their first match at home without the inspirational Mahendra Singh Dhoni, India were 45 for four in eight overs, leaving their fragile middle order

But the 'local boy' Karthik, who leads Kolkata Knight Riders in IPL, stayed calm in his 31 not out from 34 balls (3x4, 1x6) to steer India home with 13 balls to spare. Hardik's brother, Krunal, hit the win-

ning boundary off Keemo Paul in the 18th over. The new Pandya smashed 21 off nine

This was India's first win against the World T20 champions since 2014, span-

ning five matches.

The 21-year-old debutant pacer
Oshane Thomas (2/21) gave Windies a flying start, removing both the openers —
Rohit Sharma (six) and Shikhar Dhawan (three) - for 16 inside the third over.

It was a perfect scenario for dashing Delhi wicketkeeper-batsman Rishabh Pant as he had ample time in the middle to play a match-winning knock and justify his inclusion in the side.

But Pant (1) got out playing a rash shot in his four-ball stay to become skipper Brathwaite's first victim.

Back at the ground where he hit four sixes in an over to help his side win the World T20 two years ago, Brathwaite next



Kuldeep Yaday, center, celebrates with teammates after dismissing Windies skipper Carlos Brathwaite, left, in the first T20 clash at Kolkata

BROTHERS PLAYED FOR INDIA IN T-201 Yusuf Pathan (22)-Irfan Pathan (24)

Krunal Pandya (1)- Hardik Pandya (35)

dismissed KL Rahul (16) in a wicket maid-

en over to put India on the backfoot. Fortunately for India, the target was not a steep one and all they needed was a sensible partnership, which turned out to be the 38-run stand from 45 balls between Manish Pandey (19) and Karthik Earlier, debutant Khaleel Ahmed (1/16) and Jasprit Bumrah (1/27) ensured

that the Windies run-rate dried up before the spin duo of Krunal Pandya (1/15) and Kuldeep made merry. Kuldeep (3/13) also completed 100 wickets in T20 cricket.
Tottering at 63 for seven inside 15

overs, the Windies looked to fold up inside 100 but Fabian Allen (27 from 20 balls) and Khary Pierre (15 not out from 13 balls) lifted the total past 100.

Krunal finished with excellent figures

of 1/14 bowling his four overs at a stretch.
After being hit for a six by Kieron

ner not only dismissed the explosive bats man but conceded just four runs in his final three overs to finish on a high

Down with a "gastric complaint", Bhuvneshwar Kumar pulled out in the last minute despite being named in the XII, but his absence was hardly felt with Yadav and

debutant and Khaleel doing a fine job. Left-arm pacer, Khaleel, was sensational giving away just 10 runs from his three overs, including a maiden over to Pollard. Opener Shai Hope, who had impressed with an unbeaten 123 and 95 Score Overs Venue 109-8 20 Kolkata 04-11-2018 129-7 20 Dhaka 23-03-2014 Port of Spain 04-06-2011 143-5 20 19.4 28-08-2016 143 Lauderhill Bridgetown 09-05-2010 Faisel Features

in the ODI series, was the poor victim. Introduced in the fifth over, Bumrah

picked up another in-form batsman, Shimron Ĥetmyer (10), in his fourth over.

Runs dried up early as the visitors struggled at 31 for three, and the World T20 champions never looked at ease in their favourite format, taking 62 balls to complete 50 runs.

'PANT SHOULD KEEP WICKETS'

Former India captain Mohammed Azharuddin believes Rishabh Pant is a better wicketkeeper compared to Dinesh Karthik and should be allowed by team management to keep wickets in coming

"One got to bank on Pant. If he is good enough to keep wickets in Test matches in England than why not T20? And no doubt that he showed better skills in England than Karthik," Azharuddin told reporters here.

"I honestly feel Rishabh should have kept wickets today. When you are a keeper, you should keep wickets. He is a good player. He has done well. The more he keeps, the more he will learn. I think his keeping needs to improve a lol though, the Hyderabadi stylist said. Azhar felt that left-arm wrist spinner

Kuldeep Yadav will be a "force to reckon with" in coming days. "Kuldeep has fast emerged as a good bowler. Now he is bowling well and improving everyday. In the years to come, he will be a major force," the former skipper said.

Bowlers put Zimbabwe on top

Pace bowler Tendai Chatara and Pspinner Sikandar Raza claimed three wickets each to put Zimbabwe on top in the first Test against

Bangladesh in Sylhet on Sunday. Chatara claimed 3-19 and Raza grabbed 3-35 as Zimbabwe bowled out the hosts for 143 runs after left-arm spinner Taijul Islam took 6-108 to end the visitors' first innings on 282 in the morning.

Zimbabwe, who pocketed a 139-

run first innings lead, were 0-1 at stumps on the second day at the Sylhet International Cricket Stadium.

Debutant Ariful Haque was the only Bangladesh batsman to offer some resistance, scoring an unbeat-en 41 runs while wicketkeeper-bats-man Mushfiqur Rahim made 31. Mushfiqur helped Bangladesh recover briefly from 19-4 before he fell to Kyle Jarvis, who claimed 2-28 to play

his part in the demolition act.

Zimbabwe gained the upper hand early on when in-form opener Imrul Kayes dragged a Chatara delivery onto his stumps for five in the fourth over of the innings.

The hosts then lost three wickets in nine balls.

Opener Liton Das followed Imrul on nine, giving a catch to wicket-keeper Regis Chakabva before Zimbabwe successfully reviewed a caught behind appeal against Nazmul Hossain (five) off fast bowler Chatara.



Mominul Haque shared 30 runs for the fifth wicket to momentarily halt

the damage.

Sikandar Raza removed
Mominul for 11 before Mushfiqur's
dismissal in the first over of the final session exposed the Bangladesh tail

Mehidy Hasan's 21 runs proved inadequate with Bangladesh being dismissed for less than 200 runs in even consecutive Test innings.

Bangladesh spinner Taijul dom-

inated the opening session, adding four wickets to his overnight haul of two to end Zimbabwe's innings before lunch, after the visitors resumed the second day's play on 236 for five.

Overnight batsman Peter Moor was not out 63 with Taijul wreaking havoc at the other end.

Zimbabwe remained unscathed for nearly an hour but lost their remaining wickets in a rush after Taijul broke through the resistance of Regis Chakabva (28).

Taijul then removed Wellington Masakadza and Kyle Jarvis for four to complete his fourth five-wicket

World Test c'ship is step in right direction: David Gower

Former England captain
David Gower feels that
World Test Championship can revive the interest in the longest format among the fans if marketed in proper

manner with practical tweaks. Gower along with former India wicketkeeper Farokh Engineer and former Pakistan captain Mushtaq Mohammad were participating in a "pub-lic conversation" on how to save Test cricket.

"There is already a move towards having World Test Championship (in 2019), which I think in the end is good. What the people want is great players doing great things. If you have good pitch-es, which produce good crick-et, people will be interested," Gower said.

"If Virat Kohli (given his extraordinary following) says Test cricket is important, then people will listen to him," the former England captain

Gower feels that market forces should come together to devise a strategy that will bring in more crowd at Test

Pakistan hockey coach Hassan Sardar has

Sounded out a warning to his players, saying indiscipline will not be tolerated during the World Cup in India. Pakistan players are gearing up to play in India for the first time after the unsavoury

incident during the Champions trophy, when they took off their shirts and made

obscene gestures after winning their semi-final clash against India. The FIH had suspended two players -Muhammad Tousiq and Ali Amjad - while

Shafqat Rasool was let off with a warning.

players' participation in future editions of

Hockey India League (HIL) after the inci-

for me and I have told the players that there will be straight action if any incident of indis-

will be straight action it airly includent or indis-cipline happens. I hope their behaviour will be exemplary this time," Sardar said.

"I am told that players were provoked by the spectators otherwise they would not have done that. I am sure my players will

not repeat it and will be remembered for

their performance. In 2014 also we have had good memories on field when we beat India and Netherlands," the 1984 Los Angeles

Olympics and and 1982 Asiad Gold medallist said.

Pakistan's 7-1 win in the Asian Games final in New Delhi in 1982, said that his experi-

ence of playing in India has been extraor-

dinary.
"I have very fond memories of playing

Sardar, who scored a hat trick in

Hockey India had ruled out Pakistani

"Behavioural aspect is very important



two match Test series at Hyderabad

match venues across the globe. "You've got to go to mar-ket forces and if need be just open the gates. Because where the money coming from? The money is coming from

Engineer supported Gower, but with a caveat, saying, "Open the gates, yes of course. But with due respect, are TV going to pay that kind of money if England play suppose Nepal?"

Mushtaq agreed the cost needs to be factored in.

survive, you have got to reduce the entrance fees."

He was not in favour of "freebies", though.

"Why not make it affordable?" he asked. Engineer cited: "Players don't like to play in front of empty stands."

All three were in favour of

small tweaks in the longest format to make it more view-er-friendly.

Engineer suggested:"A four-day Test match with each Mushtaq agreed the cost ds to be factored in.
"If you want Test cricket to ing the choice to bat or field

Mushtaq felt that first two innings could be restricted to 100 overs. "As an old-timer, I don't

want to see too much fiddling around with test cricket. You don't want to disturb test cricket. Test cricket should be left alone. Test cricket is the mother of all cricket."

He was willing to concede the first two innings of a Test could be restricted to 100 overs, but not the third and fourth innings.

Gower is in favour of

four-day Tests.

"Keep the spirit of the game the same. It would be possible, just, to squeeze it (a Test match) into four days without compromising the absolute nature of the game as long as you don't make too many artificial rules to go with

All three were positive about Day/Night Test cricket.
"Start a Test match late finish late at night," was

Mushtaq's recipe.

He went on to say: "In South Asia, we have the right

'Indiscipline will not be tolerated during WC' After Chatara bowled stand-in haul in Tests. Taijul also claimed skipper Mahmudullah for nought in the same over, Mushfiqur Rahim and Chatara, who was caught by Das at PTI NEW DELHI

South Africa hammered Australia by six wickets in the first one-day international in Perth on Sunday, with a Dale Steyn-led pace onslaught exposing their batting frailties. Set 153 to win, Proteas

openers Ouinton de Kock (47) and Reeza Hendricks (44) helped secure victory with 124 balls to spare, leaving Australia with plenty to ponder ahead of the second of the three-game series in Adelaide on Friday.

The hosts came into the clash having lost 16 of their past 18 ODIs. But they were bowled out for just 152 in 38.1 overs with Nathan Coulter-Nile (34) and Alex Carey (33) the only ones to offer any resistance. Veteran Steyn took 2-18 off seven overs while Andile Phehlukwayo picked up 3-33 off six overs.

Australia were buoyant ahead of the game with injured fast bowlers Mitchell Starc and Pat Cummins returning to spearhead the attack alongside Josh Hazlewood. But they failed



Proteas thrash Aussies by 6 wickets

to emulate their South African

counterparts. Skipper Aaron Finch bizarrely opted to open the bowling with Coulter-Nile alongside Hazlewood instead of Starc. He was smashed for 16 in his first over before being

De Kock and Hendricks raced to a 94-run partnership before Coulter-Nile made Kock caught at mid-off going for

another big hit.

Marcus Stoinis took the wickets of Hendricks, Aiden Markram and Heinrich Klaasen before skipper Faf du Plessis and David Miller secured the win.

The Proteas won the toss and after opting for a fourpronged pace attack on a fast pitch chose to bowl, quickly putting Australia under pressure with Steyn getting two early breakthroughs.

Travis Head got a thick

Ngidi delivery and was out lbw He mistakenly opted not to review with Australia flounder-ing at 8-3 as replays revealed the ball would have gone over the

stumps.

The first four of the innings,
didn't come from Chris Lynn, didn't come until the 12th over, and he was caught behind for 15 on review not long after despite the umpire initially ruling him not out. Carey kept the scoreboard

for just one and then D'Arcy Short, in the side for Shaun

Marsh who needs minor surgery

on an abscess, followed him back to the pavilion for a duck

Finch, who can be explosive when in full flight, totally mis-

judged the bounce from a Lungi

two balls later.

Some late fireworks from Coulter-Nile took Australia past 150, but it was never going to be

slowly ticking over but he fell

attempting to scoop an Imran

Tahir ball over the head of de



in India. We beat India in Asiad final in 1982 but the next day when we went for shopping, not a single shopkeeper took me from us. We have got so much love in India and Indian cricketers and hockey players will say the same for Pakistan. We must continue this tradition of mutual love and respect.

India and Pakistan were declared joint winner in the just concluded Asian Champions Trophy in Muscat after the final was called off due to heavy rains. There were reports quoting Hassan that Pakistan was willing to play but India denied.

When asked about this, he said that his team wanted to play the final but he never blamed India.
"It's not like that. I only said that we

wanted to play the final against India and I am sure Indians would have been feeling the same. No player in the world would like to

see the final getting washed away like this but realistically play was not possible in such circumstances," said the former captain. Sardar said India will be among the

favourites while Pakistan are also capable of springing surprises in the World Cup.

"India is in good form and reached the

final of Champions trophy. They are playing on their home ground which does make a lot of difference. They are practising in Bhubaneshwar and it will also help them,' "We have a tough pool where we will

be playing against Netherlands, Malaysia and Germany. We are targeting Germany who have not played international hockey for the last one year. We have beaten Malaysia and can beat Netherlands on our day," said the

He also called for the revival of Indo-Pak bilateral Hockey.

Khachanov pulls big upset in Paris

Unseeded Russian Karen stuns 'going to be' number one Djokovic in Paris masters summit clash

issia's Karen Khachanov clinched the biggest win of his career on Sunday with a 7-5, 6-4 upset of Novak Djokovic to claim the Paris

Khachanov became the third dif-ferent first-time winner of a Masters tournament this year — joining John Isner and Juan Martin del Potro— and denied Djokovic a fourth title in a row ahead of his return to world number one on Monday.
"To finish the season like this is real-

ly a dream come true," said Khachanov, who will rise to a career high of 12th when the latest rankings are published on Monday.

Going into the event, Khachanov

had won just three of 19 encounters against players in the top 10 but claimed a fourth such scalp in a week after snapping Djokovic's 22-match winning run.

Djokovic, who will reclaim the top ranking from Rafael Nadal for the first time in two years, made a strong start in his pursuit of a record-equalling 33rd Masters title as he broke for a 3-1 lead

But world number 18 Khachanov, a winner at the Kremlin Cup in Moscow last month, hit back in the very next game as Djokovic dragged a forehand into the tramlines, down break point.

The unseeded Russian then broke Djokovic for a 6-5 lead, momentarily faltering as he tried to serve out for the set before calmly regrouping to surge

Diokovic overcame Roger Federer in an energy-sapping thriller that last-ed over three hours in Saturday's semifinals, and the Serb began to look weary as he dropped serve to a fall behind early in the second set.







'No idea' on 2019 French Open status: Federer

PARIS: Roger Federer, who has skipped the French Open the last two years, insisted Saturday he has "no idea" whether he will play at the claycourt Grand Slam next season. The 37-year-old returned to play in the French capital for the first time since 2015 this week at the Paris Masters, where he lost to Novak Diokovic in three sets in the semi-

His last appearance at Roland Garros ended with a quarter-final defeat by eventual champion Stan Wawrinka

three years ago. He missed the 2016 tournament with injury — ending his run of 65 consecutive Grand Slams — and elected to sit out the event in each of the past two seasons in an attempt

hour and 37 minutes when a Djokovic forehand went long. Earlier on Saturday late night

Novak Djokovic defeated Roger Federer in a semi-final that he described as "one of the best matches" between the long-time rivals to extend his winning run to 22 outings. The Serb, who will replace

Rafael Nadal as world number one on Monday, outlasted Federer in just over three hours to prevail 7-6 (8/6), 5-7, 7-6 (7/3).

"No idea if it was the last match." Federer replied when asked whether Saturday's loss to Djokovic could be

the final time he plays in Paris. "It was a good one actually. I am sorry I lost. Because it's never fun and nice to lose. I don't know. "As I said for the French Open, I will decide at the end of the year to see how it will have an impact on my

physical training. "Bercy (Paris Masters) as for next year, it's like every year, it's always difficult. I can't foresee too much in advance but I don't think it will be my last match here."

Federer won his only French Open in 2009, while he has lost to Rafael Nadal in the final on four occasion: in 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2011. AFP

four meetings with Federer and now leads the Swiss 25-22 overall, having not lost to the 20-time Grand Slam champion since 2015.

"We had epic matches throughout our rivalry but this one definitely ranks as one of the best matches we played," said Djokovic, who won three title in a row after wins at Cincinnati, the US Open and Shanghai.

"High quality tennis. Next to the match I played against Nadal in the semis of Wimbledon, this Djokovic has won his last was definitely the most exciting

Potro at ATP Finals

LONDON: Kei Nishikori will compete in the ATP Finals in London following the withdrawal of Juan Martin del Potro due to a right knee injury. The Japanese player joins Novak

Djokovic, Rafael Nadal, Roger Federer, Alexander Zverev, Kevin Anderson, Marin Cilic and Dominic Thiem at the elite eight-player event, which starts on November 11.
Del Potro, who reached a career-high ranking of number three earlier this competing at the Shanghai Masters last month

"It's frustrating for me not to be able to compete in London," said Del

"It's a very special tournament and I've tried everything possible to get my knee better. The rehabilitation is making good progress but I need more time. Nishikori. 28. will be making his

fourth appearance at the season finale, having reached the semi-finals in 2014 and 2016.

match I was playing this year, and probably the best quality tennis

match that I was part of.
"When I get to play Roger, I
know I have to get the best out of
myself in order to win. And that's why our rivalries and matches are

why our rivalries and matches are so special."

Djokovic denied Federer a shot at a historic 100th title, although the Wimbledon and US Open champion was pushed all the way by his 37-year-old rival.
"Navel is objected on a sell." "Novak is obviously on a roll. You can feel it. At the end it came

down to a few things here and there," said Federer.

"But overall I'm happy with

my game. It's better than last week in Basel. There I won the tournament and here I played in the semis and it needed somebody of Novak's calibre to beat me. "So that's all right. And I'm looking forward to a rest now and a good preparation for London (ATP Finals)." SINGLES

ROONEY TO MAKE ENG FAREWELL AGAINST USA LONDON: Wayne Rooney is to come out of England retirement for a final one-off appearance against the United States in an international friendly at Wembley this month, the Football Association announced Sunday. Rooney, a record goalscorer for both Manchester United and England, has not played international football for nearly two years. But the 33-year-old, now based in the United States where he plays for Major League Soccer side DC United in Washington, will wear the Three Lions shirt one last time for the Wembley fixture on November 15. The match will be called The Wayne Rooney Foundation International in support of the striker's charity

aiding disadvantaged children, with England manage

Gareth Southgate naming the 33-year-old in his squad.

 $\textbf{Monaco:} \ \textbf{Thierry Henry is still waiting for his first win}$ since taking charge at Monaco after his team fell to a seventh league defeat of the season in a 1-0 loss at Reims. A cool finish on 24 minutes from Mathieu Cafaro gave Reims all three points and left Henry without a victory in four matches following his appointment as Monaco coach. Both sides finished with 10 men as Alaixys Romao was shown a straight red card for a high challenge on Youssef Ait Bennasser, before Monaco saw Guinea-Bissau international Pele sent off for two bookings. "It wasn't about the tactics tonight. The desire wasn't there," said Henry. "Reims won the battles on the pitch and when you don't win them, you can't win whatever the level or league." Monaco, who won the French title in 2017, remain second from bottom after an alarming run that has yielded just one win in all competitions this season

CHENNAI OVERCOME GOKULAM IN THRILLER

KOZIKHODE: Chennai City FC continued their impressive campaign in the 12th Hero I-League, winning the season's first Southern Derby against Gokulam Kerala FC 3-2 here Sunday. They now top the points table with seven points from three games. In an edge-of-the-seats game. Chennai rode on goals by Pravitto Raiu. Pedro Manzi and Ameerudeen to get the better of their hosts. Grenadian forward Antonio German scored off a penalty to give Gokulam an early lead and then V P Suhair got one back with a brilliant individual effort but it turned out to be futile for coach Bino George's side in the end

BOSE WINS TURKISH AIRLINES OPEN

ANTALYA: India's Shubhankar Sharma produced his best card of four-under 67 to finish tied 43rd after Justin Rose beat Li Haotong in a play-off to successfully defend a Rolex Series title at the Turkish Airlines Open. In the process. Rose also got back his top position in the ranking charts. Sharma was happy to take a good final round as he took off for the next event, the Nedbank Challenge in South Africa. Rose, 38, also made the first successful title defence in his professional career dating back to 1999 and it was the third time he had won a title in Turkey. In 2012, he won an eight man event, beating Tiger Woods among others, while he was T-3 in 2013 and he has won the title last two years. *Agencies*

Suarez keeps Barca on track



uis Suarez celebrates after scoring goal

AP ■ BARCELONA

uis Suarez is making sure Larcelona keeps on winning without the injured Lionel Messi.

Suarez came to the rescue of Barcelona on Saturday with a twogoal performance that included a 90th-minute winner to cap a 3-2 comeback at Rayo Vallecano.

Suarez's double gives him six goals for Barcelona since Messi went down with a broken right forearm on October 20. He leads the Spanish league with nine goals in 11 rounds.

"The game was very difficult for us, but we knew how to turn it around," Suarez said, "You can lose leagues at grounds like this one." Barcelona increased its league lead to four points over Altetico

Barca include Messi in squad to face Inter Milan

RARCEI ONA: Lionel Messi has been included in Barcelona's travelling squad to face Inter Milan in the nampions League on Tuesday. Messi broke his arm during Barca's win over Sevilla on October 20, with the club predicting he would be out for three weeks.

he will travel with the squad to the

"Leo Messi travels to Milan without

Madrid remained seven points behind in sixth place after beating Valladolid 2-0 for its first win in six rounds in the home debut of interim

coach Santiago Solari.

Suarez opened the scoring at Vallecas Stadium when he tapped in a pass from Jordi Alba, who was played clear by a long ball from Ivan Rakitic.

But the hosts swung the match

scored his second goal to complete the

The striker has not yet been declared fit by Barcelona's medical team but

Madrid, which drew at Leganes 1-1,

in their favor when Jose Pozo scored from outside the area and substitute Alvaro Garcia put in a ball that came off the upright. Rayo was winning until the 87th

when substitute Ousmane Dembele drilled in a headed back pass by defender Gerard Pique, Suarez then

the medical all-clear," the club posted on their Twitter account or

Sunday Messi had trained the same day, along with other players not involved in Saturday's 3-2 victory over Rayo Vallecano.

Barcelona have won all of their last four matches without Messi, including a 2-0 win over Inter at the Camp Nou last month. They sit three points ahead of the Italians at the

to stab in Sergi Roberto's cross at the

VINICIUS SAVES SOLARI

For a second straight game under Solari, Madrid has turned to an 18year-old newcomer to get a muchneeded victory.

Minutes after replacing Marco

Asensio, Vinicius Junior showed more verve than his fellow forward by darting past a defender and unleash ing a powerful shot. His strike deflect-ed in off Valladolid defender Kiko Olivas. The league credited Vinicius with the 83rd-minute goal. Sergio Ramos added another

goal from the penalty spot with two minutes remaining after Karim Benzema was fouled by Fernando

Lacazette checks Reds' title bid

 $A^{\text{rsenal manager Unai Emery is}}_{\text{happy with his side's progress,}}_{\text{but admits there is still work to do}}$ to match Liverpool's title challenge after a thrilling 1-1 draw between the sides on Saturday.

Alexandre Lacazette extended the Gunners unbeaten run to 14 games with an equaliser eight min-utes from time to cancel out James Milner's opener as Liverpool edged a point clear of Manchester City at the top of the table.

Arsenal remain four points behind the leaders. However, it is the first time Emery has avoided defeat against a Premier League top six opponent having been handed a baptism of fire in losing to Manchester City and Chelsea in his

first two matches in charge.

"Against Man City, Chelsea, Liverpool - these are three teams in front of us (in the table) and you can see how three different matches we played," said Emery. Today is a more complete game for us."

Emery's Sevilla beat Liverpool in the final of the Europa League in their first season under Jurgen

Klopp in 2016.

But the Spaniard believes
Liverpool's progress since is an
example for Arsenal to follow.

"They can win the Premier League this season. They play the final of the Europa League three





whose header drifted inches

had plenty of chances in a thrilling first-half that some-

how lacked only goals.

A dubious offside decision denied Sadio Mane the opening

goal and Virgil van Dijk twice should have scored when he was first repelled by Bernd Leno and then flicked a header against the post with the German 'keeper caucht Hamping

caught flapping.

Leno didn't get so lucky with his next mistake as he palmed Mane's dangerous cross back into the heart

of the box and Milner drilled into

However, Liverpool also

the unguarded net.

cross by Henrikh Mkhitaryan, However, Leno made amends with a fingertip stop to again deny Van Dijk and Liverpool a crucial second following a towering head-er from a corner.

Emery's decision to sacrifice

Aubameyang rather than Lacazette with his substitutions was vindicated when the French international kept his composure to brilliantly curl into the far corner after being forced wide by Alisson.

Elsewhere on Saturday, Tottenham beat Wolves 3-2 in away fixture, while on Sunday table top per Manchester City beat Southampton 6-1 to hold grip on the top spot.

Jr shuttlers eye success at Worlds

Lakshya leads charge at Markham in mixed team and individual events

World Junior No 4 Lakshya Sen will be shouldering the burden of India's fortune at the Li Ning BWF World Junior Badminton Championships 2018, beginning at Markham (Canada) from Monday.

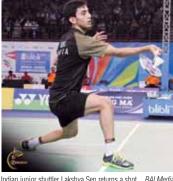
The 23-member squad will look up to Lakshya, the reigning Asian Junior champion, to spearhead the Mixed Team's podium charge for the first-ever medal from the Worlds since it was included in the year 2000. The 14-day championships, starting with team action continues until November 10 and will be followed by individ-

ual events, beginning from November 11 to 18.
India, who are seeded No 5 and placed in group E, are clubbed with Algeria, Faroe Islands, Kenya and Sri Lanka, giving the Indian squad a great opportunity to make it to the quarterfinals, their first priority. However, they will be wary of the only other seeded team in the group is Algeria, four places behind them at No 9.

The Canada world event is the opportunity that most of the current junior crop, including Kiran George, Priyanshu Rajawat, Alap Mishra among boys and Malvika Bansod and Gayatri Gopichand in girls, would like to use as

the springboard to enhance their reputation.

There are 41 teams in fray and they have been divided into eight groups of five teams each



Indian junior shuttler Lakshva Sen returns a shot BAI Media

with top group split into A1 and A2, each having three teams. The group matches will be played on round-robin league basis with the group leader making the cut for Stage II, which is the knockout round.

India's best show so far at the World Juniors has been Saina Nehwal winning the only Gold at the 2008 edition when it was held in



Manika, Sathiyan achieve career-best ranking

NEW DELHI: Top Indian paddlers Manika Batra and G Sathiyan achieved their career-best world rankings in the latest

chart released by the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) on Sunday. Manika, who became the first Indian woman to win a singles Gold at the Commonwealth Games, climbed two spots to become World No 53. She is the only Indian in the Top-100.

only Indian in the 10p-100.

Sathiyan also moved up one place to reach the World No 35 spot. He had won three medals in the Commonwealth Games and a Bronze (men's team event) in the Asian Games, Veteran Achanta Sharath Kamal, who clinched a historic team Gold at the CWG and a Silver and Bronze in men's doubles and singles at Asiad, maintained his 31st spot, to be the highest ranked Indian in the list. *PTI*



years ago and last season

they were in the final of the Champions League," added Emery. "They are a very good

example for us.

"For the supporters it is a

great match and a good spectacle,

but I am only 50 percent happy because we wanted to win."

well to block from Lacazette before Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang's

deflected effort from the edge of the

area flew just wide early on.
Granit Xhaka fired too close to

Alisson from a well-worked corner.

but the Brazilian international was

fortunate when he rushed from his goal and was beaten to a floated

Alisson Becker spread himself

A on Saturday.
Paulo Dybala scored after just 44 seconds, with a Filip Bradaric own-goal accounting for Juventus' second after 39 minutes, two minutes after Joao Pedro had pulled the Sardinians level.

Ronaldo failed to add to his seven-goal league tally for new club Juventus with the Portuguese superstar hit-ting the woodwork before next week's Champions League visit by former club Manchester United.

But the 33-year-old's pass across goal set up Colombian Juan Cuadrado for his first of the season three minutes from time in the Allianz "He has always been a leader and an

extraordinary player, as you saw from the assist he put on Cuadrado's foot," said Allegri.
"These are different players who in

the decisive moment always come up with a goal or a great pass." Juventus have 31 points from 11



UVE HOLD OFF CAGLIARI

Paulo Dybala celebrates after scoring opener AP

ames with Inter and Napoli

both on 25 points.

It is the best ever start to a season for the Turin giants who have drawn just one game against

Genoa. Earlier, Inter Milan crushed Genoa 5-0 to reclaim second spot on goal difference ahead of Napoli, who had eased past Empoli 5-1 on Friday, and keep the pressure on the seven-time reigning champions.

But Allegri insisted: "This isn't good

enough. We have to defend better, we concede too many goals and risked letting in an equaliser in the 85th minute.

Allegri gave Douglas Costa his sec-ond start this season up front alongside Dybala and Ronaldo, who was presented with a special jersey before the match after last week becoming the first player to break the 400-goal mark in Europe's top five leagues.

Wins by the top three were a boost before next week's Champions League fixtures, with Inter Milan at home against Barcelona and Napoli hosting Paris Saint-Germain. Eusebio Di Francesco's Roma, how-

ever, needed a late Alessandro Florenzi volley to snatch a 1-1 draw at Fiorentina ahead of their midweek trip to CSKA Ciro Immobile scored two early goals as Lazio beat SPAL 4-1 to move fourth in Serie A and into the

Champions League places on Sunday. Simone Inzaghi's side bounced back from a home defeat to Inter Milan to move ahead of AC Milan, who play in Udinese.
Immobile scored after 26 and 35

minute to bring his tally to eight league goals this season with Danilo Cataldi (59) and Marco Parolo (70) adding two more in the second half.

Lazio with 21 points from 11 games are ten points behind leaders Juventus.