

# **BJP to discuss ire against SC/ST Act** Pak Army chief

National Executive to mull ways to dispel fear as party is wary of upper caste vote swing VOWS to spill

**DEEPAK K UPRETI** ■ NEW DELHI amended SC/AT Act.

With several of its leaders openly expressing con-cerns over the upper caste anger against restoration of (Prevention of Atrocities) the stringent provision of the Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, the BJP is set to discuss the issue in its National Executive meeting beginning on Saturday. The party is keenly moni-

toring the needle of the upper caste compass in view of the upcoming Assembly elections in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, and next year's Lok Sabha poll.

"The Supreme Court verdict was correct. There should be safeguards," asserted former Union Agriculture Minister and BJP MP from Muzaffarnagar, Sanjeev Balyan, denouncing the harsh clauses in the Act. Talking to The Pioneer, the BJP leader said the SC/ST Act "is driving fissures

reservation politics, Balyan said the BJP manifesto speaks of reservation on "economic basis" and "that should be our party line".

The BJP MP was obviously articulating upper caste angst over the "unfair treatment" meted out to them in the current system.

party MP Earlier Swami, Subramanian Harshwardhan Singh Dungarpur, Kalraj Mishra among several other leaders have openly slammed the

The worry over caste arith-

(Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Bill, 2018 passed in Parliament last month to nullify the Supreme Court order (which had set certain safeguards prior to the arrest of the accused) has rattled the

party leadership. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP president Amit Shah reportedly discussed the implication of the scenario and instructed party leaders and spokespersons to be cautious and not to offer a "loose comment" on the issue.

Though not averse to take credit for moving and having passed the Amendment Bill, 2018, by Parliament in August, the BJP is uncomfortable with the response the upper castesponsored Bharat Bandh got in the Hindi heartland.

in social integration". The upper castes have On the "anger" against alleged rampant misuse of the law which gives police the the Dalits. power to arrest the accused without preliminary enquiry and has no provision of anticipatory bail.

The Supreme Court, in its order on the SC/ST Act, had laid down stringent safeguards, including provisions for anticipatory bail and a "preliminary enquiry" before registration of a case. The apex court had noted that there had been "instances of abuse" of the Act by "vested interests" for polit-ical or personal reasons.



However, the BJP feels that and the Congress without any while it may have to bear the evidence on the ground.

The matter was also recentbrunt of the upper caste anger, would help them ly discussed at the meeting of refurbish their image among the BJP Chief Ministers with the Prime Minister. Source "The expression of anger said the BJP leadership is askand agitation by upper caste ing the upper caste MPs and its against the restoration of strinleaders to reach out to their upper caste voters and assure gent clauses in the Act goes on to puncture the Opposition them that the Act would not be propaganda that we are against allowed to be misused on the

the Dalits," said a senior ground. BJP leader requesting The BJP Government in anonymity and suggesting that by default the BJP's image is UP has already scrutinised most of the cases under the Act getting awash (without the and maintained that "right compensations" would be given He said the party has, for wherever instances of misuse long, been accused of playing anti-Dalit politics by the Left were proved after the investigation.

## **MOOT POINT**

- The BJP likely to discuss the anger against draconian arrest provisions of the SC/ST Act in its National Executive today
- Party is monitoring the mood of upper castes in view of the upcoming Assembly polls and next year's LS elections
- BJP MP Subramanian Swami, Harshwardhan Singh Dungarpur, Kalraj Mishra have openly slammed the restoration of the provisions
  - The upper castes have alleged rampant misuse of the law which gives police the power to arrest the accused without preliminary enquiry and has no provision of anticipatory bail

## blood on LoC **Bajwa threat** contradicts **Imran Khan's**

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peace call

n sharp contrast to the reconciliatory tone of Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan towards India, Army chief General Qamar Jawed Bajwa has vowed to avenge blood of the country's soldiers being shed on the border.

General Bajwa's comments came while addressing the ing the history of resistance".

News quoted General Bajwa, as saying in the presence of Prime Minister, who had earlier said that his Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Government favoured good relations with India and wanted to see leaders of the two countries sitting across the table to resolve all

only after prior approval by the "Our armed forces and the competent authority. On Friday, a Bench of Justices AK Sikri and Ashok entire nation have learned much during their service to Pakistan. Fear and terrorism were thrust upon us. Our homes, schools, places of wor-Bhushan issued notice to the Centre and sought its response ship, recreational sites and Counsel for petitioner Prathvi Raj Chauhan said the bench should at least stay the attacked," General Bajwa said.

"Efforts were made to operation of the new provisions weaken and divide us from within. But I salute all the citizens of Pakistan and the ones

safeguarding our nation who

fought remarkably in these difficult times and stood against such elements," the Army chief added. We have sacrificed a lot

but our job is not done. The war is still ongoing. We have yet to reach the pinnacle of peace. We have to make Pakistan reach a level where no one can look at us with an evil intent."

Former Indian cricketerturned-politician Navjot Singh Sidhu earlier came under severe criticism after he hugged General Bajwa during Khan's oath-taking ceremony last month.

Sidhu's photo of him seated next to President of Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (PoK) Masood Khan at the ceremony had also created some ripples back home.

Speaking at the same event, Khan said that "Pakistan would no more participate in someone else's war" and insisted that there was no civil-military divide in the country.

He said that he was against the war from the very beginning and his Government's foreign policy would be in the best interest of the nation.

"I was against this war from the very beginning. "We will not become part of a war of any other country (in future)... Our foreign policy will be in the best interest of the nation," he said.

Sinking ₹ soars debt repayment



party asking for it).

### Can't undo Parliament nod to arrest provisions as it is law now: SC PTI NEW DELHI overturned the March 20 order on rampant misuse of the

The new amendments to the SC/ST law passed by Parliament cannot be stayed at stringent SC/ST Act and held that there shall be no immediate arrest on any complaint this stage, the Supreme Court filed under the law. It had also passed a slew of directions and said a public sersaid Friday (rpt Friday), as it sought the Centre's response on a batch of pleas challenging the vant can be arrested in cases

fresh provisions. The pleas have sought declaration of the new amendments to the Schedule Castes Schedules Tribes and (Prevention of Atrocities) Act

as ultra vires. Parliament on August 9 had passed the bill to overturn the apex court order concerning certain safeguards against arrest under the SC and ST law.

till the petition is being heard The new amendments had by the court.

Defence Day ceremony in Rawalpindi on Thursday to mark the 53rd anniversary of the 1965 war with India. He also paid respect to "brothers and sisters in the occupied Jammu & Kashmir who're writ-

"We will avenge the blood flowing on the border," Geo

lodged under the SC/ST Act disputes, including Kashmir. national institutions were

# by ₹68,500 cr

lead the Centre to cater to another mega expenditure foreign debt. According an estimate by the State Bank of India, at the current rate, India will have to shell out an additional Rs 68,500 crore.

The currency has lost more than 11 per cent to the dollar this year. The rupee fell past 72 per dollar to a record low on Thursday, amid a deepening emerging market contagion and the risk of a wider currentaccount deficit.

India's short-term debt obligations, which included non-resident deposits as well as overseas commercial borrowings by companies, totaled UŠD 217.6 billion in 2017.

Assuming 50 per cent has either been paid in the first half of 2018 or was rolled over to next year, the remaining amount to be repaid would be 7.1 trillion rupees computed using the average exchange

New Delhi: Sinking ₹ may rate of 65.1 per dollar in 2017, according to Bloomberg. A weak currency always

hurts a country. Be it India or any other part of the world. Very simply, everything gets more expensive. This includes luxuries like holidaying overseas, buying imported goods like cars and smartphones, studying abroad. This has an inflationary tendency and everyday consumables can become more expensive for you. Vegetables, groceries, and the proverbial 'roti, kapda

makaan' get costlier. Rupee depreciation will also have a direct impact on in Kashmir Valley were identihome loans. This means it is a bad time to get into one. What's another area of concern is imports. A weak rupee to the dollar ratio makes imports costlier for India. Some imports (DCP) Special Cell. are inevitable. One of the main ones is oil where crude oil

prices are already on the rise.



Parwez Rashid and Jamshed Jahoor, affiliated to the Islamic State in Jammu & Kashmir (ISJK) organisation, in custody in New Delhi on Friday PT

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI Intelligence inputs provided by Central security agencies wo suspected terrorists, affiland subsequent investigation Tiated to the Islamic State of by Delhi Police revealed that Iraq and Syria (ISIS) in Jammu the duo was using Delhi as a transit point, Kushwah said. & Kashmir (ISJK) organisa-

tion, were arrested from near They were arrested from Jama Masjid bus stop near the Red Fort by the Special Cell (anti-terror unit of Delhi Police). Red Fort around 10.45pm on The duo hailing from Shopian Thursday. They had arrived in Delhi on September 4 and fied as Parvez (24) and Jamshid were planning to return back to (19). They were arrested from Jammu. The accused identified the Jama Masjid bus stop near as Parvaiz Rashid Lone and the Red Fort, said PS Kushwah, Jamsheed Zahoor Paul, resi-Deputy Commissioner of Police dents of Shopian, J&K claimed to be procuring weapons from They were boarding a bus UP on instructions of ISJK to return to Jammu & Kashmir chief Omar Ibn Nazir and when they were nabbed around transporting it to Jammu," the DCP stated.

# **SC upholds High Court's** decision on Ajit Jogi's caste

in six weeks.

#### STAFF REPORTER E RAIPUR

n a major relief to former Chief Minister Ajit Jogi ahead of Assembly polls in the State, the Supreme Court on Friday upheld the Chhattisgarh High Court's decision on his caste.

Counsellor for Jogi in the Supreme Court, Rahul Tyagi informed The Pioneer that the Chhattisgarh High Court had earlier ruled that the decision of High Power Committee about cancellation of Jogi's caste certificate was wrong. It had further ordered the

State government to constitute a new High Power Committee on deciding about Jogi's caste. Statements and claims of Jogi should also be incorporated in it, the court had ruled, he said. Against the High Court

decision about constituting a new High Power Committee and nullifying the cancellation of caste certificate, social worker Sant Kumar Netam had approached the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court during hearing on the case on Friday had upheld the decision of Chhattisgarh High Court and had ruled that decision about cancellation of caste certificate of Jogi was wrong, Tyagi said.

**CAPSULE INDIAN KILLED** 

#### IN US SHOOTING New York: A 25-year-old Indian

financial consultant, belonging to Guntur in Andhra Pradesh, was among three people killed when a gunman opened fire in a bank building in the US city of Cincinnati before police shot him dead on Thursdav.

#### 20 KIDS RESCUED FROM **ORPHANAGE IN J&K**

Jammu: Twenty children, including 8 girls and 12 boys, aged between 4 and 15 years were rescued by the Kathua district and police authorities from inside an illegal orphanage managed by Father Anthony from Kerala late on Friday. The raid was conducted after complaints of sexual harassment of minor girls on the premises located in a thickly populated lane of ward no 14 in Kathua.

#### EC TO REVIEW POLL **PREPAREDNESS IN T**

New Delhi: Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) OP Rawat on Friday said an EC team will be in Hyderabad next week to assess the poll preparedness in Telangana, where the Assembly has been dissolved for an early election, and described suggestions that the polls in the state will be clubbed with those in Mizoram, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan as hypothetical at this stage"

#### GUJARAT: HARDIK PATEL SHIFTED TO HOSPITAL

Ahmedabad: Patidar leader Hardik Patel was on Friday shifted to a hospital after his health deteriorated on the 14th day of his indefinite fast here, a Patidar Ananmat Andolan Samiti (PAAS) functionary said.

#### ANOTHER BRIDGE CAVES IN, ONE HURT IN SILIGURI

Siliguri: An old bridge collapsed near Siliguri in north Bengal on Friday, leaving a truck driver injured, a State Minister said. This is the second bridge collapse in Bengal in three days.

#### Sluggish Mukarba-Panipat road to gain pace with PMO nudge 200 trees are yet to be axed in Government's top officials to

#### RAJESH KUMAR NEW DELHI

Expressing annoyance over slow pace of works, Prime Minister Office (PMO) has directed chief secretaries Haryana and Delhi to speed up widening of 70-km long stretch of road on National Highway -1, from Mukarba Chowk in Delhi to Panipat in Haryana.

The Rs 2128.72 crore project was delayed due land acquisition, permission for axing of trees, and encroachments.

Motorists face regular traffic jams due to slow pace of widening of the stretch. The road would have 29 minor bridges, 10 flyovers, five vehicular under passes, five passengers under passes, 11 foot over bridges and 15 major road junctions on the highway.

Top sources said the PMO has directed the Haryana

required and also complete the tree feeling work. He also asked the Delhi Government's senior officials to remove encroachment and complete the demarcation of land work

by September 15. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had reviewed the progress of the projects on August 29 and expressed annoyance over delay of the project.

The PMO has also directed the Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways (MoRTH) to coordinate with the State Governments to speed up the project. It has also directed to resolve the issue of tree cutting with state governments," sources said. The highway would have service lanes on both sides and it was likely to be completed by April 2019. "It is estimated as many as

acquire and handover the land Haryana due to non-issuance of permission from the Environment Ministry. Still, the environmental clearance for some areas in Haryana and Delhi sections is yet to be received," sources added. According to GV Shenoy, a traffic expert, the widening of NH-1 will help commuter hassle free travelling on the stretch.

The construction work has created problems for motorists at several places, mainly at crossings over the drains in Sonepat district. At these points, the existing facility of six lanes has been reduced to just to two lanes and vehicles get stuck or move at a snail's pace. Another traffic problem is being faced at a crossing point between Kundli and Rai as the construction of a road overbridge is in progress.

Agencies | 10.45 pm on Thursday.

Under this project, the old

four lane bridges developed on Murthal, Ganaur and Samalkha would be expanded. Now there would be no diversion anywhere on the National Highway. The major road junctions would be linked to main roads without affecting the traffic.

If constructed, this would be third highway after Eastern Peripheral Expressway (135 km) and Western Peripheral Expressway (135km) that help to reduce traffic burden on the Capital's road. The Expressways are also under construction. All the traffic, which is not bound to Delhi will use this road and this will ease out the traffic in Delhi. To decongest NH-1 further, the Centre has approved to construct another highway from NH-1 to Patiala and Sangrur from Delhi, which will go via Pehowa and Kurkshetra. It will be 90-km stretch





# = FUEL HIKE STIR **\_\_\_\_ Cong calls for Bharat Bandh**

## extend support to Sept 11 protest

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Almost six years after a Bharat Bandh call given by the BJP protesting the fuel price hike in the regime of Manmohan Singh, the Congress too has announced a massive protest across the country against the incumbent Government as petrol is priced exorbitantly at ₹80 per litre against the UPA's ₹69 per litre.

The DMK has announced to extend its support to the nationwide shutdown on September 10 and has committed for an active part in making it a success.

The Congress said most of the Opposition parties have given their consent to support and its leaders have talked to the Left parties, the Samajwadi Party, the NCP, RJD and others, who have extended their support to the Congress on the issue. On Trinamool Congress, the party said it has agreed to support but won't give a call for

DMK, Left, others

bandh as they are in Government. Senior party leaders recalled how BJP had protested and called for Bharat Bandh on May 31, 2012.

Congress spokesperson RPN Singh said all political parties will take to the streets to protest against the rising prices of petrol and diesel that are hitting the common man hard and questioned the Prime Minister's silence on the issue.

He said the September 10 'Bharat Bandh' protest is "not of the Congress but of the common man". Congress hit out at Prime



Prime Minister during the UPA's tenure had said the rupee is in hospital. The rupee has touched an all-time low against the US dollar, where is the Prime Minister now? He is nei-

ther tweeting nor giving any speech. Never has the rupee touched such low levels in the history of the country. The country wants to ask him why is he silent? Is the rupee in hospital today?" he asked.

Singh alleged that this Government has failed on all fronts, including "economy, employment, welfare of the youth, farmers and every sec-

tion of society". Minister Narendra Modi, asking whether petrol prices would hit the century mark the ₹80 mark in Delhi and has breached the ₹90 mark at under his Government and if the rupee was in hospital. "The places like Bhiwandi and asked

if it will "cross the century mark under this Government". Singh said the Government has earned ₹11 lakh crore through taxes on petrol and diesel. The common man, who has paid the taxes, should take to the streets to protest. He said the Congress will organise Statelevel press conferences in over 90 cities to highlight the fuel price rise and urged people to make the bandh a success by participating in it. BJP and NDA partners

had called for nationwide bandh to demand a rollback of the then steepest-ever petrol price hike and termed the UPA government as an "anti-people" and a "savage attack" on the people. TMC and DMK, then partners in UPA had demanded a rollback of fuel price hike.

Congress also reminded the Manmohan Singh Government's argument that the hike was effected by petroleum companies as the pricing of petrol stands deregulated Also demanding a roll back, the then Shiv Sena supremo late Bal Thackeray had said a Bharat bandh is "acceptable" to the party. Anti-corruption crusader Anna Hazare too had joined the battle.

#### **B**<sup>SF</sup> Director General KK Sharma on Friday said the West Bengal Government is "slightly friendly" to the Rohingyas moving from different parts of the country to the State and has set up camps for 70 families.

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... there has not been any large-scale influx of Rohingyas into India (from Bangladesh). Whatever Rohingyas are already there in the country, are

also under pressure at some places; so they are going to West Bengal, a State which is slightly friendly with them," Sharma said in a joint Press conference with his Bangladeshi counterpart Maj Gen Md Shafeenul Islam, Chief of Border Guards Bangladesh. "They (West Bengal

Government) have set up camps for Rohingyas coming from within the country and not from Bangladesh. We got it (Rohingyas presence in West Bengal) inquired and there were about 70 odd families who had come from various places within India," Sharma further said

The Intelligence Bureau in a report to the Union Home Ministry has said that the 70 families have been settled in North 24 Parganas district with



Bengal Govt slightly friendly to Rohingyas: BSF DG

the help of NGOs besides support from the local MLA and MP, Intelligence sources said.

The BSF had conducted an enquiry in conjunction with the IB to ascertain the presence of the Rohingyas in West Bengal

Denying any large-scale influx of Rohingyas fleeing from Myanmar to Bangladesh into India, the BSF DG said, 'We are alive to the situation. We are aware that a large number of Rohingyas are assembled there in Bangladesh and from time-to-time some small groups did try to enter India, but I am very happy to say that we did not let them succeed."

"So, I am very happy to say the BSF has successfully contained the influx of Rohigyas and we have not allowed any intrusion so far. This has also been verified by our sister security agencies," the BSF DG

asserted Replying to questions on movement of Rohingyas along

the Indo-Bangla frontier, BGB Chief Maj Gen Md said his Force is "very much alert" to prevent unauthorised movement of Rohingyas in their country and towards the border

areas. "There are a large number

of Rohingyas along the Bangladesh-Myanmar border and all the security agencies including BGB are keeping them confined to the area allocated to them. But yet, in very few cases, they are slipping out of the camps and we are finding them in some other parts of Bangladesh. Our security forces are very much alert and as we detect them, we get them back to our camps again. We are very keen on keeping them in the designated camps," the BGB DG said.

The joint Press conference by BSF and BGB chiefs was held after conclusion of the biannual talks between the two border guarding forces. The Bangla delegation was on a sixday visit to India for the talks.

The Centre views the presence of Rohingyas as a security threat and considers them as illegal immigrants and not as refugees. The Centre is in favour of deporting them but

the Supreme Court has stayed the move following petitions against the move. There are about 40,000 refugees settled in different

parts of the country including Jammu & Kashmir. The Rohingyas have been involved in terror cases including the Bodh Gaya blasts.

#### INSÉT The first smart fence pilot

project (Comprehensive Integrated Border Management System) that envisages deployment of laser fences and technology-enabled barriers to plug vulnerable gaps along India's borders is set to be formally launched by Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh later this week, the BSF DG said, adding the gadgets will be deployed along 2,400-km fron-tier with Pakistan and Bangladesh in the future. "The first pilot project of the CBIM system or smart fence is already in place and working in Jammu. The home minister will formally launch it on September 17... But this is a tentative date. On the eastern side in Dhubri, across the Brahmuptra, we have installed technical solutions on a stretch of 55-60 kilometers because there is no possibility of erecting a (physical) fence there," the BSF chief added.

# Rahul posts Kailash Mansarovar pictures, says no hatred here

#### PNS NEW DELHI

Setting aside all rumour mills doubting Congress chief Rahul Gandhi's Kailash Mansarovar Yatra, his party on Friday posted images of his visit and also shared his fitness data with other details of the Gandhi scion's trek to the abode of Lord Shiva.

"Leaving all the haters behind, Congress president Rahul Gandhi sets the pace during his Kailash Yatra. Can you keep up?," the Congress said on its official Twitter handle. The party also posted a picture of a smiling Rahul posing in front of the Mount Kailash, considered the abode of Lord Shiva, on Twitter along with details of his trekking details compiled by popular fitness mobile app 'fitbit'. The fitbit data showed

Rahul having travelled 46,433 over 463 minutes, while burn-



and expected to be back from his Yatra by end of this week.

The Congress chief also tweeted a video of the hills on his official Twitter handle and said, "Shiva is the Universe". On Thursday as well, he had posted a picture of Mount Kailash, saying, "It is so hum-bling to be walking in the

shadow of this giant." He had earlier put out picsteps, 203 floors, 34.31 kms tures of the "tranquil and calm" waters of the lake and said there ing 4,466 calories. He left the "is no hatred here". "The waters Shiva in Hindu mythology and On one side General Qamar Javed the border," reports from Pakistan national Capital on August 31 of lake Mansarovar are so gen-

tle, tranquil and calm. They give everything and lose nothing. Anyone can drink from them. There is no hatred here. This is why we worship these waters in India," he had said on Twitter. The 48-year-old leader is undertaking the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra in accordance with a wish he expressed in April when his plane plunged hundreds of feet during the campaign for the

He said petrol has touched

Karnataka polls On April 26, the plane carrying the Congress chief and some others from Delhi to Hubballi airport in Karnataka developed a technical problem and tilted heavily on the left side. The plane dipped steeply with violent shuddering, but soon recovered and landed

safely. Three days later he announced during a rally that he wanted to undertake the arduous annual pilgrimage to Mount Kailash, which is considered the abode of Lord is in the Tibetan Himalayas.

# BJP accuses Sidhu of insulting India by praising Imran

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H<sup>itting</sup> out at the Congress for "criticising" country's Prime Minister Narendra Modi and praising Pakistan's Premier Imran Khan, the BJP on Friday accused Punjab Tourism Minister Navjot Singh Sidhu of insulting India and sought an explanation from the Opposition party for the statements made by its leader.

"Navjot Sidhu and Congress should give a clarification whether this is also the line of the party otherwise we will consider it a statement by Congress president Rahul Gandhi. This has become Congress' nature now-to insult India and its Prime Minister and praise Pakistan and its leaders," said BJP spokesman Syed Shahnawaz Hussain.

"Navjot Sidhu is a Congress leader and his statement thanking Pakistan is an indication of what the Congress feels about Paki istan. Bajwa has spewed venom against

India, saying his military was ready to avenge bloodshed of its men on the border with 'khoon ka badla khoon' and in India a Congress leader is thanking

> Pakistan," Hussain said. Sidhu on Friday said he had "no words to thank" Pakistan's new Prime Minister for opening the corridor of Kartarpur Sahib on Guru Nanak's birth anniversary in November. "They (Pakistan) are ready to open the corridor of Kartarpur Sahib on the 550 birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Ji. There can be no bigger happiness than this for the people of Punjab," Sidhu was quoted as saying. He also asked Central Government to reciprocate Khan's gesture.

BJP spokesman pointed to Bajwa's speech at Pakistan's 53rd Defence Day on Thursday to criticise Sidhu who was profuse in his praise for Pakistan premier. "We vill avenge the blood flowing on quoted Bajwa as saying.

# India, France sign pact to reduce greenhouse gas emission

#### PNS NEW DELHI

Tndia and France signed an implementation agreement on 'Mobilise Your City (MYC) programme in which three pilot cities will be pro-vided support to reduce their Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions in urban transport. Under the programme, three Indian cities -Nagpur, Kochi and Ahmedabad — will get grant to the tune of 3.5 million Euros as part of the EU's commitment under the Paris Climate agreement to achieve a "sustainable transport policy". These cities are the part of the 100 cities selected under the smart city mission in the country.

The MYC agreement was signed by Mukund Kumar Sinha, OSD and exofficio Joint Secretary in the Urban Affairs Ministry and the Regional Director of Agence Française de MYC in India. Développement (AfD), Nicolas Fornage. It was as well as the MoHUA will

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signed in the presence of Minister of State (I/C), Ministry of Housing & benefit from the technical Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri and Alexander Ziegler, Ambassador of France in India. MYC aims to extend help to 100 cities globally to reduce Green House Gas (GHG) emissions by promoting sustainable urban transport and to promote sustainability in urban spaces. "More funds would be

provided to India as loan to take forward the smart city and sustainable transport initiatives in the three cities on pilot basis," said officials of HUA ministry. According to the ministry, based on a proposal made by AFD in 2015, the EU has agreed to provide 3.5 million euros through the AFD to contribute to specific investments and technical assistance components within the

assistance activities The programme includes learning and exchange formats with other cities across India for exchanges on best practices. The details of the project activities will be worked out by AFD in consultation with MoHUA and the three partner cities including institutions such as the respective special purpose vehicles SPVs) for smart cities, the municipal corporations and any transport authority or transport related SPV," the

Ministry officials said. According to the MoU, the MYC is an initiative combining urban mobility objectives and climate considerations. It aims at providing solutions in a fully integrated manner, analysing different modes of transportation within the urban fabric, with the objective of providing people long-term, sustainable, adequate, relial "The pilot cities selected and cost-efficient transportation opportunities

Over 33 per cent

of the country's

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and State agencies have under-

## India, US Armies to conduct 12-day Yudh Abhyas in U'khand

#### PNS NEW DELHI

Signifying the growing defence ties between India and US, the armies of two countries will hold a joint exercise 'Yudh Abhyas' in Chaubatia, Uttrakhand for 12 days starting from September 16. The exercise takes place days after the maiden 2+2 dialogue here on Thursday between the external and Defence Ministers of two nations covering the entire range of strategic issues besides cross-border terrorism, enhancing defence trade and sharing of cutting edge tech-

nology. The joint army exercise held every year alternately in India and US will see this year more than 350 troops from each side practicing various drill including urban terrorism besides familiarizing themselves with weapons and technology of each other's armies, officials said here on Friday. The Indian team will be represented by a unit of 15 Garwhal Rifles. The last episode was held in Joint Base, Lewis-McChord, US.

Meanwhile, during the 2+2 dialogue it was decided to hold the first ever tri-service exercise off the East Coast of India next year where the army, navy and air force of two countries will conduct manouevers focusing on providing rescue and relief during natural calamities. "We have decided for the first time to carry out a tri services exercise on the Eastern Coast with US in 2019," Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced at the joint press conference with her US coun- last couple of years.

terpart James Mattis after the 2+2dialogue.

Incidentally, India and Russia also held the first ever tri-service joint drill this year. Earlier, the three Services used to have separate exercises of their respective units.

The two defence ministers of India and US also announced their readiness to begin negotiations on an Industrial Security Annex (ISA) that would support closer defense industry cooperation and collaboration.

India and the US have signed the General Security of Military Information Agreement (GSOMIA) years ago and allows sharing of classified information from US Government and American companies with Indian Government and Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSU) but not with Indian private companies. The ISA is required to enable this and particularly important as India opens up defence manufacturing to the private sector in a big

To further defence innovation, a Memorandum of Intent was signed between the U.S. Defense Innovation Unit (DIU) and the Indian Innovation Defence Organisation - Innovation for Defence Excellence (DIOiDEX) which will look into joint projects for co-production and co-development projects through the Defense Technology and Trade Initiative (DTTI). US has emerged as one of the biggest weapon suppliers to India having sold systems worth over ten billion dollars in the

ies. senior



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with board members of United States India Business Council (USIBC) in New Delhi on Friday

Geographical Survey of India

(GSI), Dr GS Bhardwaj was

said to have made a presenta-

tion before the committee on

Sources said that the mem-

## **EXISTENCE STUDY OF SARASWATI RIVER** Protect sites from urbanisation, encroachment: Panel

#### ARCHANA JYOTI 🗖 NEW DELHI

 $A^{\mathrm{sub-committee}}_{\mathrm{Government-appointed}}$ panel for a multidisciplinary study of the Saraswati river has called for protection of the sites in Punjab, Rajasthan and Haryana — where it has found scientific evidences about existence of the ancient river from urbanisation and encroachments.

the satellite mapping of the river-like image which could be Officials of the Archeological Survey of India the Saraswati river.

(ASI), members of the subcommittee on Saraswati for bers at the meeting also deliberated about the possible steps that will be needed in near research and showcasing expressed their concern stating that the excavation sites need to future to trace the river, which be protected for further studas per the legend flowed in areas between rivers Indus and Ganges; originated in

At the meeting, former official from Himalayas and descended to passing through, Sindh and Bahawalpur Provinces of Pakistan.

According to a section of historians, on the bank of Sarasvati river existed an ancient civilisation of the world

known as Harappan Civilisation. They said that the Yamuna, Sutlej and Ghagghar were all once part of the Saraswati, the shrinking of which is linked to the decline of the Harrapan civilisation.

The ASI has excavated various places like Mugalwali, a village near Adi Badri, Yamunanagar, Haryana, Bhagwanpura, Kalibangan in Rajasthan and Vilaspur so far. According to a Government panel report, evidence from palaeochannels - remnants of research and development.

the Rann of Kuchchh after defunct rivers - suggested that the Sarsuti-Markanda rivulets in Haryana were the water courses of the "eastern branch of a Himalayan river" and the Ghaggar-Patiali chan-

nels were the western branch-Dr BR Mani, DG of the National Museum, AR Chaudhar, geologist at Kurushetra University from

the Centre of Excellence for Research on Sarswati, Prashant Bhardwaj are among the members of the sub-committee. The sub-panel is the part of

the advisory committee that was set up by the Union Culture Ministry to draw up a comprehensive programme for the study of the Saraswati basin and identify 16 sites for

#### 2017-18, exceeds target PNS NEW DELHI

The Centre's rice procure-I ment has surpassed the target at 38 million tonnes so far in the ongoing 2017-18 marketing year that will end this month. The rice procurement target set for this year was 37.5 million tonnes.

According to Food Ministry, the Government had procured 34.35 million tonnes during the last marketing year (October-September), surpassing the target of 33 million tonnes set for that year. "Rice procurement is com-

ing to closure this month. So far, we have procured 38 million tonnes. We have purchased more than the target set for this year," the official said

Much of the rice was pur-chased from States like Punjab, Chattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal. Over 33 percent of the country's total rice production has been procured at the MSP.

The paddy is procured at the minimum support price (MSP). State-run Food Corporation of India (FCI) taken procurement operation. For the current year, the Government has fixed paddy MSP of 'common' grade variety at ₹1,550 per quintal, while that of 'A' grade variety at ₹1,590 per quintal. According to Agriculture Ministry data, the total area planted during the current kharif season crossed the 100-million-hectare mark this week. And for the first time this year, rice planting overtook the area sown in the previous season. The total area under cultivation, however, is still marginally lower at 1,023 (lakh hectare) as compared to 1,027 lakh hectare covered during the corresponding week last year. Rice planting, on the other hand, was completed on 370

lakh hectare as against 368

lakh hectare covered in same

period in the previous year.

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# Gadkari to lay foundation stone of NH projects worth ₹4,239 cr on Sept 10

#### **STAFF REPORTER** RAIPUR

The Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Shipping, Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Nitin Gadkari will lay the foundation stone and dedicate to the nation various National Highways projects worth ₹4,239 crore in Chhattisgarh on Monday (September 10, 2018) at Dussehra Maidan, Charoda in Durg District.

Singh will preside over the

function. The Union Minister will lay the foundation stone of 92 kilometre Raipur - Durg Bypass on NH 53 which will

cost ₹ 2281 crore, while four flyovers on this section will be built at the cost of Rs 349 crore. Gadkari will dedicate to the

nation 150 kilometre long Aarang - Saraipali Road on NH 53 which has been built at the cost of ₹ 1472 crore and widening of 27 kilometre Raipur – Durg Road on NH 53 Chief Minister Raman at a cost of ₹ 48 crore.

Notably, roads and high-

ways measuring a total of 950 kms would be developed under Bharatmala project in Chhattisgarh.

has already declared 290.08 kms of roads in Chhattisgarh as new National Highways during 2017-18, officials informed. The Union Ministry of

primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) and considers declaration of

State Roads as new National Highways from time to time

The Central Government

Road Transport and Highways depending upon requirement



of connectivity, inter-se priorabout 30,268 km of new ity and availability of funds. National Highways (NHs)

Project 2.0 will cover following aspects:

The Centre has already declared 290.08 kms of roads in Chhattisgarh as new National Highways during 2017-18

including 53 km of NHs (717A & 316A)in West Bengal since May 2014, they informed.

On the other hand, notably, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) had already announced plans of broadening NH - 26 to augment connectivity between Raipur and Vishakhapatnam last year.

The total density of

National Highways (NHs) in Chhattisgarh is at 23.4 kms per 1000 square kms out of the total length of 3,168 kms in the State, the Central government

has informed. set up manufacturing clusters The declaration of State for taking advantage of five sea Roads as new NHs are done ports within its 600 km reach from time to time keeping in from the State. view the requirements of con-With five ports Paradip nectivity and availability of and Dhamra in Odisha, funds, it informed.

Senior leaders of the party

deliberated in the meeting

in detail about the list of

ticket aspirants for the

Visakhapatnam, Kakinada and About 47,890 km length of Machillipatnam in Andhra State Roads have been Pradesh, the opportunity of setapproved "In-Principle" for ting up of manufacturing clustheir declaration as new NHs in ters in Chhattisgarh is the country subject to outcome immense, officials informed.

### Show cause notice to 114 Govt staff for not attending poll training STAFF REPORTER BEMETARA

of their Detailed Project

Chhattisgarh had been already

inviting private investors to

It may be recalled that

Reports (DPRs).

 $B_{\text{and Electoral Officer}}^{\text{emetara District Collector}}$ Mahadev Kavre has issued show cause notice to 114 Government employees out of 3,754 in the district for not

attending election training in

four development blocks A total of 27 employees were absent in development blocks Bemetara, 35 in Berla, 30 in Saia and 22 in CGPCC Chief Bhupesh Baghel, Leader of Opposition T.S. Navagarh during training Singhdeo, President Election

according to an official press release issued on Friday.

of Parliament, Tamradhwaj Notably, a total of 27 employees were absent in Sahu, Chhaya Verma and other senior office bearers CGPCC. development blocks Bemetara, The meeting was presided over by CGPCC Chief Bhupesh 35 in Berla, 30 in Saja and 22 in Navagarh during training. The Collector found this

while inspecting training in the Party sources further informed that the CEC will

development blocks. finalize the first list by mid The employees who attended were also being would be released by the trained on usage of VVPAT machines.

## C'garh Govt to roll out 'e-District 2.0' application soon The objective of Chhattisgarh e-District



#### **STAFF REPORTER** RAIPUR

hhattisgarh Government is preparing to take the next big leap in e-Governance through its proposed launch of 'e-District 2.0' application which aims at electronic delivery of all public services at district and sub district levels, progressively while maintaining the continuity of existing e-District application, officials informed.

Like e-District, 'e-District 2.0' aims at electronic delivery of all public services at district / sub district level, progressively.

Currently, a total of 126 services are available from e-District Portal. Later on, new services could be added depending on the requirements and the felt needs, they stated. The Application for 'e-

District 2.0<sup>°</sup> will be the most critical component.

The 'e-District 2.0' would

integrate with the Central Government and Chhattisgarh Government's 'e-Governance' Application. The 'e-District 2.0' would also integrate with Jansamvad for addressing grievances / concerns of citizens besides integrating with Digi-Locker and for integration of already issued certificates

The existing e-District application would be enhanced for state wide rollout of 'e-District 2.0' project.

The Integrated Service Delivery Framework released by DeitY would be leveraged for developing the application architecture for the State.

The Central Government has approved the National e-Governance Plan (NeGP) in pursuance of its policy of introducing e-Governance on a massive scale.

The NeGP vision aims to certain high volume services and "Make all Government Services

accessible to the citizens in his or her locality, through common service delivery outlets and ensure efficiency, transparency and reliability of such services at affordable costs to realize the basic needs of the citizens".

To realize this vision, 27 Central, State and Integrated Mission Mode Project (MMPs) along with 8 support components have been identified and approved, to enable and facilitate rapid introduction of e-Governance in the country, with focus on electronic service delivery

The 'e-District' is one of the MMPs identified under NeGP, which is aimed at strengthening the District administration to provide Government services, in a cohesive manner leveraging ICT, to the citizens. The project aims to target

undertake 'Back end computer-

Common Service Centres/Lok Sewa Kendra to ensure the government services accessible to the citizens in his/her locality Exploring and facilitating Departments to provide end-to-end integrated service delivery, which is cross-cutting across Depts Implementing the best practices and standards to facilitate integration of services and enhance interoperability of services for seamless, single-window delivery of services.

Effective enactment of 'Chhattisgarh Lok Sewa Guarantee Act-2011' which includes online facility for making appeal in case of breach of Service Levels defined in Chhattisgarh Lok Sewa Guarantee Act-2011

#### Enabling Digital Payments at Citizen Counters.

- Customization and enhancement of MIS Dashboard including BI tool
- Review and fine tuning of existing IT infrastructure and Storage optimization by implementing the best practices.
- Enhanced Helpdesk and SLA Monitoring.

subscriptions and licences

applications

Enhancement of existing Portal

ization' to e-enable the delivery of these services through Common Service Centres (CSCs)/Lok Sewa Kendra (LSKs), in a sustainable manner.

The Chhattisgarh e-District project is an important enhancement of the State's e-Governance implementation programme, in which majority of the G2C services are delivered by the district admin-

istration leveraging Information, Communication and Technology. The Government of Chhattisgarh believes that the automation of workflow and internal processes of different departments would considerably reduce the troubles of the citizens in their interface with the government machinery in their day to day life, officials stated

#### CM's Chopper landing aborted at Amlipadar; public meeting cancelled STAFF REPORTER GARIABAND

# Congress Election Committee meeting held

**STAFF REPORTER** RAIPUR

Acrucial Election Committee meeting of Chhattisgarh Pradesh Congress Committee (CGPCC) was held here at State Congress Office

Senior leaders of the party deliberated in the meeting in detail about the list of ticket aspirants for the upcoming Assembly polls.

The meeting agreed on preparing a single name panel Campaign Committee, Charandas Mahant, Members on several seats to be sent to the party's Central Election Committee (CEC).

The meeting was later followed by one-to-one talk by the Screening Committee Chief Bhubaneswar Kalita with

senior leaders of the party. Veteran Congress leader of the State and AICC General month while a complete list Secretary (Administration), Motilal Vora was especially month end.

NMDC may roll out first HR coils from Nagarnar by Mar '19

Baghel, sources informed.

#### STAFF REPORTER RAIPUR

 $N_{\rm efforts\ to\ roll\ out\ the\ first}^{\rm MDC\ Ltd\ will\ put\ all\ its}$ HR coils from its upcoming 3 MTPA Nagarnar Steel Plant in Bastar by March 2019, officials informed.

The progress of construction activities of steel plant in the year 2017-18 is noticeable n various fronts, they





To ensure the continuity of Chhattisgarh e-District Portal which includes renewal of IT support and other software and hardware To enhance the portfolio of citizen centric services. To ensure optimum usage of existing core ICT infrastructure.

To promote rapid replication and integration of various e-governance To expand the IT infrastructure as well as geographical expansion of

upcoming Assembly polls present in the Election Committee meeting along with Rajiv Bhawan on Friday. AICC In-charge of Chhattisgarh, P.L. Punia,

Idols of Lord Ganesha are being readied for upcoming Ganesh Chaturthi festival in Raipur

Santosh Sahu I Pioneer

Due to inclement weather, the Chopper carrying Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Raman Singh failed to land at village Amlipadar in Gariaband district and returned to state capital on Friday.

The public meeting of the Chief Minister was immediately cancelled at the venue. Doubtful weather condition was already prevailing at Amlipadar and when the Chopper of Chief Minister reached there, the pilot decid-ed not to land and decided to return to Raipur.

Meanwhile official sources further informed that the rest of the day's programme of the Chief Minister remained as scheduled and later, the Chief Minister proceeded to Bagbahra region of Mahasamund district where another public meeting was to be held.

informed.

At present, progress of civil work, structural and equipment erection are at an advanced stage and progressing in full

swing. The steel plant project is getting ready for its commissioning of various units progressively, for which operational power supply system is already energized during first week of March 2018, they informed.

In order to facilitate the commissioning activities of steel plant, procurement action for initial requirement of various raw materials, spares, consumables, etc., are also under process.

NMDC already is in the process of implementing an ambitious project of laying Slurry Pipeline from Bailadila to Jagdalpur and further upto Visakhapatnam, officials informed.

The capacity of the pipeline is 15 MTPA and this will be associated with facilities like Beneficiation Plant at Kirandul

fund allocation of ₹ 23.39

and Bacheli, Pellet Plant at Nagarnar and Vizag. The Slurry Pipeline

between Bacheli to Nagarnar is

being executed by NMDC and

from Nagarnar to Vizag is

envisaged to be executed in

SPV mode. The works for

Bailadila to Jagdalpur segment

(140 Km) has been taken up.

This project is challenging in

terms of obtaining various

clearances and permissions

from statutory bodies and com-

plexity of the route, officials

the project in two phases. The

The company is executing

first phase is being executed from Bacheli to Nagarnar in Bastar region of Chhattisgarh at an estimated outlay of Rs 4,000 crore; and the second phase will be executed from Nagarnar to Vizag in Andhra Pradesh at an outlay of Rs 6,000 crore, officials informed.

Notably, to transport pellet feed concentrate from Bailadila to Vizag via Jagdalpur, the company will have the pipeline laid along the highways with a provision of partial off-take to feed its proposed 3 MTPA Steel plant coming up at Nagarnar.

No large scale mining activities in forest areas reported: Centre JCC (J) decides to field Shakuntala Sahu from quantum of land ( 20,716 hectares) for afforestation with

informed.

Patan Assembly seat **STAFF REPORTER** RAIPUR

The students, officials and employees of various universities and colleges were asked anata Congress Chhattisgarh to plant one lakh saplings in (JCC) (J) has decided to field 2017-18 as a part of the 'Hariyar Chhattisgarh Śhakuntala Sahu from Patan Assembly seat against Mission', officials informed. Chhattisgarh Pradesh Congress A circular in this regard Committee President Bhupesh was issued to all the Vice-Baghel for the upcoming Chancellors of universities and Assembly polls in the State. A decision regarding the same was taken by party's Core

Principals of various colleges. A minimum of 500 saplings were to be planted in Committee meeting held here each educational institution on Friday, party sources the 'Hariyar informed.

Shakuntala Sahu as the candi date from Patan, the party had dissolved all the working committees of the Assembly seg-

Apart from declaring ment, sources said.

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**STAFF REPORTER** RAIPUR area include assisted natural regeneration and plantation in

The State Government in

permission for tree cutting

for projects purposes from

the Revenue and Disaster

Management Department,

Large scale encroachment Land mining activities have the degraded forest areas. not been reported in forest November last year had facilarea in recent past in Chhattisgarh, the Central itated online facility to seek Government has informed.

The cutting of forest has not been reported by the members of Forest Protection Committee, it informed.

Notably, as per the information received from the Chhattisgarh Forest Department, total notified forest area in the Chhattisgarh is 59772.40 sq. km. The measures taken to develop, upgrade and conserve forest hectares of land for afforesta-

officials informed. The funds released by the Centre for the afforestation programme amounts to ₹ 17.39 crores during 2017-18 financial year, officials informed.

The Central Government had also approved 20,716

tion drive in Chhattisgarh 2016-17 under 'Green India

during the financial year Mission'.

During 2016-17, the under Centre had approved the same

Chhattisgarh Mission'.

crores



## Anti-fuel price hike demo: BJD leader attacked Rivals open fire at him; supporters block BBSR-Puri road in protest

#### **PNS** BHUBANESWAR

Tension prevailed at Lingipur under the Dhauli police station here on Friday after supporters of a BJD member, Rabi Patra, staged a road blockade protesting attack on their leader.

The incident took place during a demonstration by BJD members in the area as part of the BJD's State-wide stir against the rising fuel prices on the day.

Patra alleged that during the protest, members of a rival group called him to a corner and suddenly opened a couple of rounds of fire at him. However, he managed to escape unhurt.

Patra told the police that he was targeted over past enmity. Following the incident, Patra's supporters blocked the Physhenegyper Pupi Bhubaneswar-Puri road demanding immediate arrest of the accused. The blockade led

to disruption of vehicular traf-

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fic for some time. Getting information, the zone ACP and the Dhauli and the Lingaraj police stations IICs rushed to the spot and pacified tridges were recovered from the the crowd, following which the spot and the situation was under control. An investigation was on road blockade was withdrawn. Police said some empty carinto the incident

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reserve station and material yard to be constructed and (vi) cleaning of tail end near loading point in 39LN proposed LHD depillaring panel in seam A at Kurja UG mine of Hasdeo area, Start date & time for submission of bid: 17.08.2018 10:00 Hrs, Last date & time for submission of bid: 08.09.2018 17:00 Hrs, Date & time for opening of bid: 10.09.2018 10:00 Hrs.

S.O.(M), Hasdeo Area 7.NIT No: AGM/HSD/S.O.(M)/e-Tend/18-19/129 date 23.08.2018, Tender ID: 2018 SECL 112090 1, Location of work: Hasdeo Area Estimated Cost: Rs. 1479555.00, Description of Work: Assistance required for maintenance of Haulage track line of Bijuri Colliery, Hasdeo area. Start date & time for submission of bid: 23.08.2018



## Govt to soon implement 'National Bio Fuel Policy 2018



ATAL NAGAR mentation of the policy in the State by making all Government

The Chhattisgarh Government will soon departments as stakeholders and implementing MoUs signed implement the 'National Bio previously with all investors. Fuel Policy 2018' in the State. It was also informed in the This was informed in the meeting that a Biofuel Complex 16th meeting of Chhattisgarh will be established in Durg. Discussions were also held

Biofuel Development Authority on setting up a laboratory for testing biofuel in the State. chaired by Chief Secretary Ajay Singh at the Mantralaya here. The meeting discussed var-

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUIDCATURE, AT MADRAS (Ordinary Original Civil Jurisdiction) Application No:1907 of 2018 In the matter of Arbitration & Conciliation Act,1996 And In the matter of Disputes between M/s. Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Ltd. and Mr.VEER SINGH Arising under Loan Agreement No. XSHUBLA00001679624 Dated 27.05.2016. M/s. Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited, 'Dare House', No.2, N.S.C. Bose Road, Parrys, Chennai – 600 001.	SYL issue: INLD to observe Haryana Bandh today Chandigarh: INLD, Haryana's main Opposition party will observe 'Haryana Bandh' on September 8, Saturday on the issues of non-construction of Sutlej Yamuna Link (SYL) canal
Represented by its Authorised SignatoryApplicant -Vs- Mr.Veer Singh, S/o. Late Ajit Singh, H.No.332, Ward No.17, Nandni Road, Sharmik Nagar, Durg, Chhawani Bhilai, Near Hotel Harbhajan, Chhattisgarh-490026.	and scrapped Dadupur Nalvi irrigation project. "The party has geared up for the state bandh and various trade unions have assured us their support on Saturday,"
Respondent To Mr.Veer Singh, S/o. Late Ajit Singh, H.No.332, Ward No.17, Nandni Road, Sharmik Nagar, Durg, Chhawani Bhilai, Near Hotel Harbhajan, Chhattisgarh-490026. The above application is posted on	said Abhay Chautala, Leader of opposition in Haryana Assembly and INLD's senior leader while talking to the mediapersons here.

The above, orientating in Foot2. The above, application is posted on **30.10.2018** at 10.30 A.M. before the Hon'ble Master, High Court, Madras for your appearances. Please take notice and appear on that date either in person or through your counsel failing which you ill be set ex-parte and the matter will be Mr. N.SANTHOSH NAGARAJAN COUNSEL FOR APPLICANT

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bine will continue its protest till

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#### SOUTH EASTERN COALFIELDS LIMITED **`A MINI RATNA COMPANY'**

E- TENDER NOTICE

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# **Indian man among 3** killed in US shooting

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#### PTI NEW YORK

▲ 25-year-old Indian finan-Acial consultant was among three people killed when a gunman opened fire in a bank building in the US city of Cincinnati before police shot him dead on Thursday, in the latest mass shooting incident in America.

Pruthviraj Kandepi, who hailed from Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh, was killed when 29-year-old Omar Enrique Santa Perez from the town of North Bend, Ohio, opened fire at the headquarters for the Fifth Third Bank near Fountain Square in downtown Cincinnati, police said. India's Consul General in

New York Ambassador Sandeep Chakravorty told PTI that the Consulate is in touch with the police, Kandepi's fam-



#### Shooting suspect Omar Enrique Santa Perez

community. An official of the Telugu Association of North America (TANA) said that Kandepi was working with the bank as a consultant.

made to send his body to India, he added.



that the gunman was killed in a shootout with officers.

had no connection to each Arrangements were being other. It was not immediately clear if any knew the gunman, media reports said on the lat-

Hamilton County Coroner ily as well as members of the Lakshmi Sammarco knew the US.

### Indian-origin woman 'bogus lawyer' jailed for fraud in UK

#### PTI LONDON Kandepi, she said on Facebook,

An Indian-origin woman described as a "bogus immigration lawyer" has been names of the victims. She met Kandepi at the Hindu temple of Cincinnati, Cincinnati.Com jailed for five years' imprisonment after being found guilty "How do you tell parents who live 10,000 miles away that of six counts of fraud by false representation.

they will never see their son again because of a senseless Harvinder Kaur Thethi, shooting in a foreign country?' from the West Midlands region she wrote. The other two vicof England, had been convicttims were identified as Luis ed by Southwark Crown Court Felipe Calderon, 48 and in London in July for falsely claiming to be a barrister, solic-Five people were shot, some multiple times, in the incident, police said, adding that the guarantee were built by itor and a UK Home Office official with the ability to progress immigration applications.

Despite being unqualified in any of these fields, she went on to obtain GBP 68,000 from It appeared the victims vulnerable people in payment for immigration related services, which were est mass shooting incident in promised but not delivered, the court was told.

S Korea's Moon wants 'irrevocable progress' in nuke diplomacy

#### AP SEOUL

Couth Korean President Moon Jae-in said Friday that he is pushing for "irrevocable progress" in efforts to rid North Korea of its nuclear weapons by the end of this year as he prepares for his third summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

Earlier this week, Moon sent special envoys to Pyongyang to help resolve the nuclear stalemate. After returning home, the envoys said Thursday that Kim still has faith in US President Donald Trump and reaffirmed his commitment to a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula, although he expressed frustration over skepticism about his sincerity. Trump later responded by

tweeting, "Kim Jong Un of North Korea proclaims 'unwavering faith in President Thank you to Trump.' Chairman Kim.



nuclear program is aimed at We will get it done togethcountering U.S. Military er!" Moon said the outcome of his envoys' Pyongyang trip was "much more than what was threats, has demanded the United States jointly declare an expected." The next step in nuclear diplomacy is uncertain. end to the 1950-53 Korean War, which was halted by an Negotiators seem deadlocked armistice, not a peace treaty. over whether North Korea the South Korean envoys, Kim said an end-of-war declaration truly intends to denuclearize as it has pledged numerous times in recent months. North Korea wouldn't weaken the U.S.has dismantled its nuclear and South Korean alliance or lead to the withdrawal of the 28,500 rocket engine testing sites, but US officials want more serious, U.S. Troops stationed in South Korea to prevent an North Korean attack, according concrete action taken before North Korea obtains outside concessions. to Chung.

Pakistan Army chief

bats for democracy



#### **UN CONDEMNS TWIN BOMBINGS IN KABUL**

Kim told the South Korean

envoys that he is willing to take

stronger steps if his "goodwill"

measures are met in kind,

according to chief envoy Chung

Eui-yong. Kim has repeatedly

said he wants a step-by-step

disarmament process in which

each of his actions is recipro-

cated with corresponding out-

During his meeting with

progress of the country.

institutions in Pakistan.

His significant comments

came two days after visiting US

Secretary of State gave a pep

talk to Bajwa on the impor-

tance of strong democratic

the country's stability and

progress, democracy is of utmost

importance. "Democracy can-

not blossom without observing

the democratic traditions in

true spirit and without the

strengthening of institutions," he

was quoted as saying by Dawn

newspaper.

The army chief said that for

side concessions.

United Nations: UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres on Friday condemned the attacks on a Kabul sports centre which killed at least 22 people, including sportsmen and two iournalists who were covering the initial bombing for a local news agency.

### ECUADOR HIT BY 6.2 MAGNITUDE QUAKE: USGS

North Korea, which says its Quito: A deep 6.2 magnitude earthquake struck Ecuador on Thursday night, causing damage to buildings and injuring two people. The quake hit at 9:12 pm local time (0212 GMT on Friday) at a depth of 93.5 kilometers, near the center of the South American country.

> **CHINESE FIRM LAUNCHES** SUBORBITAL ROCKET

Beijing: A suborbital rocket developed by a private Chinese company was successfully launched on Friday from the Jiuguan Satellite Launch Centre.

## CHINA LAUNCHES MARINE SATELLITE

Beijing: China successfully launched a new marine satellite into orbit on Friday to better monitor its maritime waters and study the impact of climate change. A Long March-2C rocket carrying the HY-1C satellite took off at 11:15 am from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre in north China's Shanxi Province.

#### N KOREA TO CELEBRATE **70TH ANNIVERSARY** Pyongyang: North Korea is

preparing to mark the 70th anniversary of its foundation this weekend with a series of festivities, expected to include a military parade and the return of its renowned 'Mass Games' after a five-year absence.

#### China hails India-US 2+2 Mattis makes unannounced visit to Afghanistan comes at a sensitive time in the

#### AFP 🔳 KABUL

US Defense Secretary Jim Mattis met with top Afghan leaders during an unannounced visit to Kabul on Friday, adding his weight to a flurry of diplomatic efforts to bring the Taliban to the negotiating table.

His trip comes a little more than a year after President Donald Trump unveiled a revamped strategy for Afghanistan that saw him commit thousands of additional US forces to the war-torn country on an open-ended basis.

Mattis, on his fourth visit to Afghanistan since becoming defence chief in January 2017, has met with President Ashraf Ghani and the new US commander for American and NATO forces, General Scott Miller. His arrival in Kabul

**CENTRAL PUBLIC** 

The Executive Engineer

'DR.RML HOSPITAL' Division,

CPWD, New Delhi invites on

behalf of the President of India

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of CPWD for the following work.

#### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION WORKS DEPARTMENT The Executive Engineer, (C) K.K.D **NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER**

Court Division, PWD Under Akshardham Flyover, Metro Pillar No. 50, Noida Mor Delhi-91 invites percentage rate tender on behalf of the President of India, from approved and eligible contractors of CPWD. and also MES, BSNL and other state Govt. Departments dealing with buildings and roads and others experienced contractors by

17-year war. The grinding con-PTI BEIJING

Richard Newcomer, 64.

flict has seen little progress by Afghan or US forces against the Taliban, the country's largest militant group. Six US soldiers Awary China on Friday wel-comed the first 2+2 have been killed in Afghanistan Dialogue between India and so far this year, the most recent the US but remained silent on the landmark security pact happening on Monday in an apparent insider attack. under which Indian military Ghani told Mattis that prewill have access to critical and encrypted American defence

venting so-called "green-onblue" attacks, in which Afghan technologies. soldiers turn their weapons on Compatibility, Security Agreement (COMCASA) was international troops with whom they are working, was a "top national priority". They also signed on Thursday after the discussed other issues including 2+2 talks External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and the peace process, security reforms, upcoming Parliamentary and Presidential elections, and Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had with US Pakistan, according to a state-Secretary of State Michael ment from the Presidential Pompeo and Defence Secretary James Mattis. palace.

talks; silent on security pact itary communications equip-

ment from the US and will also help get real-time encrypted information from the US.

Asked about China's reaction on the Indo-US talks and COMCASA agreement, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said, "I have seen the reports about the 2+2 consultation between the United States and India." The Communications,

"China is happy to see the normal development of bilat-eral relations between the US and India and hopes that they will do more to contribute to regional peace and stability in the process of developing bilateral relations," she said. She, however skirted any response to the question on India and The COMCASA will allow US signing the COMCASA. India to receive high-end mil-On the India-US call for

PTI II ISLAMABAD In an unusual move, Pakistan Army chief Gen Qamar maritime freedom in the Indo-Pacific region Hua said, "About the security navigation in the Javed Bajwa has batted for sea, we uphold the legal rights democracy and the need for entitled in the international law strengthening of institutions in the coup-prone country, as he and we also hope parties can do real things to ensure freedom shared the dias with Prime

of navigation." During the the 2+2 talks, India and the US expressed commitment to work together and in concert with other partners toward advancing a free, open, and inclusive Indo-

Pacific region.

#### Addressing the Defence and Martyrs Day ceremony organised by the Army at its headquarters in Rawalpindi on Thursday, Bajwa said that continuation of democracy was must for development and

## **SEARCH FOR MISSING**



Madhuri

namely Madhuri, W/o Shri Ramu, Age 28 years has been reported missing from her house since 17.08.18 vide DD No. 7-A dated 18.08.18 has been lodged at PS Tilak Nagar, New Delhi, Her physical description is as under:-

Minister Imran Khan.

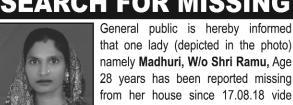
Height : 5', Complexion : Sallow, Face : Oval, Build : Noraml, Clothing : Wearing Red colour net sari and chappal

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

**CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT** NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

The Deputy Director (Horticulture), Horticulture Division-II, CPWD, I.P. Bhawan, New Delhi on behalf of the President of India invites online item rate tenders in two bid (Eligibility and Financial) systems (CPWD-8) from the contractors/firms who fulfill the following eligibility criteria. The bidder should have satisfactorily completed the works as mentioned below during the last seven years previous day of the last date of submission of tender. For this purpose 'cost of work' shall mean gross value of the completed work including the cost of materials supplied by the Government/Client, but excluding those supplied free of cost. This should be certified by an officer not below the rank of Dy. Director (Hort.)/Executive Engineer/Project Manager or equivalent. Three similar works, each of value not less than Rs. 11,22,400/- or Two similar works each of value not less than Rs. 16,83,600/- or one similar work of value not less than Rs. 22,44,800/- for the following works:

1.NIT No.:- 98/DD/HD-II/DB/2018-19, Name of Work: Providing and Arranging of flower arrangement in Parliament House Complex under Sub-Division-1/II, CPWD, New Delhi,



1. NIT No:- 42/EE/LHD/2018-19 Name of work: - A/R to M/O Dr. RML Hospital, New Delhi dg. 2018-19 (SH:- Providing and laying sewer and drainage pipe for preventing water logging). Estimated Cost: Rs. 11.13,994/- Earnest Money: Rs. 22,280/- Period of completion:- 3 months. Last time and date of submission of Bid:- Upto 13:00 Hrs. on 13.09.2018.

2. NIT No:- 43/EE/LHD/2018-19 Name of work:- A/A to Dr. RML Hospital, New Delhi dg. 2018-19. (SH:- Renovation of ENT Department and Room No. 55, 56, 57, 61, 62, 67, 70, 72, 73, 75A of Eye Department Phase - II in OPD Building). Estimated Cost: Rs. 46,87,389/-Earnest Money: Rs. 93,748/-Period of completion: 4 months. Last time and date of submission of Bid:- Upto 13:00 Hrs. on 13.09.2018. 3. NIT No:- 44/EE/LHD/2018-19 Name of work:- A/R & M/O Dr. RML Hospital, New Delhi dg. 2018-19. (SH:- Misc. civil work for attending day to day complaints in M.S. ward Building). Estimated Cost: Rs. 24,86,739/- Earnest Money: Rs. 49,735/- Period of completion: 3 months. Last time and date of submission of Bid:- Upto 13:00 Hrs. on 13.09.2018.

4. NIT No:- 45/EE/LHD/2018-19 Name of work:- A/A to Dr. RML Hospital, New Delhi dg. 2018-19. (SH:- Renovation of Emergency OT, Gyane Ward (CIF) at 1st floor old Emergency Building). Estimated Cost: Rs. 68,07,874/- Earnest Money: Rs. 1,36,157/- Period of completion: 6 months. Last time and date of submission of Bid:- Upto 13:00 Hrs. on 13.09.2018. The bid forms and other detail can be obtained from the website www.tenderwizard.com/CPWD. The press notice is also available on www.eprocure.gov.in

E - Tendering for the following work

Name of Work : A/R & M/O to KKD Court Complex Delhi dq. 2018-19. SH:- Replacement of damaged door closer, mortice latch and lock and other misc repair works in lawyer's chamber block D,E,F & G . NIT No 74/EE/KKD COURT DIVN./PWD/NIT/2018-19 ID No. 2018\_PWD\_157835\_1 Estimated Cost. Rs. 8,77,653/-Earnest money Rs. 17,553/- Period of completion 90 Days

Name of Work: A/R & M/O to KKD Court Shahdara Delhi dg. 2018-19 SH: Internal Finishing works in D, E, F & G-blocks lawyers chamber. NIT No :- 75/EE/KKD COURT DIVN./PWD/NIT/2018-19 ID No.

2018 PWD 157825 1 Estimated Cost. Rs. 9,83,215/- Earnest money Rs. 19.664/- Period of completion 90 Day.

Name of work: A/R & M/O to Karkardooma Court dg 2018-19 SH:- Miscellaneous works such as repair in ladies bar room, repair of broken tile etc. NIT No 76/EE/KKD COURT DIVN./PWD/NIT/2018-19 ID No. 2018 PWD 157822 1 Estimated Cost. Rs. 7,38,189/- Earnest money Rs. 14,764/- Period of completion 45 Days Name of work: A/R & M/O to DA

staff Qtrs. At Karkardooma New Delhi dg. 18-19 Sub Head : **Providing Services of Security** Guards in Various Sub Division M-2313, M-2314 and Division office M-231 Karkardooma Court Divin., PWD, Govt., of Delhi).

NIT .No :- 77/EE/KKD COURT DIVN./PWD/NIT/2018-19 ID No. 2018\_PWD\_157794\_1 Estimated Cost. Rs. 18,80,377/ Earnest money Rs. 37,608/-Period of completion :- 365 Days

Last date and time of Reciept of tender up to 15:00 PM on 19.09.2018 Date & time of opening of bid on 19.09.2018 at 15:30 PM Execution of similar works please see in NIT

Earnest Money in favour of Executive Engineer CBM Divn. M -231, PWD Other details of tender can be obtained from the website: https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in DIP/Shabdarth/1633/18-19 PaWD-I/18-19 Name of Work: A/R & M/O to MPs Flats/Bungalows under Sub-Div-IV of PaWD-I dg.2018-19. (SH: Providing & Fixing Modular Kitchen and cupboard in various bungalows). Estimated Cost Rs.14,27,097/- Earnest Money Rs.28,542/- Period of completion Three Months Last time and date of submission of tender is 15:00 P.M. or 13-09-2018. 3. NIT No.177/EE/PaWD-I/18-19 Name of Work: R/R to Non-Durable Furniture in MP's Flats/Bungalows Under Sub-Div.-V of PaWD-I dg. 2018-19 (SH: Supplying & Stacking of sofa foam cushion 8 other furniture material for day to day maintenance) Estimated Cost Rs.5,52,835/- Earnest Money Rs.11,057/- Period of completion One Month Last time and date of submission of tender is 15:00 P.M. on 13-09-2018. The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the rebsite www.tenderwizard.com/CPWD or www.cpwd.gov.in

CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

The Executive Engineer, Parliament Works Division-I, CPWD, New Delh

on behalf of President of India invites Online Item Rate bids for SI. No.1 &

2 (CPWD-8) from approved and eligible contractors of CPWD of appropriate class for SI. No.3 (CPWD-8) from approved and eligible furniture contractors of CPWD as per eligibility condition for the following works(s):- 1. NIT No.174/EE/PaWD-I/18-19 Name of Work: A/R & Mo to

MPs flats/bungalows under Sub-Div-VI of PaWD-I dg.2018-19 (SH-Internal and External finishing work in bungalows of Ferozshah Road, canning lane and HCM lane). Estimated Cost **Rs.21,43,089/-** Earnest

Money Rs.42,862/- Period of completion Six Months Last time and date of submission of tender is 15:00 P.M. on 13-09-2018. 2. NIT No.175/EE.

#### **CORPORATE MERCHANT BANKERS LIMITED**

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#### Ph. No. 011-656382244 Website: www.cmbl.co.in NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the24thAnnual General Meeting of Members of Corporate Merchant Bankers Limited will be held on Friday, September 28, 2018, at 10:00 A.M. at UG-24, Vishwadeep Tower, District Center, Janakpuri, New Delhi, to transact business: set out in Notice convening the AGM.

in compliance with Section 108 of the Companies Act. 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended and Regulation 44 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Company is providing electronic voting (Remote e-voting) facility to the members to enable them to cast their votes electronically. Accordingly, the items of business given in the Notice of AGM may be transacted through electronic voting facilities provided by the Central Depository Services (India) Limited ("CDSL").

Members are informed that the Company has completed the dispatch of Notices of the AGM and Annual Reports through permitted mode on Thursday, September 06, 2018. All the members are informed that:

. E-voting commences on September 24th , 2018 at 9:00 A.M. and will end at September 27th , 2018 at 5:00 P.M. and at the end of e-voting period, the facility shall forthwith be blocked. During this period shareholder of Company, may cast their vote electronically The e- voting module shall be disabled for voting thereafter. Once the vote on a resolution is casted by the shareholders, the shareholder shall not allowed to change subsequently.

Any person, who acquires shares of the Company and become members of the Company after dispatch of AGM notice and holding shares as on cut-off date i.e Friday, September 21, 2018 may obtain the login ID and password by sending request a helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com

. Members please note that, remote e-voting shall not be allowed beyond 5.00 pm or September 27, 2017.

. Members may note that- a) the facility for e-voting through ballot paper shall be made available at the AGM and the members attending the meeting who have not casted their vote by remote e- voting shall be able to exercise their rights at the meeting through ballot paper; b) A member may participate in the AGM even after exercising his right to vote through remote e-voting but shall not be allowed to vote at the AGM.

A person, whose name is recorded in the register of Members or in the register of Beneficial owners maintained by the depositories as on cut-off date only shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting as well as voting at the AGM through ballot paper

6. The Notice of 24th AGM is also available on http://www.evotingindia.com

. In case of any queries, you may refer to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for members and e-voting user manual for members available at the Download sections of http://www.evoting.com or contact CDSL at their toll free no. 1800-200-5533 or Email ID: helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com.

Notice is hereby further given that pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Regulation 42 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Register of Members and Shares Transfer Books of the Compan will remain closed from Saturday, September 22, 2018 to Saturday, September 29, 2018 (both days inclusive), for the purpose of the 24th AGM of the Company.

	By order of the Board
	For Corporate Merchant Bankers Limited
	Sd/-
	Parne Venkateshwar Reddy
Date : September 06, 2018	Director
Place : New Delhi	Din : 06446233

E-mail ID:cic@cbi.gov.in SHO Tele: 011-24368638, 24368641 PS: Tilak Nagar, New Delhi Ph.: 25407800, 25409290 Fax: 011-24368639 DP/7823/WD/18

## CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

The Deputy Director (Hort.) Horticulture Division No. 1, CPWD, South Avenue, New Delhi (Ph: 23018234), e-mail ID hort.ddhd1@yahoo.in on behalf of the President of India, hereby invites online tenders from eligible contractors registered under CPWD (Nursery Category) for works at S.No. 1, 2 3, 4 & 5 and eligible contractors registered under CPWD (Horticulture Category) for work at S.No. 6.

NIT No. 66/DD/HD-1/2018-19, Name of Work:- M/o Horticulture Norks at 7 & 11 LKM (P.M. House) and 6 M.A. Road (V.P. House) under Sub-Divn. 1/HD-1, CPWD, New Delhi dg. 2018-19. (SH: Providing and planting different types of winter seasonal plants.(Salvia dwarf, Petunia nybrid, Pansy hybrid, Marigold Jafri)., Estimated Cost: 14,89,580-Earnest money : 29,792/-, Period of completion : 01 Month, Last date of submission of bid 17.09.2018 upto 11:00 AM, Date of opening of bid 17.09.2018 at 11:30 AM.

2. NIT No. 67/DD/HD-1/2018-19, Name of Work:- M/o Different Horticulture Works under Sub-Divn. 1/HD-1, CPWD, New Delhi dg. 2018-19. (SH: Providing and planting/displaying different types of Chrysanthemum plants at site)., Estimated Cost: 17,24,150/- Earnest money : 34,483/-, Period of completion : 01 Month, Last date of submission of bid 17.09.2018 upto 11:00 AM, Date of opening of bid 7.09.2018 at 11:30 AM.

3. NIT No. 68/DD/HD-1/2018-19, Name of Work:- M/o Different Horticulture Works under Sub-Divn. 1/HD-1, CPWD, New Delhi dg. 2018-19. (SH: Providing and planting/displaying different types of Rose plants (Budded Rose, Creeper Rose & Standard Rose., Estimated Cost: 5,66,630/- Earnest money : 11,333/-, Period of completion : 01 Month, Last date of submission of bid 17.09.2018 upto 11:00 AM, Date of opening of bid 17.09.2018 at 11:30 AM.

NIT No. 69/DD/HD-1/2018-19, Name of Work:- Improvement of Landscaping Area of Court Yards & Gate No. 5, 6, 6A, 7 of South Block under Sub-Divn. 2/HD-1, CPWD, New Delhi dg. 2018-19. (SH: Providing and planting of different kind of plants)., Estimated Cost: 7,25,858/-Earnest money : 14,517/-, Period of completion : 01 Month, Last date of submission of bid 17.09.2018 upto 11:00 AM, Date of opening of bid 17.09.2018 at 11:30 AM.

NIT No. 70/DD/HD-1/2018-19, Name of Work:- Upgradation of Garden Features at Bhagwan Mahavir Vanasthali under Sub-Divn. 2/HD-1 CPWD, New Delhi, dg. 2018-19.(SH: Providing & planting of different kind of plants)., Estimated Cost: 8,11,400/- Earnest money : 16,228/-, Period of completion : 01 Months, Last date of submission of bid 17.09.2018 upto 11:00 AM, Date of opening of bid 17.09.2018 at 11:30 AM.

6. NIT No. 71/DD/HD-1/2018-19, Name of Work:- M/o Garden area attached to under Sub-Divn. 3/HD-1, CPWD, New Delhi dg. 2018-19. (SH: Complete maintenance of Garden Features at 11-Akbar Road & 5-Tuglak Raod.. Estimated Cost: 9.92,747/- Earnest money : 19,855/-, Period of completion: 12 Months, Last date of submission of bid 17.09.2018 upto 11:00 AM, Date of opening of bid 17.09.2018 at 11:30 AM.

The Bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website www.tenderwizard.com/CPWD. The Press Notice is also available on www.eprocure.gov.in.

Dg. 2018-19. (SH: Preparation of Flower Arrangement) Estimated Cost Rs.28,06,000/-, Earnest Money Rs.56,120/-, Period for completion – 09 Months.

Last date & time of submission of bid is 17-09-2018 upto 15:00, and date of opening is 17-09-2018 at 15:30. Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website www.tenderwizard.com/cpwd or www.cpwd.gov.in

#### SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that a girl (depicted in the photo) namely Ankita Chaudhary D/o Nandan Choudary, R/o NW-151, Vishnu Garden, Khyala, New Delhi, Aged - 19 Years has been reported missing since 28.08.18 at 1:45 pm from her house. In this regard DD no. 22A, dated



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29.08.2018 has been lodged at Police Ankita Chaudhary Station - Khyala, New Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

Complexion: Shallow, Height: 4'5" Face: Round, Physique/ Built : Fat, Clothing: Red colour Suit-Salwar, and Slippers in feet.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing girl, may inform PS, Khyala, New Delhi.

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax: 011-24368639 P.S. Khyala, New Delhi Ph. No.: 011-28335696 DP/7821/WD/18

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Bid No. E-58/2018-19 E-Tender Dated: 04.09.2018 E-Tenders are invited for & on behalf of the President of India for the supply of following items. Only e-offer will be accepted for which vendors must have Class II Digital Signature and registration on IREPS. The details of tenders are in the following sequence:- S.No. Tender No. (Due Date), Description and Quantity 01. 051850970, (28.09.2018), Bag filter, As per Dlw part no.66020037, 324 Nos. 02 051850980, (28.09.2018), Pri filter, as per Dlw part no. 66020001, 324 Nos. 03 051850900 (28.09.2018), Ceiling filter, As per Diw part no.66020025, 168 Nos. 04 051851000, (28.09.2018), Arrestance filter, As per Diw Part No.66020013, 560 Nos 05. 051851130, (28.09.2018), Insert Kit, As per DLW part no. 72030434, 05 Set. 06. 051851110, (28.09.2018), Insert Drill Kit, As per DLW part no. 72240751, 02 Sets. 07. 051870372, (28.09.2018), (i) Valve bridge, As per DLW Part No.15610627, 24 Nos. (ii Clamp, As per DLW Part No.15610743, 98 Nos. (iii) Wrench, As per DLW part No.15610860, 59 Nos. **08**. 051881151, (28.09.2018), Alloy steel, 01 Set. **09**. 061816590, (24.09.2018), (i) Shrinkdown siv dtms 1/8 cat no. N/22/0113 C & D No. T031/046 CLW Specification no CLW/ES/3/0154/Q TO P.L. No.29610709, Qty. 32485 MTR (ii) Shrinkdown slv dtms 1/4 cat no. N/24/0113 C & D No. T034/160 CLW Specification no CLW/ES/3/0154/Q TO P.L. No.29610722, Qty. 16910 MTR. (iii) Shrinkdown slv dtms 3/8 cat no. N/25/0113 C & D No. T034/154 CLW Specification n CLW/ES/3/0154/Q TO P.L. No.29610734, Qty. 25810 MTR. 10. 061816620 (24.09.2018), Shrinkdown siv dtms 3/16 cat no. N/23/0113 C & D No. T021/221 CLW ecification no CLW/ES/3/0154/Q TO P.L. No.29610710, Qty. 164205 MTR 11 061816270, (09.10.2018), Pinion 21 Teeth Wag9HC Cat No. 0/9/0001 MP.0.2800.11 (REV0) OCT.2005 SKDP-3847 T0 P.L. No. 29420052, Qty. 522 Nos. 12. 061816630 (20.09.2018), 6V, 150 AH NI-Cd Battery Storage Unit R.D.S.O. Specn No. MP.0.51.01.02 (Rev-02) june 2009 (Amendment-1) DRG No.10609375 Alt Aa To P.L. No. 17051472, 123 Nos. 13. 091870082, (28.09.2018), Blower (220 Volt) Par No.18090163, 04 No. 14, 091770712, (28,09,2018), Contact Asm Post Stationary Part No.18450015, 258 no. **15.** 091870380, (12.10.2018), Rectifier and Resistor Asi Part No. 18000137, 74 no. SCR Exciter Bridge Assembly Part No. 18400048, 57 no 16. 011810474, (21.09.2018), Pipe Asm P.L. No.17062330, 10 Nos. 17. 011810221 (04.10.2018), Bearing Ball PL No.16150296, 456 Nos. 18. 041812411, (28.09.2018) Axle Holder Part No. 29010081, 348 Nos. The details of above tenders are available vw.dlw.indianrailways.gov.in and tender www.ireps.gov.in Controller of Stores P.R.O./DLW/S-97

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Charging ahead

The future of mobility needs to be debated, otherwise India will find itself with its transportation arteries clogged

important summit for all Indians because our roads, airports, railways and seaports are choked and we will need mobility solutions to foster rapid economic growth. However, at the same time as trying to decongest vital transportation infrastructure, the summit recognises the need for India to change the traditional means of powering mobility. While transportation is not the largest contributor to particulate pollution, it contributes significantly towards carbon emissions, nitrogen oxides and sulphur pollution. It is worrying to note that despite rising prices at fuel pumps, India's consumption of petrol and diesel has been rising sharply.

While Amitabh Kant of the NITI Aayog claims that the summit is an opportunity to see how India can leapfrog the West in the anticipated shift towards electric mobility, the fact remains that India's biggest economic rival, China, is already well ahead in the game. That said, China's east Asian neighbours, Japan and South Korea, also worried about Chinese economic imperialism, are partnering with India towards this future. Both Maruti-Suzuki and Hyundai Motors announced that they will be working towards launching their first electric vehicles in India within the next two years. But unlike China, India has not worked towards securing the essential natural resources required for electric mobility, such as Lithium: nor has India worked towards building the necessary infrastructure required to enable electric mobility. The Government needs to realise that the private sector will not make the investments needed unless it does the same. The Government needs to invest through public sector companies to corner resources across the globe as well as lay out the charging and support infrastructure required for electric mobility. The lack of interest by Government servants in adopting electric vehicles acquired by Energy Efficiency Services Limited is a case-study on the overall disinterest of the public at large towards electric mobility.

At the same time, while new roads and airports are being built, this Government and the next need to literally step on the accelerator when it comes to transportation infrastructure building. India is so under-served that any additional capacity added gets absorbed well before the time-frame builders envisaged, like the Delhi Airport. There will be environmental opposition towards some projects as well as political opposition, but those needs have to be managed. Some of the opposition is nothing but 'Not In My Back Yard' (NIMBY) opposition, where individuals want to protect their way of life, without thinking of their own city and future generations of Indians who have to move around. That said, bad planning and poor environmental assessment reports must be avoided at all costs so that transportation projects continue at a decent clip. Getting India to move ahead will be a major challenge, not just today but tomorrow and the day-after and we need political and social unity on this mission.

#### **50WORDEDIT** Pilgrim's progress



Busting every myth, Congress president Rahul Gandhi silenced trolls questioning his Kailash Mansarovar visit. He posted his fitbit data showing he had trekked non-stop 13 hours for about 34 km. If his political agility is as sharp and his determination to fight all odds this serious, then we could have some hope from the grand old party. Or else it's just a photo-op.

# **Facial biometrics**

Airports are set to enhance passenger comfort through biometric recognition but it has an ugly side too

n a bid to revolutionise air travel and cut down on travails and queues of transiting travellers, the Bangalore International Airport Ltd has decided to use biometric face scans as part of its entry protocol, the first-ofits-kind for any Indian airport. Each passenger can now pass the modalities of the airport faster and more seamlessly — there will be no need to pass through the tedious process of shuffling with paper travel documents at various points, like check-in, security at immigration or while boarding your aircraft. Once your facial characteristics match the one on your linked database, one can zoom through all checkpoints. The idea though is not new. Already, the Government, under its DigiYatra programme is toying with the idea to make airports digital using Aadhaar and mobile phones as verification tools. Nevertheless, the use of facial biometrics, though new at our airports, is already a part of our lives — we use it to unlock our cellphones and laptops. Even the Unique Identification Authority of India, which already uses iris and finger print scans for Aadhaar validation, recently harped on the need for facial recognition. The prospect seems more adaptable given the rapid progress of science and technology as also Artificial Intelligence that has forced countries all over the world to transition.

But the question is whether biometrics are safe enough and tamper-proof. While they guarantee operational integration, we have to be particular about data privacy. As is the case with sharing of other biometric details, the data collected may be prone to be shared between airports, authorities as also the airlines. Some experts fear that if biometrics become too commonplace, users and executors might not use the kind of common-sense security measures that they use today and a glitch or two might even cost a physical breach of security. The data stored in a biometric network is more personal than any other kind of detail. While one can change one's passwords repeatedly to hoodwink hackers, one can't change one's fingerprint or iris scan. This means that once your biometric data has been compromised, there might be no going back. However, with the hyper-sensitive US introducing this technology at its many airports and systems putting in rearguard correctives, this is the way forward for ease of travel. It is vital that the Government puts in place the correct privacy and regulatory procedures to prevent the misuse and theft of biometric data. It is not enough to have a privacy law, the loss or manipulation of such data has major national security issues. We must wait for the government's proposed pilot drills till we spread it out across our entire airport infrastructure network.

# Love actually: When we change too

# Decriminalising homosexuality is just half the battle won. Will abrogating Section 377 change the way we perceive the LGBTIQ community? We must look beyond their physicality to the soul within



decriminalising homosexuality, India's first transgender college principal Manabi Bandopadhyay said it was like And in faraway Aligarh, Irfan wondered whether he would be finally treated as a partner of Prof Ramchandra Shrinivas Siras, who was allegedly murdered for a consensual same-sex relationship with him. Wronged and compromised for years, they are asking the big question, will the decriminalisation change the way we perceive the LGBTIQ community? Will the inclusion be whole-hearted and absolute without adequate legal protection? Though now they have the right to be jubilant, they weren't full-throated about it as they had worries on a day when extremist viewpoints still insisted that they could be toxic in a society and needed psychological redress. This despite the Court's explicit observation that divinity... Denial of self-expression is inviting

"homosexuality is not a disorder." In June 2018, the World Health Organisation's (WHO) 11th revision of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11) removed all trans-related diagnoses from the mental disorders chapter as "evidence is now clear that it is not a mental disorder, and indeed classifying it in this can cause enormous stigma for people who are transgender. Homosexuality was removed as a mental disorder in 1970 from the ICD.

Perhaps, that's the reason why the Supreme Court's ruling striking down Section 377 was a clarion call not just to the Government to do what it had been mandated to do — protect a citizen's right, even if it is of just one – but an appeal to society at large to be accommodative of its pluralistic worth. In fact, the ruling went way beyond the scope of the immediate subject to address the prevailing societal mindset of homophobia, paranoia and a presumed extinction by anything and anybody "other than us." This larger context of a reality check is amplified by the Court's observations that "majoritarian views and popular morality cannot dictate constitutional rights." Or that "no one can escape from their individualism. Society is now better for individualism...Autonomy of an individual is important. He or she cannot surrender it to anyone ... Identity is equivalent to



#### POINTCOUNTERPOINT

Rahul Gandhi is the biggest buffoon. He is an asset for us, the more he comes (to Telangana) the more seats we will win. -Caretaker Telangana Chief Minister K CHANDRASHFKHAR RAO



Instead of thanking the Congress, he (Rao) has behaved in a manner which is unbecoming of a Chief Minister. -Congress leader **ANAND SHARMA** 

# Parenting is no child's play

The responsibility of a child's education is not of the schools alone. Parental involvement is a crucial aspect. Parents can be the best advocates of defining their path



oo often, we hear of incidents of violence and shocking crimes being comyoung college-going students. This leaves me confused as to who should be held responsible. Though responsibility can be shared by many — schools, teachers and friends — let's not forget that parents play a critical role here. A child grows up in a family and spends a lot of time at home, yet parents pass the buck to others when their child goes off the track. Last year, the Delhi Government launched parenting workshops in Government schools for guardians of children appearing for class 10 and 12 board exams. The aim was to provide a conducive environment at home.

While I applaud the initiative, the ques tion is: Why be selective? Why only Government schools and parents of those students who were appearing for board exams were included in the programme? Is it that only children of Government schools are involved in all sorts of unexpected/anti-social activities? Is it that low performance of students in many private schools is not an issue? While not questioning the intention of such workshops, the only concern is whether they would yield immediate results. The most intriguing part of these initiatives is that they are not continuous and mandatory.

Performance in board exams is important but a desperate bid may not be fruitful. An attempt must be made to make such workshops/training programmes part and parcel of all schools. Such type of training sessions/workshops should be organised by schools, Government as well as private, more often than not. I feel there is a dire need for schools to co-opt parents in the upbringing of their own wards.

Parents entrust the entire responsibility for the child's learning and development to schools. Can parents absolve themselves of all responsibility by simply paying the fees? The parents' mindset of "we pay the fees and thus have the right to expect" is proving counter-productive for society at large.

**TEMPORARY REPRIEVE** 

Sir - This refers to the editorial

"Change for good" (September 7).

The Supreme Court's verdict decrim-

inalising homosexuality is welcome.

relationship as criminal, was archaic.

**LETTERS** TO THE EDITOR

The British-era law, treating same sex Sir — This refers to the editorial,

court's order, the Indian middle-class complex country like India, decriminal-

not its mainstream dispensation. Thus, bound to impact thousands of lives pos

the celebration of the LGBTQs can only itively. Politicians chose to opt for the

It is true that even as the LGBTQ The Supreme Court did what politi-



of their rights than duties. It hardly crosses their mind about giving; they rather expect. Here comes the need to educate the parents, who in turn will make concerted efforts and become a part of the growing up process of their childrer

While we are thinking of our younger population and planning to move to the next level with them, this mindset is not very progressive for society. Parents need to be more actively involved in their wards' growing up. A commercial mindset does not apply when it comes to a parent-child relationship. A lot of time and effort is required to imbibe the right set of values. Love and affection do not mean indulgence only out of guilt feeling. More shocking, there is another set of parents, who supports their children for all their wrongdoings. And by the time they realise it, it's too late. They do not think twice before blaming the teachers and educational institutions when the same child goes astray. For example, ask a student to re-do his/her work for better output, parents will come running to the teacher complaining that due to work pressure, the child has gone into depression.

How many parents inculcate reading habits among their children? They would Something scarier is that this attitude is pass- rather give them access to Facebook. Parents Gurgaon)

**SOCIAL CHANGE IS A MUST** 

"Change for good" (September 7).

be temporary - a long haul lies ahead. safe route mainly because the gay

M Ratan

Via email

go out of the way to gift their children the nost expensive mobile phones but do they eally take out time to find out how it is being nisused? How many parents teach their chil lren how to manage their performances, which is entirely different from getting their omework done? Do they think that trainng the child for delayed rewards is no less

If we go on to calculate the number of end in school in regard to ime spent outside, it will not be surprising that the latter would be more. So how do we expect the school to shoulder the responsiity entirely? But here, schools could pitch in by organising workshops/training sessions for parents. We cannot expect the younger generation to be better individuals while being uccessful if parents do not spend time with their children. Spending time does not mean indulgence. Sessions need to focus on imbibing values like saying 'no' for instance; maning performance; courtesy; goal setting; e management; discipline; interpersona haviour; ethical behaviour et al. Organising such sessions should not be

sidered as another burden for schools. These should be looked at as constructive mechanisms to ease things, leading to better performance. There should be a series of sessions where parents have to participate in compulsorily. At the same time, schools hould not be looking at these sessions as an end of their role. More often than not, it is observed that schools, in their bid to concentrate on the study part, forget to ingrain young minds with invaluable values or beliefs and compel them to face the competitive world.

În the end, it is felt that both teachers/schools and parents as partners will be able to bring in a sea change in the mindset of the youngsters. It is immaterial whether the student is in Government or private school. This has become a burning need now especially because of all the misdeeds often carried out by the juveniles. Society can never be a better place to live if parents think it is the responsibility of the schools and vice-versa. Instead, going hand-in-hand will go a long way. Better performance can only be expected after continued collaborative efforts by both parents and teachers. No quick-fix solution will help the cause.

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Noida

**Government must explore more sustainable biofuel options** 

community is too small for them to count on for any significant contribu tion in terms of votes. Not to mention the obvious orthodox and regressive mindset. But the battle is only half-won. There are bigger challenges. There is a need for an awareness drive to educate the ignorant or conservative masses to community is celebrating the apex cians could not in so many years. In a change/upgrade their mindsets. The need is to bring societal change. or a majority of the Indian people will ising Section 377 is indeed a progres- Though the judgment is much lauded, continue disliking homosexuality. For sive decision. Calling it historic would it's time to wait and watch as to how them. it is the nature's aberration and be an understatement. The verdict is society perceives the decision. **Bal Govind** Jatropha fuel).

his refers to the article, "Need to harness biofuel better" (August 30) by Sriraj Kota. SpiceJet's biofuel-powered flight from Dehradun to Delhi is an exciting development which should, hopefully, mark the beginning of an environmentally sustainable growth of the aviation industry. Carrying around 20 people, the Bombardier flight ran for 25 minutes on a fuel blend that was 75 per cent Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) and 25 per cent biojet diesel (330 kg of

# COMMENT & ANALYSIS

death.... Destruction of individual identity nomic, social and cultural rights for the comwould be tantamount to crushing of intrinsic lignity that cumulatively encapsulates the values of privacy, choice, freedom of speech and other expressions." In fact, Chief Justice Dipak Misra even quoted Goethe: "I am what I am, so inal works, what is needed is empowering the take me as I am." While empowering the most muffled voice, the Court also reminded that the Government should have followed the spirit as laid in the Constitution confidently instead of assigning the role to the Court as the purveyor and executor of justice. "Majoritarianism constitutionally is untenable. The Constitution is a dynamic document, having the primary objective of establishing a dynamic and inclusive society. We have to vanquish prejudice, embrace inclusion, and ensure equal rights." This is just not a comment on the aggressive muscularity of mainstream discourse but an appeal to introspect and self-correct pre-conceived notions of ninoritysm. It is a desperate call to ethical benevolence

The Court, while emphasising that history owes apology to the LGBTIQ community for nwarranted ostracism, even delineated the role of the Government in normalising humanity over sexual preferences, advising it to give wide publicity about LGBTIOs in the media and conducting awareness drives for Government officers. Therein lies the bigger challenge beyond remedial justice, that of ensuring access to eco- tourism economy too.

munity, to allow them a share of mainstream opportunities by valuing their mind and skill sets beyond their physical orientation. And while we have big names from the community doing semcommonest among them as a stakeholder in the country's economic development and social institutions such as education, families and health care.

A World Bank study on stigma and exclusion for LGBTIQs in India, collecting data from 2006, shows that 41 per cent of Indians would not want a homosexual neighbour and 64 per cent believe that homosexuality is never justified. This negative attitude has probably diminished over time with popular images of LGBTIQs as influencers and thought leaders too. Corporate India has already begun showing the way. The Tata group and IBM have expanded their diversity portfolio to include the community, private educational institutions like the Shiv Nadar school have awareness modules, hotel chains like The LaliT have included LGBTIQs in all services, from front desk to night clubs, and the Lakme Fashion Week featured them for the first time on the ramp with designers like Shantanu & Nikhil even putting out a marketable line of clothing. In fact, The LaliT's Keshav Suri sees a huge potential in the

Popular media, like Bollywood and particularly streaming platforms, are also reshaping the way we look at "otherness", as humans before their physicality. These have happened without Governmental intervention. But we still need laws to protect rights. The Government, on its part, needs to deal with issues of a civil union — What should be the rights of a partner? Would a marriage be allowed? Would all exist-ing legal spousal clauses apply to them? What should be the rights of inheritance? What about

insurance benefits? As of now, medical insurance is a nebulous area when it comes to transference rights to same-sex partners. What about discrimination and typecasting at the workplace and ensuring their participation in the larger labour market? The assimilation of LGBTIQs has a long battle ahead beyond the urban consciousness. In the hinterland and the vast countryside, where they continue to be castaways or seen as nature's aberration, a law that allows them to proclaim who they are may prevent them from a jail term but can it protect them from alienation and nonnclusion in community affairs?

Affirmative action is needed to first alter the perception among the disadvantaged sections of the community that they are not just beggars and sex workers but can be masons, carpenters and of employable worth. Apart from stereotypes, they, too, have the additional bur-

# Contrasting fate of two warriors Sadly at a time when the US was eulogising its warrior-statesman Senator John McCain, there was no respect

shown towards India's legendary saint-soldier, LT Gen Hanut Singh, whose premises were sealed in Dehradun



he 'profession of arms' bestows a certain nobility, morality and sovereign responsibility that are unmatched in its emotional import to the nation state. The selfless nature of its professional calling often necessi-

Constitution by paying the 'ultimate price'. In mature the armed forces serve under the civilian authority, their wilful adherence to the highest ethical standards, discipline and steel elevates their popular perception amongst the citizenry. This is especially true in lands of wounded civilisations, bloody history and ongoing combat commitments

like the Armed Forces of the United States or India). Within the comity of such forces, this culture is sustained by celebrating examples of its heroic past, individual gallantry and the saga of unimpeachable leadership. Beyond the ultimate victory or defeat of battles, it is raw courage and valour of the combatants that are revered for posteri-. Hence, a Vietnam is no less acred as an Iwo Jima, or in the ndian context, a 1962 as a 1971. Recently, two war heroes from hese lands met with starkly con-

trasting fate. The United States witnessed unprecedented scenes of national mourning, unfiltered grief and the dignity of a spontaneous outpouring, following the death of its Vietnam war hero and Senator, John McCain, whose memory cuts across societal and political divisions in the fracured nation.

The thoroughbred soldier and on of an Admiral, Naval Aviator John McCain was shot down while lying over Hanoi and was a Prisoner of War (PoW) who was tortured in custody for over five years. His physical disabilities, owing to his military services, nstincts as he blazed his way into

a political career that was marked by his trademark uprightness, blunt individuality and loyalty to his nation. In an amazing show of bipartisanship and grace, former

Presidents and one-time McCain-rivals, George W Bush (who defeated McCain in Republican primaries) and Barack Obama who defeated McCain in the Presidential run-off) heaped eulogies on the statesman-warrior and patriot that befitted the soldier to s nation

His daughter's loaded ode to the real hero, "We gather here to tates the combatants to honour their sworn commitments to the greatness. The real thing, not cheap rhetoric from men who wil never come near the sacrifice he gave so will tunistic appropriation of those who live lives of comfort and priv ilege while he suffered and served". or as Barack Obama movingly noted that despite their differ ences, "we never doubted we were on the same team".

> The America that John McCain had stood up for resolutely and dignifiedly was one where he slammed his own partyman Donald Trump from taking potshots at a fallen soldier, Captain Humayun Khan, about whom McCain said, "memory of his sac rifice will make us a better nation and he will never be forgotten"

Soldiers have institutionalise memories and they do not waver from their scriptures or beliefs, the most supreme among them being defending their country above

Sadly, around the same time, a reverse narrative was under way in India when the nation forgot its own iconic and almost mythic 'saint-soldier', Lt Gen Hanut Singh, as his abode in Dehradun was sealed by an ignorant, apathetic and insensitive municipal corporation.

The legendary Maha Vir Chakra (MVC) awardee, who assumed folklore while in service itself, had passed away in his ashram in Dehradun in 2015. Unsurprisingly, it was in the 'abode of gods and soldiers' that this ascetic and spiritually-inclined soldier spent his last years. The veteran community has been aghast and protested to what they never diminished the soldier's saw as an affront to the memory of the man who served the nation

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and its military, in the finest traditions as a dashing cavalier, feted hero and an unforgettable General The legend, who commanded the famous Poona Horse (only regiment to have won two Param Vir Chakras) in the decisive battle of Basantar in 1971, had his

regiment acknowledged by none other than the Pakistanis as 'Fakhr-e-Hind' (Pride of India) for his battle daredevilry. Much later, as a senior officer, his imprint and professionalism as

a 'soldier's-general', brilliant tactician and the greatest field commander were burnished — something that the equally legendary 'Thinking General' K Sundarii acknowledged by entrusting Lt Gen Hanut Singh with the command of 2 Corps. This contributed to mechanised doctrines in the evolution of Armoured Corps and Mechanised Infantry that stand the test of time. It is said soldiers do not die

Such biojet fuels are estimated to sig- cancer. The Government, therefore, should

nificantly reduce fuel costs of flights and rethink large-scale cultivation of such

consequently bring down fares and carbon trees. Instead, the Karanja tree, which is a

emissions. However, the problem with the native to India and traditionally known for

much-vaunted Jatropha is it is a harmful it's valuable medicinal and oil-yielding

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which chemically suppresses the growth of oil cake and 2,500 kg of biomass as green

other plants. Moreover, its seeds are toxic manure per year.

but tasty, which can prove fatal when acci-

dentally consumed and its oil can cause skin

IT IS SAID THAT SOLDIERS DO NOT DIE BUT ONLY FADE AWAY. HOWEVER GENERAL HANU SINGH'S UNIQUE CHARACTER. **RECTITUDE AND** JNCOMPROMISING PROBITY ELEVATED HIM WITHIN THE PANTHEONS OF INDIAN MILITARY HISTORY

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Gen Hanut Singh's unique charac- Dehradun ter, rectitude and uncompromising probity elevated him within the pantheons of Indian military history

A fellow clansmen of Lt Gen Hanut Singh from the Marwar region of Rajasthan, Major Shaitan Singh had fought 'to the end' in a tides and commercial compulfierce display of unparalleled courage, leadership and exemplary patriotism in the Battle of

Rezang La in 1962. Shaitan Singh (Param Vir Chakra) ties that raise questions about the was from the Kumaon Regiment and goes down in the glorious sol- the uniformed fraternity. dering traditions of Uttarakhand as a proud 'Kumaoni Officer'. It is this reciprocal dignity, appropriations and soldiering ethos that endure", holds true in all 'lands of were invoked by the titular head the free', be it the US or India. of the famed Marwar Rathores,

of Lt Gen Hanut Singh in but only fade away. However, Lt

In a quirk of fate, Major

Gaj Singh, in his plea to the Chief is a former Lt Governor of Minister of Uttarakhand to respect Andaman & Nicobar Islands and the memory and protect the abode *Puducherry*)

DECISIVE STEP

Sir — Telangana Chief Minister K mature elections, so that the phenom-Chandrasekhar Rao has taken a bold enon of simultaneous elections may and calculative move by dissolving the move a step forward. Premature dis-State Assembly prematurely.

Evidently, Rao has taken this and other Assemblies. If political bold step sensing his return to power rulers are so confident of their popwith a possible landslide victory, like ularity and work, they should also the one witnessed in the national exhibit courage as K Chandrasekhar Capital in 2015, where the Aam has done. Aadmi Party registered an unprece dented political victory, winning 6 out of 70 seats in the Delhi Assembly. To pave the way for gradual mov-

ing towards simultaneous polls, polit-

Chief Minister Harish Rawat would be personally conversant giving up their rights. with the sensitivities involved in

You can see why Israeli Governments might favour this view, since the matters of military, as like most / now only Palestinians over the age of 70 would qualify as refugees. here's only about 20,000 of them left, and they'll all be gone soon. However, Zionists might want to think twice before elevating this way of thinking about refugees into a general principle.

sions often combine to regress the sacrosanct into forgotten commitments. Much has been politically invoked in the name of the 'Indian soldier', vet it is these insensitivi-

he and Trump believe they hold all the cards. Trump recognised Jerusalem as Israel's 'eternal capital' last year, cutting the Palestinians out, and Netanyahu is convinced (probably correctly) that the rest of the world will come along eventually.

hat Trump ended US funding for UNRWA, he also cut off the \$200 million annually that the United States gives to the Palestinian Authority, the almost-puppet Government that administers the occupied Palestinian territories under Israeli supervision. When they are all hungry enough, he assumes, they will accept Israel's terms

Maybe so, but there is a flaw in the grand plan. US funding covered only a third of the UNRWA's budget and even less of the PAs. Other countries will continue to cover the rest, and are promising to raise their conributions to replace at least part of the American contribution. The Palestinians will definitely be hungry but probably not hungry enough to urrender unconditionally

If there was ever a time when such a radical strategy could succeed. t is now. Syria is off the board, as is Irag, and most of the other Arab states near Israel are so caught up in their obsession about the alleged threat from Iran that Palestine has dropped to the bottom of their priorities. But even now the Palestinians cannot simply be magicked away by some tricky redefinition of their rights, and even now there is a limit beyond which no Arab regime can go in terms of abandoning the Palestinians to Israel's and America's tender mercies. Nobody in the Arab world loves the Palestinians, but nobody wants to be the first to sell

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Madhu Agrawal

others in Uttarakhand, he too

real intent, extent and respect for

ly said, "A nation that does not

honour its heroes will not long

ical rulers at the Centre and States

should be courageous enough for pre-

solution should also be for Lok Sabha

As Abraham Lincoln famous

(The writer, a military veteran,

However, in India, political

belongs to a military family.

Donald Trump's efforts to erase Palestinian people have a serious flaw. They may be hungry but probably not hungry enough to surrender unconditionally

Who said this? "The weak crumble, are slaughtered and are erased from history while the strong, for good or for ill, survive. The strong are respected, and alliances are made with the strong, and in the end peace is made with the strong." Nietzsche? Goebbels? You-knowwho? No, it was Binyamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel and newly minted philosopher of power. He and his ally Donald Trump are on the brink of erasing the Palestinian refugees from history, or at least they think they are, and he was allowing himself a little moment of self-congratu-

He said it at the renaming ceremony for the Shimon Peres Negev Nuclear Research Center, where Israel makes its (unacknowledged) nuclear weapons. It was no coincidence at all that just the previous day President Trump had announced that he was ending all US financial support for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA).

UNRWA is the agency that has looked after the health, education, eding of the Pales driven from their homes during what Israelis call their 'Independence War' in 1948-49. It is funded by the voluntary contributions of UN members. and until this year, the United States has been picking up about a third of the bill.

It has done a good job in difficult circumstances, with half of its clients living in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and the besieged Gaza Strip, and the other half in refugee camps in Jordan, Syria and Lebanon. Palestinians are the best-educated population in the Arab world, and since 1948 their population has grown from 700,000 to five million.

This is not as fast as Israel's Jewish population, which has grown rom 550,000 in 1948 to about 6.5 million in the same period, but if all these Arab refugees were to go home, it would return the country to the half-Jewish half-Arab balance that prevailed in early 1948. For this reason, the Israeli Government has always been adamant that the Palestinians cannot return, no matter what international law says.

Israeli officials even insist that the Palestinians are not real refugees unless they were actually living in what is now Israel before 1948. Their children and grand-children should not inherit their status, and are, therefore, not entitled to claim either the 'right of return' or compensation for

The Jewish claim to Palestine is based on the idea that the ances-

tors of today's Jews were made refugees by the Romans about 2,000 years ago. If the rights of Palestinian refugees can be legitimately extinguished after the first generation, the Jewish claim becomes equally invalid. But this is just lawyers' talk, of course What really matters is power, as Netanyahu helpfully pointed out, and

Now they are going to starve the Palestinians out. In the same week

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dens of caste hierarchies to deal with. What is needed is a practical awareness drive that begins with the primary school network counsellors and trained teachers. Creating safe spaces for the LGBTIQ to talk about their issues, oviding them support and encouraging them to look at themselves beyond their sexuality as capable individuals is the next step. Otherwise, we will have ghettoised set-ups which are detrimental rather than being absorptive. There should be a layered legal redress system pan India where LGBTIQs can claim protection from bullying, violence and ostracisation. There should be a dedicated mental health service for the most deadening psychological battles that LGBTIQs face in their reintegration attempts. Human rights can only work if we are conscious about our duties as fellow humans. Decriminalising them is just a fraction of the battle won. We must look beyond their physicality to the soul within. That is why ou mythologies and epics talk about shape-shifting and sex-changing capabilities of divinity metaphorically urging us to look beyond the fixities of the material world and value the true core of being. But try invoking the allegories embed-

ded in epics and myths now and risk being trolled as a non-believer. Yet it is in these texts that we need to seek solutions and find our anchor for a just and healthy society. (The writer is Associate Editor, The Pioneer)



(The writer is an independent journalist)

To give impetus to trainer



# **Prove your fidelity, AIADMK tells BJP**

#### KUMAR CHELLAPPAN 🔳 CHENNAL

Like a husband who doubts the fidelity of his wife, the AIADMK came out on Friday accusing the BJP of having illegitimate relations with the DMK. Thampi Durai, the Lok Sabha Deputy Speaker who is the AIADMK's face in New Delhi, lambasted the Hindutva party of having secret under-standing with the DMK.

Speaking to reporters at Karur, his home constituency, Durai questioned the propriety and timing of the CBI raids on the houses of the AIADMK Ministers and the State Police Chief in connection with the gutkha scam. "The date in which the CBI raids took place is noteworthy. People in Tamil Nadu knew that M K Alagiri, elder son of Karunanidhi was holding a rally in Chennai against his younger brother and DMK President M K Stalin. The CBI raids were held on that day itself only to divert the attention of the general public from the rally staged by Alagiri," charged Durai.

He said the CBI could have conducted the raids on some other days. "There is every possibility of a secret deal between the BJP and the DMK. We have our own doubts about it. Why did the BJP sent a senior most Minister who happens to be a



the memorial meeting held in honour of Karunanidhi? The AIADMK was not invited for the so called apolitical meet-ing," charged Thampi Durai.

He said the BJP's handling of the Karunanidhi death was clear proof of it's new found love for the DMK. "Both the Houses of Parliament were adjourned without conducting any business. The Centre declared a day of mourning and national flag flew half mast. This is unheard of in the past," said Thampi Durai.

The Lok Sabha Deputy Speaker hinted that it was not proper on the part of BJP to depute its national leader to Tamil Nadu for a meeting held by the DMK which has not bothered to invite the AIADMK. 'We expect some kind of political decency," he said.

The AIADMK's outburst comes at a time when there are reports in the vernacular media about the possibility of the DMK com-

#### THE LOK SABHA DEPUTY SPEAKER HINTED THAT IT WAS NOT PROPER ON THE PART OF BJP TO DEPUTE ITS

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ing closer to the BJP. Though Stalin in his address to the General Council on August 28 had declared that his top priority was in teaching the BJP a lesson by sending it packing from New Delhi, veteran political commentators pointed out that these are muscle flexing seen

before alliance formation. "Even Karunanidhi had described the BJP as a communal party of the highest order and declared that he would not have anything to do with such a political party. Within two months he made a volte face and

aligned with the same BJP," said Raveenthrhan Thuraisamy, political commentator. He also pointed out that the group fighting in Congress in

the State has reached alarming proportions with factions owing allegiance to TNCC president Thirunavakarassar and former chief EVKS Elangovan fighting it out in the street.

#### Church sex scandal: Nun to move Kerala HC NAL to produce two-seater 'Bishop used to

#### behave badly with nuns'

#### VR JAYARAJ KOCHI

 $A^{\text{senior Catholic nun who}}_{\text{has accused Latin Catholic}}$ Bishop Franco Mulakkal of the Jalandhar Diocese of raping her several times or her family may approach the Kerala High Court on Monday in the context of the police's alleged reluctance to arrest him even as more nuns of the diocese have reportedly told the investigators about the bad experiences they have had from the prelate who, they said, used to embrace them forcibly.

A nun of the same diocese, who has already abandoned her religious habit after being fed up with the bishop's allegedly perverse behaviour, is said to have told the police team probing the rape charge team probing the rape charge against him that he used to touch the nuns, members of the Missionaries of Jesus congregation that came under his control, in immoral manner and embrace them forcibly.

As per reports, a minimum of 18 nuns had given up their service in the congregation due to the bad experiences they had had from the Bishop, especially during a Church programme he himself had implemented, 'A Day with the Shepherd', which necessitated the nuns to spend whole days with him. It is said that the Bishop

Kottayam district, 13 times in

used to call the nuns to his room even after evening in the two years. He had raped her name of prayer sessions held as first on May 5, 2014 when he had visited Kerala for taking part of the programme which was launched in the diocese in 2014 but only one nun would be allowed at a time. The programme had triggered wide-

Bishop during such prayer

sessions. Even the Mother

General of the congregation

had admitted to the police that

the programme, A Day with

the Shepherd, had to be sus-

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In her complaint to the

police, the senior nun, now 47,

had said Bishop Franco

Mulakkal (54) had raped her at

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Francis Mission Home, her

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out against it.

part in a Church programme in Thrissur, she had said. Meanwhile, the rape victim or her family is likely to file a spread protests from within the

petition in the High Court on congregation and even several Monday against the alleged reluctance of the Kerala Police priests in the diocese had come to arrest the Bishop, who hails from a Syro-Malabar Catholic One of the nuns who have family in Thrissur, despite the abandoned their religious habit fact they have collected ample has reportedly told the police that she had faced bad behavevidences and witness stateiour from the part of the ments against him.

There were rumours that the nun herself might hold a Press conference on Sunday to disclose details of her allegations in a bid to mount pressure on the police. The victim's family is convinced that the probe team headed by DySP K Subhash wants to arrest the Bishop at the earliest but the action is being delayed due to pressure from their superiors and political bosses.

The police have collected strong evidences and sufficoming days.

cient witness statements against trainer aircraft in the Bishop but they are not arresting him. Nothing will happen as far as the present police chief – DGP Loknath Behera – remains in that posijust one year KESTUR VASUKI 🔳 BENGALURU tion. In this situation, the only way before us seems to be to aircraft National Aerospace approach the court," said a brother of the victim. Laboratories (NAL), Bengaluru

Pointing out that the probe and Mesco Aerospace Ltd., New Delhi have signed an in the case had started 72 days ago, the family said the police agreement for the design, had already recorded the statedevelopment, production and ment of the nun six times marketing of two seat Hansawhile the only action taken in NG aircraft. NAL which comes the case of the accused was that under CSIR is expected to the probe team had recorded ease the availability of indigenous aircraft for pilot training his statement once and that too to obtain private pilot and in a "very generous manner" at his diocesan headquarters in commercial pilot licenses According to a press release Ialandhar.

issued in Bengaluru on Friday the aircraft will be ready for The family thinks that the police, who have already come first flight in the next 11-13 across a nearly two dozen months and will be certified contradictions in the statement given by the accused, under DGCA for commercial have been "questioning" the flights by March 2020. Post cervictim again and again with tification, the HansaNG shall the intention of finding conbe manufactured by Mesco Aerospace under a license tradictions in her statements agreement. Mesco Aerospace that could be interpreted in the Bishop's favour so that his would also set-up service cenarrest can be avoided or tre for Hansa and undertake delayed further. maketing of HansaNG in India The charge against the and abroad. As per the recent

Bishop, the disrepute and market reports, the immediate shame it has brought to the market potential for 2 seat air-Catholic Church and the craft in Îndia is about 70-80 airpolice's alleged reluctance to craft. The targeted selling cost of the aircraft would be around arrest the accused have sowed unhappiness among a large ₹80 lakhs for the basic version section of the Catholic laity in and ₹100 lakhs for fully loaded Kerala. Catholic organizations version, the release said. in Kochi have been preparing to stage protests against the Bishop and the police in the

According to press communiqué the pilots who have flown Hansa-3 aircraft have expressed that the aerodynamics, power and controls harmony

#### makes flying very comfortable

The Hansa-NG can also be used in bird reconnaissance at airfield, cadet training, coastal surveillance and hobby flying in the country. CSIR-NAL has built totally 14 production version 2 seat aircraft of Hansa-3 from 2001 to 2010 out of which 11 were delivered to DGCA, one aircraft to IIT-Kanpur and two aircraft are with CSIR-NAL out of which one has been leased to M/s Mesco Aerospace

Ltd. during Aero India 2017. According to press communiqué the pilots who have flown Hansa-3 aircraft have expressed that the aerodyand difficult covered with mud namics, power and controls and stones on which the group harmony makes flying very comfortable and the aircraft has Officials of Integrated Tribal got excellent flying characteristics. They suggested a few upgrades/modifications to nsa-3 aircraft by imple menting latest technologies and enhancing its roll and to make it more useful as a trainer aircraft. Now CSIR-NAL jointly with Mesco Aerospace Ltd will modify Hansa-3 aircraft by incorporating new technologies and bring out Hansa-NG (New Generation), which will satisfy the requirements of flying clubs for obtaining PPL (Personal Pilot License) & CPL (Commercial Pilot License) by the young generation. NAL director Jitendra Jadhav said this new aircraft developed here is going to change the complexity of flying for the trainee pilots and will have all the modern systems incorporated in it. Manoj Pandey, COO of the Mesco Aerospace signed the collabmalaria and brain fever claim a orative agreement.

# Hardik hospitalised following the complaint of breathlessness

#### NAYAN DAVE GANDHINAGAR

 $F^{\text{ollowing complaints regard-}}_{\text{ing breathlessness, the 25-}}$ year-old Patel quota stir leader Hardik Patel, who is on indefinite fast agitation seeking

ty, was admitted to a Government hospital by his supporters on Friday early evening.

outfit Patidar Anamat

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reservation for his communi- Andolan Samiti (PASS) is fasting since the past 14 days with his demand to avail reservation for his Patidar community in Government jobs and edu-

The convener of pro-quota cational institution under OBC category as well as waiver in farmer debts. From

Thursday onwards he has stopped taking water and as result of it his health started deteriorating speedily.

Hardik's close aide Manoj Panara said that PAAS supporters decided to admit their leader after he began to complain about breathlessness. It was necessary to give him treatment before he lost consciousness and went into coma, stated Panara while talking to media persons. PAAS support-

claimed adding that he will continue fast agitation from hosers admitted Hardik in the pital and would not take either hospital against his wish, he water or solid food.



Doctors and police personnel monitor Patidar Anamat Andolan Samiti (PAAS) leader Hardik Patel's health a she is taken to be admitted into a hospital in Ahmedabad on Friday

Hardik, who has been on indefinite strike, had stopped

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consuming water from Thursday evening after his deadline for State Government to to initiate talks with him end pped without any response. The State Government on its part only once spoke on the fast in past 14 days, with industry minister in Vijay Rupani government dubbing Hardik's agitation as "Congress-led". The bedridden PAAS convener also reacted from hospital in social media that the BJP led Government was ignoring demands of Patidar as well as farmers issues. Sources in the Sola civil hospital where Hardik has been admitted said that a team of 10 doctors including a nephrologist was attending the pro-quota leader. Patel's blood and urine samples have been taken to check whether the fast has had any impact on kidneys or liver of Hardik, who is said to have by the Opposition lost around 20 kg of weight during the last one fortnight.

**ORDEAL OF A TRIBAL HAMLET IN ANDHRA** Woman delivers in open

OMER FAROOQ HYDERABAD

The sub human conditions, L utter lack of basic health care and absence of accessible roads in the tribal areas of north coastal Andhra Pradesh districts were brought into focus by a youth who used his mobile phone to shoot a shocking scene of how a pregnant lady had to deliver in forest midway her journey on the shoulders of men.

The video which has gone viral on the social media and was also being shown on TV channels all over, shows how the woman Muthamma was carried

jungle, youth shoots video to wake up Govt



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nara, Hardik consuming water after his deadline for the State Government to initiate 'talks' with him ended on Thursday evening. On the other hand State Government representative and Gujarat's Minister for energy Saurabh Patel said that PAAS never came before the State Government for dialogue, in fact it was leaders of Patidar organisations (religious and social) took initiative and trying to mediate between PAAS and the State Government. The Minister also made a remark that Hardik's agitation was inspired

According

in a make shift palanquin (a piece of cloth hanging from a bamboo pole carried by men folk on their shoulders) as there was no road to connect their hamlet atop a hill to the hospital seven kms away. The incident happened on Tuesday last in Maasika Valasachintala under Saluru mandal of Vizianagaram district of Andhra Pradesh.

When only half the distance was covered on foot through difficult terrain the pains became unbearable for Muthamma and she was forced to deliver in the open forest with the help of a couple of women. With the woman sitting in the background, the tribal youth explained her ordeal and how their frequent appeals to the Government for a road were ignored over the years. The video also ha a chilling

have road connectivity. Though Government sanctioned ₹5.5 crore last year to lay a 9.8 kms long stretch of road. no contractor came forward to take up the work in difficult terrain and

scene of how the umbilical cord

of newly born boy was cut by two

men with a blade. The video said

that both the mother and baby

were safe. "With nobody coming

to our help despite our appeals

we are forced to carry our seri-

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Development Agency say that

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The visuals show the narrow

making an appeal for help.

work could not be completed. Vizianagaram is one of the three north coastal Andhra districts parts of which are called agency areas inhibited by the tribal people. While the industrialised and prosperous port city of Visakhapathanam shows the brighter side of the region, the poor and neglected tribal areas and the sufferings of their inhabitants remain unreported and ignored. The incident involving Muthamma was norm rather than exception in the region. The health care facility in the region is so pathetic that every year seasons diseases like

large number of lives.

# Gutkha scam: Former cop says he is innocent

#### KUMAR CHELLAPPAN CHENNAI

Congress party.

 $T_{\text{Central Bureau of}}^{\text{wo days after the}}$ Investigation officials raided his house in Chennai's Anna Nagar residential area, S George, former Commissioner of

Police, said that he had no role n the multi-crore gutkha scam.

"I was not the Commissioner of Police when the pay-offs as alleged by the petitioner happened in Chennai. The petition states that huge amount of cash was handed over to the Commissioner of Police in three specific dates. But had been transferred out of the COP's post much before that and was brought back only towards the end of 2016," George told reporters at his house on Friday.

The former super cop of Chennai said reports about his name figured in

gutkha manufacturer were wrong. "My name does not figure in the FIR filed by the CBI," he said. When he was asked about a noting in the diary seized by the Income Tax Department raid from the residence of Madhava Rao that stated that ₹15 lakh

commissioner on Christmas Day, George said he does not know anything about it. "Someone might have collected that money by falsely stating that it was for me. I don't know anything about it," said the former police com-

missioner. Meanwhile D Jayakumar, Tamil Nadu Minister for fisheries, who is also the spokesman of the Government, said that there was nothing strange about the CBI raids on the resi-

dences of Minister Vijaya Bhaskar, police chief T K Rajendran and former Minister Ramana.

The Governor administra-tion changed the police leadership in Jammu & Kashmir amid growing incidents of violence and ahead of proppsed polls for local urban bodies and panchayats.

Dilbagh Singh, a 1987 batch Indian Police Service officer with several counterinsurgency assignments under his belt on Friday took the baton from outgoing police chief Shesh Paul Vaid who was transferred to hold the charge of transport commissioner.

Singh is already holding the post of DGP Prisons and has been ordered to hold charge of Director General of J&K police in addition to his own duties. The order to this effect was issued by State Home Department through Principal Secretary Home late on Thursday evening.

The change in police leadership was in circulation since the beginning of this month when a major crisis erupted after militants abducted nearly a dozen close relatives of police-

J&K gets new police chief KHURSHEED WANI STINAGAR men and officers in south father of Hizbul Mujahideen Kashmir region to deter security forces from taking on relatives of terrorists in their pursuit. After the abduction spree, the

authorities released several close

relatives of terrorists including

'Operational commander' Rivaz Naikoo from a police station in Awantipora. The unofficial swap has not gone down well with the top brass in Union Ministry of home affairs, sources said.

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- 5. The sale shall be subject to the terms and conditions prescribed in the Act, Rules and the conditions prescribed in the detailed terms and conditions published in the website.
- 7. For further details contact the Authorised Officer C/o Syndicate Bank, No-1 Najaf Garh Road, Nangloi, Delhi-110041. Mob: 9968309015 Ph: 011-25943353, 25943319

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The interested bidders are requested to visit the Bank's Website for detailed terms and conditions of the auction sale which may be read as part and
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Place: New Delhi For The Syndicate Bank,
Date: 07.09.2018 Authorized Officer

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Telangana to be announced in due course. Whenever a

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Supreme Court's guidelines

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sion and in any case within 6

months from date of prema-

ture dissolution of the

Assembly," Rawat said.

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# Quick KCR kicks off CEC calls KCR's statement preposterous election campaign

## **Blames** Cong for early polls

#### OMER FAROOQ HYDERABAD

A day after the dissolution of the State Assembly, Telangana Rashtra Samiti president and care-taker Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao kicked off his party's election campaign with first meeting in Husnabad even as the Opposition parties were fraying to catch up with him.

KCR who has a fad for astrology, Vastu and numerology and goes strictly by the advise of Pundits chose Husanabad in Siddipet district for sentimental reasons as he had launched his successful 2014 campaign from the same place. Earlier he worshipped at a temple in his own constituency Gajwel.

Addressing the "people's schemes are before your eyes",

Kolkata: Bengal Chief Minister

Mamata Banerjee has called

upon the Bengali speaking pop-

ulation of Assam to rise up

Government's nefarious designs

to throw them out of the north-

eastern State. She was speaking

against the alleged victimization

of Bengalis in the name of preparing the National Register

against the

of Citizens (NRC).

Central



blessings meeting" KCR sought the support from the people for a second term to ensure continued development of the State. "Congress is responsible for

our decision to go to polls ahead of schedule. Congress leaders levelled baseless allegations which endangered the stability and development of the state and there was a threat of officials getting demoralised"he said.

Recounting the work of his government over the last four years including faster economic development and 24 hours free power supply to farmers he said, "the results of our efforts, development and welfare



he told the voters

"As Congress leaders are unable to see the development in arms and the Election the state they should get their eyes tested and tested", KCR said. Commission of India has also expressed its displeasure. Soon after the Telangana Meanwhile other parties Legislative Assembly was dis-

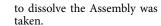
have also stated chalking out the plans for their campaign. Andhra Pradesh Chief

to pave way for early polls, KCR expressed confidence that the Minister and Telugu Desam national president N Chandrababu Naidu will arrive election in Telangana would be held in October along with four in Hyderabad on Saturday to other States and results will review the preparations by the Telangana unit. His visit come out in December first week. While

assumes significance in view of Opposition Congress alleged speculations that TDP may that there was a nexus between TRS and the CEC, Communist reach an electoral understanding with the Congress party BJP national president Amit Shah will visit the state on Party of India delegation led by national general secretary

Suravaram Sudhakar Reddy met the Chief Election September 15 and was expected to kick off his party's campaign from Mahbubnagar. Congress leader and UPA Commissioner OP Rawat and

lodged protest against KCR's chairperson Sonia Gandhi was statement. expected to visit on September 16 and assess meetings in the aspects were discussed with Karimnagar and Nizamabad. the ECI officers before decision the aspects were discussed with



W<sup>ith Telangana acting</sup> Chief Minister K CEC Rawat has also expressed his displeasure and Chandrasekhar Rao virtually termed KCR's statement as announcing the election dates eposterous and uncalled for". The questions has come up for the State Assembly, the Opposition parties were up in because the Telangana assembly

was dissolved even though 8 months of its present term were remaining. Timing of the polls has become crucial because an early election was being seen as advantageous to the State's rul-

ing Telangana Rashtra Samiti. The speed with which the State Governor ESL Narasimhan accepted the recommendation of the cabinet and the way all the legal and administrative formalities were completed to issue a notification of the dissolution by the Legislature Secretariat has also raised many an eyebrows. State Chief Electoral Officer

Rajath Kumar was summoned by the Election Commission to Delhi to discuss the preparations for election including the status of ongoing revision of

electoral rolls. Telangana Congress president N Uttam Kumar Reddy alleged that there seems to be a match fixing

between the TRS and the Election Commission. Referring to the claims of KCR that he was talking to the Election Commission, Reddy questioned its propriety before the dissolution of assembly. "What they

were talking", he asked. Pointing out that as per the schedule the electoral rolls revision should continue till January Reddy asked how election can be possible before that.

CPI general secretary S Sudhakar Reddy after meeting CEC in New Delhi today said that only Election Commission can announce the schedule of the election. "How Chandrashekhar Rao can say when the elections would be held. We have con-

veyed our strong objection over it". Telangana Jana Samiti president Kodandaram demanded that the state should be put under president's rule as there were fears that election under KCR as carre taker Chief Minister will not be fair.

State BJP leaders including floor leader G Kishan Reddy met the governor Narasimhan and urged him to keep an eye on KCR and ensure that he doesn't misuse his power.

# EC to send team of officials to Hyd on Sept 11

#### PNS NEW DELHI

The Election Commission I on Friday decided to send a team of officials to Hyderabad on September 11 for making an assessment of the poll preparedness of the machinery in the State where the ruling Telangana Rashtra Samiti has sought early elections by dissolving the assembly. After a meeting with EC officials, the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) OP Rawat said the EC would assess if the polls in the State could be held along with four others, dismissing "astrological predictions" over the dates. The CEC also stated that the Commission will assess the possibility of holding the polls along with Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Mizoram.

the report to the election com-

mission after the completion of

the visit," the EC said in a state-

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Earlier in the day, CEC

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submission of bids is 28/09/2018.

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ment.

Some media reports on "In view of the dissolution Friday said that Rawat of the state legislative assembly appeared to hint at the possiof Telangana, the Commission bility of early elections in has decided to send a team of Telangana. The CEC hinted ECI officials to assess the sitthat elections in Telangana uation in the state regarding may be called along with the poll preparedness. A team of polls due in four other states in ECI officials headed by Umesh December this year, a report Sinha, Senior Deputy Election Commissioner, will be visiting said. According to officials, the Hyderabad on Tuesday, 11 September 2018 and will give

EC will also assess about how many EVMs and VVPATs need to conduct Telangana assembly polls. The EC will also assess whether is it possible for the EC to conduct these polls along with 4 other states whose assemblies expire in December/January.

The Congress and some other opposition parties cried foul over the development, calling it the result of a "dubious pact" between Rao and Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Speculation was rife over the last few weeks about the likelihood of Rao going for an early election as he did not want national issues raised during the next year's Lok Sabha polls to overshadow local factors, which the Telangana Rashtra Samiti(TRS) feels, are in its favour.

#### Hit the streets against NRC, Another bridge goes down with a truck in North Bengal Mamata tells Assam Bengalis PNS KOLKATA

being subjected to in the name of NRC. Indicating that NRC would become one of the counter electoral issues for the TrinamHit the streets against NRC: Didi tells Assam Bengalis TMC in Bengal particular-ly in places (read border districts) where the BJP has been trying to rouse passion against alleged "infiltration from Bangladesh," Banerjee said "the Bengalis of

against the harassment they are

Assuring all cooperation if they hit the streets against the Assam should come out in the open. We will remain by their NRC regime she said has told a Bengali newspaper that the side. Take out rallies and tell the Bengali-speaking people of people of the country what ordeal you are being subjected to in the name of NRC." **PNS** Assam will have to generate a countrywide public opinion

Three days after a major Three days and a map Majherhat area killing three persons and injuring 26 others, two of them critically - and throwing a major portion of about 10 lakh strong South-eastern Kolkata traffic out of gear perhaps for a few years - a second bridge, a small one caved in at Phanshidewa block in Siliguri in North Bengal, sources said. The bridge covering a small

river caved in from the middle taking down along with it a loaded truck injuring the driver who was rushed to the North Bengal Medical College Hospital,

she was being given necessary

An old bridge that connects Manganj and Phansidewa areas to Siliguri collapsed in north Bengal, leaving a truck driver injured. Phansidewa is around 22 km from Siliguri

**OMER FAROOQ** HYDERABAD

solved on Thursday afternoon

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KCR had also said that all

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sources said. Reacting to the accident North Bengal Development Minister RN Ghosh said the bridge was built in the Left Front era way back in 1995 and badly required repair.

# **SHEENA BORA MURDER CASE CBI** court rejects Indrani's bail plea

Says security, health reasons cited by accused as "exaggerated

ing her in a separate cell where she was under round-the-clock CCTV surveillance. "If the present prison cell is not adequate, then the authorities are at liberty to shift her to a different cell or provide further security in the present cell," the Judge said.

the pills which caused the illness and that the jail authorities and doctors at the State-run JJ Hospital could provide her adequate medical care. The agency had also informed the court that

when she had applied for bail in 2016.

On its part, the CBI had told the court that releasing Indrani on the two un-founded grounds would be prejudi-Indrani's health was fine and that cial to the Prosecution's case.

B'luru to introduce soot-free buses to reduce pollution KESTUR VASUKI 🔳 BENGALURU

T city Bengaluru being one Lof the fastest growing cities in the world will be introducing zero emission buses soon to reduce air pollution. With a fleet of over 7000 buses Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) buses will be part of the soot-free urban bus fleet campaign launched in 2015 by The International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT), a non-governmental international research organisation based in San Francisco. The congested Bengaluru has been a victim

of growing urbanization and government plans to control the growing air pollution. The Soot-free campaign is

also being implemented by ICCT in Abidjan, Accra, Addis Ababa, Bangkok, Bogota, Buenos Aires, Casablanca, Dar es Salaam, Dhaka, Istanbul, Jakarta, Johannesburg, Lagos, Lima, Manila, Mexico Čity, Nairobi, Santiago, Sao Paulo, and Sydney.

Ray Minjares of the ICICT

Addressing affordability and scaling up of sustainable trans-

buses on the road.

ciation with the International Association of Public Transport (UITP) India office in Bengaluru a week ago to reduce the air pollution. As per the agreement for the next three years, ICCT will offer technical guidance to BMTC on fleet modernisation with the induction of electric buses with an objective of achieving zero emission, air pollution and help improve quality of life in city. Besides technical guidance, ICCT also will help BMTC to attract finance for procuring technology, building depots

among others.



said in an international conclave on "Towards Clean and Low Carbon Mobility:

port, the new assessment organized by Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), New Delhi, Bengaluru is the only city in India recently signed an agreement for the soot free

He said the agreement was signed between BMTC Managing Director V Ponnuraj and ICCT in asso-

### unacceptable"

#### TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

Aspecial CBI court on Friday rejected the bail applica-tion of Indrani Mukherjea, the key accused in the Sheena Bora murder case, after dismissing her claims about her "ill-health" and the threat to her life in the prison as "exaggerated and unacceptable".

While hearing her bail plea on the grounds of "ill-health" and alleged threat to her life, CBI Judge JC Jagdale said that Indrani was much safer inside the prison than outside, while he said that the accused had also made a similar claim when she had applied for bail in 2016.

Indrani, who has been lodged at Byculla women prison ever since she was arrested in August 2015 for the murder of her daughter Sheena Bora, had applied for bail mid last month, citing "ill-health" and threat to her life. While citing two instances of her hospitalisation for drug overdose, she had alleged that someone in the prison was trying to "poison" her.

While rejecting Indrani's bail plea, the Judge said that Indrani was exaggerating the issue and said that, as per the prison authorities, she had been given adequate security by lodg-



NALCO (WR) office, Mumbai invites online digitally signed offers or e-procurement site of CPP portal in two parts for providing services to nationa aluminium co Itd for cargo handling stockyard & warehousing, delivery etc. fo domestic sales at Vadodara, Gujarat. Las date for Bid Submission is on 17.09.2018 at 1400 hrs. Interested bidders may vis www.eprocure.gov.in for downloading the tender and submission of offers. Any updates / corrigendum / extension, sha e hosted in the above website only.

treatment whenever required. Alluding to Indrani's hospitalisation, the CBI had argued While not lending much of that the court that the accused credence to the claim of "illhealth" made by the accused, interacted with fellow inmates in the court after hearings and one the Judge noted that she had also cited similar health reasons of them might have given her

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No. D/1385/A0/EDU/SDMC/HQ/2018 Dated - 07th Sept 2018 Applications are invited from eligible candidates for 01 post of IT Consultant (Education) purely on contract basis initially for a period of six months (Fixed Monthly Remuneration = Rs. 40,000/-). The applications may be addressed to the Director (Education), 23rd Floor, South DMC. Dr. S.P.M Civic Centre, New Delhi -110002. The completely filled applications along with documents may also be sent on the mail id : dir\_edu@mcd.gov.in. Only duly filled up application form along with relevant documents may be submitted on or before 17.09.2018 till 5.00 P.M. Please visit on the website of the SDMC (http://mcdonline.gov.in/ tri/sdmc\_mcdportal/) for further information. AO (Education), SDMC RO. No. 88/DPI/S/2018-2019

#### **CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS**

The Deputy Director (Horticulture), Horticulture Division-II, CPWD, I.P. Bhawan, New Delhi on behalf of the President of India invites online percentage rate tenders from approved and eligible Contractors registered in Nursery Category of CPWD (for works at SI. No.1 to 3) for the following work:

I.NIT No.: 99/DD/HDII/DB/2018-19, Name of Work: M/o Garder area attached to Hon'ble MP's Bungalows/Flats etc. under Hor Division-II, CPWD, New Delhi, dg. 2018-19. (SH:- Providing and display of Marigold (Tagetes) Inca Hybrid Flowering plants.) Estimated Cost **Rs. 26,48,600/-**, Earnest Money **Rs. 52,972**/ Period for completion – 03 Months. Form-7

2.NIT No.: 100/DD/HDII/DB/2018-19, Name of Work: M/o Garden area attached to Parliament House Complex under Hort. Sub Division-I/II, CPWD, New Delhi, dg. 2018-19 (SH: Providing and display of Marigold jaffri and Salvia flowering plants.), Estimated Cost Rs. 9,90,350/-, Earnest Money Rs. 19,807/-, Period for completion – 02 Months. Form-7

3.NIT No.:- 101/DD/HDII/DB/2018-19, Name of Work: M/o Garden area attached to M.P.s Bungalows / Flats under Horticulture Sub-Division-3/II, CPWD, New Delhi dg. 2018-19. (SH: Providing and Displaying of different colorful flowering plants at site of work). Estimated Cost Rs. 24,53,926/-, Earnes

Money **Rs. 49,079/-**, Period for completion – **60 Days. Form-7** 4.NIT No.: **102**/DD/HDII/DB/2018-19, Name of Work: M/c Garden area attached to M.P.s Bungalows / Flats under Horticulture Sub- Division-3/II, CPWD, New Delhi dg. 2018-19. (SH: Providing and Displaying of different variety of Chrysanthemum Plants at site of work). Estimated Cost Rs. 24,41,175/-, Earnest Money Rs. 48,824/-, Period for completion – 03 Months. Form-7

5.NIT No.: 103/DD/HDII/DB/2018-19, Name of Work: M/o Garden area attached to VVIPs Buildings under Horticulture Sub-Division-3/2, CPWD, New Delhi dg. 2018-19 (SH: Providing and Displaying of Mounted Plants), Estimated Cost Rs. 15,65,520/-, Earnest Money Rs. 31,310/-, Period for completion – 75 Days. Form-7

Last date & time of submission of bid is 17-09-2018 upto 15:00, and date of opening is 17-09-2018 at 15:30. Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website www.tenderwizard.com/cpwd or www.cpwd.gov.in



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- Cost Of Blank Tender
- :-Rs.20,000/-(Rs. Twenty Thousand only) (Through Online Only) :-Rs.50,00,000/-(Rs. Fifty Lakhs only) (Through Online Only)
- Earnest Money Deposit Tender Documents Will Be :- www.mahatenders.gov.in.
- Available On
- Document Download Start Date : 10/09/2018 From 10:00 AM
- Pre-Bid Meeting Date :- 17/09/2018 At 11:00 AM Last Date For Online Submission : 01/10/2018 Upto 05:00 PM
- :- " 0 " no. Meeting Hall, Near P.R.O. Office, Pre-Bid Meeting Venue
- Shri Saibaba Sansthan Trust, Shirdi All Terms and Conditions for :- www.mahatenders.gov.in
- 8. E-Tender are Available On
- The required necessary documents should be scanned and to be uploaded along with the E 9.
- 10. Technical Bid Opening Date Will be informed by Sansthan :-
- 01). THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SHRI SAIBABA SANSTHAN TRUST, SHIRDI, RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL TENDERS WITHOUT ASSIGNING ANY REASON THEREOF 02). RATE QUOTED SHOULD BE INCLUSIVE OF ALL TAXES WITH GST.
- 03). PAYMENT AGAINST TENDER COST AND EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT WILL BE MADE STRICTLY THROUGH ONLINE ON <u>WWW.MAHATENDERS.GOV.IN</u> WEBSITE. NO TENDER SHALL BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT THE EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT.
- MINIMUM QUALIFYING CRITERIA AND THE DETAILS OF THE DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED THROUGH TECHNICAL BID (ENVELOPE NO.01) ARE MENTIONED IN THE TENDER DOCUMENT AND CAN BE VIEWED ON OUR WEBSITE: WWW.SAI.ORG.IN. ALL SUCH DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE DULY ATTESTED, SCANNED AND UPLOADED ALONG WITH THE E-TENDER.

(SMT. RUBAL AGARWAL, I.A.S.)

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

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#### e-Procurement Tender Notice 1. Tender ID No. 2018\_NDMC\_158020\_1 Subject: Improvement to drainage system in R-I Division Area. SH:- Improvement of drainage system at Bhagwan Dass Road from Tilak Marg to Mathura Road. Estt. Cost: Rs. 9,09,782/-2. Tender ID No. 2018\_NDMC\_158007\_1 Subject: - MLALADS Work in New Delhi Constituency. SH:- Providing and Fixing CC Interlocking Paver/Kharanja at Princess Park-I, Mahatma Jvoti Rao Phule Marg. Estt. Cost : Rs. 13.59.798/-Date of release of tender through e-procurement solution : 05.09.2018 Last date/time for receipt of tenders through e-procurement solution 17.09.2018 upto 4.00 PM. 3. Tender ID No. 2018\_NDMC\_158069\_1 Subject:- Repair and Maintenance Infrastructure Assets in R-I Division during 2018-19 Sub Head:- Thematic painting on existing face of Ranjeet Singh Flyover at **Babar Road crossing** Estt. Cost: Rs. 12,72,046/-Date of release of tender through e-procurement solution : 06.09.2018 Last date/time for receipt of tenders through e-procurement solution 20.09.2018 upto 4.00 PM Further details can be seen at https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in Note:- To participate in e-tender in NDMC registration with e-tendering system Government of NCT of Delhi is mandatory. Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R-I) To be The Global Benchmark for a Capital City





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The Executive Engineer, University Works Division, GGSIPU, Sector 16 C,
Dwarka invites on behalf of Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University
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Sub Head : ARMO of 11 KV Sub-Station.
NIT No. : 20/EE/UWD/Elect/2018-19 (Second call)
Estimated Cost : Rs. 12,43,078/-, Time of completion : 12 months,
EMD: : Rs. 24,862/-
The tender forms and other details can be obtained from website
http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in & www.ipu.ac.in Last date of



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India and the Czech Republic share historical, warm and friendly relations. My state visit is aimed at deepening our economic relations spread over trade, technology and investment collaboration. In our discussions, **President Zeman and I, reviewed** progress in our bilateral relations and discussed the roadmap for the future **Ram Nath Kovind, President of** India



#### It has now become essential to bring petrol and diesel under the purview of GST. As these two items are out of the GST, the nation has to bear a loss of about ₹15,000 crore. If petrol and diesel are brought under the GST, it will be better for all including consumers

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**Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Petroleum Minister** 



#### Business Cornei **POSOCO BAGS AWARD FOR INNOVATION IN HR**

Power System Operation Corporation Ltd. (POSOCO) has been adjudged amongst Top 50 Organisations for following Innovative in HR practices. Meenakshi Davar, Director (HR) received this Award in 17th Asia Pacific HRM Congress held in Bangalore recently.



PDIL INSTALLS DUSTBINS UNDER SWACHCHHATA CAMPAIGN

Projects & Development India Ltd (PDIL), Noida installed Dustbins ( Blue and Green colour) and provided Plants in Rajkiya Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya, New Ashok Nagar, Delhi on September 5, 2018 under Swachchhta IEC Campaign of Swachchhta Pakhwara 2018 in presence



of Chairman & Managing Director (CMD), PDIL, DS Sudhakar Ramaiah alongwith Principal & teachers of the School and Officials of PDIL.

#### SURESH PRABHU LAUDS AAI'S CSR INITIATIVES

Airports Authority of India's Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport, Varanasi signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) of ₹7.73 crore recently with Varanasi Municipal Corporation for solid waste management under Corporate Social Responsibility Initiative of AAI. On this occasion, a cheque of ₹3 crores was also presented to National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) for plantation on National Highway. Suresh Prabhu, HMC Aapplauded the efforts made by Airports Authority of India and Varanasi Airport.

#### **NTPC-NETRA SIGNS MOA WITH CIPET**

In July, Ford had announced recall of 5,397 units NETRA (NTPC Energy Technology Research Alliance), the R&D arm of EcoSport to rectify faulty front lower control arm and of NTPC Ltd, signed the driver and front passenger seat Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) recently with Central Institute of Plastics Engineering & Technology (CIPET) to accelerate



the renewable drive by establishing the technology framework for development & production of floaters for Multi-MW Floating photovoltaid (PV) plants.

#### NHPC AND BHEL SIGN MOU

NHPC Limited has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with BHEL for Consultancy and Cooperation in Hydroelectric Projects on 3rd September 2018 at its Corporate Office, Faridabad.

#### SEMINAR FOR ASIAN STATE OWNED ENTERPRISES!

R Vikraman, Director/HR, NLC India Limited, delivers a speech on behalf of Indian Public Sector Enterprises.

R Vikraman, Director/HR, NLC India Limited, Neyveli represented the Public Enterprises of India at a 2 day International Seminar conducted on the theme - Responsible Business Conduct in State-owned Enterprises at Hyderabad on 06-07th September, 2018.

The rupee on Friday staged a turnaround to close higher by 26 paise at 71.73 against the US dollar, snapping its seven-session losing streak after heavy intervention by the Reserve Bank.

PTI MUMBAI

Weighed down by trade concerns and rising crude prices, the Indian currency breached the 72 mark to trade at 72.04 to the dollar in morning trade.

However, heavy intervention by the RBI predominantly resisted the rupee's sharp depreciation and helped it rebound from record low lev-

Some calm returned to forex front with sentiment soothed by positive comments and confidence-building measures from the government after what was described as carnage.

Steady crude oil prices and a relief on the trade front as the US did not slap duties on USD

s more and more end users

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for a public consultation eased pressure on the local currency. Benchmark Brent crude

**₹ snaps 7-day falling** 

oil was trading at USD 76.74 a barrel in early Asian trade. The battered rupee lost a whopping 189 paise in the last seven trading sessions which

resulted in the worst sell-offs in the forex history.

The rupee resumed high-er at 71.95 from overnight level of 71.99 at the inter-bank foreign exchange (forex) market on bouts of dollar selling by state-run banks.

However, intense volatility pushed the rupee to break the 72-mark to hit a low of 72.04 on an intraday basis.

But, the local unit quickly bounced back to trade in positive terrain following central bank intervention. It later touched a session high of 71.65 before ending at 71.73, revealing a gain of 26 paise, or 0.36 per cent.

The Financial Benchmarks India private limited (FBIL), meanwhile, fixed the reference 200 billion of Chinese goods rate for the dollar at 71.9009 after the passing of a deadline and for the euro at 83.6744.

84% OF INDIAN HOMEBUYERS DON'T KNOW HOW TO

CHECK CONSTRUCTION QUALITY: MAGICBRICKS POLL

In the cross-currency trade, the rupee recovered against the euro to settle at 83.25 from 83.70 yesterday. The home unit, however.

remained weak against the Pound sterling to end at 93.19 per pound as compared to 93.08 and also eased against the Japanese yen to close at

64.70 per 100 yens from 64.69. The 10-year G-Sec yield also softened to end at 8.03 per

cent. The Indian currency stands out as one of the most vulnerable and worst performing currency in Asia this year so far

with a steep 13 per cent fall in value against the resurgent dollar bulls. Hardening concerns over slowing capital flows and a wider trade deficit could

stretch the funding of India's current account gap due to lower-than-expected goods and services tax collections increased volatility uncertainty in the midst of Trumps geopolitical mess and contagion spreads.

Ford India Modi pitches for investments in e-vehicles value chain recalls 7,249 units

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streak, rises 26 paise Drime Minister Narendra PModi on Friday pitched for investments in electric vehicles across the value chain from batteries to smart charging as he unveiled a mobility road map with common public transport as the cornerstone, saying better mobility can boost growth.

"Congestion-free mobility is critical to check the economic and environmental costs of congestion," he said addressing the Global Mobility Summit 'MOVE' here.

Stating that common public transport must be the cornerstone of mobility initiatives, he said focus must go beyond cars to other vehicles such as scooters and rickshaws. "Clean mobility powered by clean energy is our most powerful weapon in our fight against climate change."

With CEOs of global auto majors in attendance, Modi said the government is keen on "investments across the value chain from batteries to smart charging to electric vehicle manufacturing".

electric vehicles to account for 15 per cent of all vehicles sales in five years in a bid to curb greenhouse

As it failed

to report on

The Reserve Bank of India

gas emissions and dependency on fossil fuels. An estimated 2,000 EVs were sold last year. 'My vision for the future of

mobility in India is based on 7 Cs — Ćommon, Connected, Convenient, Congestion-free, Charged, Clean and Cutting

edge," he said. Stressing the need to wide-ly use common public transport to drive mobility initiatives, the Prime Minister said that focus must also go beyond cars to other vehicles.

"We must leverage the full potential for vehicle pooling to improve private vehicle utili-sation," he said. "Convenient mobility means safe, affordable and accessible for all sections of the society."

that public transport is preferred to private modes of travel as it would result in fewer traffic jams and lower levels of

stress for commuters. now poised to develop and

ing standards for people.

 $F^{\mathrm{ord}}_{\mathrm{is}}$  recalling 7,249 units of petrol EcoSport to update the powertrain control module (PCM) software. In a statement, Ford India said it is voluntarily inspecting 7,249 EcoSport petrol vehicles, manufactured between November 2017 and March

ware.

He said it must be ensured

"We should champion the idea of 'clean kilometers," he said adding Indian entrepreneurs and manufacturers are

deploy break-through battery technology that would mean a pollution-free clean drive, leading to clean air and better liv-

> Sensex gains 147

Subsequently, the bank had replied to the regulator on February 1, followed by representations on oral submission during personal hearing on April 14 before the Committee of Executive Directors of the RBI.

"The reply as well as oral submission made by the bank in the personal hearings and also additional documents furnished have not been found adequate by RBI leading to imposition of penalty of ₹10

"This is to inform that million," UBI said. Reserve Bank has imposed a However, the bank penalty of ₹10 million on the that the amount of the penalbank for delay in detection ty is not material considering and reporting of fraud. The the size of the bank. penalty has been imposed in The bank further said it exercise of powers vested in received communication from RBI on imposition on penalty on September 6. The bank has taken necessary preventive measures and has implemented a comprehensive corrective action plan to strengthen internal controls and to ensure that such incidents do not recur, it added.

staging a recovery.

RBI slaps ₹1-crore fine on Union Bank pts as auto leads rally

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#### A smore and more the area to buy and occupy, only 16% of wished to know the process to Indian homebuyers know how check the quality of their house, to check the construction qual- revealed a recent poll by

#### **NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS**

The Deputy Director, Horticulture, Horticulture Division-III, CPWD, New Delhi on behalf of the President of India invites ONLINE PERCENTAGE RATE TENDERS from approved & eligible Contractors registered in Nursery Category of CPWD upto 11:00 A.M. on 17.09.2018 for the following work: NIT No.: 143/2018-19/DD/HD-III/DELHI/2

Name of Work:- M/o Garden area attached to Raj Ghat under Horticulture Sub-Division-2/III, CPWD, Delhi Dg. 2018-19 (SH: Providing and displaying of Croton, Salvia and Poinsettia plants at top surrounding

ity of a residential project while Magicbricks. an alarming 84% of real estate consumers are clueless about the due diligence and just

Many buyers ignore the construction quality as it is not possible for a common man/buyer to check the construction materials used in a particular building. Lack of awareness is the

fraud on time biggest challenge in checking the construction of quality of PTI NEW DELHI buildings. Homebuyers must go through jargon such as seismic compliance, structural I has imposed a ₹1 crore safety certificate, earthquake resistant building but have no penalty on Union Bank of means of ensuring that hous-Îndia for failing to detect and report fraud on time. es are of good quality.

Explains V. Suresh, Vice-nairman of the National Building Code, the reference document for all buildings in India, there are four major components to quality of construction:

# The government is targeting

area planter of Main Samadhi), Estimated Cost Rs. 14,61,300/-, Earnest Money Rs. 29,226/-, Period for completion - 15 (Fifteen) Days. ast date of online submission of tender 17.09.2018 upto 11:00 A.M. and date of opening is 17.09.2018 at 11:30 A.M. The tender form and other details can be obtained from the website www.tenderwizard.com/cpwd or www.cpwd.gov.in

SBFC III SMALL Address: 762, Building No 7, 6th Floor, Solitaire Corporate Park, Andreri East, Murphai - 400093 | Telephone: +91 22 67875300 | SMALL BUSINESS FINCREDIT INDIA PVT. LTD. Fax: +9122 67875334 | www.sbfc.com | Corporate Identity Number: U67190MH2008PTC178270 (Erstwhile Mape Finserve Pvt. Ltd.)

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the Public that Auction of pledged Gold Ornaments will be conducted by Small Busines: Fincredit India Pvt. Ltd. (Erstwhile Mape Finserve Pvt. Ltd.) on or after 15th September 2018 at 10 AM a Lajpat Nagar Regional Office, Faridabad, Gurgaon, Panipat Branch address: K-17, IInd Floor, Lajpa Nagar -2. New Delhi -110024., 2B/1. First Floor, N.I.T. Faridabad, Harvana-121001 and 1st Floor, Propert No.342/9, Subhash Nagar, New Railway Road, Gurgaon-122001 & 1st Floor, Java Complex, Above Vijya bank G T Road, Panipat-132103, Haryana. In case the auction process is not completed on date 15th September' 2018 than for the remaining auction process shall be continued till 30th of September' 2018 till all auction items are sold off at the above mentioned Location.

The Gold Ornaments to be auctioned belong to Loan Accounts of our various Customers who hav failed to pay their dues. Our notices of auction have been duly issued to these borrowers. Tailed to bay their dues. Our notices of adduorinave been dury issued to intege borrowers. The Gold Ornaments to be auctioned belong to Overdue Loan Accounts of our various Custom mentioned below with branch name. Faridabad: PR00578381, PR00578381, PR00582291, PR00589044, PR00584169, PR00580400,

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Structural Non-Structural Finishing and Services

Structural includes elements such as column, beam, slab etc where you need a safety auditor to give you a report.



2018 asking why a penalty not be imposed on Union Bank of India under the Act.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION CONST. DIV. NO. I, JAMMI

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E-NIT No. CD-I/97 of 2018-19 Dated 04-09-2018

Executive Engineer PW (R&B) Construction Division No. I, Jammu Department Jamm on behalf of Governor of J&K State, invite tenders by e-tendering mode from approvi

and eligible contractors registered with J&K State Govt. upto 1600 Hrs on 19-09-2018 for

5.No.1 Name of Work:- Balance work for Completion of road from Chakroi to Nowabad vi

on behalf of Governor of J&K State, invite tenders by e-tendering mode from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K State Govt. upto 1600 Hrs on 19-09-2018 for the following work. SNo. 1 Name of Work: Balance work for Completion of road from Chakroito Nowabad via Hansa and Berla by way of construction of 10.00 Mtrs Span RCC Bridge on Choi Nallah on downstream side of road. 0.50 Mtr Span RCC culved (03 Nos.) and Edge Wall (125 Mtrs) including alled links by way of RBM Filling, Providing and laying 150mm thick WBM Grade-HI (Shing)ing JSmm thick WMM. 50mm thick BM and 25mm thick SDBC (Under NABARD). Name of Division : PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. I Jammu. Estimated Cost (Rs. In Lacs): - 93500. Time Allowed for complete on: - 06 Months Time & Date of Opening of tender : -20-09-2018 at or after (1100 hours) Class of Contractor :- "A" Class / Hot Mix Plant Holder S.No. 2 Name of Work: Construction of Examination Hall with Verandah including Toilet Block with Staircase and repairs / renovation of existing Block in Govt. Hr. Sec. School at Channi Himmat. Jammu. Name of Division :- PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. I Jammu Estimated Cost (Rs. In Lacs): - 329 Cost of Document (In Rs.) :- 1000/. Earnest Money (In Rs.): - 65900/. Time Allowed for complete on: - 02 Months Time & Date of Opening of tender :-20-09-2018 at or after (1100 hours) Class of Contractor :- "A" & "B" Class S.No. 3 Name of Work: - Rows Divn. No. I Jammu Estimated Cost (Rs. In Lacs): - 26.41 Cost of Document (In Rs.) :- 1000/. Earnest Money (In Rs.) :- 50820/. Time Allowed for complete on: - 03 Months Time & Date of Opening of tender :-20-09-2018 at or after (1100 hours) Class of Contractor :- "A" & "B" Class S.No. 4 Name of Work: - Providing and laying of 30mm thick SDBC on internal roads of Ilind Extension Gandhi Nagar. Jammu. Name of Division :- PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. I Jammu Estimated Cost (Rs. In Lacs): - 100.4 Earnest Money (In Rs.) :- 5000/. Earnest Money (In Rs.) :- 5000/. Earnest Money (In Rs.) :- 5000/. Earnest Money (In Rs.) :- 500

No. DIP/J-2619-P/2018

Dated:- 06.09.2018

Sd/- (Er. S. A Wani) Executive Engineer

PWD (R&B) Const. Div. No. I Jammu

higher by 29 paise at 71.70 (intra-day) against the dollar at the forex market. The domestic unit had hit a fresh life-time low of 72.11 before settling at 71.99 Thursday.

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Markets remained in better form for the second straight

session on Friday, with the Sensex

closing over 147 points higher as

auto shares zoomed on sus-

tained buying by domestic insti-

tutional investors amid the rupee

Trading sentiment got a massive lift following the government's decision to exempt electric vehicles (EVs) and automobiles run on alternative fuels from permit requirements in a bid to boost such vehicles in the country.

#### BHEL CELEBRATES LEARNING WEEK

BHEL Learning Week was inaugurated by Atul Sobti, CMD, BHEL, at the company's Corporate Office in New Delhi. Directors on the Board and other senior employees of BHEL were present on the



occasion. The week is being celebrated as a festival of learning and wil witness a series of managerial/functional seminars, programmes, competitions, technical symposiums and brainstorming sessions, emphasizing on the overall development of employees.

#### **ANS INDUSTRIES LIMITED**

Regd. Off.: 136 KM, GT Road, Vill & P.O Shamgarh, Karnal (Haryana) aad Off.: 144/2, Ashram, Mathura Road, New Delhi - 110014, CIN: L15130HR1994PLC03236 <u>ANĒ</u> E-mail : ansagro.limited@gmail.com, Website : www.ansfoods.com NOTICE OF 24<sup>™</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, BOOK CLOSURE & REMOTE E-VOTING INFORMATION

Notice is hereby given that the 24th Annual General Meeting of the Company wil be held on Friday, the 28th Day of September, 2018 at 11.30 A.M at the registered office of the Company at 136 KM, PO-Shamgarh, District -Karnal, Haryana 132116 to transact the business set out in the notice of AGM.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 91 of the Companies Act. 2013 and Regulation 42 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirement) Regulations, 2015, Notice is also hereby given that the Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018 to 28th September, 2018 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of ensuing Annual General Meeting of the Company.

Company is pleased to provide remote e- voting facility to shareholders through National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL), to cast their right to vote from place other than venue of AGM in respect of business set out in the notice of AGM The e-voting period commences on Tuesday, the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018 at 9.00 A.M. and end on Thursday, the 27th day of September, 2018 at 5.00 P.M. during this period shareholder holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form may cast their vote electronically, the remote e-voting shall not be allowed beyond the said date and time and Cut-off date for determining the eligibility to vote by remote e-voting 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2018.

Any person, who has acquired shares and becomes member of the Company afte dispatch of the notice and holding shares as on cut-off date, may also obtain the login ID and password by sending a request at e-mail-Id : evoting@nsdl.co.in or sm@masserv.com/ info@masserv.com. If already registered with NSDL ther Shareholders should use their existing user ID and password for casting their vote. In case if they have any grievances, queries or issue regarding e-voting, they may refer the Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs") and e-voting manual available at www.evoting.nsdl.com under help section or write an email to evoting@nsdl.co.in or make call at following toll free No. 1800-222-990 or contact Mr. Sharwan Mangla General Manager) of MAS Services Ltd (RTA) Limited at T-34, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Okhala Industrial Area, Phase-II, New Delhi-110020, Contact No.011-26387281/82/83, mail id-info@masserv.com/sm@masserv.com.

A member may participate in the AGM even after exercising his right to vote through remote e-voting but shall not be allowed to vote again at the AGM. Shareholders holding shares in physical form are requested to please provide update their Bank Details, PAN email ID, Mobile No. in the records of Company RTA. (MAS Services Limited).

In terms of SEBI notification SEBI/LAD-NRO/GN/2018/24 dated June 08, 2018, listed securities in physical form will not be transferred (except in case of Transmission and transposition of Securities) with effect from 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 Hence in your interest .it is advised to get their physical shares converted into Dema Form at earliest. For this purpose ISIN of the Company is INE234J01018.

Date : 06/09/2018

Place : New Delhi

For ANS Industries Limited

Sd/ (Manoi Mishra) Company Secretary ACS-18801

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice Inviting e-Tender The Executive Engineer, Building Division South-East (M-421), PWD (GNCTD), Police Colony, Hauz Khas, lew Delhi invites on behalf of the Presic ent of India antage rate tender in two bid condition for following

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

NIT No.: 63/South-East(B)M/New Delhi/2018-19. NIT No: 63/South-East(B)M/New Dehi/2018-19.
 Name of Work: A/R & MC Non Residential Building under South- East(Bidg)M, Sub Division-IV, during 2018-19 (SH: Repair of roof, floor and tollet renovation work at food and supply office Kasturba Nikean, Lajpat Nagar-II), Estimated Cost: Rs. 25.33, 793/. Earnest Money: Rs. 50,676/. drawn in favour of EE, CBMD M-421, PWD. New Dehi, time of completion of work 02 Months, The Last date & time for receipt of Tenders Hrough e-procuments is 17.09,2018 Jub 15.00 Hours.

Monitory, mo East-market a miniboli roscipto in children intrough e-procurement is 17.09.2018 uplo 15.00 Hours & Tender ID No 2018, PWD\_157917\_1. 2. NIT No.: 65/South-East [b]/MNew Delhi/2018-19 Name of Work: EOR to Residential quarters in Police Colony, New Friends Colony, South-East District, New Delhi during 2018-19 (SH: Replacement of doos desired a statement of doos indows and finishing work) (Additional work) Estimated Cost: Rs. 14,42,433/-, Earnest Money: Rs 28,849/-drawn in favour of EE, CBMD M-421, PWD New Delhi, time of completion of work 02 Months, Ti \_ast date & time for receipt of Tenders through urement is 17.09.2018 upto 15.00 Hours & Tend ID No 2018\_PWD\_157920\_1.

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6. NIT No.: 69/South-East(B)M/New Delhi/2018-19, Name of Work: Construction of SPS building for Police Station, Defence Colony, New Delhi during 2018-19, Estimated Cost: Rs. 25,23,245/. Earnest Money: Rs. 50,465/-drawn in favour of EE, CBMD M-421, PWD, New Delhi, time of completion of work C0 Months, The Last date & time of creceipt of Tenders through e-procurement is 17.09,2018 upto 15.00 Hours & Tender ID No 2018,PWD\_157926\_1. Further: details of the tender can be had from : http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in/nicgep/app DIP/Shabdarth/1652/18-19 DIP/Shabdarth/1652/18-19

, Sunita Tyagi D/o Komal Singh Tyagi R/o C-912, GC Centrum Ahinsha Khand-II, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad have lost my 2 original sale deed dtd. 9/12/2009, Doc. No. 15325 executed by Smt. Sneh Tayal in favour of Sunita Tyagi, and another dtd 3/9/2009, Doc. No. 10973 executed by Shri. Anil Tayal in favour of Sneh Tayal in office of Registrar VIII, Delhi in respect of my property (one portion on GF) 59-A/19,

Gali No. 3. Gurunanakoura. Laxmi Nagar Delhi-110092. Finder Contact:- 9999297882

#### **CENTRAL PUBLIC** WORKS DEPARTMENT

F.No. 54(1)/SSKHED/2018-2019/

Dated:-06/09/2018

#### Corrigendum

Name of work:- RMO AC Plant & Appliances at KSCH, New Delhi

E-Auction No. 6/AB/EE/ SSKHED/Auc./ 2018-19

Estimated Cost: Rs. 22,000.00 Earnest Money:

Rs. 2,200.00

Due to Administrative reason date of submission and Closing E-Auction are re-

extended as below: Date of submission E-Auction: 17.09.2018 upto

11:00 A.M. Date of Start E-Auction: 17.09.2018 at 13:00 Hrs **Closing E-Auction:** 17.09.2018 at 14:00 Hrs. Other terms and conditions shall remain same. **Executive Engineer (E)** 

SSKHED, CPWD, New Delhi.



# sport 11

# Bumrah strikes India's comeback

Indian bowlers clinch three wickets in quick succession to cut down England's advantage



English opener Alastair Cook plays a shot during his 71 run innings on the first day of Oval Test

#### PTI LONDON

pener Alastair Cook hit a patient half-century in the final match of his career as England reached 123 for one at tea on the opening day of the fifth and final Test against India at the Oval on Friday

The 33-year-old Cook, who is playing his final Test for England after which he will retire from international cricket, had eight hits to fence in his 177-ball unbeaten innings as he shared 60 runs with opening partner Keaton Jennings (23) and then forged an unconquered 63-run stand with Moeen Ali (23) for the second wicket.

At the break, Cook was unbeaten on 66 runs, while Ali was batting on 23 not out having faced 102 balls. Post lunch, India toiled hard and tightened their lines as the pacers got some seam movement. Jasprit Bumrah (0-31) and Ishant Sharma (0-17) bowled threatening spells, and could have easily accounted for both

batsmen. In the 31st over, Ajinkya Rahane dropped Cook (on 37\*) at gully off Sharma. Three balls later, Virat Kohli dropped Ali (on 2\*) at third slip off Bumrah.

Ali also survived an lbw shout in 33rd over off Bumrah, with India's DRS appeal being turned down. In fact he was lucky to survive this session at all, as Mohammed Shami (0-27) beat him on umpteen occasions but simply didn't find the edge.

Cook was more solid at the other end, and duly reached his 57th halfcentury off 139 balls to a rousing reception from the packed crowd. In doing so he put on 50 with Ali off 158 balls for the second wicket stand. Despite India's toils the break-

through didn't come, even as England scored at a slow pace with only 55 runs coming in the two-hour session with 100 coming up in only the 59th over Earlier, England made their best

start of the series, reaching 68-1 at lunch after skipper Joe Root won his fifth consecutive toss of the series and



Virat Kohli (right) shakes hand with Alastair Cook after he comes to bat in his final Test ICC

#### COOK GETS GUARD OF HONOUR FROM INDIAN TEAM, OVAL APPLAUDS

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LONDON: Alastair Cook received a guard of honour from the Indian team, a handshake from Virat Kohli and a standing ovation from the Oval crowd as he walked out to bat in his final Test Friday.

The 33-year-old Cook is playing his final Test for England after which he will retire from international cricket. a decision which he took earlier this

opted to bat.

to bat in his final Test.

Cook and Jennings brought up Cook as given a 'guard of honour' by the Indian team as he walked out Opening bowlers Bumrah and

week following a prolonged lean

As the batting great walked out to bat,

he got a guard of honour from the

shook hands with captain Kohli.

hundreds and 56 half centuries.

visiting side, at the end of which he

In 161 Tests, the country's highest

run-getter has so far scored 12,254

runs at an average of 44.88 with 32

Sharma found some movement in the initial overs, but the wicket turned out to be best for batting in this series so

The early movement disappeared very quickly as Cook and Jennings made a sedate start. Hanuma Vihari (0-1), who earned his maiden Test cap replacing Hardik Pandya, was also in chances action as he came on to bowl first-

change in the 14th over. It was his solitary over though, as Jadeja (1-36) and Shami took over bowling duties after the drinks' break.

only their second 50-partnership this series off 107 balls, and went on to put up their best opening stand in five Tests — 60 runs. Their previous highest was 54 at Trent Bridge.

Jennings though couldn't go on for longer, as he edged Jadeja to leg slip in the 24th over with KL Rahul adding another catch to his tally.

Ali and Cook then batted out the remaining session until lunch, with India hardly creating any threatening

England have already taken an unassailable 3-1 lead in the series with wins in Birmingham, Lord's and Southampton. India won the third Test at Nottingham.

#### SINGLES

#### WOODS AND MCILROY SHARE LEAD AT BMW C'SHIP

PHILADELPHIA: Tiger Woods fired his lowest opening round in nearly 20 years to join Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy at the top of the leaderboard at the BMW Championship on Thursday. The 14-time major winner Woods and McIlroy have a one-stroke lead after both shot eight-under 62 which marked the American's best PGA first round since the 1999 Byron Nelson Classic. Woods managed an eagle and seven birdies and his only hiccup being a late bogey on his back nine at the Aronimink Golf Course in Philadelphia. Woods was joined in the lead by McIlroy who highlighted his round of 10 birdies with a career-best six in succession, beginning with the last hole of his front nine. This is the first time Woods has shared a PGA Tour lead after any round since capturing the 2013 WGC-Cadillac Championship.

#### MARADONA TO COACH DORADOS IN MEXICO

ciliacin: Argentine legend Diego Maradona has been hired to coach Mexican second-division football club Dorados in his latest foray into management, the club announced Thursday. Maradona's colorful career has included stints coaching the Argentine national team and a series of clubs around the world, and he had just started a job as president of Belarus side Dinamo Brest in July. But after parting ways with coach Francisco Ramirez Gamez, Dorados managed to convince 57-year-old Maradona to sign up for a spell in Mexico at the club known as "Big Fish". "Dorados of Sinaloa is pleased to announce Diego Armando Maradona is the new manager of the 'Big Fish,'" the club said in a statement.

#### **MUZARABANI TO JOIN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE**

HARARE: Zimbabwe pace bowler Blessing Muzarabani has agreed to joined English county Northamptonshire on a three-year contract from the start of next season. Muzarabani revealed last month that he is putting his international ambitions on hold to chase a lucrative career in English county cricket. The 21-year-old had played in one Test, 18 one-day internationals and six Twenty20s for Zimbabwe, taking 27 wickets across the three formats. "I've come here to chase my dreams. I want to perform and achieve. I just can't wait to get started," he said. Muzarabani impressed in the World Cup qualifier earlier this year, taking career-best figures of four for 47 against Afghanistan.

#### **KANE TO FACE SPAIN IN EYE-CATCHING BOOTS**

LONDON: England captain Harry Kane will wear gold boots in Saturday's Nations League clash against Spain to celebrate finishing as the World Cup's top scorer. Kane will be making his first England appearance since winning the Golden Boot trophy awarded for finishing as the most prolific player in World Cup. Tottenham striker Kane scored six goals during the tournament in Russia, helping England reach the semi-finals. Kane tweeted a picture of the boots, provided by Nike, and wrote: "Buzzing to wear these tomorrow night. Gold boots." Kane was the second England player to win the Golden Boot at a World Cup after Gary Lineker at the 1986 tournament in Mexico.

#### SARRI FOUND OUT HE WAS SACKED AS NAPOLI COACH

LONDON: New Chelsea manager Maurizio Sarri revealed on Friday that he found out he was sacked as coach of his previous club Napoli on television. Sarri had two years left on his contract after leading his hometown club to challenge champions Juventus for the title last season. But after Sarri asked for more time to consider his future, former Chelsea and Real Madrid boss Carlo Ancelotti was appointed as new coach of the Serie A runners-up. The 59-year-old Sarri told II Mattino: "We were having dinner ... discussing whether or not to stay. We turned on the TV and we saw Ancelotti entering Filmauro . "I had some doubts, that's fair, but there was a clause in the contract and it wasn't something I had asked for.

# **B'DESH RECALL** MOMINUL FOR ASIA CUP

#### AFP DHAKA

Bangladesh have added batsman Mominul Haque to their squad for the Asia Cup as backup to several players carrying injuries, selectors said on Friday

"He is a top-order batsman, who can av as an opener or in (the) one-dow





# 'WHY DO YOU NEED PSYCHOLOGIST?'



position. So we thought his inclusion might be useful in the tournament," said Habibul Bashar.

Opener Tamim Iqbal has an issue with his finger while uncapped left-han-der Nazmul Hossain hurt his left thumb during a recent training session. "We are hopeful they will both play. But we thought Mominul might play just in case they feel any problem," Bashar added.

Bangladesh are Pool B alongside Sri Lanka and Afghanistan in the sixnation Asia Cup, which will run from September 15-28 in the United Arab Emirates.

The Tigers also have some fitness concerns regarding all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan, who was keen to skip the Asia Cup to have a surgery on a finger.

B'desh players in training session

But the Bangladesh Cricket Board insisted on playing him in the tournament, putting his surgery on hold until October when they host Zimbabwe.

Shakib in a recent interview with the English-language Daily Star said that he is only 20-30 percent fit, a statement that was quickly dismissed by Bangladesh coach Steve Rhodes.

"I don't believe he is 20-30 percent fit. I think he is a lot fitter than that," Rhodes said in Dhaka on Thursday.

"He is not fully fit. But if he plays anything like he played in the Caribbean, then that will be a massive asset to Bangladesh cricket," Rhodes said

# HIMA OPTS OUT OF **IAAF CONTINENTAL CUP**

#### PTI NEW DELHI

Sprint sensation Hima Das has pulled Sout of the IAAF Continental Cup as the Athletics Federation of India wants her to give rest after a hectic season which saw her become the junior world 400m champion.

The prestigious tournament is to be held in Czech Republic from Saturday.

Hima was initially among seven Indian athletes who were to take part in the season-ending IAAF event in Ostrava on September 8 and 9 but has now been replaced by Australia's Anneliese Rubbie as the second runner from Asia-Pacific.

The Continental Cup is competed among four teams - Europe, Africa, America and Asia-Pacific — in 18 events each in both men and women's sections and the mixed 4x400m relay. The top two athletes in the season's rankings from each of the four regions take part in the

Continental Cup. "Yes, Hima is not running in the IAAF Continental Cup. The AFI has decided to give her rest. She has run so many races this year from the Commonwealth Games to the World Juniors and the Asian Games. It is not good to make her run so many races," a top coach said on Friday.

The coach, however, ruled out any injury to Hima, though reports had said she sustained minor side strains during

the mixed 4x400m relay race during the Asian Games due to 'obstruction' by a Bahraini runner. She was also seen limping after running the 4x400m relay race in Jakarta.

"There is no injury to Hima. Athletes need good recovery time after a hectic season. She is very young, she has just started her career and we have to preserve and manage her workload lest she is burnt out," the coach said.

The 18-year-old from a village near Dhing in Assam started running only in late 2016 but has quickly risen to be the new Indian sprint sensation in a short span of time.

She created history by becoming the first Indian to win a track Gold in World Junior Championships in Finland in July. In the just-concluded Asian Games, she broke two national records in a span of two days in the women's 400m (51.00 and 50.79 seconds) race though she had to be content with a Silver behind Salwa Naser (50.09) of Bahrain.

Hima was also part of the Gold winning 4x400m relay team and silver-winning mixed 4x400m relay quartet. Neeraj Chopra (men's javelin),

Arpinder Singh (men's triple jump), Mohd Anas (men's 400m), Jinson Johnson (men's 800m), Sudha Singh (women's 3000m steeplechase) and P U Chitra (women's 1500m) are the Indians taking part in the Continental Cup.

**DULEEP TROPHY** 

#### PTI DINDIGUL

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Tndia Blue thrashed defending champion India Red by an innings and 187 runs in the final Friday to win the Duleep Trophy at NPR College ground here.

Spinners Deepak Jagbir Hooda (5 for 56) and Saurabh Kumar (5 for 51) needed just 10.5 overs on the fourth day to bundle out India Red for

172 in the second innings. Overnight not-out batsmen Ishan Kishan and Writtick Chatterjee fell in the space of 10 runs to left-arm spinner Saurabh Kumar and Hooda respectively.

The talented, young Kishan could only add five runs to his score of 25, while Chatterjee moved from 13 to 15 before being caught by Ricky Bhui off Hooda.

Óff-spinner Hooda picked up the wickets of M Prasidh (7) and Ishan Porel (6) to finish things off for India Blue.

Earlier, Saurabh had Mihir Hirwani (5) caught behind by Smit Patel.

Left-arm spinner Swapnil Singh, who took 5 for 58 in India Red's first innings, bowled only three overs and went wicketless in the second.

Swapnil had a pretty good match as he scored 69 in India Blue's only innings apart from the five-wicket haul. Nikhil Gangta was named man of the match for his superb knock of 130.

#### Srikanth, Prannoy way below in race for World Tour Finals

NEW DELHI: With big guns K Srikanth and HS Prannoy battling poor form, Sameer Verma emerged as the best-placed Indian in the race for a place in the BWF World Tour Finals with twothirds of the season completed.

Sameer, who had clinched the Swiss Open earlier this year, remained in the hunt to qualify for the USD 1,500,000 season-ending event as he is currently in the sixth place in Race to Guangzhou Rankings.

However, Srikanth, who had an exceptional season last year, languished at 41st place as his best finish this season was a semi-final at the Malaysia Open.

Prannoy, who had a topsy-turvy year with a series of injuries, was at the 42nd place.

In women's singles, Olympic and World Championship Silver medallist P V Sindhu was firmly at the second place, while Saina Nehwal was at 27th.

The BWF World Tour Finals will be held from December 12 to 16 at Guangzhou, China and only the top eight players in each of the five disciplines of the HSBC Race to Guangzhou Rankings will qualify to compete in the season finale. PTI





The Indian hockey team's perennial problem of conceding late goals has raised concerns about nerves but men's coach Harendra Singh Friday rejected the idea of getting a psychologist on board, saying the word has a "negative vibe" to it.

The men's team fetched a rather disappointing Bronze at the recently-concluded Asian Games after losing in a shootout to Malaysia in the semifi- team's jersey launch.

Indian players present during the official launch of new World Cup Collection in Mumbai on Friday

nals. India eventually defeated Pakistan for the Bronze in the play-off.

The setback didn't just cost the team a shot at a second successive Gold but also direct qualification to the 2020 Harendra Olympics.

Asked if the side needed help to deal with pressure situations with professional help, Harendra was dismissive.

'Why do you need psychologists?" he asked.

If gaining confidence is the aim, then you can even consult a commoner and take motivation from him. The word psychologist itself carries a negative vibe and the players feel that they are doing something wrong for which they need to consult a psychologist," he said on the sidelines of the

"I don't know that word. In Asian Games, that's a big any team the biggest psychollearning curve for the players, ogist is the coach and you coach and the staff," Harendra yourself. If I'll not motivate said myself then no one in the world can motivate (me)," said

... That should not be repeated, that is more important, whatever happened we He said it is the coach's job can erase that bad memory when we do well in the World Cup," Harendra told reporters

to ensure that the players' emotional needs are understood and addressed. here referring to the premier ...Rather than going and tournament in December.

behave," he explained.

and a learning curve.

getting the help from a psy-chologist, who has no clue The coach and the entire team, along with legends such about the team and sports, no as Ajit Pal Singh, Ashok clue about how the players Kumar, Dilip Turkey, Dhanraj Pilley and Sandeep Singh, was As for the team's overall at the Friday event.

Asiad performance, Harendra "They (the team) have a lot of positive things and if we described it as a bad memory move forward with that posi-"Look at the positive side, tive mindset. We are mentallook at the data and then move to the World Cup, ly and physically capable of turning (things around)," the Whatever happened at the coach said.

# Sameer faces Gurusaidutt in semis

#### PTI HYDERABAD

ndian shuttlers Sameer Verma and RMV Gurusaidutt set up a semifinal clash after staving off spirited challenge from their respective opponents in the men's singles competition of the \$ 75,000 BWF Tour Super 100 tournament here Friday.

Top seed Sameer, who had clinched the Swiss Open this year, had to dig deep into his reservoir to outwit compatriot Pratul Joshi 16-21, 26-24, 21-7 in a match that lasted 55 minutes.

Gurusaidutt, a former Commonwealth Games Bronze medallist, recovered from a game down to outwit Malaysia's Lim Chi Wing 13-21, 22-20, 21-11 in a 59-minute quarterfinal match.

Commonwealth Games Silver medallists Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty outclassed India's Tarun Kona and Malaysia's Lim Khim Wah 21-13, 21-10 to sail into the last four.

Fourth seeds Arun George and Sanyam Shukla also entered the final four with a 21-17, 21-15 win over Hong Kong's Chan Tsz Kit and Yeung Shing Choi to set up a semifinal clash with Satwik and Chirag.

The top Indian mixed doubles pair of Pranaav Jerry Chopra and N Sikki Reddy defeated Hong Kong's Yeung Ming Nok and Ng Tsz Yau 22-20, 14-21, 21-17 in a 52-minute match to also progress to the semifinals.

The world no 24 Indian pair will face Among other Indians in fray, another Hong Kong combination of Chang

Tak Ching and Ng Wing Yung, seeded fifth, on Saturday.

However in women's singles, Sri Krishna Priya Kudaravalli and Rasika Raje bowed out after suffering defeats in the quarterfinals.

While Jia Min of Singapore ended Sri Krishna's run in the tournament with a 21-12, 21-12 win, Raje was outwitted 19-21, 8-21 by Sim Yu Jin of Korea in another quarterfinal clash.

The mixed doubles pairs of S Sunjith and Sruthi KP and Arjun MR and Maneesha K also crashed out of the contest. Second seeded men's doubles pair of Arjun MR and Ramchandran Shlok and women's doubles pair of Pooja D and Sanjana Santosh also failed to cross the quarterfinal hurdle.



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# प्रदेश की उन्नति के लिए प्रार्थना, प्रयास और यात्रा

अटल विकास यात्रा के तीसरे दिन की शुरुआत मुख्यमंत्री डॉ. रमन सिंह ने बागबाहरा के घुंचापाली स्थित माँ चण्डी माता के दर्शन के साथ की. उन्होंने उड़ीस शक्ति पीठ श्री चण्डी माता मंदिर में पूजा अर्चना कर प्रदेश की तरक्की और खुशहाली की कामना की . प्रदेश ने विगत वर्षों में विकास के कई नए कीर्तिमान स्थापित किये हैं. प्रदेश हमेशा ही विकास की दौड़ में सबसे आगे रहा हैं. डॉ. रमन सिंह परिसर में ही आदिवासी ध्रुव गोड़ समाज द्वारा नवनिर्मित बड़ा देव मन्दिर की स्थापना और पूजन कार्यक्रम में भी शामिल हए. उन्होंने मंदिर के निर्माण में गोड़ समाज के सहयोग की भावना और उनकी मेहनत की सराहना की.



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# **STAGE SET FOR HISTORIC FINAL**

Chasing record 24th major Serena Williams will face Naomi Osaka in the championship decider

#### AFP NEW YORK

rix-time champion Serena Williams swept aside Anastasija Sevastova on Thursday to reach a ninth US Open final, where she'll face Japanese trail blazer Naomi Osaka

Williams, seeded 17th as she seeks to add to her 23 Grand Slam titles for the first time since the birth of her daughter Olympia last year, needed just 66 minutes to dispatch the 19th-seeded Sevastova 6-3, 6-0.

Osaka, seeded 20th, became the first Japanese woman to reach a Grand Slam final with a 6-2, 6-4 victory over American Madison Keys - last year's beaten finalist.

Williams called her return to the US Open final for a ninth time "incredible" given that she was undergoing surgery for life threatening blood clots this time last year in the wake of giving birth.

"To come from that, in the hospital bed, not being able to move and walk and do anything, now only a year later, I'm not training, but I'm actually in these finals, in two in a row," said Williams, who also reached the final at Wimbledon.

the final at Wimbledon. "To come this far so fast .... I'm really looking forward to the possibilities." Williams lost out in the semi-finals of her last two US Opens, in 2015 and 2016. But with six titles in New York she needs just one more to surpass Chris Evert for most all-time — and she needs just one more

all-time - and she needs just one more Grand Slam title to equal Australian Margaret Court's all-time record of 24.

Ösaka, 20 and in the last four at a Slam for the first time, admitted she was driven by the idea of facing Williams.

Asked how she managed to save all 13 break points she faced, Osaka said: "I was just thinking I really want to play Serena." Asked to elaborate, Osaka seemed stunned. "Because she's Serena — what do you mean!" said Osaka, who had already made





history along with men's semi-finalist Kei Nishikori as the first Japanese man and woman to reach the last four at the Slam.

"It still feels really weird because I've never beaten Madison before," she said. "I'm just glad I was able to get through this match."

#### 'JUST GETTING STARTED'

Serena Williams once again targets a record 24th Grand Slam singles title at the US Open on Saturday. Win or lose, the US great says she's just

getting started in the latest phase of her career

"I'm still on the way up," said the 36year-old, who is playing her seventh tournament since the birth of daughter Olympia on September 1 2017. "There's still much more that I plan on doing."

Williams came agonizingly close to matching Australian Margaret Court's alltime record of 24 major titles at Wimbledon, but fell to Angelique Kerber in the final.

It was the high point of a return that began in March and has not surprisingly been, at times, erratic. But once again Williams has shown she

can rise to the occasion on the game's biggest stages

Another US Open title — four years after her sixth — would be not a culmination but a springboard, she said.

"I just feel like there's a lot of growth still to go in my game, that's actually the most exciting part," she said.

"Even though I'm not a spring chicken, still have a very, very bright future."

The players that have faced her so far in Flushing Meadows say the current Serena is tough enough — perhaps as good as ever.

"It's tough to say," said Anastasija Sevastova after Williams swept past her 6-3, 6-0 in the semi-finals. "She played finals in Wimbledon. She's playing finals here. I

think this year is not bad for her." Eighth-seeded Karolina Pliskova, who briefly rose to number one last year, fell to Williams in the quarter-finals, two years after shocking her in the semis.

"I don't feel any difference," Pliskova said of Williams's game. "She's playing with the same power. She can still serve well. I think maybe she's back on the level where she was.

#### 'I LOVE YOU' OSAKA TELLS SERENA

Naomi Osaka told US Open title opponent Serena Williams "I love you" just moments after she became the first Japanese

woman to reach a Grand Slam final. The 20-year-old breakout star of the tournament swept into the record books and Saturday's championship match against

the 23-time major winner with a 6-2, 6-4 win over Madison Keys, the runner-up in 2017. When asked on court what she told her-self as she served for the match, she said:

"Don't double fault".

"Why," asked the interviewer. "Serena," replied the charismatic Osaka. "I love you, Serena," she added before

adding "I love you, mom; I love everybody" Osaka, the 20th seed, has met and defeated Williams once - at Miami in March. That win came just a week after she had lifted her first top-level trophy at the

prestigious Indian Wells event in California. Saturday will be the fulfilment of Osaka's childhood dream of facing Williams in a Grand Slam final.

"It still feels a little bit, like, surreal. Even when I was a little kid, I always dreamed that I would play Serena in a final of a Grand Slam," she said.

"Just the fact that it's happening, I'm very happy about it. At the same time I feel like even though I should enjoy this moment, I should still think of it as another match.

"Yeah, I shouldn't really think of her as, like, my idol. I should just try to play her as an opponent." The contrast on Saturday cannot be greater.

Serena will be playing in her 31st Grand Slam final and ninth at the US Open where she is a six-time champion.

When the American, 16 years her senior, won her first US Open in 1999, Osaka was not yet two years old.

Whatever happens in the final, Osaka said she will remain a fan of the American who is chasing a record-equalling 24th major, just a year after giving birth and undergoing four post-natal surgeries.

"When you just come back and then you make the finals of two slams, I think that's really amazing," added Osaka in reference to Williams's runner-up spot at Wimbledon in July.

#### Portugal draws with Germany hold France, Modric's Croatia Bale stars for Wales AP FARO

# **SNEIJDER DEPARTS WITH WIN**

#### AFP AMSTERDAM

W<sup>esley Sneijder turned</sup> the for

began his career. The most-capped Dutch player of all time, who won first cap in 2003, leaves



#### AFP MUNICH

World Cup winners France were held to a 0-0 draw by Germany in a flat start to the new UEFA Nations League on Thursday, as Gareth Bale starred in a big win for Wales.

The heavyweight showdown at the Allianz Arena between the last two winners of the World Cup looked like the perfect game to mark the opening night of the new international competition.

However, on a rainy night in Bavaria, the meeting of the last two world champions never really sparked into life, although the French were grateful to goalkeeper Alphonse Areola for a couple of fine saves in the second half.

Areola was starting in goal in place of the injured Hugo Lloris, winning his first cap in the only change made by France coach Dider Deschamps compared to the side that started the World Cup final win over Croatia in July.

The Paris Saint-Germain goalkeeper deny Marco Reus and keep out a Matthias Ginter header, while Antoine Griezmann's well-struck shot that was saved by Manuel Neuer was as close as France came.

"I know that we are getting greedy, but a draw in Germany is a good result," Deschamps told French television channel TF1. The Netherlands

are the other team in Group 1 of League A, and Ronald Koeman's team travel to Paris on Sunday, when the French will turn out at home for the first time since their glorious campaign in Russia

The top sides in each of the four groups in League A will advance to a mini final tournament in June next year, with the overall Nations League title at stake before the Euro 2020 qualifiers begin.

Below the elite league, there is promotion and relegation and also a potential path to the European Championship for those who do not make it via the traditional qualifiers.

#### **GOOD NIGHT FOR GIGGS**

Bale scored a stunning goal as an impressive Wales beat the Republic of Ireland 4-1 in Ryan Giggs's first competitive match as manager.

Bale followed up his fine start to the season with Real Madrid by curling in a Armenia beat Liechtenstein 2-1.



Marco Reus (I) and N'Golo Kante challenge for ball AP

sensational strike from outside the box in the 18th minute of their League B encounter in Cardiff.

It was a 30th international goal for Bale, who is Wales' all-time leading goal-scor-

er. Tom Lawrence had already given Wales the lead before that, and 17year-old Ethan Ampadu set up Aaron Ramsey for the third goal before half-time.

Ireland's 1-0 win in Cardiff last October had ended Wales' World Cup dream, but Martin O'Neill's side were dreadful this time. Bale set up Connor Roberts for the hosts' fourth after the break, before substitute Shaun Williams pulled a goal back for the Irish after robbing Ramsey of possession.

"We wanted to put in a performance in front of the fans and put out a statement,"

Bale told Sky Sports. Wales go to Denmark on

Sunday, with the Danes expected to field a full-strength side in that game after sending out a team of lowerleague and futsal players in a 3-0 friendly loss in Slovakia on Wednesday.

Also in League B, Ukraine came from behind to win 2-1 in the Czech Republic with Oleksandr Zinchenko scoring

the decisive goal in stoppage time. In League C, Fulham's Stefan Johansen scored twice as Norway beat Cyprus 2-0, and Bulgaria won 2-1 in Slovenia.

The first ever goal of the new Nations League was a stunner, scored by Giorgi Chakvetadze in distant Astana, as Georgia beat Kazakhstan 2-0 in Group 1 of League D. In the same league, Arsenal's Henrikh Mkhitaryan had a penalty saved as his W<sup>ith</sup> Cristiano Ronaldo absent and Luka Modric in action, Portugal and Croatia drew 1-1 in a friendly Thursday.

In its first game since reaching the World Cup final, Croatia got on the board with forward Ivan Perisic's goal and defend- Luka Modric fights for the ball with

er Pepe equalized before Mario Rui, right, during the friendly AP halftime.

The Portuguese had most of the scoring chances but could not break through the Croatian defense at Algarve Stadium in southern Portugal.

Coach Fernando Santos did not call up Ronaldo saying the player needed more rest following a busy summer that included a transfer from Real Madrid to Juventus.

Modric, a finalist with Ronaldo and Salah for the FIFA player of the year award, was substituted in the second half. Portugal was eliminated by Uruguay in the round of 16

of the World Cup. Croatia lost the final to France. Defending European champion Portugal will make its

UEFA Nations League debut against Italy on Monday. Croatia will open at Spain on Tuesday.

Netherlands for the 134th and final time on Thursday as Memphis Depay's brace secured a 2-1 friendly win over Peru here.

On an emotional night at the Johan Cruyff Arena, Dutch coach Ronald Koeman handed over the captain's armband to Sneijder, who is now 34.

Sneijder, the former Real Madrid and Inter Milan playmaker who moved to Al Gharafa of Qatar earlier this year, took the microphone and encouraged fans to join him for a beer on their way out of the stadium.

A star of the Dutch team that got to the 2010 World Cup final, Sneijder received a warm ovation from the 50,000 fans at the home of Ajax, the club where he

behind a team trying to rebuild after failing to qualiy for Euro 2016 or the last World Cup. Koeman is trying to build a side capable of mak-

around Liverpool centrefeaturing young Ájax starlet Matthijs de Ligt.

ing it to Euro 2020 built back Virgil van Dijk and also

They fell behind against the Peruvians through a Pedro Aquino goal early on, but Lyon forward Depay equalised on the hour mark before netting the winner seven minutes from time. Koeman later confirmed he would make "several

changes" for Sunday's trip to face World Cup winners France in their first match in

League.

the new UEFA Nations Wesley Sneijder acknowledges the applause after getting substituted during international friendly match against Peru on Thursday

# Junior shooters deliver 2 Gold, 1 Silver

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There was no stopping the golden run of India's junior shooters with Hriday Hazarika claiming the 10m air rifle top honours before the women's team combined for a new world record and Gold at the ISSF World Championships here on Friday.

Elavenil Valarivan also won the individual Silver in women's 10m air rifle, going down narrowly to China's double senior World Cup Gold-medallist Shi Mengyao, in the final.

Elavenil shot 249.8 to Shi's 250.5. The 17-year old Shreya Agrawal won the Bronze with an effort of 228.4 in the final. This is the tournament's 52nd edition.

Four podium finishes on the sixth day of competition took India's tally to 18, their best-ever showing in the International Shooting Sport Federation's (ISSF) premier tournament. The country's previous best was the six medals won during the 49th edition in Zagreb, Croatia.

Hazarika, the lone Indian to qualify for the men's final with a score of 627.3, was tied with Iran's Mohammed Amir Nekounam on 250.1 once the field was pruned to the regulation top eight. But the 17-year-old Indian clinched



Indian shooters celebrates after Hriday Hazarika wins Gold in 10m air rifle during ISSF World C'ship

the yellow metal after prevailing in a shoot-off at the prestigious tournament.

As the individual shots began, Hazarika strung together a fantastic series of high 10s and by the end of the 20th shot, he was leading the field by 0.5.

He held on to the lead till the 22nd shot from Nekounam. Then a 9.4 for his

23rd shot meant that at the end of the allotted 24 shots, both Hazarika and Nekounam found themselves tied at 250.1 points each.

In the shoot-off, Hazarika had the last laugh with a 10.3 to the Iranian's

In the women's 10m air rifle, the team of Elavenil (631), Shreya Agarwal

(628.5) and Manini Kaushik (621.2) then produced a sensational performance to total 1880.7 for a Gold with a world record to boot.

The score by Elavenil, a junior world cup Gold-medallist, was also a new junior world record.

The men's team, comprising Hazarika, Divyansh Panwar and Arjun Babuta, finished fourth with a combined total of 1872.3.

There was disappointment for the country in the senior men's 50m rifle three position competition as none of the Indians in fray managed to make the cut for the finals.

Asian Games Silver-medallist Sanjeev Rajput was the lowest placed Indian at 58th with a score of 1158.

Swapnil Kusale was 55th with a score of 1161 while Akhil Sheoran took the 44th position with 1167.

The Indian team, comprising the trio, ended 11th with a total of 3503.

In women's 25m pistol, teenager Manu Bhaker was the best-placed Indian after the first precision stage of qualification, shooting an impressive 294 out of 300 to be among the joint top four scores. Asian Games champion Rahi Sarnobat was lying 27th with 289 while Asiad Bronze medallist Heena Sidhu shot 284 to be in 61st position.

