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Save 'apolitical' forces: Veterans to Prez

Over 150 ex-officers write letter; 2 former chiefs listed claim they didn't sign it

PNS ■ NEW DELHI
More than 150 military veterans, including eight former chiefs, have written a letter to President Ram Nath Kovind expressing concern over the "use" of the armed forces for "political purposes" and urged him to intervene in preserving the "apolitical" character of the armed forces. They said such misuse of the Services may affect the morale of the men and women in uniform and adversely impact their fighting efficiency.

important issue. Moreover, the letter was addressed to the President as he is the custodian of the Constitution and the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces.

It said, "We hereby respectfully urge you to take all necessary steps to urgently direct all political parties that they must forthwith desist from using the military, military uniforms or symbols, and any actions by military formations or personnel, for political purposes or to further their political agendas."

The veterans referred to the former chiefs, including NC Suri (IAF) and SF Rodrigues (Army), whose names were in the list, said they had not signed the letter dated April 11. Former Army vice chief Lt General ML Naidu too said his consent was not taken before including his name in the letter as one of the signatories.

Suri said the armed forces used apolitical and report to the democratically elected Government.

Elaborating upon the need for writing the letter, the veterans said it was written to the President to express sentiments of the former soldiers on an



President to take all necessary steps and urgently direct all political parties to desist from using the military for political purposes or to further their political agendas. The letter cites examples of the military being allegedly used for political purposes, including Yogi's referring to the armed forces as "Modiji ki sena" and the display of images of Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman at political events.

icate their votes to those who carried out the air strike in Balakot.

The letter mentions the Election Commission's notifications to those violating the model code of conduct, including to Adiyath, but adds that the actions do not have any impact on the ground.

Indeed a notification has been issued asking for an explanation from those responsible for these statements, including from the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, the letter said. "However, we regret to state that these do not appear to have resulted in any substantive change of behaviour or practice on the ground," it added.

When contacted, several veterans, including former Army chiefs General Deepak Kapoor and General Shankar Roy Chowdhury, acknowledged writing the letter. Reacting to the controversy over Suri and Rodrigues not signing the letter, Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman called it "condemnable."

Two senior officers said they have not given consent. It is worrying that fake letters are being signed by vested groups," she said.

The Defence Minister did not respond when asked about former veterans who said they signed the letter. The former military chiefs endorsing the letter included Admiral L Ramdas, Admiral Arun Prakash Singh, Vice Admiral Vishnu Bhagwat and Admiral Suresh Mehta.

Give EC electoral bond fund details, SC orders parties

Apex court sets May 30 deadline

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
Lifting the veil of anonymity from the Government's political funding scheme, the Supreme Court on Friday directed parties to furnish by May 30 all the details of funds received through electoral bonds to the Election Commission in a sealed cover.

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AAP, JJP join hands to defeat BJP and Congress in Haryana

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH
After months of negotiations, the AAP and Jannayak Janta Party on Friday announced to forge an alliance to contest on 10 LS seats in Haryana.

The JJP will contest seven LS seats while AAP will contest three seats in Haryana, which goes to polling on May 12.

"The 'Ibadoo' (AAP symbol) and 'chappal' (JJP symbol) have come together. They will clean up things in their own way," announced JJP leader and Hisar MP Dushyant Chautala, who was flanked by senior AAP leader Gopal Rai told the media persons in New Delhi on Friday.

Haryana AAP chief Naveen Jalandhi and State JJP chief Nishan Singh were also present on the occasion.

"Together the AAP and JJP will defeat the BJP and Congress in Haryana," Chautala said, adding that the alliance would continue even for the Assembly elections in Haryana.

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, in a tweet, claimed that people of Haryana wanted the alliance.

"People of Haryana wanted this. Congratulations to the people of Haryana. Together, we will defeat BJP and work for development of Haryana," he tweeted.

On seats allotted to the alliance partners, Dushyant said that a joint coordination committee has been constituted which will decide on seats allocation and the same will be announced in next 2-3 days.

Sources said the AAP is keen to ensure the seats of Gurgaon, Karnal and Ambala will be choosing three seats among them.

Delhi CM had earlier attempted to forge ties with the Congress and appealed to Congress President Rahul Gandhi to form an alliance with AAP and JJP for defeating the BJP on all 10 parliamentary seats in Haryana.

However, the offer was rejected by the Congress leaders, while JJP had declared that it will not be a party of any alliance involving Congress.

Congress had also attempted to tie up with both Congress and JJP in Haryana, Dushyant emphasised that his great grandfather late Deputy Prime Minister Devi Lal has been fighting against the Congress since 1971 and the JJP will never be part of any alliance involving the Congress.

On five-month old JJP's and AAP's prospects in Haryana, Dushyant said that the AAP had lost over five lakh votes in the last Lok Sabha polls, while the INLD had got around 25 per cent vote share.

"The INLD had come a close second in many constituencies in 2014 Lok Sabha polls. After the formation of the JJP, we are hopeful to get youth votes also and make a clean sweep in Haryana," he said.

On seat-sharing formula of 7:3 between JJP and AAP, Dushyant said Arvind Kejriwal is like an elder brother to him, so he would do as he says. But being the younger one, he had rights to ask for more, he added.

He said that the JJP will also extend support to the AAP in Delhi, Chandigarh and Punjab where they may have some influence.

Arvind Kejriwal-led AAP has high expectations from the state because of its proximity to the national capital. Haryana is also the home state of Kejriwal.

AAP had in 2014 polls unsuccessfully contested on all 10 Lok Sabha seats in Haryana while JJP will contest for the first time in 2019 parliamentary polls. JJP a splinter group of the Indian National Lok Dal was formed in December last year and had performed well in Jind bypolls with its candidate finishing at second spot leaving behind other mainstream parties in Haryana. AAP had extended its support to JJP in the Jind bypoll.

On Thursday, the airline had announced temporary grounding of its international operations for a day — Jet was suspended operations for a day — when it had also suspended operations to the entire Eastern and

Jet halts international ops till Monday, PMO discusses situation

PTI ■ MUMBAI
Jet Airways, facing its worst existential crisis in its over 25-year-old history, on Friday extended suspension of its international operations till Monday due to severe liquidity issues. Incidentally, the stake sale bid invited by the SBI-led consortium of bankers, which manages the day-to-day operations of the airline, also closed on Friday, after being extended by two days.

Airline founder Nareesh Goyal, the UAE carrier Etihad Airways, Air Canada and the country's national investment fund among others are reported to have submitted bids.

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EC wants honorarium for cops poll duty, writes to States

RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI
In a recognition of the invaluable services provided by the forces for the conduct of elections, the Election Commission has directed all the States and Union Territories to pay honorariums to the Central Armed Police Forces (paramilitary) and State Armed Police (SAP) deployed on election duty for the ongoing Parliamentary polls and Assembly polls in four States.

According to the rate finalised by the Election Commission, ₹2,500 will be paid to Gazetted Officers like Assistant Commandant, Medical Officer, Deputy Commandant employed for a period of 15 days or less, ₹2,000 for Subordinate Officers like Assistant Sub Inspector, Sub Inspector and Inspector and ₹1,500 for Other Rank such as Constable and Head Constable.

For Gazetted Officers deployed for over 15 days, the honorarium amount will be ₹1,250 per person per week, ₹1,000 per person per week for subordinate officers and ₹750 per week for every Other Rank staffers. "The payment of such honorarium shall not exceed the total pay of one month of the officer/personnel concerned," reads the Election Commission order issued on Wednesday.

The expenditure incurred on the honorarium will be borne to the tune of 100 per cent by the Union Government in case Lok Sabha polls and in case of Assembly polls it will be incurred by the concerned State Government and Union Territory Administration, according to the order.

In case of simultaneous elections for the House of the People (Lok Sabha) and the State Legislative Assembly, the expenditure will be shared between the Central and State/UT Administration on 50:50 basis.

CAPSULE

RUSSIA HONOURS MODI FOR BOOSTING TIES
New Delhi: PM Narendra Modi has been honoured with Russia's highest state honours, the Order of St Andrew the Apostle, for his role in promoting close bilateral ties. The award comes days after the UAE announced conferring Modi with 'The Order of Zayed'.

NONE CAN SNATCH J&K TILL BJP EXISTS: SHAH
Kashmir: Hitting out at Congress chief Rahul Gandhi for his "silence" on ally Omar Abdullah's pitch for a separate Prime Minister for J&K, Amit Shah on Friday asserted no one can make India part with the State as long as the BJP exists.

SOMETHING SERIOUS GOING ON IN WB: SC
New Delhi: Something "very serious" seems to be going on in West Bengal, the SC said on Friday as it agreed to hear a plea transmitted of officials at Kolkata Airport for checking the luggage of a TMC leader's wife.

Kishor met Lalu with proposal to merge JD(U), RJD: Rabri

PTI ■ PATNA
Former Bihar Chief Minister Rabri Devi on Friday dropped a bombshell claiming that poll strategist Prashant Kishor had met her husband Lalu Prasad and the proposal that the RID and Nitish Kumar's JD(U) merge together and the new entity thus formed declare its "PM candidate" for the Lok Sabha polls.

If Kishor denies having met Prasad with such a proposal, he is speaking a "blatant lie," she said.

"I got infuriated and asked him to go away and hand the truth left in Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar following his betrayal," the RJD national vice-president, who is also the leader of the opposition in the Bihar Legislative Council, told a regional news channel here.

Nitish had in 2017 walked out of the Grand Alliance, which was formed upon his party's partnership with the RJD and the Congress. He rejoined the BJP-led NDA.

"All our staff and security personnel deployed here are witnesses. He called on us at least five times, mostly here (her 10, Circular Road residence), and one or two times at a parish number (5, Deshratha Marg — the bungalow allotted to her younger son Tejashwi Yadav)," Rabri said.

"Kishor was sent by Nitish with the proposal — 'let us merge both parties and declare a PM candidate'. He came in broad daylight and not clandestinely in the dark of night," she asserted.

Rabri's revelation came close on heels of Prasad in his recently-published autobiography, claiming Kishor — now the national vice-president — had met him as an emissary of Nitish with the proposal for the merger.

Vote for me or lose help: Maneka to Muslims

EC serves show-cause notice on BJP leader
PNS ■ LUCKNOW
In a veiled threat to Muslims, BJP candidate from Sultanpur and Union Minister Maneka Gandhi on Thursday asked Muslims to vote for her otherwise she will not help them once they come to her for help because every relation works on the give and take principle.

In a Muslim-dominated Tarabkhan area, Maneka said, "We are not Mahatma Gandhi's children that we keep giving and not getting anything in return."

Considering Maneka's statement against the model code of conduct, the Election Commission of India issued a show-cause notice to her.

The BJP candidate from Sultanpur Lok Sabha constituency claimed she is all set to win and told the Muslim audience that "you might need me tomorrow."

The Congress reacted strongly with spokesperson Randeep Singh Surjewala saying she is trying to divide people on the basis of caste and community.

"I am winning. I am winning because of the help and love of the people," Maneka said at the meeting in Sultanpur, a constituency earlier held by her son Varun Gandhi.

Maneka said she had come with an "open mind" and they may feel that they "might need me tomorrow," she said, adding she will be left with a bitter feeling.

"If Muslims come for some work after this, I will think why there is a difference with me," she said.

The Minister asked Muslims to check with the people in Pilibhit, her earlier constituency. "If there is even one person who says they had been something wrong on my part, don't vote for me," she said.

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HP Minister resigns after son contests on Cong ticket

PNS ■ SHILMA
The political drama in Himachal Pradesh ended on Friday with state Power Minister Anil Sharma resigning from the BJP Government, days after the Congress fielded his son Aashray Sharma as its candidate from the Mandi Lok Sabha constituency.

Ram Thakur's office. Sharma said Thakur's resignation forced him to resign from the ministry, saying it indicated the Chief Minister had lost faith in him.

that he was willing to quit the ministry over it. Even after Thakur asked him to, the MLA said the voters of the Mandi assembly had elected him as a BJP candidate.

It is politics of opportunism, says CM Jai Ram Thakur

PNS ■ SHILMA
After the resignation of one of his ministers Anil Sharma, Himachal Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur on Friday said the family of Pandit Sukh Ram is opportunistic and has nothing to do with the welfare of the people of Mandi.

Addressing a conference organized by the Serj Morcha of the party in Raj assembly segment, he said the entire concern of Sukh Ram is confined to his family.

Sharma, the son of veteran Sukh Ram, who resigned from his Cabinet, he said earlier he felt suffocated in Congress and had joined BJP.

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Lathi-charge on students in Karnal, Cong slams Govt

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH
Angry over the death of an ITI student who was rained by a roadways bus in Karnal on Thursday, scores of his fellow students on Friday staged a protest that turned violent.

Students gathered to protest over his death. But, there were some mischievous elements who provoked students to jam roads and spread lawlessness.

Committee of Congress Party led by Virbhadra Government twice (from 1993-1996 and 2012-2017) and was Rajya Sabha MP from 1998 to 2004.

IN BRIEF

BADNORE GREET'S PEOPLE ON RAM NAUMI
Chandigarh: Punjab Governor and UT Administrator VP Singh Badnore on Friday extended warm greetings to the people of Punjab and Chandigarh on the auspicious occasion of 'Ram Naumi', the birthday of Lord Rama.

UT POLICE FELICITATES WARDS OF POLICE PERSONNEL
Chandigarh: A felicitation and scholarship award function was held here between Sanjay Banwait, Director General of Police, UT, Chandigarh and other officers felicitated 283 wards of the bank.

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SAD announces to support BJP in Haryana

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD), a long-time ally of the BJP has announced to support the saffron party in Haryana in the ensuing Lok Sabha polls. The two parties already have alliance in neighbouring states of Punjab, Delhi and Uttarakhand.

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal on Friday announced that the SAD will extend its support to all BJP candidates on 10 Lok Sabha seats in the state.

While the SAD will support BJP's candidates in general elections 2019, the two parties

will contest the Haryana Assembly polls due to be held later this year in an alliance, the Chief Minister said.

The SAD led by the Badals— father-son duo of Parkash Singh Badal and Sukhbir—is a key ally of the BJP-led NDA at the Centre. The SAD in an alliance with the BJP had ruled Punjab for a decade till 2017 and is now looking for political expansion in Haryana.

In Punjab, out of the 13 Lok Sabha seats, the SAD is contesting on 10 while the BJP has 3 seats in its kitty.

In Haryana, the SAD had ties with the Indian National

Lok Dal but both the parties had parted ways in 2016 over the contentious issue of Saltej Yamuna Link (SYL) canal.

For a long time, the SAD had been supporting the INLD in Haryana despite its alliance with BJP in Punjab and at the national level. In 2014 assembly polls in Haryana, SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal and party patron Parkash Singh Badal had even addressed rallies in support of INLD candidates, thereby drawing flak from the saffron party.

Although SAD had no seat-sharing arrangement with INLD for parliamentary polls and only supported it through

its party network, it had got two out of total 90 seats to contest in the 2014 assembly elections. In the past elections, the SAD had also used its influence on the Sikh Jat voters in Sirsa, Ambala, Panchkula, Kurukshetra, Karnal and Panipat to help INLD, a traditionally Jat-centric party in Haryana.

The two seats contested by SAD in 2014 assembly polls were Ambala and Karnalwali.

The SAD has a lone member, who represents Kalanwali assembly segment in the 90-member Haryana Assembly.

After the old political coalition between the Badals in

Punjab and the Chautalas in Haryana had come to an end, SAD president Sukhbir Badal had last year announced to contest all 10 Lok Sabha and 90 assembly seats in the state in 2019 elections.

Eying the Sikh vote bank in the state, the SAD president Sukhbir has also addressed rallies in Ambala, Sirsa and Kurukshetra in the recent past.

The SAD was however holding talks with the BJP to form an alliance in Haryana to contest the polls. After the BJP insisted on going it alone in Haryana to contest on all Lok Sabha seats, a consensus

was reached to form an alliance with SAD for the State Assembly polls due to be held in October-November.

Chief Minister Manohar Lal describing the SAD as a natural ally of the BJP on Friday said that the SAD will play a significant role in ensuring the victory of BJP candidates.

Discussion on the exact number of seats as well as the assembly seats which are to be allocated to the SAD will be decided after the Lok Sabha elections. The SAD has presence in around 25 assembly seats across the state.



MAYAWATI TO ADDRESS POLL RALLY IN NAWANSHAHAR ON MAY 12

Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) president Mayawati will address a rally in Nawanshahr on May 12, a week before the Lok Sabha elections in Punjab on May 19. BSP is contesting ensuing elections in the state in coalition with seven other political outfits under the banner of Punjab Democratic Alliance (PDA). Other parties of PDA include Punjab Eka Party (PEP), Lok Insaaf Party, Navan Punjab Party, Communist Party of India (CPI) and Revolutionary Marxist Party of India (RMPFI). As a part of PDA, BSP gets three seats: Hoshiarpur, Jalandhar, and Anandpur Sahib — in its share, out of total 13 in the state. The party has fielded international Polo player Vikram Singh Sodhi from Sri Anandpur Sahib, former journalist Balwinder Kumar from Jalandhar, and retired IAS officer Khushi Ram from Hoshiarpur.

PUNJAB CEO GIVES NOD FOR POSTING OF 24 SHOS
Chandigarh: Punjab Chief Electoral Officer Dr S Karuna Raju on Friday gave permission for the posting orders of 24 station House Officers (SHOs). Spokesperson said that the postings were done on administrative ground. Among those posted as SHOs include one Inspector, one assistant sub-inspector, 19 inspectors, and four SIs.

MANOHAR LAL HOLDS ROAD SHOW IN HANSI
The areas dominated by Jat in Hansi and surrounding areas went saffron with BJP's flags and slogans of "Modi Modi" being raised during the roadshow of Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal here ahead of the May 12 Lok Sabha election to 10 constituencies. A large number of people, including women and youth, many of them carrying saffron BJP flags joined the roadshow which passed through several areas of the town located on Delhi Fazilka national highway. Manohar Lal said that the BJP has only one slogan "One Haryana, Haryanvi United" (Haryana Ek, Haryanvi Ek). The BJP had one agenda — to protect the security and integrity of the country. He also charged the previous governments with having looted the state and the nation. He added that the policies and intentions of the BJP governments are clear — to work for betterment of all sections of the society in order to fulfill its promise of Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas.

HARYANA CM ADDRESSES PANNA PRAMUKHS
Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal on Friday called upon Panna Pramukhs them to interact with each voter individually in the list allotted them. The panna pramukhs are visiting each voter in their assigned list to motivate them to cast votes during the polling for the 10 Lok Sabha seats in Haryana on May 12. He asked the panna pramukhs to ensure that each of the voters casts his vote besides being alert to check bogus voting. The Prime Minister Narendra Modi was working within the country and outside as a Vigilant Chowkidar.

Kaypee rebels as Cong reuses nomination from Jalandhar

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Disgruntled Mohinder Singh Kaypee continued to be in rebel mode after the Congress high command "ignored" his candidature from Jalandhar reserve constituency for the May 119 elections in Punjab.

In what may cause trouble for the state's ruling party in the run up to the crucial Lok Sabha elections, Kaypee has teamed up with party's other dalit leaders, "unhappy over the ticket allocation", and convened a meeting on April 15 at Chandigarh to mull over the future course of action.

It has been learnt that Kaypee has organised a meeting of party's senior leaders, including former Union Minister Santosh Chaudhary, Punjab Congress' former president Shamsheer Singh Dullu, among others.

Mincing no words to express his dissatisfaction over denial of ticket to him, Kaypee has all along been describing the move as his "political murder by the Congress party". Jalandhar's former MP has also made it amply clear that he would not shy to contest the ensuing elections as

an independent candidate.

Kaypee, continuing his tirade against the Congress party, alleged that ticket has been given to those who managed to give bags full of money, and the traditional Congress leaders and the old guard were being ignored. Releasing its first list of candidates, the Congress had decided to retain its all sitting MPs, including Chaudhary Santosh Singh from Jalandhar.

After Kaypee revolted, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh decided to intervene to pacify the sulking Congress veteran while assuring him a "suitable" position. Dissatisfied, Kaypee took up the matter with the senior leadership in Delhi demanding review of the ticket allocation for Jalandhar seat.

On the other hand, Chaudhary Santosh Singh had declared to file his nomination papers in the presence of Chief Minister on April 22 — the first day of filing papers for the Lok Sabha elections in Punjab.

Chaudhary Santosh even displayed his strength by getting himself "clicked with the local MLAs and halea in-charge of all nine Assembly seats.

AAP field Baljinder Kaur from Bathinda even as SAD and Cong undecided

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

As the Congress and the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) keep the voters in Bathinda guessing, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Friday decided to field its MLA and the state's women wing president Baljinder Kaur for what expected to be a high-stake political battle in the Lok Sabha elections.

While Akali Dal is waiting for the Congress to make the first move, the grand old-party is yet to lay its hands on a suitable and "winnable" candidate for the coveted constituency.

Already in the field is AAP "rebel" Sukhpal Singh Khaira, who floated his own party early this year. He is contesting from Bathinda as a candidate under the banner of Punjab Democratic Alliance (PDA).

So far, SAD has declared its candidates for seven out of 10 seats it contests in the state in alliance with the BJP, putting the three seats of Bathinda, Ferozepur and Ludhiana on hold. In the same way, Congress too has, as of now, deferred its decision on the seats of Ferozepur and Bathinda, while announcing its candidates for the remaining 11 seats.

Akali Dal is expected to field its sitting MP and Union Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal from Bathinda for the third consecutive time. Harsimrat has been winning the seat since 2009, followed by

her successive win in 2014 general elections.

Congress, on the other hand, is juggling between the names ranging from state Finance Minister Manpreet Badal, former MLA Dr Navjot Kaur Sidhu, Health Minister Brahm Mohindras son Mohit Mohindra, among others, but yet to decide on one.

Bathinda had witnessed a fight within the Badal family in 2014 elections, in which Harsimrat defeated her estranged brother-in-law Manpreet Badal, by a narrow margin. And considering the diminishing winning margins from 1,20,948 votes in 2009 Lok Sabha elections to 19,395 votes in 2014, SAD has been considering to shift Harsimrat to the neighbouring Ferozepur which is seen as a safer bet this time.

Congress candidates from Ferozepur and Bathinda will depend on the Akali Dal's move to shift Harsimrat to Ferozepur from Bathinda — which has been the epicentre of anti-sacrilege protests against the Badals.

SAD president Sukhbir Badal is also expected to throw his hat in the electoral ring from Ferozepur retaining Bathinda for Harsimrat.

In the wake these reports, the Congress party has decided to wait for the SAD to cut the first turf.

For Ferozepur, the state Sports Minister Rana Gurmeet Singh Sodhi and

his son Anumeet Sodhi have staked claim on the ticket from Ferozepur, while the SAD rebel and sitting MP Sher Singh Gubhaya, who recently joined the Congress, has already started campaigning confident of getting the ticket.



AAP FIELDS YOUTH WING HEAD SIDHU FROM KHADOOR SAHIB

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Friday declared party's state youth wing president Manjinder Singh Sidhu as its candidate from Khadoor Sahib Lok Sabha constituency.

With this, the party has declared its candidates for 12 out of the total 13 seats, leaving Ludhiana constituency on hold as of now.

AAP's Punjab unit president and Sangrur MP Bhagwant Mann said that the party candidate will be announced soon from the remaining Ludhiana Lok Sabha constituency.

Among the candidates who have been nominated by AAP are Bhagwant Mann from Sangrur, Prof Sadhu Singh from Faridkot, Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal from Amritsar, Narinder Singh Shergill from Sri Anandpur Sahib, Prof Baljinder Kaur from Bathinda, Justice Jora Singh from Jalandhar, Dr Ravjot Singh from Hoshiarpur, Nina Mittal from Patiala, Harjinder Singh Kaka Saran from Ferozepur, Peter Masil from Gurdaspur, Balinder Singh Chowda from Fatehgarh Sahib.

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E-LEARNING PLATFORMS SLOWLY CHANGING INDIAN EDUCATION LANDSCAPE

New Delhi: E-learning platforms are changing the Indian education landscape by addressing the demand-supply gap of both students as well as corporate employees by dispensing personalised learning outcomes, experts say. Online learning has widened the scope of education and transcended it beyond class boundaries...

Free power, loan waivers won't help farmers: Naidu

On the other hand, the ruling BJP in its poll manifesto has said it will extend ₹6,000 per year PM KISAN scheme to all farmers. Currently, it is limited to farmers having farm holding of 5 acres. A noted political analyst P.M.K. has promised loan waiver scheme for farmers...

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TRANSGENDER TROOP BAN TAKES EFFECT IN US... Donald Trump's controversial ban on transgender Americans into the military comes into force on Friday following a protracted legal battle.

SEVEN DEAD IN HANOI WORKSHOP BLAZE... At least seven people were killed in Hanoi Friday after a deadly fire engulfed several manufacturing workshops and warehouses, state media reported.

6 KILLED AS TRAIN DERAILS, HITS HOUSE IN CHINA... Beijing: Rescuers have recovered the bodies of six people in central China after a cargo train carrying aluminium ore derailed off the tracks and crushed a house, local authorities said on Friday.

21 killed as ultras target Hazaras in Pakistan's Quetta

At least 21 people were killed and 50 others injured in a suicide bombing at a crowded market in Pakistan's restive Balochistan province on Friday... The explosion around 7.35 am took place in the busy wholesale market area of Hazarganj in Quetta where Hazaras and other traders come daily to buy fruits and vegetables to later sell at their shops in other parts of the city.

Trump, S Korea's Moon look for way to curb N Korea nukes

President Donald Trump's meeting with South Korean President Moon Jae-in comes amid uncertainty over whether the leader of North Korea is considering backing out of nuclear negotiations or restarting nuclear and missile tests... Trump, in his first meeting with Moon since the unsuccessful US summit with Kim in Hanoi, said the US wants to keep economic sanctions in place to pressure Kim to denuclearize.

Trump deemed Ivanka fit as World Bank head

President Donald Trump considered nominating his daughter to head the World Bank, and she also would have been "great" as US ambassador to the United Nations, he said in an interview published on Friday... "She's a natural diplomat," Trump told The Atlantic.



Pope kisses feet of South Sudan's leaders to encourage peace

Pope Francis knelt and kissed the feet of South Sudan's rival leaders in an unprecedented act of humility to encourage them to strengthen the African country's faltering peace process... At the close of a two-day retreat in the Vatican for African leaders, the pope asked South Sudan's president and Opposition leader to proceed with the peace agreement despite growing difficulties.



Pope Francis knelt to kiss the feet of South Sudan's President Salva Kiir Mayardit, at the Vatican on Thursday.

Brexit chaos leaves Scotland on independence tightrope

With Britain tearing its hair out over the Brexit conundrum, Scotland's Government is biding its time as it prepares for the ultimate prize — independence... Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon, a strong opponent of Brexit, has said she will set out her thinking on independence plans later this month.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person about 45 years of age whose name is Shankar Sahu S/O Bhuneshwar Sahu R/o Village-Kedua, Post- Pandayawara, PS-Chauparan, Distt- Hazari Bagh, Bihar (now, Jharkhand), was admitted in LHMC Hospital in unconscious condition on 02/04/19, later on same day he was shifted to Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi and died during treatment on 08/04/19. In this regard a wide has been registered with DD No. 136A, dated 02/04/19.

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a girl named Kavita, D/O Kunti Dhimar, R/O E-77B, Peeraagar Colony, Punjabi Basti, Delhi. The girl has been missing since 18.03.2019 from the area of P.S. Paschim Vihar, East Delhi.

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one person (depicted in the photo) namely Abhimanyu Adlaha, S/O Lt. Sh. Shri. Lal Adlaha, R/O I-131, Kirti Nagar, New Delhi, has been reported missing since 28.02.2019. In this regard a D.D. No. 23-A, Dated 28.02.2019 has been lodged at Police Station - Kirti Nagar, Delhi. His physical description is as under-

RAMPRASTHA PROMOTERS AND DEVELOPERS PRIVATE LIMITED

Invitation to Objections Regarding Amendment in the Building Plans... Ramprastha Promoters and Developers Private Limited is hereby inviting applications for objections from the existing allottees of Project Pankaj regarding the amendment in the building plans due to additional Third Basement Plan in Group Housing Colony measuring 13.156 acres (Licence No. 12 of 2009 dated 21.05.2009) in Sector-37D, Gurugram.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Application No. 406 of 2018 in the matter of Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996... Mr. Sajjan Singh, S/O Mangery Ram, B-78, Block - B, Bhagwati Garden Extn., Uttar Nagar, Delhi.

WESTERN RAILWAY

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Advertisement for Ramprastha Promoters and Developers Private Limited, including contact information and details about the project in Sector-37D, Gurugram.

Advertisement for The Pioneer Real Estate, featuring a 'POSSESSION NOTICE' and 'DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMovable PROPERTY' for a residential plot in Sector-37D, Gurugram.

Advertisement for the Recovery Officer-I, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Delhi, regarding the recovery of a debt of Rs. 36,46,995.69/- from various individuals and companies.

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Advertisement for Ramprastha Promoters and Developers Private Limited, detailing the project in Sector-37D, Gurugram, and providing contact information for the Recovery Officer-I.

SHORT CIRCUITS



SHAH RUKH KHAN
He (late Colonel Raj Kapoor, who directed his 1989 TV series Fauji) loved me so much...



SHREYAS TALPADE
People may try to find similarity between Setters and Why Cheat India but I feel both films are really different...



PRIYANKA CHOPRA
Sexual harassment had become a norm with women. We always had a voice. Just nobody heard us...



TIGER SHROFF
I don't want to compare which Student Of The Year is better. This is a different film, though the world is the same...



AYUSHMANN KHURRANA
I always wanted to do something that combines the power of music and social media. I have come across so many talented and gifted musicians on my social media platforms...

ENCOUNTER 45 MINUTES

A COMPLEX WOMAN

Actor SHEFALI SHAH's portrayal of DCP Vartika Chaturvedi in Delhi Crime is making waves. Strong emotions give her character layers, discovers SAIMI SATTAR

Somewhere in the second episode of Delhi Crime, in the aftermath of the brutal December 2012 gang rape, DCP South Vartika Chaturvedi decides to address a press conference to set the record straight about the inaction of the Delhi Police...



Saavi's shoes to give it the gravitas and grace that made the actions of the character seem justified. "I thought it was a sweet story. And I saw her very differently from the way it was being played earlier...

Another role that is etched in memory is that of Pyari Mhatre in Satya (1998) for who can forget Shefali matching each perfectly coy step to Sapne Me Milti Hai so much so that she became an embodiment of the song...

Of course, anyone who has seen Gandhi, My Father (2007) cannot help but be affected by the hum and angle of play in the film. The Mahatma was the father of the nation but what he was like at home and how it affected the family forms the crux of the story...

However, talking to Shefali is incomplete without a mention of Monsoon Wedding (2001) where she plays Riya, who has been molested as a child by a family member. It was one of the rare films where pedophilia was portrayed on screen...

Looking ahead, she hopes for the second season of Delhi Crime. "There are a couple of things in discussion which I am trying to work out..."

developer of the series, worked extensively with her on it. "We started questioning, why is it this way? What is Vartika thinking? We were in touch even as he travelled and I was working on other projects...

Recalling the actual incident, Shefali remembers that it left everyone startled and that scar would never go away. So it was also in a manner of reliving the incident...

While at one level, Shefali played the officer who heads the investigation, she is also portraying a mother with a teenage daughter. "It was not just about the mother and daughter relationship, but also about what the entire generation felt in December 2012..."



Some critics of the show have said that it only has a single point of view and tried to humanise the police at the cost of the victims' parents, family and media points of view...

But having worked so closely with the story and living with it for so long, does she feel that we have become even more dehumanised as a society as more cases of a similar nature have come up...

But she accepts that the change in the system will take longer for the behaviour is embedded for generations...

She goes on to point out, "All of us have layers. The belief that if you cry or are vulnerable is bullshit. Every emotion has strength even though your expression varies from person to person. Vartika is an extremely strong person and feels acutely about this particular crime. She is broken and angry but she channels all of that in a single minded focus of catching the perpetrators. She does not let her emotions overshadow her investigation but that does not mean that she does not feel it..."

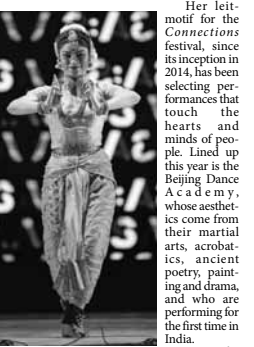
'Cultural diversity a big edge'

Bharatnatyam dancer RUKMINI CHATTERJEE says that two totally disparate genres can have a lot in common

Bharatnatyam dancer Rukmini Chatterjee, who has performed globally and has lived in Paris for 25 years, feels that acquaintance with diverse cultures 'gives us a big edge over others'...

Asked about the converging cultures of the world, the choreographer who trained under Minalini Sarabhai, said, "It should be an essential part of people's lives today since we live in a knowledge economy and a global village..."

"Knowing and understanding other cultures gives us a big edge over others, by widening our horizons and making us much more capable of dealing with global situations, psychology, economics and many other domains," she added.



As per the organisers, some of the dances have been created by the choreographer of the Beijing Olympics opening ceremony. "Our endeavour has been to bridge the gap between the old and the new by building bridges between our ancient culture and our modern audience..."

Who is more excited for GOT?



As people across the globe excitedly prepare for the final season of 2019's most anticipated series — Game of Thrones, here are some trends from across the world that have been noticed for this iconic show in the last 30 days...

A MATTER OF CONSENSUS

Actor MICHAEL B JORDAN spoke to his community before deciding to play a figure of authority in Fahrenheit 451

Initially you were not interested in the role and the project, Fahrenheit 451. What made you say yes? I wasn't interested in playing a figure of authority. With what was going on around the world with the police and my community, as a black man, I didn't want to play somebody who was an oppressor...



talked to my agents, talked to my mom, dad, friends and even people around me. That's how I made the decision. I make decisions through my community. I didn't want people to see me dying in my roles as he has been...

was written around 60 years ago, it could have been written last year. For me, to be a part of this story that is so important today. Concepts of free thought, choice, media control and anti-intellectuals, it is controlling us so much...

Ramin Bahrani (director) said that in your first meeting, you showed up in the character of Killmonger? Yes, I was in the middle of production of Black Panther when we had that meeting and I was locked in the char-

acter. It was a heavy role for me to play and I literally just forgot. I saw the look on his face of how he was looking at me, it was a little intimidating and I remember I had my gold fronts on. So I took them out and I came down a little bit and we had a good meeting...

and a half of water, so you had to pee all the time. Yes, that's not fun. Especially in the middle of a night. You're trying to sleep, you have to wake up, use the bathroom. You're like, oh my god, I'm just going to hold it. And then it just doesn't quite work out. We didn't really go by hours but by sessions. So I worked out two to three times a day. At six times a day, it's hard to go out to a club or even party when you're like — oh wait, meal prep. We had to pop this thing in the microwave and eat food. So it is tough to socialise when you've got to get in shape like that. Yes, and work out three or four times a day too. It is so damn difficult. So as soon as I leave from here, I'm going to the gym. (Sigh) (The film will premier today at 9 pm on Star Movies Select HD.)

CONVERSATION 45 MINUTES

'WE DON'T APPEAR TO BE A CIVILISED SOCIETY'

Director SOUMITRA RANADE tells CHAHAK MITTAL that social media has become an online court of listing judgments and blurting out impulsive thoughts. We are literally abusing and lynching each other, he feels

He had watched the Naseruddin Shah and Shabana Azmi-starring *Albert Pinto Ko Gussa Kyun Aata Hai?* in his youth and it left a huge impression on him. "It has stayed with me till date. At that age, I could relate to Naser's anger," says director Soumitra Ranade, who has re-conceptualised the eponymous film starring Manav Kaul, Nandita Das and Saurabh Shukla.

After liberalisation and opening up of the economy, a major chunk of population was pushed away from development, believes the director. "While we were all enjoying multiplexes, mobile phones and other luxuries, a large part of humanity was left out," he says while talking about how he had discovered the theme of the film while travelling in the interiors of the country where he found that people were angry and frustrated with what the system had to offer.

He explains that the 1980s film depicted that there was still room for development. "However, today I don't see any scope. Everything is so full and has been occupied. I see no space for understanding or development. Those were simpler times. The common man is basically angry with himself that he is not able to do anything and is constantly facing backlash from the corrupt system," he says. Ranade's *Albert Pinto* presents the angst of the common man and is an "an interesting take on reality."

The Indian demography is the youngest in the world and the majority of its young people are unhealthy and unemployed, which makes them angry. He says, "If they remain in this state, India can become a terrorist country. We can actually see that happening right now. They are so angry that they can be easily maneuvered by political groups. Unless this emotion is channelised well, we are sitting on the brink of a volcano which can erupt anytime."

The *Jajantaram Mamantaram* director believes that the ones who hold the greatest power to challenge or change the existing notions of the society belong to the middle class. "Most people in India belong to the middle class — the only group which can change or challenge the system. The poor are too powerless and the rich are never interested. *Unke liye toh sab achha hi hota hai* (things are always good for them). And most of the writers, painters, poets and the like can influence the people as they are all a part of the middle class. It's important for them to open their windows, see the reality and change it," he says.

Giving an example of mass farmer suicides in India, he explains that the issue has become a slogan these days. "However," he says, "the farmers have been commit-



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ting suicides since the past 25 years. It's only now that we have come to know about it. And it is so deeply rooted that we don't even realise how grave the situation is. We learnt about it only when the farmers marched into our cities. This is distressful and sad."

He calls cinema "an extremely powerful medium," but he also believes that it

needs to reframe some of its aspects. "If you use cinema only for Bollywood, masala films, it would be ridiculous exploitation of the medium. Big names and films don't always work. A few films that released last year are examples. And I am not surprised actually. When you keep on giving the same thing to the audience, they will not accept it after a point. They want

to see interesting stories, which they can connect to," says he.

He gives the example of *Dangal*, which was something new, interesting and worth showcasing. He questions, "So why not something like that? It can't be just crass and beautiful bodies all the time. How long can you keep giving the audience that? They need stories which could

inspire them. The change is that even the audience is accepting new concepts. They are becoming smarter and are able to tell the creators their own choices. And an exposure to international cinema through OTT platforms is the reason behind this change."

With the changing society, he says, even the cinematic concepts have evolved. Ranade believes that his 2003 film, *Jajantaram Mamantaram* came when, although there was despair, there was still some innocence left. "I had young kids at the time and I was living a different story every night with them. And slowly, when my children grew up, I also looked in other directions and even the world around me changed. And that started impacting me, which is obvious," he says and adds that a film has to be relevant to its time. "And *Albert Pinto...* is very important in today's time. I am surprised that no one thought of making it as yet. We don't appear to be a civilised society if you see the kind of debates that we have on news channels. We are literally abusing and lynching each other. What's wrong with our language and culture?" he questions.

The second, of course, is the virtual lynching on social media. He adds, "It has become a window for anger and blurting out impulsive thoughts. It has become an online court of judgments and opinions. With an anonymous identity, sitting in my room, I can abuse anybody. It's easy. That rage is not the solution, but I understand it."

Well, what could be the solution then? He answers, "I think the solution is equality but attaining it is very difficult. I don't know if we are ever going to reach that goal. But we need to, at least, have the basic necessities distributed equally."

Telling us the reason why he chose Manav and Nandita for the lead roles, he laughs and says that both are "my very good friends." However, that is just one of the many reasons in the list. "I find Manav to be a very interesting actor. He can show every emotion very effortlessly. His face can deal with versatile emotions easily. If I tell you that he is a good-hearted person, you will want to believe me. If I say, he is a very *kameena type ka aadmi*, you would still want to believe me. You will believe me even if I say that he is a very sensitive man. He is not 'one' kind of a person, he is all of these. He can be a beautiful, pretty, romantic hero as well. And Nandita, she is not 'an' actor. She is a thinking person, whose face reflects that intensity with which she works for anything. She is a writer and a director as well who is intelligent and sensitive to understand a lot of things altogether," says he.

Photo: Parijak Kumar

CHAT SHOW 30 MINUTES

'Enhance your features, don't hide them'

Make-up artist BOBBI BROWN is in the country to be a part of the first India Make-Up Show. She talks to SAIMI SATTAR about her journey

Mention Bobbi Brown and you know you have the mantra to look the best version of yourself. It is to the credit of the iconic make-up artist, author and former editor that the brand she launched at Bergdorf Goodman, the luxury department store based on Fifth Avenue in New York City in 1991, has become much bigger than the person.

While the brand was sold to Estee Lauder in 1995, the products made by Bobbi, which suited a wide variety of skin tones and seemed to become a part of your own skin, lip colour and cheeks, have proved to be game changers. She has authored nine books about make-up and beauty that made it to the New York Times bestseller list. Along the way, she has worked her magic at international fashion weeks for over three decades. Considered as one of the top 10 make-up artists and beauty experts in the world, she has worked with some of the biggest names from the industry including Michelle Obama, Oprah Winfrey, Katie Holmes, the *Sex And The City* cast, Jessica Alba, Claudia Schiffer and Naomi Campbell. Bobbi is visiting the country to be a part of the first India Make-Up show.

How different is it to work with faces and skin tones that are Indian? What do you modify in your techniques?

I always start my work in the same way — looking for the right tone and texture for the skin. That will never change. You want to utilise products that work for the skin type and always start with a moisturiser. Hydrated skin is the key to your make-up looking its best.

What are the lip colours as well as blushes that work best with Indian skin tones?

The right lip colour for you is

based on three things — your style, natural lip colour and skin tone. In general, the most flattering natural hue will either match or be slightly darker than your lips. Avoid shades lighter than your lips, especially those with gray or beige undertones, as they will make you look washed out. For blush, women with tan, warm skin tones should choose an almost plum shade that looks like a rich pink when applied. For deeper skin tones, redder shades that have bluish tones like cranberry leave a beautiful finish.

Earlier, Indians were looking towards the West in terms of skin colour and features but now they are more comfortable in their skin. What would you attribute it to?

I think it's a combination of positive voices on social media and the beauty industry working to become more inclusive. There are more products, colour options, positive role models and unique voices with large platforms that are changing the conversations around beauty. Realism is in.

What does it take to be ranked among the top 10 beauty artists in the world?

A lot of hard work and determination. The advice I give is to be open. Be a sponge and absorb everything. Work hard — and for free if you have to — when following your dreams. Keep at it, don't let failure stop you.

You've worked with some of the biggest names. What were some professional and personal lessons that you learnt along the way?

My biggest takeaway is to be nice to everyone. It's as simple as that. You never know who you are going to meet or who knows who. Be kind,

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respectful and treat others how you want to be treated.

What is it that attracts you about India?

Everything. I have wanted to come to India for a long time. The people, the history, the culture, and of course, the food is something I'm looking forward to experiment with. I am open to experiencing all that India has to offer. Visually, the make-up worn by women in the country scales from over the top, to traditional, to a cleaner, more modern look. Most importantly, everyone looks so beautiful. Priyanka Chopra is someone I would definitely like to work with when in India. She is one of the most beautiful women on the planet and seems very down to earth and cool.

Why did you decide to collaborate with India Make-Up Show?

It's a unique opportunity to interact with artists and consumers in this type of setting. I am really excited to share my make-up techniques and more about my career.

Any more books on the anvil?

No new books right now but I just launched a new line of supplements. It's a collagen-based collection, all designed to target your beauty concerns with one of the largest retailers in America. We have an effervescent tablet made with hyaluronic acid to boost your skin's moisture. There's a collagen and protein powder that benefits hair, skin, and nails and gives you energy. It's all about supporting beauty

from the inside out. I am back in the studio creating and curating content for my online magazine www.just-bobbi.com as a working make-up artist. I am also creating content around my podcast *Long Story Short*. And I'm designing new experiences for our guest at our hotel, The George, in Montclair, New Jersey.

What do you keep in mind while doing the look for any person?

I always look at make-up as something that will enhance your natural features, not hide them.

Looking back at your journey, when you started out, did you have any idea that the brand would grow as big as it has?

I don't think I could have predicted the career that I've had. If you had told me all of this when I was a little girl growing up in Chicago, I wouldn't have believed you. I'm proud of the work I did in building my brand and the impact my work had on the beauty industry.

A lookback at some of the more iconic moments in your opinion?

A few moments that always stand out for me are working with Naomi Campbell and Patrick Demarchelier on Naomi's first *Vogue* cover in 1989. It happened to be my first *Vogue* cover too. I did a lot of beauty spreads with the magazine over the years that I am really proud of. There were also moments like doing make-up for I Wren Scott's show at London Fashion Week to doing Dr Jill Biden's (former Vice President Joe Biden's wife) make-up during the (Presidential) inauguration in 2009 and celebrating my 20-year anniversary at Bobbi Brown with Dr Bruce Weber. I'll always cherish these moments.

(The show is on April 20 in New Delhi.)



'CUT ALL HAIR AND SHOW YOUR FACES'

Hairstylist SAPNA BHAVNANI will be using recycled waste hair and aesthetic masks at the make-up show

Hairstylist Sapna Bhavnani will be using recycled waste hair and aesthetic masks to create unique presentations as a symbol of breaking stereotypes at the India Make-Up Show. The wardrobe will be by Kallol Datta.

Sapna has come on board to curate a special showcase titled #StrongIsTheWeakestLabel for the Mumbai edition. The debut edition of the show is curated by Brothers Incorporated, founded by Rahul Tuljapurkar and Ninad Shah.

"As a child, all the superheros I admired wore masks. I also wanted to be one. These days women are perceived as strong because we can run a household, raise children and husbands, earn salary and also find time to do some weight-lifting to get stronger," Sapna said.

"We disguise our bruises by buying the best foundation in the market. Contour our cheek bones and define our eyebrows to set a horizon for ourselves. Perfumes hide the smell of decay and hair colour the grey skies above... I'm not saying there is anything wrong in grooming oneself. But we start with our face and hair and continue with our body and soul," she said.

"I'm not saying that is wrong as well. It's a choice. My main reason for becoming a hair stylist was to give women a fringe to hide under. Over time, I changed that and said 'Why should they hide? Let's just cut it all off and show our faces,' she added.

The show began on Friday in Mumbai. Sapna's showcase will be held on April 13.

—IANS

Arsenal, Chelsea put one foot in semis

Juventus bound Ramsey's opener and Koulibaly's own goal help Gunners beat Napoli 2-0; Alonso's late header seal Blues 1-0 win

AFP ■ LONDON

Arsenal and Chelsea closed in on the Europa League last four on Thursday after the Gunners saw off highly-fancied Napoli 2-0 at the Emirates...



Goncalo Guedes scored twice, including what could be the decisive third three minutes into added time...

Chelsea meanwhile will likely play Benfica should they go through after 19-year-old Joao Felix became the youngest ever player to score a Europa League hat-trick...

Unai Emery's Arsenal hold a healthy advantage going into next week's second leg thanks to a fine early strike from Juventus-bound Aaron Ramsey...

Chelsea meanwhile escaped from Eden Arena after a bit of a display that saw Kepa Arrizabalaga have to make some fine saves to keep the Czechs out before Alonso pinned home Wilfried Zaha...

The Blues remain unbeaten in the Europa League, keeping eight clean sheets in the competition this season...

The Premier League pair remain on a collision course for the final in Baku, with both sides set to avoid each other if they make it through next week's second leg...

RECORD-BREAKING FELIX Arsenal will almost certainly take on Valencia should they hold on at what will be an intimidating Stadio San Paolo...

Sindhu in semis; Saina, Srikanth, Sameer ousted

PTI ■ SINGAPORE

PV Sindhu survived a scare before making the semifinals but Saina Nehwal was thoroughly outplayed in her straight-game quarterfinal loss on a mixed day for India at the Singapore Open badminton tournament on Friday...



Sindhu, in fact, emerged as the lone survivor after India's campaign in men's singles was over following the ouster of Kidambi Srikanth and Sameer Verma...

Sindhu broke off at 5-5 in the opening game to earn the bragging rights but her Chinese rival came back strong in the second game...

Momota continued as she suffered her ninth straight loss to the Japanese top seed, going down 18-21, 19-21 in 66 minutes to end his campaign with yet another quarterfinal finish...

Sameer Verma, a world No. 16, battled for an hour and nine minutes before losing 10-21, 21-15, 15-21 to second-seeded Chinese Taipei Chou Tien Chen...

In mixed doubles, Pranaav and Sikki suffered a 14-21, 16-21 loss to third seed Thai pair of Dechapol Puavaranukroh and Sapsiree Taerattanachai to bow out of the World Tour Super 500 tournament...

Sindhu broke off at 5-5 in the opening game to earn the bragging rights but her Chinese rival came back strong in the second game, opening up a lead of 11-6 at the break...

COSTA STILL HAS FUTURE AT ATLETICO: SIMEONE

AFP ■ MADRID

Atletico Madrid coach Diego Simeone believes Diego Costa's eight-match ban is harsh and has dismissed suggestions that the striker could be sold in the summer...



"Absolutely yes, you know what I think of Costa," Simeone said. "We must take care of our own and with Costa, now more than ever..."

Costa's dismissal meant Atletico had to play for more than an hour with 10 men in a match Simeone had said they had to win to keep their title hopes alive...

Instead, defeat leaves them 11 points adrift of Barca at the top of the table. Atletico play at home to Celta Vigo on Saturday and will also be without their captain Diego Godin...

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RUSSELL, GILL TAKE KNIGHT RIDERS TO 178

Shubman smashes his first fifty of the season to help KKR over poor start



PTI ■ KOLKATA

Andre Russell blazed away to a 21-ball 45 after Shubman Gill's brisk half-century, powering Kolkata Knight Riders to 178 for seven against Delhi Capitals, in the Indian Premier League here on Friday.

This was Russell's sixth successive 40-plus score, his four sixes and three boundaries coming after youngster Gill stroked 65 off 39 balls, helping the hosts recover from Ishant Sharma's wicket-maiden first over.

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The Jamaican, who was cleaned up by Kagiso Rabada with a toe-crushing yorker in their Super Over defeat in the first leg, also exacted a sweet revenge smashing the South African for 20 sixes in an over that yielded 16 runs.

Chris Morris removed Russell in the penultimate over when he was caught in the deep by Rabada. Sent into bat, from batting at No 6 in their last match against Chennai Super Kings, Gill was promoted to open the innings, and the 19-year-old responded with a fine knock, his second IPL fifty, and first this season.

MI eye 4th straight win

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PTI ■ MUMBAI

West Indian duo of Kieron Pollard and Alzarri Joseph will hog the limelight when Mumbai Indians lock horns with an out-of-sorts Rajasthan Royals in a match where home skipper Rohit Sharma's return from injury will also be awaited on Saturday.

A leg spasm had forced Rohit to miss an IPL game for the first time in 11 seasons when he set out of Mumbai's last game against Kings XI Punjab. In his absence, stand-in skipper Kieron Pollard ensured MI continue its good run as his whirlwind 83-run knock helped the side script a three-wicket win in a humdinger on Wednesday.

Dhoni let off with 50% fine after angry reaction to umpire's call

PTI ■ JAIPUR

Chennai Super Kings captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni escaped a ban and was let off with a 50 per cent fine on his match fee for an unprecedented confrontation with the on-field umpires during the IPL encounter against Rajasthan Royals.



In a rare instance, Dhoni, who was not even meant to be on the field of play, lost his cool and rushed out of the dug-out to challenge umpire Ulhas Gandhe after he flip-flopped on a no ball on Thursday night.

MS Dhoni, the Chennai Super Kings captain, was fined 50 percent of his match fees for breaching the VIVO Indian Premier League's (IPL) Code of Conduct during his team's match against Rajasthan Royals at Jaipur, the BCCI stated.

Batting at top for SRH, not for WC spot: Shankar

IAN S ■ NEW DELHI

From the low of the Nidahas Trophy final in Sri Lanka to now being in the scheme of things as the national selectors gear up to pick the India squad for the World Cup, all-rounder Vijay Shankar has come a long way.



While Indian fans and cricketers await with bated breath for MSK Prasad and team to announce the squad for the show-piece event on Monday, Shankar wants to focus on the job at hand — winning games for Sunrisers Hyderabad.

Inzamam, Boucher inducted as MCC Honorary Life Members

PTI ■ LONDON

Inzamam-ul-Haq and Mark Boucher on Friday were inducted as the Honorary Life Members of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC).



According to the MCC website, Pakistan's Inzamam and South Africa's Boucher have been included in recognition to their outstanding achievements in the game of cricket.



Former Pakistan skipper and batsman Inzamam played 119 Test matches. He captained the side from 2001-07 and scored 8,829 runs at an average of 50.16, including 25 centuries.

AFP ■ ANTIGUA

WINDIES SACK COACH PYBUS

The West Indies sacked controversial coach Richard Pybus amid a flurry of changes announced on Thursday, only seven weeks before the start of the World Cup.

Crick West Indies (CWI) president Ricky Skerritt said, "(Reifer) has lived the same principles of West Indian excellence that we now insist must prevail in our cricket."



The Windies had seen an upturn in fortunes on the pitch in recent months, with a shock 2-1 Test series win over England and 2-2 one-day international series draw.

They open their World Cup campaign against Pakistan at Trent Bridge on May 31 — the second day of the tournament in England and Wales.

Rohit available for selection: Zaheer

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Mumbai Indians Director of Cricket Operations Zaheer Khan on Friday said that skipper Rohit Sharma is available for the team's IPL match against Rajasthan Royals on Saturday.

A leg spasm had forced Rohit to miss an IPL game for the first time in 11 seasons when he sat out of Mumbai's last match against Kings XI Punjab at the Wankhede Stadium on Wednesday.

RCB take on KXIP in must-win clash

PTI ■ MOHALI

Gasp for breath after six successive defeats, Virat Kohli led Royal Challengers Bangalore will look to snap their winless streak and stay afloat when they take on an inconsistent Kings XI Punjab in a must-win IPL encounter at PCA stadium on Saturday.



Nothing seems to be going right for RCB, who slumped to their sixth straight loss after going down against Delhi Capitals in their IPL match last Sunday.

Kohli, who was recently named the leading Cricketer of the year for the third successive time by Wisden Almanack, will hope that fortunes finally knock at the doors of RCB as they need to win all their next eight matches to salvage any hope of making it to the play-off.

RCB GET DALE STEYN BOOST

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Veteran South African pacer Dale Steyn on Friday joined Royal Challengers Bangalore as a replacement for the injured Nathan Coulter-Nile, giving a much needed boost to the bowling department of the bottom-placed team in the IPL.

Steyn will replace Australian Coulter-Nile, who is recovering from a back injury. Bangalore have signed Dale Steyn as a replacement for the injured Nathan Coulter-Nile for the remainder of the VIVO Indian Premier League (IPL) 2019, read an IPL statement.