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#### CAPSULE

12-DAY-OLD BABY HURT IN PAK SHELLING DIES Jammu: A 12-day-old baby,

injured in heavy shelling by Pakistani troops along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu & at a hospital on Monday.

ED UNEARTHS FIRMS LINKED TO MALLYA

unearthed an alleged nexus of slush funds being transferred to fugitive liquor baron Vijay Mallya by his India-based "close associate" with the help of shell companies, official sources said on Monday stating that the probe in the multi-crore bank fraud case has widened.

NO RELIEF FROM PESKY CALLS ANY TIME SOON New Delhi: The RBI might not provide any relief to people fron pesky telecallers from Non Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) offering loans as it said they create "awareness" about their products and banning them may not be the "ideal way out". ording to an RTI response



# Now, India is home to 75% world tigers

Number up by 33% in 4 yrs to 2,967; MP tops list; PM says it's story of 'Ek Tha Tiger to Tiger Zinda Hai to Baaghon mein bahaar hai'

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

 $D_{ ext{tion}}^{ ext{espite}}$  rampant urbanisation, India has scripted an exemplary story of tiger preservation. As per a survey released by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday on Global Tiger Day, the population of the country's national animal has increased from 2,226 four years ago to 2,967 in 2018, a rise of 33 per cent.
"The results of the just

"The results of the just declared tiger census would make every Indian, every nature lover happy. However, the story which started from 'Ek Tha Tiger' and reached to 'Tiger Zinda hai' shouldn't end here. It should be 'baaghon mein bahaar hai,' Modi said in a lighter mode after releasing a lighter mode after releasing the All India Tiger Estimation Report 2018.

India can now boast of

being home to over 75 per cent of the world's tiger population.

"Today, we can proudly say that with nearly 3,000 tigers, India is the safest places for tigers in the world. India has achieved a historic milestone. On Global Tiger Day, we reaffirm our commitment to conserve tiger population in the country. We are doing whatever we can to conserve the majestic animal," said Modi calling upon heads of other countries to form an alliance of global IGATE GENERAL MEDIA (P) LTD for illegal poaching in Asia.

According to the survey, one of the biggest wildlife

counts in the world, Madhya Pradesh topped the list at 526, followed by Karnataka (524), Uttarakhand (442), Maharashtra (312) and Tamil Nadu (264). Chhattisgarh and Mizoram have registered a

remained constant at 28.

Northeast Hills too remained critically vulnerable and need immediate conservation attention.

decline in their tiger numbers while the number in Odisha

Tiger occupancy was found to be stable at 88,985 km since 2014. New areas that were colonised by tigers in 2018 constituted 25,709 (28 per cent) km. The results are important given that India along with 12 other tiger range countries had committed to double the population of tigers in their territory by 2022, as part of the World Wildlife Foundation

(WWF) programme.

"Nine years ago it was decided in St Petersburg that the target of doubling the tiger population would be 2022, we in India completed the target four years earlier. This is one of the finest examples of 'Sankalp se siddhi' (attainment through resolve)," said the PM.

Calling these estimates "encouraging," Ravi Singh, CEO of WWF India, said that given the "immense pressure on India's biodiversity," the numbers speak of the com-mitment of the Government, local communities and citizens

Rajesh Gopal, head of the Global Tiger Forum, hailed Government's efforts and called for better strategies and need to

think beyond protected areas. Gopal explained, "Physical space gets reduced when you take into consideration the landscapes in which you have these reserves. Tigers being territorial animals cannot be packed in a small space because there will be increased compe-tition for food, mating partners

and prey base.
"Spaces outside the reserves are equally important for tigers, as male tigers move from place to place to disperse genes. The routes that tigers use to move from place to place are called corridors, which need to be identified and interventions are required. More important-, community sensitivity and better management strategies

are needed," he said.

Qamar Qureshi, wildlife expert from Dehradun-based Wildlife Institute of India which was involved in the sur-

he Supreme Court on The Supreme Court on Monday directed the Uttarakhand Government to

withdraw the work order for the construction of a road passing through a corridor

between the Rajaji and Corbett Tiger Reserves.

A Bench comprising
Justices Arun Mishra and

Deepak Gupta passed the order

The apex court was hear-

approvals for the road.

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

vey, agreed. "Now emphasis should be on good management protection and making the core areas inviolate besides ensuring safe habitat corridor for their conservation."

One of the world's largest wildlife surveys, the wildlife officials covered 3.81 lakh km of forested habitats in 20 tiger occupied States of India. A foot survey of 5.22 km was done for tiger signs and prey abundance estimation. Camera traps were deployed at 26,838 locations. These cameras crore pho-tographs of wildlife of w h i c h 76,651



## Modi to feature in Man Vs Wild

Prime Minister Narendra PModi will feature in a spe-cial TV episode of Discovery channel's "Man Vs Wild" highlighting "issues related to envi-

on Discovery channel.

According to a statement from the channel, the special episode, featuring adventurer Bear Grylls and shot in India's Jim Corbett National Park, will be a "frank and free-wheeling journey" which will throw light on wildlife conservation.

"For years, I have lived among nature, in the mountains and the forests. These years have a lasting impact on my life. So when I was asked about a special programme focussing on life beyond politics and that too in the midst of nature, I was both intrigued and inclined to take part in it," the PM said in a statement. "For me, this show pre-

sents a great opportunity to showcase to the world India's rich environmental heritage and stress on the importance of environment conservation and living in harmony with nature. It was a great experience spending time in the

jungle once again, this time with Bear, who is blessed with indefatigable energy and quest to experience nature at its purest," he added.

Bear said it was a privilege to take the PM "on an adventure into the Indian wilderness." As they explore the wild lands of Jim Corbett, Bear presents Modi with a makeshift spear and promises to keep the "most important man in India" safe. "I feel truly honoured to

get to spend time with this remarkable world leader. The wild reminds us that we need each other and that together we are stronger. I am so excited to spend time with the PM and to get to know the man who leads this great nation, Bear added.

Sharing the teaser of the episode on Twitter on Monday, Bear said it will be an opportunity for people across the globe to see the unknown side of the Indian Prime Minister

In his response to Bear, Modi said the episode will contribute to the discourse of environmental conservation.

The 45-second-long clip teases the episode as an "epic adventure of a lifetime" and the one that unites "an ace adven-turer" with "the leader of the world's largest democracy"

## MLA booked for murder after rape victim's accident

#### **UP Govt will okay CBI** probe if family request, says DGP

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 $B_{\text{Sengar},\ \text{besides}\ 9}^{\text{JP}\ \text{MLA}}$  Kuldeep Singh sengar, besides 9 others, was booked for murder and attempt to murder on Monday in connection with Sunday's fatal road accident in Raebareli in which the 19-year-old Unnao rape survivor and her lawyer were critically injured and her two aunts killed.

With the incident grabbing the headlines, Uttar Pradesh Director General of Police OP Singh said on Monday the UP Government is ready for a CBI probe into the accident if a request is made by the family. The State Government is

ready for recommending a CBI probe into the Sunday's mishap in Raebareli if the victim's lative makes mother or any re any request in this regard," the officer told reporters here.
The mother of the Unnao

rape survivor, who received grievous injuries in the road accident, has termed the incident a conspiracy to wipe out

her family. The FIR, in which 15-20



Police and people stand near the wreckage of the car in which the Unnao rape survivor was travelling during its collision with a truck near Raebareli

unnamed people were also mentioned, was registered at the Gurubuxganj police station in Raebareli, they said.

"The FIR has been regis-tered under the Indian Penal Code's sections 302 (murder). 307 (attempt to murder), 506 (criminal intimidation), 120b (criminal conspiracy) against 10 named persons, including the BJP MLA, and 15-20 others," a police officer said.

Sengar was arrested in 2018 for raping the teenaged girl at his residence in 2017

The case was registered on a complaint from the rape survivor's uncle Mahesh Singh, lodged in Raebareli jail.

A truck hit the car carrying the rape survivor, her familv and lawver when they were going to meet Mahesh, who alleged, "I am sure the MLA got the truck hit the car to kill all."

The registration plate of the truck that hit the car was scrubbed, but police managed to retrieve it. The truck has been impounded and the driver arrested, police said.

Unnao Superintendent of Police MP Verma said that one gunner and two women constables assigned for the safety of the survivor were not present at the time of the accident.

"An enquiry has been ordered to look into the reasons as to why the security personnel were not present with her and action will be taken after getting a report," Verma said.



**SC** orders U'khand to stop road

construction via tiger reserve

Chillarkhal Road passing through corridor between the Rajaji and Corbett Tiger

Forests (MoEF) for obtaining for the State Government to approach the MoEF in accordance with the law for obtaining the requisite approval under the provisions of Wildlife



Reserves.

The Bench said it is open

#### Advocate ADN Rao, assisting the top court as an amicus curiae in the matter, said the court-appointed Central Empowered Committee (CEC) has filed its report on the issue. The State Government had earlier told the court that not "even an inch" of widening of road is going to be made there.

During the hearing on Monday, the Bench expressed displeasure that some widening work was apparently done there despite the statement made by counsel appearing for the State, upon receiving

Government official, that no such thing would happen.
The State's counsel told the Bench that no new widen-

instruction from a senior



# BSY wins Karnataka trust, Speaker quits

KESTUR VASUKI BENGALURU

arnataka Chief Minister Karnataka Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa won the trust vote on Monday on the floor of the Assembly paving way for further power consilidation of the three-day old BJP Government in the State.

Soon after the successful Confidence Motion by the BJP Government, Speaker KR Ramesh Kumar announced his resignation. The trust vote process lasted less than an hour after the House met.

Kumar's decision to step down as Speaker was antici-pated given the BJP's plan to bring in no-confidence against him if he refused to resign on his own. In fact his decision to disqualify 17 rebel MLAs helped the Yediyurappa Government to sail through the



Karnataka Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa shakes hands with his party leaders after proving the majority in the Assembly, in Bengaluru, on Monday

motion in the numbers game.
The Speaker declared that the one-line motion expressing confidence in the Ministry headed by Yediyurappa had been adopted by the House.

On the eye of the trust vote Kumar had disqualified 11 Congress MLAs and three JD(S) lawmakers till the end of the current term of the House

in 2023, in addition to three

earlier, bringing down the majority mark to 105, equivalent of the BJP's current strength of 105, besides the

support of an Independent.
The Congress has 66 members, JD(S) 34, the Speaker one (who has a casting vote in case of a tie) and one expelled BSP member who was thrown out of the party for violating its directive to support the HD Kumaraswamy Government during the trust vote on July 23.

After the disqualification of rebel MLAs that reduced the effective strength of the House. the Opposition Congress and JD(S) did not press for division.

"I have decided to quit," Kumar said and handed over his resignation letter to the Deputy Speaker Krishna Reddy. Kumar said as the Speaker, he had worked

and in accordance with the Constitution. "I have upheld the dignity of office to the best

of my ability," he added.

Moving the confidence motion, Yediyurappa said he would not indulge in "politics of vengeance" and believed in the "forget and forgive principle"

Even though Modi-Shah have installed younger people in other States where the BJP took over, in Karnataka they have accepted 76-year-old

Yediyurappa for the throne.
"My becoming the CM is according to expectations of the people," said Yediyurappa, who succeeded Kumaraswamy whose 14-month-old Government collapsed under the weight of a rebellion by a section of the coalition MLAs

# Priyanka lao, Congress bachao' chorus grows

With the Congress facing a vacuum after Rahul Gandhi's resignation as party chief, voices within the party are growing in favour of handing over the leadership to Priyanka Gandhi Vadra. The Congress Working Committee meeting, scheduled for next week, will to decide on picking up Rahul's successor.

Lending weight to "Priyanka lao, Congress bachao" chant, Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh said she will be the perfect choice to take up reins of the party.

Interestingly when Rahul quit as Congress chief after the Lok Sabha poll debacle, he made it clear that the party

should find a new president from outside the Nehru-Gandhi family. At that time, he had rejected demands of senior party leaders to make Priyanka the Congress president.

A day earlier, another party MP and former Union Minister Shashi Tharoor had said Priyanka is a suitable choice to lead the party. Former Union Minister Anil Shastri too has said Priyanka is the best person

be the party president.
Former Union Minister
Sriprakash Jaiswal made a strong pitch for Priyanka to take over as the Congress chief. He said this is the right time for

Priyanka to lead the party. Former MP Abhijit Mukherjee, son of former president Pranab Mukherjee, too



has made an open plea in favour of Priyanka, saying she should not ignore the "clarion call of lakh of Congress workers" across the country to take over as the party president.

Reposing his full confidence in the ability of Priyanka to revive the party. Amarinder said she would get all-round support if chosen to take over as the Congress president.

"Priyanka will be a perfect

choice to take over the party CWC, which alone is authorised to take a decision in the matter," said Amarinder. At the same time, he regretted the decision of Rahul to step down

from the top party post.

The Punjab CM had earlier advocated for a young leader

to take charge of the party at the critical juncture in the nation's journey. "India is a young nation, and will respond to a young leader," he said.

His comments were sought

on Congress leader Shashi Tharoor's statement that Privanka would be a good choice for being chosen as party president. "She has the party president. She has the intelligence and instinct to understand and relate to the needs of the nation, and also has the courage to take on any challenge and take the fight to victory," he added.

Congress leader from Odisha Bhakt Charan Das said a large number of party workers are demanding that she should take over as the Congress president.

## **Azam says sorry for sexist** jibe at 'sister' Rama Devi

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A fter a massive uproar in the Lok Sabha over Samajwadi Party (SP) MP Azam Khan's derogatory remarks against BJP member Rama Devi, the SP lawmaker on Monday apologised in the House twice for his sexist comments.

In an anti-climax to the vociferous demand on Thursday for an exemplarypunishment to Azam, the SP leader described Rama Devi as his "sister" saying, "If my word hurts hurt anyone, I apologise."

Though Azam had to repeat his apology twice in the House, a visibly indignant Devi said the member has the behit of other parts. habit of uttering derogatory



As soon as the House met

for the day, Speaker Om Birla asked Azam to speak and soon after he tendered his apology.
"I have been an MLA for

nine times, a minister several times, a Rajya Sabha member also. I was a Parliamentary Affairs Minister also. I know legislative procedures," he said.



# MCD to begin SMS service for property tax payers

In order to remind and keep the property tax payers informed about the pending money, amount paid and time left for payment, the Municipal Corporation of Dehradun is planning to start a bulk SMS generator service soon.

Dehradun municipal com-missioner Vinay Sankar Pandey on Monday said that the service will work as a reminder for the people to pay the property tax on time or before time.

This will be more convenient for the officials and payers as well.

Pandey said, "We are capable of receiving the property tax online from 55 wards. The remaining wards will also be brought under the ambit of this service soon. We are planning to take help of the bulk SMS



with the payers about all the details and current status of their bills. This has not been used so far but it will work

said, "The service will work in three steps starting with the tax payers being informed of their payment status, the second will be informing them about

their pending time and third will be sending notices as we use to do earlier. This is expected to help us more in keeping

# Govt permission pending MCD to test quality on commercial property tax of compost and RDF collection in new wards

The 40 wards brought under the purview of Municipal Corporation of Dehradun last year were exempted from any type of tax as compared to the exist-ing 60 wards, fewer services and facilities are provided there by the MCD.

However, officials are now trying to collect prop-erty tax from at least the commercial property own-ers. Earlier this year Dehradun mayor Sunil Uniyal 'Gama' had

announced that property tax mercial properties in order to enhance the revenues of the corporation.

However, the permission from the State Government has been pending for nearly six months.

Municipal commission-er Vinay Shankar Pandey said, "We have already sent a letter to the State administration seeking permission to allow us to collect tax on the commercial properties however no reply has reached us so far."

Municipal commissioner Vinay Shankar Pandey on Monday informed that in order to check the quality of the compost and Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) which is being made in the waste management plant at Shishambada, officials are going to test the quality of the formed products. Pandey said, "The garbage

that gets collected from the city gets deposited in the waste management plant. It is the duty of the appointed employees to separate types of garbage there. Like the dry waste, wet waste and medical waste like a syringe, medicines are kept

further the other process fol-lows. In order to check this, we took samples of the RDF and compost from the plant."

Adding in this he said,

Adding in this he said, "The samples are given to Sri Ram Labs and report will likely reach us within 15 days. We will see if these by products are usable or not as they are used for various purposes.

It is pertinent to mention here that while the compost is used mainly as manure, the RDF is used for various purposes including use alongside traditional fuels in power plants. The MCD sells RDF and compost to the government or private firms as per its uses.

## Domestic violence tops issues lodged with WHO

MONISHA BAHUGUNA ■ DEHRADUN

Women helpline number 181 which was introduced in the state in the year 2016, has received a total of 2409 calls so far of which 2159 cases were resolved while 250 are yet to be resolved.

According to the data, the majority of the calls were made regarding domestic violence apart from which call received were registered under 13 different categories of crimes related to women.

The service was started in the state to provide 24-hour immediate and emergency response to women affected by gender crime.

It also helps women to learn about various schemes run by the government in the state especially for the welfare of women. As per the data provided by the Uttarakhand State



vided by the Uttarakhand State
Commission for Women

(USCW), Women Helpline Cell (WHC) registered 715 which 40 were resolved and

cases of domestic violence from 2016 till June 2019. Of these, 582 of the cases were resolved and 133 are still pending. Further, 634 cases of advice

and information were registered out of which 610 were resolved and 24 still remain pending. A total of 374 cases were registered under the category of 'any other crime' out which 337 were resolved and 37 remain pending.

Further, 303 cases of cyber crime were registered out of which 286 were resolved and 17 remain pending. Similarly, of the 113 registered cases related to dowry harassment, 94 were resolved and 19 still

remain pending.

Nearly 50 cases were registered under the 'missing and kidnapping' category out of which 44 were resolved and six remain pending. Under the category of sexual harassment

Similarly, out of the 17 registered cases related to child sexual abuse, 13 were resolved and four are pending. Of the six cases of alleged rape, two were resolved and four still remain

pending.
Three cases of acid attacks were registered with all the three being resolved. Under the category of child marriage, three cases were registered out of which two were resolved and one remains pending. One case of human trafficking was registered in the women cell which was resolved.

When asked about the pending cases especially regarding domestic violence, a WHC official said, "These complaints are pending due to court cases or internal issues of the family. At times, the case remains pending as it is under legal procedure or when the parties involved are undergo-



Players jostle for the ball during a match played as part of the 97th Landau league football tournament in Nainital on Moinday

# The Shershah of Kargil launched at Batra Top

THIS TALE IS A SYMBOL OF INTEGRITY AND SOVEREIGNTY FOR THE NATION

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 $T^{he\ Shershah\ of\ Kargil:}_{Captain\ Vikram\ Batra}$ PVC, by Deepak Surana was launched by his twin brother Vishal Batra at Point 4875 renamed Batra Top, where the brave son of India laid down his life for the nation.

The twin brother of the

late captain launched the authorised biography recently on the eve of Kargil Diwas. The book has been published

by Natraj Publishers.
July 26, is marked in history as the day when courage and valour decorated itself on the peaks of Kargil. A war between two nations was not only about victory but about

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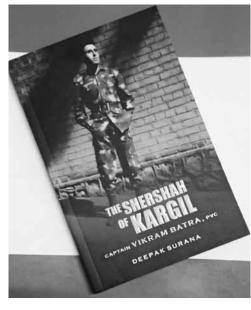
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This authorised biogra-phy Shershah of Kargil takes the reader through the life and times of late captain Vikram Batra who was among the nation's greatest soldiers.

Through the book the

reader can embark on a jour-ney of this ordinary lad who went to become a legendary warrior before he turned

twenty five.

This tale is a symbol of integrity and sovereignty for the nation and the generations to come as it describes the role of a soldier whose audacious sacrifice sent out a massive wave of inspiration to others who would live to tell

For the hero of Batra Top, Point 4875 was decisive direct assault was the only way to capture the feature volunteered to carry out the task despite indomitable conditions. This thrilling account and his life story impressed in this book with

graceful empathy.
Recently, while addressing a gathering to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Kargil war, Prime Minister Modi had recalled Param Vir Chakra awardee, who had famously said, "Yeh Dil Maange More".

# Ruby Gupta comes up with another crime thriller

Author Ruby Gupta has recently come up with her eighth book No Illusions in Xanadu. This murder mystery has been published by Bloomsbury Publishing.

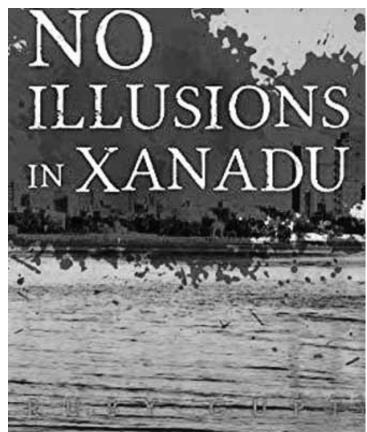
The story starts with the

handsome, legendary Bollywood superstar Rajvir Kapoor being found dead in the thirtieth-floor study of his swanky new home, Xanadu.

Barely hours before his death, Xanadu, had been teeming with the pick of the country's elite: hot-shot celebrities, business magnates and close friends and family of the actor - all of whom had come together for the grand-est party Mumbai had ever seen. Investigations reveal dered, and now everyone is a suspect. Professor Shantanu Bose, eminent nano-expert and part-time sleuth, a house guest at the time, is willy-nilly forced to join the investiga

He finds himself in an alien world of the glitterati and their idiosyncrasies, where murky secrets are revealed and facts muddled.

As Shantanu struggles to piece together the puzzle amidst the confusing moral codes adopted by the people



## राजकीय दून मेडिकल कॉलेज

कोटेशन सूचना

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of this starry realm, glamorous Mumbai seduces him and he finds himself irre sistibly attracted to the

enchanting prime suspect.
The author then reveals if and how the professor manages the tightrope walk between emotions and justice. The author, Ruby Gupta is an author who initially chose to study science, then switched

to creative writing, dabbled in journalism, earned a PhD and thereafter joined the world of In addition to her latest

book, she has published seven other books. Of her eight books, four are non-fiction while four are fiction. Her forte is mystery and all her novels are essentially mysteries. Her current focus is crime

fiction and both her recent novels, A Degree in Death and No Illusions in Xanadu are murder mysteries featuring the intriguingly dapper detective, Professor Shantanu Bose.

She is currently working as professor and head of the humanities department at the Indian Military Academy and also working on her next crime thriller

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# Tiger population rises to 442 in Uttarakhand

TIGER PROTECTION **CONSIDERING RATIO** OF AREA TO TIGER POPULATION

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The number of tigers in Uttarakhand has increased to 442 as revealed in the report on Status of Tigers in India-2018 released by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the national capital on Monday.

The State has show a consistent rise in the tiger popula-tion since the first estimation in 2006 when Uttarakhand had 178 tigers.

In the 2010 tiger popula-tion estimation report, Uttarakhand had 227 tigers, with their population increas-ing to 340 in 2014 and further rising to 442 in 2018.

Of the three states in the

Of the three states in the Shivalik-Gangetic plains land-scape- Uttarakhand has the smallest geographical area and the highest tiger numbers. The other two states, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar have 173 and 31 tigers respectively according to the latest estimation report.

Expressing happiness at the rising tiger numbers, chief minister Trivendra Singh Rawat said that Uttarakhand is committed to conservation of biodiversity, environment and wildlife. The Saint Petersburg declaration of 2010 was about doubling the world tiger pop-ulation by 2022 but India has



achieved this aim four years before the deadline. Uttarakhand has made an important contribution in this achievement. Rawat pointed out that forest and wildlife conservation is part of

Uttarakhand's culture. In the recent conclave of Himalayan states held in Mussoorie, the Himalayan states had pledged to conserve the biodiversity, environment and wildlife while striving for sustainable development, he

added. Meanwhile, the State's Forest and Wildlife minister Harak Singh Rawat attended a meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the national capital on Monday.

He said that according to the 2018 census data, Uttarakhand is first when it comes to tiger conservation. Though Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka have more tigers, comparing the ratio of geographical area and tiger population, Uttarakhand tops the

states in tiger conservation. Among tiger divisions too Uttarakhand has topped with 250 tigers being counted in the Corbett tiger division while in the non-tiger divisions too, the state has the maximum numbers of this big cat.

Further, tiger presence has been reported in all the 13 districts of Uttarakhand whereas there is no other Indian state in which tiger presence has been reported in all the districts.

also presented the logic behind construction of the Kandi motor road which will connect Garhwal and Kumaon regions. He requested the Prime Minister to intervene in this matter to facilitate construction of this motor road in public

Meanwhile, the State's principal chief conservator of forests, Jai Raj credited the people of Uttarakhand for the

## Achievement brings challenges with it, says Forest Minister

could fuel

human-wildlife

conflict if

effective steps

not taken

increase pressures on both

the big cats and people. For example, a report by the Wildlife Institute of India had stated that the carrying capac-

ity of the Corbett national park for tigers is 150 but in the

latest population estimate it has been revealed that there

are 250 tigers in Corbett.

Tigers are territorial and also

indulge in infighting. The

tigers will look for new areas

They may also tend to prey upon the domesticated animals of the villagers living near offerst areas which will

exacerbate the human-wildlife

conflict. Recently, two bikers

were killed by a tiger on the

Kotdwar-Dugadda motor road. Ours is the only state in

and prey.

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The consistent rise in tiger population in Uttarakhand is good news but it also elicits focus on the various challenges being faced in the State. Both activists and the State's Forest and Wildlife Minister acknowledge that the achievement also brings with it challenges that have to be addressed effectively.

Activists point out that due to the population of tigers increasing consistently in Uttarakhand, the state will have to focus more on and work more efficiently to tackle three main challenges.

Habitat destruction, poaching and human-wildlife conflict are the three major challenges which need to be addressed effectively.

Talking to The Pioneer, the State's Forest and Wildlife minister Harak Singh Rawat said that though Uttarakhand is ranked third among Indian States when it comes to tiger population, it is actually first because its geographical area is smaller than that of Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka.

"However, our achievement also brings challenges for us. Since we have limited geographical area, the rising number of tigers is likely to

India where tiger presence has been reported in all the 13 geographical districts.

We have already been area & rising tiger population

working on mitigating human-wildlife conflict. However, on the basis of the latest data in the report on

Status of Tigers in India-2018, we will prepare a new action plan for mitigating human-wildlife conflict and other related issues," said Rawat.

According to the principal chief conservator of forests, Jai Raj, in Uttarakhand, protected areas account for about 15 per cent of the state's total geo-graphical area whereas the national average is five per

However, activists point out that such factors should not make the authorities complacent because effective measures are needed to prevent human-wildlife conflict from escalating. In the interests of the wildlife and the people, it is vital that effective measures be taken on time.

Due to habitat destruction, damage to traditional wildlife corridors and other factors, the human-wildlife conflict especially involving elephants and leopards has been on the rise in recent years, they point out.

# Traffic thrown out gear due to Kanwadias in Haridwar

Stretch between **Premnagar Ashram** Chowk to Shankaracharya **Chowk became a** parking spot with Kanwadias parking their bikes anywhere and everywhere

PNS HARIDWAR

On the eve of the Shrawan Shivratri, the traffic system collapsed in Haridwar city on Monday.

The highway from Singhdwar to Shankaracharya Chowk was jam packed with Kanwad pilgrims riding on bikes and tractor trolleys.

The stretch between Premnagar Ashram Chowk to Shankaracharya Chowk became a parking with Kanwadias parking their bikes anywhere and everywhere. However the areas of

BHEL and SIIDCUL were free of any chaos or traffic which was appreciated by the local residents.

Since morning on Monday flood of Kanwad pilgrims was seen coming from Har ki Paidi on the highway riding bikes with modified silencers and police trying to streamline their flow but by afternoon the

whole system collapsed.

The barricades put up by the police to streamline the traffic were broken down. On



every side Saffron t-shirts and Indian flags and the noise of bikes with modified silencers dominated the scenario here.

There were also instances of concerned and panicky locals stuck in the crowd being mocked at by the Kanwadias opining that they should not come out in the mad rush of the Kanwadias.

also helped the locals to come out safely from the traffic jam. This correspondent was also

helped out by one of the Kanwad pilgrims to lift the two-wheeler across the Premnagar Ashram Bridge where there was a traffic iam with no space for walking. "My two wheeler was lifted by two people and brought to the other side of the road to enable me to reach my destination,"

said one of the stranded locals. Meanwhile, many petrol pumps in the city had to put up boards informing they were out of fuel following the rush of the Kanwadias who came in lakhs on Monday.

The rates of consumable items like milk went high up to Rs 70- 80 per litre and fruits were also selling at over Rs 100

per kilogramme. Locals pointed out that the rules regarding noise pollution and motor vehicles were blatantly flouted by most Kanwadias using vehi cles. While majority of the bikers had removed a portion of the silencer to create more noise, others were accompa-nied by sound systems playing loud music well beyond the permissible level.

## After Kanwad, police, people expect relief

PNS DEHRADUN

With Kanwad Mela nearing its conclusion, the police and local citizens in Rishikesh and Haridwar are now expecting some relief. It was a challenge for the police also to ensure the safe and smooth conduct of Kanwad Mela with the record breaking number of Kanwadias which came to Uttarakhand this year, Local citizens were also facing prob lem as they had to take longer routes and face traffic congestion every day.

Director General (Law and Order) Ashok Kumar said, "After the Kanwad Mela, we have Eid festival and Independence Day parade. Before that on August 2 we will be reviewing the work of City Patrol Unit (CPU). We will also be taking a

we will also be taking a briefing regarding this Kanwad Mela and anything amiss will be included and be taken care of next year." Megha Sati, a res-ident of Rishikesh said, "It is a relief that the the Kanwad Mela is coming to an end and it is not because I do not believe in God but because our routine was getting affected by all the extra security and crowd from outside. Though there was no violence or hooliganism

this time, but just the increased number of Kanwadias was enough to result in traffic congestions in the city. Also, after the traffic was prohibited from passing through Laksman Jhula, most of us started to use Ram Jhula to go on the other side of the river, but after the Kanwadias started pouring in the city two wheelers were stopped to go through Ram Jhula, only locals were allowed to take their vehicle

I am not against religious practices, everyone here is a devotee of one God or another but after a fortnight of crowded surrounding it is relief to see them going back."

The business fraternity

however, made brisk profits during the Kanwad Mela. Anil Dimri, a food shop owner in Rishikesh said, "Festivals and fairs like these are good for business, we also gave some concessions to Kanwadias. It is also a way of doing our grati-tude and devotion for lord by providing service to his Bhakts."

It is pertinent to mention here that on the second Monday of Shrawan, more than 6.5 lakh reportedly visited Neelkanth Mahadev tem-ple.

#### **CPU** officers transferred to Rishikesh, to get 15-day counselling PNS DEHRADUN

In the complaint filed by for-mer president of Mandi Parishad, Ravinder Singh Anand against two City Patrol Unit (CPU) officers, director of the Traffic Directorate, Keval Khurana on Monday transferred both CPU officers Shailendra Singh Negi and Bishamber Dutt to Rishikesh and directed Superintendent of Police (Traffic) to ensure that they receive 15 days counselling on handling situations and behaviour towards citizens.

Dehradun SP (Traffic) Prakash Chandra Arya said "After hearing both parties and verifying evidence put forward by both the parties the traffic the traffic director has stated that mistake was done on both ends. The CPU personnel have been transferred to Rishikesh."

Complainant Anand thanked DIG Khurana and said, "After hearing and seeing the evidence, DIG Khurana transferred them to Rishikesh. Justice has prevailed."

It is pertinent to mention

here that according to the complainant Ravinder Singh Anand, on June 3 while he was going from Bannu Chowk to Nehru Colony he got a phone call, which for receiving he parked his car. Just then, two CPU officers Shailendra Singh Negi and Bishamber Dutt stating that he broke traffic rule tried to issue Challan.

# 4 injured in car accident, driver suspected to be intoxicated

DUI emerges major factor responsible for road mishaps in U'khand

PNS DEHRADUN

Three men and one woman were injured when the car they were travelling in fell off the mountainside in Dehradun on Monday morning. According to the information provided by the police the accident happened at around 6:30 in the morning and local police and a team from Sahastradhara of State Disaster

This accident has again elicited focus on the risk posed by people driving under intoxication as the police suspect that the driver in this case was driving under the influence of

Response Force went to rescue

some intoxicant. Dehradun Superintendent of Police (city) Shweta Choubey said, "The city control unit received the infor mation about a car accident near Kimadi village at about 6:44 in the morning. The victims were referred

Medical College Hospital after initial first-aid with the help of 108 ambulance. The driver of the car might have been under the influence of alcohol. The cause of acci-

directly to Government Doon

dent is still not certain, we are investigating on it."

One of victims said, "We work in a call centre and planned to go Kimadi in the morning. I was sleeping at the time. The person who was driving was a little drunk but sud-

denly he lost control and the car fell off the road." The injured victims have been identified as Prateek Singh Bora (24), Ayushi Mandola (22), Shubham Paswan (26) and driver

Prateesh (27).

It is pertinent to mention here that in the year 2018, 39

## Police station unable to provide information

PNS DEHRADUN

The lack of proper communication and confusion in the police department was exposed on Monday when the Mussoorie police station was unable to provide even basic information about the car

accident on Monday.

One of the police personnel first said that the case is under the jurisdiction of Rajpur police station and then a lady constable said that though the area was under

cases of road accidents were reported in which the prima-ry cause was for the driver to be under the influence of liquor and other narcotic substances. These 39 road accident cases resulted in the death of 25 people and 64 were reportedly injured. It is also important to

Mussoorie police station, the team from Cantt police station went for rescue at the accident Mussoorie police station. When verified, the Cantt police team indeed went for the rescue.

However the question is

that if Mussoorie police station was not even able to provide basic details about an accident then how can they be expected to act promptly and efficiently in an emergency situ-

mention here that the road on which this accident happened is scarcely checked by the district police, which is why it has become a perfect spot for people especially youngsters to consume alcohol or other intoxicants and driver or roam

# Construction materials on road caused 15 deaths

onstruction materials kept Con the road have emerged as one of the major causes of road accidents in the State. According to the 2018 record of traffic directorate 13 cases of road accidents were reported due to construction material on roads.

Senior officers from traffic department have stated that the number of accidents is higher in this category, but many of such cases do not get registered unless the victim suffers serious injury or the vehicle suffers serious damage.

It is pertinent to mention here that in the year 2018, 13 such cases of road accidents were reported in the state, in which 15 people lost their lives and eight were reportedly

A senior officer of State Transport Authority (STA) said that they have made poli-

However, it is the duty of law enforcers to make sure that such things are kept in check. Also, people should come forward and file a complaint against construction materials that can cause accidents. This step can stop another accident from hap

another accident from nap-pening.

Dehradun Superintendent of Police (traffic) Prakash Chandra Arya said, "We have provisions under the Police Act for filing complaints against the owners of such materials at the level of police station, concerned.

station concerned.

We have filed such complaints in the past also. If the construction material belongs to National Highway department or Public Work Department (PWD) and we think that it can cause traffic related problems then we send

cerned. They have also been area is not safe for the traffic

cies regarding these issues for both private and public enti-crened. They have also been reflector tape to mark that this area is not safe for the traffic



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# **Capt bats for Priyanka as Congress Prez**

Reposing his full confidence in the Congress' national general secretary, Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Monday said that Priyanka Gandhi Vadra would get all-round support if chosen to take over as the All India Congress Committee (AICC) president.

Capt Amarinder, speaking to some journalists, regretted Rahul Gandhi's decision to step down from the top party post. "India is a young nation, and will respond to a young leader," he reiterated.

Asked to comment on Congress leader Shashi Tharoor's statement that Priyanka would be a good choice for being chosen as party chief, he said: "Priyanka would be a perfect choice to take over the party reins but it would all depend on the

(CWC), which alone is authorised to take a decision in the matter."

The Chief Minister, it may be recalled, had earlier also advocated for a young leader to take charge of the party at this critical juncture in the nation's journey. With majority of India's population now comprising youth, only a youth leader could connect with the people and resonate their aspirations, he had said.

Capt Amarinder made it clear that Priyanka "is ideally suited to head the party, which needs a dynamic young leader to rebuild it after the recent Lok Sabha election

"She has the intelligence and instinct to understand and relate to the needs of the nation, and also has the courage to take on any challenge and take the fight to vic-



tory," he added. "Given Rahul's refusal to take back his resignation, Priyanka was a good bet to replace him as the new leader," said the Chief Minister while expressing the confidence that she would easily get the sup-port of the party's rank and file, across regions.

In response to another question, the Chief Minister described the events relating to the Unnao rape victim as shocking. "Are we living in jungle raj?" he asked, adding that "if we cannot protect our daughters and give them justice, then we are doomed as a nation.

The law must be upheld at all costs, he asserted, urging the Supreme Court to take cognizance of the case and order a thorough probe to ensure that the victim is protected and gets justice at all

#### <u>INBRIEF</u>

**DPS HOLDS INVESTITURE CEREMONY** 

Dehradun: Delhi Public School, Dehradun organised the investiture ceremony of 2019-20 session to bestow responsibilities on the deserving young talents of the school and make them learn the leadership qualities, its commitments, confidence and competence. As the chief guest, Dehradun SSP Nivedita Kukreti along with school principal BK Singh inaugurated the function. The newly elected members of the student counsel presented a march past. Ex-head girl Anshika Kala administered the oath to the head boy Divyansh Ghildiyal, head girl Shambhavi Mamgain, student council presidents (boy) Tejaswa Rizyal and (girl) Nandini Bisht among others. Speaking on the occasion, the SSP congratulated the school team and the new office bearers. She encouraged all the council members to work earnestly and always walk on the right path. The school principal exhorted the students to uphold the honour and glory of the institution while embarking the vital role of a leader.

AAKASH INSTITUTE STUDENT TOPS NEET IN STATE

**Dehradun:** Vaibhav Garg, a student of Aakash Institute recently topped the state in NEET 2019. He had scored an All-India rank of , securing 682 marks in the recently conducted NEET 2019 exam. Vaibhav has secured a seat for himself in Vardhman Mahavir Medical College in Delhi. In 2016 Vaibhav had participated in ANTHE, a national level scholarship exam held by Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL), where he was able to secure 43 per cent of scholarship. Congratulating Vaibhav recently, chief minister Trivendra Singh Rawat, said, "We are proud that Vaibhav has done the state proud by securing a top rank in NEET exam. It is the result of the hard work by the student that paid off. I wish

## **Inter State racket** busted, three held



DSP and Officer in-charge Cyber police station Sumit Prasad alongwith senior officers showing arrested Cyber fraudster

In a major breakthrough against cyber crime on Monday, Jharkhand Cyber Cell busted an inter State racket of fraudsters and arrested four Cyber frauds.

Addressing a press meet, Deputy Superintendent of Police and Cyber Police Station Incharge, Sumeet Prasad said that three Cyber frauds including Prabhat Darekar ,aged 25, resident of Niti under Powai Maharashtra, Sarthak Prasad,

aged 20, resident of Niti under Powai Police Station in Mumbai and Jayesh Kumar, aged 24, resident of Dade under Poraivahat in Godda District, Jharkhand were arrested for allegedly with-drawing Rs 4, 31, 742 from the Debit and Credit card of Pratap

Venketa Subramanya. "The incident took place on June 3 when Jayesh Kumar working as supervisor at Subramanya's guest house with the help of Jayesh Kumar and Sarthak Prasad withdrew the Subramanya registered a case at the Cyber Police Station and a team to investigate the matter was constituted.

The Cyber Cell busted the gang and arrested all three who were involved in committing the crime. They have confessed their involvement

in the crime," said Prasad.

Prasad said that in an attempt to control increasing numbers of cyber crimes in the State, Iharkhand Cyber Cell constituted a Special Investigation Team to investigate the cases of fraudulently withdrawing cash from customers' accounts.

## Punjab mulls policy for gallantry awardees from defence, police

PNS CHANDIGARH

Punjab Government is formulating a policy to award one-rank promotion for any defence or police personnel or officer from the State winning a gallantry award in war or in peace time.

Announcing this while pip-ping the stars of Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) on the uniform of Ƙargil war hero Satpal Singh the Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Monday said: "If any such officers or per-sonnel wish to join Punjab Police, their service and bravery would be given due recognition."

Interestingly, Satpal finds mention in Capt Amarinder Singh's book 'A Ridge Too Far -War in the Kargil Heights'.

Capt Amarinder had pro-

moted the Vir Chakdra awardee on Friday, from his earlier rank of Senior Constable, in which capacity he was managing traf-fic in Sangrur district till July 26. The state Director General of Police (DGP) Dinkar Gupta was also present at the pipping ceremony.

"I have merely set right the wrong perpetrated on Satpal by the previous SAD-BJP government, which had ignored the valour of the soldier, and failed



to give him the recognition and respect he deserved," said the Chief Minister.

He said that he had not been aware earlier of the situation and what he had done now was merely a case of 'too little too late' for the brave soldier. This should have been done at the time of

Capt Amarinder maintained that the policy, to be drafted by the state government, will leave no scope for such injustice. He made it clear that the policy would cover police gallantry award winners. including JCOs and NCOs, in

addition to the jawans of the defence forces.

The Chief Minister said

Punjab Police by the erstwhile SAD-BJP government in 2010.
Capt Amarinder came across Satpal's plight through newspaper reports and issued the orders for his promotion as

ASI, directing the DGP to relax Rule 12.3 of Punjab Police Rules. The Chief Minister also authorized the DGP to grant the required relaxation in age (DOB 07-11-1973) to Satpal, who also belonged to the Chief Minister's 8 Sikhs battalion. Satpal Singh, who joined

On Friday, the 20th anniversary of the Kargil War, the Chief

Minister had ordered double promotion for Satpal, lamenting that the valiant soldier had not been given due recognition at

the time of his recruitment into

Punjab Police after his discharge from the Army, was posted in Drass sector during Operation Vijay. Part of the team that helped the Indian Army capture Tiger Hill, Satpal killed Captain Karnal Sher Khan of the Northern Light Infantry and three others. Sher Khan was later con-

ferred the Nishan-e-Haider, Pakistan's highest gallantry tion of the Indian brigade combravery on the icy heights.



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## Delhi's water conservation plan hits roadblock

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Government's Water Conservation project to create reservoir at floodplain area will not become a reality at least in this monsoon season as the National Green Γribunal (NGT) has refused to pass an order on a plea by the Government seeking nod to start work on pilot project.

This may be noted that few days before, NGT gave its approval to start the pilot project but on Monday, hearing a plea of Flood and irrigation department of Delhi government, the court refused to pass the project and asked authority to look into the mat-

Chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel said the NGT has no objection to any legitimate roject which does not interfere with the rejuvenation of Yamuna and protection of its flood plains. "The tribunal, however, can express no opin-ion on merits of any particular project. Merits of such projects have to be gone into by concerned statutory authorities in accordance with the laid down procedure," the bench

The tribunal was hearing a plea filed by the Irrigation and Flood Control Department of the Delhi government for creation of water bodies or reservoirs in Yamuna floodplain by retaining excess A bench headed by NGT flood water of the river

Yamuna during the monsoon misuse takes place through season for recharging the groundwater from Palla to Wazirabad

that his Government was com-

mitted to the welfare of soldiers

or ex-soldiers, whose sacrifices

to the nation and its people

could not be allowed to go unrecognized. "I have been

pained on hearing that Satpal

was working as a senior traffic

constable and wanted to give the

dignity and respect that the

The plea said the proposal has been approved by the Principal Committee constituted by this tribunal, subject to conditions, including that the proposal would be carried out as a pilot project at one location only to study the techno-economic viability and to identify the quantum of the ground recharged."Removal of silt to

be carried out in a regulated and limited manner, so as to keep the morphology of the river undisturbed. Sufficient safeguard needs to be built for implementation

of the project to ensure that no

unauthorised activities such as extraction of sand and other natural resources," read one of the conditions imposed by the committee The petition also claimed that the project will not disturb

the main direction of this tri-

bunal for rejuvenation of the

Yamuna and is to be executed subject to the conditions imposed by the committee. According to the plan,

water will be conserved in stretches from Palla till Wazirabad. During the launch, Delhi

government also claimed that no construction or use of con-crete material will be used and regular flow of Yamuna will also not be disturbed.

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#### Haryana ildlifa Dohradun



MANOJ KUMAR ■ CHANDIGARH

a move to intensify its cam-In a move to micron, paign for wildlife conservation, Harvana Wildlife and Forest Department has planned to carry out a wildlife census in the state. The Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun, is the nodal agency for wildlife count-ing, said VS Tanwar, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden, Haryana.

Tanwar said, "Earlier, we had sent a proposal to WII, Dehradun to conduct wildlife survey in the state which it has accepted at a cost of Rs 39 lakh.

We have forwarded WII's proposal to the state government for financial approval. Counting



of wildlife in the state will start once we get approval from the

state government." The Chief Wildlife Warden said that the counting, being done for the second time in the state after five years, will be coming department officials, WII, Dehradun, officials and representatives of non-government organisations

Haryana is a natural habitat of many species if animals and birds. There are some indications of the declining of certain bird species and, animals in this area. The entire survey exercise is expected to take about four months and the estimated sur-

vey cost of Rs 39 lakh includes

expenses of installing camera

traps, wild animal surveillance systems, ascertaining the avail-

ability of prey species, Proof of

Performance (PoP) for tracking

the pug marks of animals includ

ing leopard, leopardess and cubs,

and expenditure on hiring field biologists among others, Tanwar said, adding the census will take around four months and the final result will be released after a thorough study of collected data

The Chief Wildlife Warden said, "Before the counting starts, we will impart adequate training to all the staff and those who would be part of the exercise.

mals. Cases against poachers are being lodged under Wild Life Conservation Act for hunting and attacking these animals for various reasons. The counting study will help to identify key areas where mitigation options are needed to minimise man-

Another senior department officer said, "The previous wildlife census in the state was held around five years ago in The counting of these ani-mals would also help the forest 2014. Normally, such counting is being done in four years.

and wildlife departments to The distribution, numbers and behaviour of birds and anipush their agenda of protecting bird species, animals and more mals are changing over the period of time because of various forest areas."

The department has taken several steps to protect wild ani-The population of the black partridge (kala teetar), Haryan state bird, sparrow, butterfly, hog deer or pada deer, whit nape tilt, leopards among others h been decreasing over the past few years," he added

Many species have already disappeared and many more are following the same path. The number of individuals across species of birds and animals has declined as well in many cases due to human activity, cially since the industrial revolution, severely affecting genet-

ic variation, biodiversity, among भम्म भरे कहने सुनने में नहीं है जिस कारण other issues. Officials said as of मै उन से सम्बन्ध विच्छेद करती हूँ तथा other issues. Officials said as or now, there are no exact figures of the population of many bird species and animals in the state. "After completion of the state. "After completion of the state." The completion of the state. counting, more effective measures would be taken to conserve wildlife in state, an official said, adding the census would focus on counting of bird species, animals like deer, Nilgai (blue bull), monkey, peacock leopard and others.

"It has been observed that migratory birds from China, Mongolia, Pakistan, Tibet, Siberia and Iraq start thronging the wetland in October-mid.

to their native countries in March with the onset of the spring season. Such birds will also be counted if counting starts in above months," the official added.

Haryana has two national parks, eight wildlife sanctuaries, two wildlife conservation areas, responsibility for the content for the four animal and bird breeding advertisement (Display/Classified) centers, one deer park and carried in this newspaper. The paper does not necessary the page of the Haryana Wildlife and Forest department.

नोटिस बनाम:- रिवन्द्र नाथ सिंह पिता शुकुल नारायण सिंह, हाल पता- वृन्दावन बिहार, लेन-1 ब्यायज हारटल के पीछे बालावाला देहरादून, उत्तराखण्ड। चूं वजरिए इस गजट प्रकाशन से आपको सूचित किया जाता है कि आप दिनांक— 01.08. The winged visitors return 9 समय 10.30 बजे स्वयम या अधिवक्ता के ाध्यम से हाजिर होकर पक्ष रखे अन्यथा आपके नाळ्यन से हारासर हाय विरूद्ध एक पक्षीय व संख्त ताकिद समझे।

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### PASSAGE OF BILLS WITHOUT SCRUTINY

# Venkaiah dismisses Opp 'voice smothered' allegation

Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu on Monday rejected the allegations made by ten to him last week that their voice was being "smothered" and the Government was rushing through the passage of bills without parliamentary scrutiny.

At least 15 MPs from 14 political parties had in a letter to Naidu on July 25 expressed concern over it and responding to it, the Chairman said eight out of 10 bills which came to the Rajya Sabha were sent to the Standing or Select Committee during the last two years. He also said empirical evidence proves that the complaint does not stand scrutiny.

Elaborating upon it, Naidu said 15 members belonging to 14 parties addressed him a letter conveying what they called their anguish and concern over passing of Bills without scrutiny by either Parliamentary Standing or Select Committees.

Noting that the contents of the letter were widely reported in the media, Naidu said, "This has cast a cloud over the functioning of our apex legislature which is not good for our parliamentary democracy.

He said the members have quoted some statistics about the number of bills referred and not referred to scrutiny either by parliamentary committees dur-

'If their complaint is that Bills first introduced in these Lok Sabha sessions were not referred to parliamentary committees for scrutiny that is not certainly in my domain as the Chairman of Rajya Sabha. So, I am not in a position to respond to this complaint and I feel that this complaint, if any, has been addressed to the wrong person,"

Naidu further said "since a handu further said since a broad message" has gone about hurried legislation by Parliament, of which Rajya Sabha is a constituent, as its Chairman, he would like to clarify the factual position regarding scrutiny of Bills introduced in the Upper House.

During the last five sessions that he has presided (244th to 248th sessions), Naidu said 10 Bills have been first introduced by the government in Rajya Sabha adding ""I have referred 8 of those 10 Bills to respective Department Related Standing Committees, though it is not mandatory to do so."

The other two Bills that were not so referred related to inclusion of some more groups in the category of Scheduled tribes as they did not warrant a detailed scrutiny by standing committee.

The Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill — as received from the Lok Sabha ing the 14th, 15th, 16th and the after detailed scrutiny by the

Standing Committee concerned and passage by the other House was again referred to the Select Committee of Rajya Sabha.

"I hope that all of you would agree that such a record would not justify the allegation if it is so intended that Rajya Sabha is a party to hurried legislation," Naidu said.

During the current session

(249th), four bills have so far been introduced first in the Raiva Sabha, Of these, three Bills have been taken up for consideration and passed. These Bills could not be referred to Standing Committees because they are still to be constituted, Naidu said. Also, it is for the House to decide if a Bill is to be referred to the Select Committee and not the Chairman of the House, he added.

The fourth Bill — the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill first introduced in the Rajya Sabha is still to be taken for con-

sideration and passing.

The Chairman also said seven more Bills to be taken up in the Rajya Sabha for consid eration as received from the Lok Sabha also have been already scrutinised by standing com-

As regards alleged ""smothering of the voice" of the Opposition as mentioned in the letter, Naidu said the members talked about the inadequacy of Short Duration Discussions in

RS chairman breaks down while reading out Reddy's obituary



PNS III NEW DELHI

Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu on Monday became emotional and broke down as he read out an obituary reference for his old friend and former Union Minister S Jaipal Reddy, saying both shared a 40year-long association. Reddy, 77, passed away on Sunday.

When the House met for the day, Naidu read out the obituary reference for Reddy. He represented the state of Andhra Pradesh in the Upper House for two terms — from April 1990 to April 1996 and from September 1997 to March 1998 and he was also union minister holding different portfolios during 1997-98 and 2004-14, Naidu said.

Recalling his personal asso-ciation with Reddy in a choking voice, Naidu said they used to sit

on the same bench of Andhra Pradesh Assembly when the two were members. "Reddy was a friend, senior and guide because he was six years senior to me," he said.

Naidu said Andhra Pradesh Assembly used to meet at 8 am in those days and he and Reddy would often meet over breakfast at 7 in the morning to discuss

"The amount of knowledge, depth of understanding and mastery of language, both English and Telugu and some Urdu, is really remarkable," he said as he attempted to hide his emotions. "It is really painful that he has left us," he said. Wiping his tears, Naidu said he was sorry he could not control his emotions. "I am sorry I cannot con-trol my emotions because of 40 years of association.'

## National Medical Commission Bill OK'd

The Lok Sabha on Monday passed the National Medical Commission Bill for replacing the "den of corrup-tion" Medical Council of India (MCI). Terming the Bill as historic, Health Minister Harsh Vardhan said that new National Medical Commission will end the 60-year-old 'inspector raj' in the medical education and the Government has accommodated all the concerns of the doctors and other people in the medical field

The Bill that seeks to repeal the Indian Medical Council Act 1956 was passed by a voice vote, amid a walkout by Opposition Congress, DMK and Trinamool Congress, accusing the dilution of powers of state Governments and implementation of new 'exit exam'. Health Minister reiterated that no medical college will be allowed without consent of the State Governments. The Bill also has a provision

for making national standards in medical education uniformity by proposing that the final year MBBS exam be treated as an entrance test for PG and a screening test for students, who graduate in medicine from foreign countries. This exam, called the National Exit Test (NEXT), would ensure that the proposed National Medical Commission (NMC) moves

away from a system of repeated inspections of infrastructure and focuses on outcomes rather than processes, Vardhan said.

Opposition members objected to provisions like exit exam and replacing elected members with nominated members in the proposed commis sion. They alleged that the leg-islation was against the spirit of federalism. It is like "throwing the baby with the bathwater. The cure seems to be worst than the disease," Congress' Manish Tewari said during the debate and claimed the Bill would end up legalising capitation fee. However, Vardhan allayed

the fears saying the legislation is "anti-vested interests", will help end 'inspector raj' and increase the number of seats in medical colleges. "NMC will be lean and effective," Vardhan said in his reply. He assured the members that genuine con-cerns of the Indian Medical Association (IMA), which has been protesting against the Bill, have been addressed.

Vardhan termed the legislation as "pro-poor" saying it would bring not only govern-ment seats but also 50 per cent of all private seats within the reach of meritorious students belonging to economically weaker sections. The bill was brought in the wake of allega-tions of corruption against the 63-year-old MCI.

"Once the NMC Bill is Parliament, exit examination will be implemented in the next three years," the Minister said. "When history will be written... It (bill) will go down as one of the biggest reforms," he noted. Participating in the discus-

sion, Congress' Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said the legislation was against federalism as the body has no representation from the state. Supporting the bill, BJP member Mahesh Sharma, who is also a doctor, said the 1956 India Medical Council Act has completely failed to fulfill aspirations of the people. In the last three years, Sharma said as many as 121 medical colleges were set up in the country of which 60 were in government sector. DMK leader A Raja termed the bill as "antipoor, anti- social justice, unde-

#### **BILL TO ABOLISH 68 OLD LAWS PASSED**

New Delhi: The Lok Sabha passed a Bill to abolish 68 old and archaic laws. The Bill also made minor amendments two Acts. The Repealing and Amending Bill 2019 was introduced by Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad. The Modi Government has since 2014 hrought a series of hills to aholish

## RS adjourned over Unnao

∙he Rajya Sabha saw two Tadjournments in the pre-lunch session on Monday with the first one coming after smoke emanated from a microphone-cum-voting panel in front of some MPs' seats. The Opposition raising a din over the car accident carrying the Unnao rape victim in Rae Bareli district on Sunday led to the second adjournment. Her two aunts travelling in the same vehicle died when a truck collided with it head on while her lawyer was seriously injured. The woman was allegedly raped by a BJP legislator of UP.

The issue of accident was

Ramgopal Yadav(SP), who said the woman alongwith her lawyer and relatives who were witnesses in the case were proceeding to the court on Sunday when the accident took place. He also alleged

the truck was

smeared with grease to avoid detection adding here security cover had gone on leave. Taking note of the matter, Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu asked the Home Minister to take note as it was serious though it pertained to a particular state. However, Yadav and his party colleagues were not satisfied with the Chair's assurance

soon all other

that the registration number

adjourned the proceedings for 15 minutes.
Earlier, the house was

adjourned for 15 minutes after some MPs including KJ Alphons and Shiv Pratap Shukla complained to the Chair that smoke was emanating from the microphone panel located in front of their seat on the treasury benches. Naidu asked them and

minister Purshottam Rupala sitting next to them to shift to the benches at the back. When several other members also expressed concern, the chair adjourned the proceedings. The maintenance staff replaced the affected panel and proceedings resumed with Naidu stating Opposition parties also joined in. Naidu then that the cause leading to smoke will be looked into.

### Microdots in vehicles to curb theft soon go for the new technology.

**T**n an effort to curb vehicle thefts, the Centre has directed auto manufacturers to affix laser-oriented microdots in automotive parts, which can be read only by microscopes under ultra violet light sources

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways on Monday issued a draft notification amending Central Motor Vehicle Rules, allowing motor vehicles and their parts, components, assemblies, subassemblies to be affixed with permanent and nearly invisible microdots that can be read physically with a microscope and identified with ultra violet light source.

"Microdot technology involves spraying the body and

parts of the vehicle or any other machine with microscopic dots, which give a unique identification. Use of this technolwill help check theft of vehicles and also use of fake spare parts. The microdots and adhesive will become permanent fixtures/affixation which cannot be removed without damaging the asset that is the vehicle itself," said a

Ministry official.

The technology named Microdots makes it almost impossible to remove the dots and hence, the car's identity can be established at any stage. The ministry had asked the experts to involve Delhi Police officials while framing the standards.

Most of the vehicles stolen go untraced since auto-lifters take out the engines and other

valuable parts before destroying the vehicles. An auto expert said that while the cost of microdots may be incurred by the buyers, but certainly the insurance rate of the vehicle will come down given the less risk factor involved due to

upgradation of the technology.
Annually about 2.14 lakh vehicles are stolen across the country with Delhi topping the list by theft of over 100 vehicles per day, followed by UP and Maharashstra. The rate of recovery by Delhi police is around 30 vehicles a month.

The technology is very much prevalent in countries such as United States and South Africa to track stolen vehicles. The road transport ministry last

Microdots are nano-size (0.5 mm) metal particles that will carry information including the personal identification number (PIN) or the vehicle identification number (VIN) so that these can be traced. South Africa has made it a legal requirement to have microdot fitted to all vehicles and there they require police clearance. The technology involves spraying thousands of small dots laser-etched with a PIN or VIN throughout the body, and it's almost impossible to remove these dots. These can only be detected using ultraviolet light.

Industry sources said additional cost for this feature could be less than ₹1,000 once the numbers increase sub-

## <u>INSHORT</u>

J&K LETTER: BUDGAM RPF OFFICIAL TRANSFERRED

Security Commissioner (Budgam) Sudesh Nugyal, who had issued a controversial letter about "deteriorating situation" ir J&K, has been transferred, RPF DG Arun Kumar said on Monday. Sugyal had asked RPF employees to stock ration for at least four months, store drinking water for seven days and fill vehicles fully to deal with the issue of law and order for a

INDIA. MYANMAR SIGN DEF COOPERATION PACT

New Delhi: India and Myanma on Monday signed a defence co-operation agreement providing for boosting military engagement between the two countries. The pact was inked after Commander-in-Chief of Myanmar's Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing held extensive talks with MoS for Defence Shripad Yesso Naik

## 'DRAFT EDU POLICY OVERLOOKS MINORITY'

**New Delhi:** Terming the draft National Education Policy a "fairy tale", the Catholic Bishop's Conference of India (CBCI) has told the HRD Ministry the proposed policy has "overlooked" minority rights and the facilities guaranteed to these communities to establish and administer educational

### 293 BIG DAMS OVER 100 YEARS OLD: MIN

country are more than 100 years old,

New Delhi: As many as 293 Union Minister

Gajendra Singh Shekhawat said on Monday as he introduced a Bill on dam safety in Lok Sabha The bill seeks to set up the National Dam Safety Authority Opposition members protested against its introduction alleging the Centre was appropriating powers of states

ID OF SEXUAL OFFENDERS: SC AGREES TO HEAR PLEA New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to hear a plea seeking guidelines to protect the identity, reputation and integrity of persons who are accused of sexual offences, till the investigation into the truthfulness on its veracity.

JAISALMER: TEAMS ARRIVE FOR INT'L ARMY GAMES New Delhi: Military teams from

China and several other countries have arrived in the country to participate in the Army Games that will be held in culturally-rich golden city of Jaisalmer from August 6 to 14. officials said on Monday.

## ED attaches assets worth

The Enforcement Directorate on Monday said it has attached assets worth ₹246 crore in connection with a money laundering probe into the Gutkha scam

include 174 immoveable properties in Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andhra Pradesh, with market value of ₹243.80 crores and moveable P.V.Srinivasa Rao, Tallam Uma properties in the form of shares and vehicles worth ₹2.29

The ED had initiated inves-Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) in the Gutkha scam against unknown officials of State and Central Government, public servants and others based on an FIR

CBI had registered the case following a directive from

Chennai High Court to conduct investigation into all aspects of the offence of illegal manufacture, import, supply, distribution and sale of Gutkha and other chewable tobacco products which were banned in the Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Puducherry with effect from May 2013. "Investigation under KHA PMLA revealed

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PMLA revealed that accused AV Madhava Rao, Tallam Uma

Gutkha products in Tamil 639.40 crore from June 2013 to June 2016 and the ill- gotten money derived out of the criminal activities were invested in moveable and immoveable properties in Andhra Pradesh, Puducherry and Tamil Nadu," the ED said in a statement.

Shankar Gupta and others had associated in illegal manufac-ture, sale and distribution of

The criminal activity relat-

ed to the payment of bribes to the Central and State Government officials as quid pro quo for allowing the illegal business of Gutkha and other tobacco products which are banned in the State of Tamil Nadu. The above criminal activity is related to the Scheduled offence under PMLA and therefore, the properties acquired by means of illegal manufacture and sale of Gutkha resulting from such criminal activity were consequently liable for attachment,

the ED said. Investigation further revealed that investments made purchased in the name of Gayathri Realtors, Medha Diary Private Limited and Vaijayanthi Spinners, among others sourced through cash generated out of the sale proceeds of the illegal

Three factory premises were also acquired by the

Madhva Pradesh

Harvana

Karnataka

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Maharashtra

Uttar Pradesh

Delhi

accused in the names of relatives / employees during the period to facilitate smooth running of their illegal Gutkha business. Further, out of the profits of Gutkha business personal investments were made by accused persons for purchase of land in their name and in the name of family

Besides, shares were purchased in Goutham Buddha Textile Park, Guntur and vehicles were purchased for the sale and distribution of Gutkha products. The major investthe accused were in Guntur apart from investments in Salem, Puducherry and Chennai.

"These assets consist of 174 immoveable properties and moveable properties totalling to ₹246 crores have been provisionally attached under PMLA," added the agency.

## **Vietnam briefs India** about Chinese action in South China Sea

New Delhi: Vietnam has briefed India about the escalating tension in the South China sea after China deployed a large number of survey vessels in Vietnamese waters including around areas where India's ONGC has oil exploration projects.
On July 4, Chinese survey vessel Haiyang Dizhi 8,

escorted by a large number of ships including from the coast guard began conducting marine sesmic surveys near several offshore oil blocks which fall within Vietnam's exclusive economic zone, Vietnamese diplomatic sources said.

The Chinese action aimed at disrupting oil exploration projects in Vietnam's waters triggered the biggest confrontation between the two neighbours since 2014 and Vietnam is determined to protect its territoto drill oil in the Paracel islands, claimed by Vietnam, had led to anti-China riots in Vietnam in which sever al Chinese factories were vandalised. The sources said China had deployed as many as 35 ships to escort Haiyang Dizhi 8, a ship operated by the China Geological Survey. "We have briefed India about the cur-rent situation in South China sea as it is a major stakeholder and a key player in the region," said a Vietnamese official on the condition of anonymity.

#### **Telecom firms owe** over ₹92K crore as licence fees till date. **Centre tells SC**

New Delhi: Leading private telecom firms like Bharti Airtel, Vodafone and state-owned MTNL and BSNL have pending licence fee outstanding of over ₹92,000 crore till date, the Centre has told the Supreme Court.

In an affidavit filed in the top court, Department of Telecom (DoT) said that as per calculations, Airtel owes ₹21,682.13 crore as licence fee to the Government. Dues from Vodafone totalled ₹19,823.71 crore while Reliance

Communications owed a total of ₹16,456.47 crore, DoT said. BSNL owed ₹2,098.72 crore while

The total amount which has to be recovered from all the telecom firms accrues to ₹92,641.61 crore as on date, it

As per the New Telecom Policy, telecom licensees are required to share a per-centage of their Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) with the Government as annual License Fee (LF).

# **10 monuments to stay** open till 9 pm for public

Ten heritage sites including Rani-ki-Vav, (Patan in Gujarat), Safdarjung Tomb (Delhi) and Man Mahal (Varanasi in UP) in the country will remain open from sunrise to 9 pm for common

Union Culture Minister Prahlad Singh Patel on Monday told reporters here that the decision has been made for the benefit of general public/tourists who can visit and appreciate the beauty of such historical sites for long

Rajarani Temple Complex (Bhubaneswar Dulhadeo Temple, (Khajurao ) Sheikh Chilli Tomb. (Kurukshetra) Safdarjung Tomb, Humayun's Tomb Group of Monuments (Pattadakkal) Gol Gumbaz, (Vijayapura) Group of Temples, (Gadchiroli) Man Mahal, (Varanasi) Rani-ki-Vav. (Patan)

Earlier these monuments uments (see box) have been used to open from 9 am to 5.30 identified and soon some other pm for general public. historical monuments will also The Minister also informed be considered for long opening that in the first phase, 10 monhours for visitors.

## Trial in 4 States from August 1

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One Nation One Ration Card scheme will be datu schelle will be launched as a pilot project in four States — Gujarat, Maharashtra, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh — from August 1. This means those having ration cards will be able to buy subsidised rice and wheat from any ration shop in their ration cards are linked to

Aadhaar. The Modi Government is expected to implement the 'One Nation One Ration Card' scheme across the country

## from July 1, 2020. Under the scheme, the ration card hold-

ONE NATION ONE RATION CARD SCHEME -

ers would be able to buy subsidised foodgrains from ration shops in any part of the country. Delhi had also begun implementing portability, though it was later stopped for technical reasons. Sources in the Ministry of Consumers Affairs, Food and

Public Distribution said that the scheme will be launched at the meeting of food ministers of all states on August 1. The state governments have been asked to use point of sale (PoS) machines in the ration shops and implement the

scheme.
Issues such as the shop not being open, long queues and ill-treatment by dealers have been reported from all over "As many as 10 States —

As many as 10 States — Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Telangana and Tripura — already offer this portability. Other States, including Himachal Pradesh, Himachal Madhya Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab and Tamil Nadu, could easily

implement the scheme, as they

had PoS machines in all the ration shops," said officials.

pilot project in 15 districts to fortify rice grains with iron, folic acid, Vitamin A and Vitamin B12 to reduce nutrition deficiencies among ben-

beneficiaries on a single ration

Officials said that one of the agenda of the food minis-ters meeting is to roll out a

eficiaries. The scheme will enable migrant workers obtain their monthly PDS entitlements from any ration shop. This will also reduce the dependency of

# **Leaders vent out ire over Unnao**

### **Didi raps Govt** for failing to protect victim



Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Baneriee on Monday criticised the BJP Government at the Centre for failing to ensure the safety of the Unnao rape survivor and demanded a highlevel probe into the accident involving the victim.

Banerjee also urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to

Nimister Narendra Modi to look into the incident. Speaking on Monday, Banerjee said the incident was "extremely unfortunate" and should be probed to bring out the truth. "Everyday they (BJP) defame Bengal but does the (Central) Government have any idea about what is happening in UP? What happened in Unnao? Two relatives of the victim died and she is in seri-ous condition. There should be a high-level probe. The prime minister should look into it," she said.

Attacking the BJP-ruled Governments in Uttar Pradesh and the Centre for not doing enough to protect the survivor, Banerjee, a severe critic of the saffron party, said, "There is fascist rule in the country. Everyday incidents of Victim's accident shocking: Priyanka



New Delhi: Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra said on Monday that the road accident of the woman from Unnao, who had accused an Uttar Pradesh BIP MLA of rape, was "shocking". Vadra wondered whether any hope for justice can be expected from ruling BJP, whose MLA Kuldeep Sengar is an accused in the case

The road accident involving the Unnao rape victim is shocking. Where has the CBI probe in this case reached?" she asked on Twitter. "Why is the accused MLA still in the BJP? Why is there laxity in the security of the victim and the wit. rity of the victim and the wit nesses?" "Can you hope for any justice from the BJP Government without an answer to these questions," the Congress leader added.

A car in which the Unnac rape victim, her family and lawyer were travelling was hit by an overspeeding truck in Rae Bareli on Sunday, killing two members while leaving her and the advocate critically injured, police had said.

Congress chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala alleged that the incident was a conspiracy to kill to woman. "Unnao and UP demand justice for the victim daughter of the abominable rape crime. lynching are taking place. The Prime Minister should look after the country."

But instead of justice, what has happened is a conspiracy to kill," Surjewala tweeted.

PTI

#### Mayawati urges Yechury: Beti **SC** to ensure strict action



Lucknow: BSP president Mayawati on Monday urged the Supreme Court to take cognizance of the accident of a car in which the survivor of Unnao rape case, her family and lawyer were travelling.

Mayawati said prima facie

it appears to be a "conspiracy' to kill the survivor. "Her mater-nal and paternal aunts were killed and she herself and her advocate are seriously injured The Supreme Court need to take cognizance of the matter and ensure strict action," she tweeted.

On Sunday, the car in which the woman, her family and lawyer were travelling was hit by an over-speeding truck in Rae Bareli, killing two mem-bers while leaving her and the advocate critically injured, police said.

party on their own. He said that the BIP was selective in

welcoming the Opposition party leaders to its fold and it

was not giving entry to such opposition leaders who were

facing enquiries from the ED or other probe agencies.

On his part, Maharashtra's former chief minister and state

Congress president Ashok had

also gone on record last month

alleging that Fadnavis was call-

aneging that Fadinavis was can-ing the Congress legislators and enticing them to join the BJP ahead of the State Assembly polls.

Going by the manner in which the BJP is poaching the

leaders from the Opposition Congress and NCP, there will

Maharashtra politics ahead of the State Assembly polls.

Bhavan stint, Ram

Naik to become

BJP leader again

Mumbai: BJP veteran Ram

Naik, who recently completed

his term as Governor of Uttar

Pradesh, is set to return to

active politics by enrolling

himself as a primary member

of the saffron party on his home turf, Mumbai, on

Tuesday, sources said.
"Naik (85) will take pri-

mary membership of the party at the BJP office in Mumbai," sources said on Monday. The

former Union petroleum and natural gas minister had rep-

resented Mumbai North con-stituency for three terms before

he was defeated by Bollywood

actor Govinda in 2004 and

by Sanjay Nirupam of Congress

MLA in the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly.

that he would not contest Lok

Sabha elections.

Governor of UP.

In 2014, he had announced

He was later appointed as

Naik, who has been with the BJP since the Jana Sangh days, had also served as an

in 2009.

After UP Raj

a lot of churn in



(R) (R) riefs the media about Unnao ape survivor's accident, in Lucknow, on

## Bachao slogan a warning

New Delhi: Linking the BJP to a road accident involving the Unnao rape survivor's car, CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury said on Monday that the Government's 'Beti Bachao' slogan was a "grim warning in this context" as the sexual



the 19-year old survivor, who has accused BJP MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar of rape, her family and lawyer was hit by a speeding truck in Rae Bareli. While her two family members were killed in the accident, she and her lawyer were critically injured, police said. "Beti Bachao! This slogan is a grim warning in this context, which involves a BIF lawmaker and party's State Govt. This is the reality of

BJP's policies towards women,' Yechury tweeted. PTI ucknow Zone

#### Don't ask questions if BJP MLA is accused of raping you: Rahul's dig at Govt



New Delhi: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday attacked the BJP over the road accident in Uttar Pradesh in which the Unnao rape survivor was critically injured and took a dig at the Modi Government's Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao

"Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao. A new special education bul-letin for Indian women. Don't ask questions if a BJP MLA is accused of having raped you," Gandhi said in a tweet, tagging a media report on the accident. Unnao Superintendent of

Police Madhav Prasad Verma said the rape survivor, her paternal and maternal aunts along with their advocate met with an accident while on their way to meet her uncle, who is lodged in Rae Bareli jail.

A woman belonging to Makhi Police Station area in Unnao had alleged sthat BJP MLA Kuldeep Sengar, a fourtime MLA who represents Bangermau in the UP Assembly, raped her teenage daughter at his residence in 2017.

## DMK in defensive as police pick up party leader's son in murder charges

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■

 $E_{\text{Sabha}}^{\text{lection from Vellore Lok}}$ held on August 5 has assumed major significance in the backdrop of political developments that took place in Tamil Nadu over the last 24 hours.

The general belief was that DMK candidate DM Kathir Anand (son of DMK treasurer Durai Murugan) would romp home without much difficulty, Not any more. The election was rescinded in the month of April following seizure of large cache of cash from the residence and business establishments of Kathir Anand hours

before the polling was to begin. Sunday's arrest of Karthik (39), son of a senior DMK functionary, from a hideout in Madurai in connection with a triple murder that took place in Tirunelveli has come as a major embarrassment to the principal opposition party.

Karthik, who is also known as Karthikeyan, son of DMK leader Seeniammal, was picked up by the police team probing the murder of another DMK leader 65-year-old Uma Maheswari (former mayor of Tirunelveli), her husband Murugasankaran (74) and their housemaid Mariammal last Tuesday.

The bodies were seen early Wednesday morning at the residence of Uma Maheswari and the initial assessment was that the murders were for gain.

But the visuals collected

from the CCTV cameras installed in the locality threw out the pictures of Karthik moving around the house f the victims in the fateful day.

Karthik, was also a DMK leader and an adversary of the slain DMK leader Uma Maheswari. The police got wind of the financial dealings between the two women leaders of the party and hence they picked up Karthik.

Stalin who launched his campaign from Vellore on Sunday had lambasted the AIADMK Government for breakdown in law and order in the State.

"Not a single day passes without me reading news of murder, rape and burglary," Stalin had told the

voters on Sunday.

Interestingly , the DMK leader's diatribe had come at a time when the police picked up Karthik for interrogation. His mother Seenimmal too was grilled by the police team for more than two hours in connection with the murders.

### Kerala Cong leaders criticise Tharoor's remarks, say Rahul engaged in party affairs

PTI ■ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

ongress MP Shashi Tharoor's remarks on "lack of party leadership" has not gone down well with several leaders, as AICC general sec-retary KC Venugopal on Monday said Rahul Gandhi continues to be engaged in day-to-day affairs of the party as assured by him at the time of his resignation.

"Being a Congress worker, Tharoor has expressed the sentiment of the common Congress man. I am not blaming him. But it does not mean the party lacks leadership," Venugopal said. "When Rahul Gandhi resigned (as Congress president), he had said he would take care of the party's function till a new chief takes charge. And he has kept his word. He is engaged in the day-to-day affairs of the party," he said. The AICC leader, howev-

er, said it was necessary to select a new chief for the party and the Congress Working Committee (CWC) should vacancy. Venugopal added that the CWC would meet in August to take a decision on IANS | filling the vacant president

post, among other things. In an interview to PTI, Tharoor had expressed disappointment with the prevailing situation in the party and asserted that there is no clear answer to the current "predicament that we in the Congress are facing".

"It is certainly quite true

that the lack of clarity at the top of the party is likely to be hurting the Congress workers and sympathisers, many of whom miss the fact of having a party leader to look to for key decisions, authority and even inspi ration and energy, to rally together and move forward," Tharoor said.

Meanwhile, Congress chief Mullappally Ramachandran asked Tharoor to read the history of Congress. "Tharoor's claim that Congress is without a leader is not right. How can he say something like that? The Congress has got enough leaders to carry forward its functions," he asserted. "If we go through the 134 years of Congress history, we can see Congress is the only party with a proper leadership. Tharoor must read the history of Congress. He should not have said so," the KPCC president told

#### **Arrest warrant** against Mukul Roy

PNS ■ KOLKATA

In a major embarrassment for the BJP, a Kolkata court on Monday issued an arrest warrant against party leader Mukul Roy who reportedly failedto appear before it in an earlier case. The Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate of the Bankshall Court issued an arrest warrant to be complied by August 30 and directed the officer in-charge of the Burrabazar Police Station to produce the BJP leader before him before the said date, sources said.

Roy who had already petitioned the Delhi High Court seeking a stay on the order said he was called as a witness to appear before the court. He asked "how two steps could be initiated in one go — first thepolice have sent me a notice to interrogate me and second they havegot the court to issue a warrant of arrest against me." This was a clear case of political vendetta of Mamata Banerjee Government, he said.

According to sources a case was lodged against a public servant who was arrested with Rs 80 lakh sometime last year. During interrogation Roy's name appeared on several occasions and hence Kolkata Police sent a notice to the BJP leader asking him to appear for interrogation on July 30.

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"It also encapsulates the

use of advanced technology and efficacious methods

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with the help of a dedicated software," the network said.

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## PRE-MAHARASHTRA ASSEMBLY POLL BLUES | Man lynched in Bengal on

## **BJP** goes on poaching spree, **Cong-NCP combine unnerved**

Host of Cong MLAS, leaders, corporators set to join\_BJP tomorrow MLAs Kalidas Kolambkar, Vaibhavi Pichhad, NCP'S ex-State women president Chitra Wagh,

52 NCP corporators among those set to join BJP

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A head of the Maharashtra Assembly polls in October this year, the BJP has gone in for the kill in consolidating its base by roping in leaders and functionaries from the Congress and the NCP, a trend that has unnerved the two major Opposition parties in the State.

Amid speculation that he and some other leaders from the NCP might join the BJP later this week, seven-time MLA Kalidas Kolambkar on Monday resigned both from the primary membership of the Congress and his Assembly membership.

Kolambkar, who represents

the Wadala constituency in south-central Mumbai, had been elected to the State Assembly five times on a Shiv Sena ticket. Once a staunch supporter of former chief minister Narayan Rane, had been Maharashtra chief minister Devendra Fadnavis of the BJP for more than a year now.

At a function to be held on Wednesday, Kolambkar, NCP's MLA Vaibhav Pichhad, former minister Ganesh Naik and state party's women president Chitra Wagh are likely to join the BJP. As many as 52 NCP corporators from the Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation (NMMC) will also switch to the NCP at the same function.

Vaibhay Pichad, who represents Akole Assembly constituency from Ahmednagar district, is the son of NCP's former president and close aide of Pawar. It remains to be seen if Sr Pichad will also join the BJP. Chitra Wagh had on Friday resigned from her position as the State NCP women president and was replaced by Rupali Chakankar on Saturday

The names of three Congress MLAs Jaykumar Bhagwanrao Gore, Sunil Chhatrapal Kedar and Chnafrapal Redar and Gopaldas Shankarlal Agrawal are also making round as persons who may join the BJP in the coming days.

The BJP's eagerness to rope in as many as MLAs from the Opposition parties should be seen in the context of a claim.

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made by Senior BJP leader and Maharashtra Water Resources Minister, Girish Mahajan on Sunday that 50 MLAs from the Congress and NCP were in touch with his party leaders and would switch over to his party ahead of the State Assembly polls.

Ahead of the Lok Sabha

Aftead of the Low Sauha polls, senior Congress leader Radhakrishna Vikhe-Patil's son Dr Sujay Vikhe-Patil and Ranjitsinh Mohite-Patil – son of Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) MP and former Deputy Chief Minister Vijaysinh Mohite-Patil had joined the BJP. After the elections, former leader of the Opposition in the State Assembly Radhakrishna Vikhe-Patil of the Congress was inducted into the State Cabinet by Fadnavis.

The BJP's ally Shiv Sena is no different when it comes to enrolling leaders from the Opposition parties. On Thursday last, the Sena landed a major catch, when it induct-ed the NCP's Mumbai unit president Sachin Ahir into its fold. Earlier on May 22, NCP's former minister Jaydutta Kshirsagar had joined the Sena. Kshirsagar was subsequently inducted into the Maharashtra Cabinet, when chief minister Devendra Fadnavis expanded his Cabinet on June 16, 2019.

The anxiety within the NCP about the BJP's efforts to poach its party functionaries can be evidenced from the accusation made by NCP Sharad Pawar in Pune on Sunday that the ruling BJP-Shiv Sena alliance was misusing the agencies like the ACB, Enforcement Directorate (ED) and CBI to mount pressure on and CBI to mount pressure on members of the Opposition parties to switch sides. Dubbing the poaching indulged in by the BJP as an "attack on Parliamentary democracy", Pawar charged that the BJP was forcing the NCP leaders to switch political loyalties by threatening them with legal action.

Rebutting Pawar's charge that the BJP was "misusing" probe agencies to force the Opposition party leaders to join the BJP, Fadnavis contended the Congress and NCP legislators were joining his

## suspicion of child-lifting, 7 held Kolkata: In yet another incident of lynching in West Bengal's

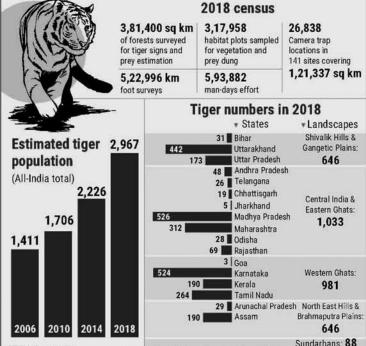
Alipurduar district, seven people have been arrested for killing a man on suspicion of being a child-lifter, police said on Monday. "A man, nearly 35-years-old, was beaten to death on A man, nearly 33-years-out, was ocated to death of Sunday night near Tasati tea-estate. Seven people have been arrested and we are trying to find out the person's identity," said a senior

officer of Alipurduar Police. The officer said that they had also nabbed two people for posting rumours on social media.

On Saturday, a youth was severely beaten up by a mob in Maiher-dabri tea estate in Alipurduar on similar suspicions of child-kidnapping. He was later rescued by some locals and kept locked inside a primary school building.

## Hope Revives for the Indian Tiger

Growth of 33% reported in wild tiger population between 2014 and 2018



New mobile application M-STrIPES used to estimate tiger population: WII scientist New Delhi: In a first, wildlife officials used mobile applica- "This mobile app records tion M-STrIPES (Monitoring System For Tigers-Intensive the track a forest official walks and geotags the sightings of Protection and Ecological Status) to estimate the big cat

India Tiger Estimate report. YV Jhala, Scientist, Tiger Cell at Wildlife Institute of India (WII), an autonomous institution of the Environment Ministry, who also contributed to the report, said M-STrIPES made it a lot easier for officials to collect and

population in the country, a

WII scientist said on Monday soon after the release of the All

tigers and even other animals or signs which helps in the estimation. It was easier

Source: All India Tiger Estimation Report 2018

the estimation. It was easier this time but the data was huge," Jhala said.

As per the four-yearly report, India had 2,967 tigers in 2018, an increase from 2,226 in 2014. According to the report, data was received from 491 forest divisions of India and it was processed using M-STrIPES software.

## Nat Geo documentary on 2018 tiger census to premiere on Aug 7 2018 and gives viewers "rare access" to the operations behind this momentous exer-

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documentary capturing Adocumentary captures and the efforts of officers and forest guards involved in the process of tracking and counting of tigers under the 2018 census of the big cat will be showcased on National Geographic on August 7, officials said on Monday.

The announcement by the

network comes on a day Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the All India Tiger Estimation Report 2018 and said the country has emerged as ie of the bigges habitats for tigers in the world.

"The documentary —

'Counting Tigers' showcases the efforts of officers and forest guards involved in the process of tracking and count-ing tigers in the last census, including the never before indepth tiger profiling," National Geographic said in a statement.
The documentary closely
follows India's tiger census



# 12-day-old succumbs to **Pak shelling in Poonch**

A 12-day-old toddler, whose abdomen was punctured and intestines were exposed due to splinter injuries of a mortar shell, succumbed in the wee hours of Monday in district hospital Poonch.

The infant probably became the youngest Indian to have lost his life after receiving fatal injuries amid escalating tensions between the Indian and Pakistani armies in the region. The toddler was among three civilians who were injured in the intense mortar shelling initiated by the Pakistan army along the line of control in Shahpur area of Poonch on Sunday evening.

The family was handed over the death certificate even before they could register his name and prepare his birth certificate. The minor child was hit by splinter injuries while his mother, Fatima Jaan, was holding him in her lap inside one of the rooms of her house.

Interestingly, time lines of kashmiri politicians, celebrities, bollywood glitterati remained mute. Few others, posed direct



Fatima Jan (35), injured in heavy shelling by Pakistani troops along the LoC in

questions to popular Kashmiri politicians over their muted silence even as they were busy ranting their anger over increasing foot prints of central

paramilitary forces in the Kashmir valley. Speaking to *The Pioneer* in Jammu, Mohd Qasim, father of a minor child, said, "when firing started in the forward areas of Shahpur on Sunday afternoon he along with his family took shelter inside one of the rooms of their home. Minutes later, a mortar shell landed outside the main door of our house in which my wife Fatima Jaan,

my 12 day old son and Mohd Arif, another villager, received splinter injuries". He said the mortar shell splinters had pen-etrated the windows and walls of their house causing maximum damage inside the room.

Mohd Qasim said, "as they bled profusely, no help came forward for about one hour". He alone was not in a condition to shift the injured to the nearby hospital all alone.

After about one and half hour, Mohd Arif,also camping there, informed his family and others in the area about their fatal injuries. In response to their

Infant probably youngest Indian to have lost his life after receiving fatal injuries amid escalating tensions between Indian and Pakistani Armies in region

SOS calls, a group of villagers took risk and braved barrage of bullets and mortar shells to shift them to the main road from where they were ferried to the district hospital in Poonch.

After providing immediate medical treatment, both Fatima Jaan and Mohd Arif, a Sumo driver, were referred to Govt Medical College Hospital in Jammu by the doctors while the minor child was kept under observation in the wake of his critical condition.

Munir Hussain, grand father of the minor child said, "my grandson succumbed in ee hours and early morning he was buried as per their religious traditions by the family members in Poonch. In GMC, the injured residents suffered for long hours before they were provided with the medical treatment and later shifted to the recovery ward.

Fatima Jaan, was still not aware that she has lost her beloved son in the ceasefire violation by Pakistan army. "I have not informed her about our loss She is going to be operated upon by the doctors in the evening' Mohd Oasim added.



**SAUGAR SENGUPTA** ■ KOLKATA

Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has final-ly developed an answer to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Maan ki Baat with a didikebolo.com and a mobile phone number through which aggrieved people can access her for redressing their grievances.

Desperate to overhaul the

Trinamool Congress organisa-tion and makeover her party's sagging image post 2019 gen-eral elections which saw BJP throwing a serious challenge to the ruling outfit Banerjee apparently in consultations with election strategist Prashant Kishor the Chief Minister on Monday launched the two-pronged measures — phone karo and didi ke bolo (tell didi).

That the TMC Inc was going corporate was driven home by the Chief Minister, who sent out the "modernisation" message, saying, "this is a new TMC a modern party which will reach out to everyone and help them sort out their issues."

Intriguingly for the media men Bengal's own Didi — known for delivering extempore on anything under the sun
— for the first time in her political career read out from a scribbled text her reach-out plans in which she said, "it is a modernising process for the TMC and our people's representatives and office bearers will visit 10,000 villages to the booth level..."they will meet party men, ordinary and eminent people ... if need be have ood with them, stay overnight in their houses and hear out heir problems so as to ensure speedy solution."

The party workers thus visiting the villages will hoist party flag their before they leave for some other place, she said, adding 10,000-plus vil-lages will be covered within a matter of 100 days.

Thus about 2 crore people will be touched in a matter of



West Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool Congress supremo Mamata Banerjee during the launch of a new campaign 'Didi Ke Bolo' in Kolkata on Monday

Assembly elections, party leaders said not denying posers that the entire episode had been planned by Kishor who planned strategies for Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2014 elections, Nitish Kumar-Laloo Yadav in Bihar and Jaganmohan Reddy in Andhra Pradesh

On the question of whether the party was going to appoint "whole timers" a la the BJP or the Left, Banerjee said TMC was a party of the poor and did not have enough money to appoint whole-timers like the BJP.

"The BJP is a rich party and has huge fund so they can appoint whole-timers. The CPI(M) too has whole-timers but their your ard different. We but their ways are different. We are not a rich party and so we cannot afford whole timers so as to pay them for their services. So no such worker will be appointed," she said refusing to answer questions as to why a leader like her who was a master of extempore had to read out her message perhaps for the first time in her life.

Though the Left would not make any comments the BJP leadership immediately will be touched in a matter of made skeptic remarks saying 20 months before the 2021 the effort to reach out to the

grassroots itself proved that TMC had long lost connect with the people down below. Senior leader Mukul Roy

said, "today's statements made by the Chief Minister to reach the common people itself proves that she has been asking for votes without popular connect... that her party lad lost popular connect... that they are detached from the people," wondering why the Chief Minister did not take similar steps a few years ago. "This is all a gimmick," she said.

Insisting that all the efforts would be futile, BJP strongman and MP Ariun Singh who had just before the elections jetti-soned TMC to join the saffron outfit said, "this will all become a futile exercise as no one will believe Mamata Baneriee anvmore. She is spending Rs 400 crore to purchase her strategies from a corporate man."

Another BJP leader said

"the people will ask TMC leaders questions: 'why have you come now, why not earlier?' They will have to explain why they did not allow people to vote in elections after elections, where is the cash that was earned in various scams?'

Chandrayaan-2 orbit successfully raised third time, says ISRO



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spacecraft has been performed successfully at 3.12 pm on Monday, the Indian space

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) said the orbit of the Chandrayaan-2 was raised to 276 x 71,792 km by firing the onboard motors for 989 seconds.

All spacecraft parameters are normal, it said.

The fourth orbit raising manoeuvre is scheduled between 2 to 3 pm on August 2

On July 22, the Chandrayaan-2 was injected into an elliptical orbit of 170x45,475 km by India's heavy lift rocket Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle-Mark III (GSLV Mk III) in a text book style.

The spacecraft comprises three segments - the Orbiter (weighing 2,379 kg, eight payloads), the lander 'Vikram' (1,471 kg, four payloads) and rover 'Pragyan' (27 kg, two payloads).

The Indian space agency said the major activities include earth-bound manoeuvres, the trans-lunar insertion, lunarbound manoeuvres, Vikram's separation from Chandrayaan-2 and touch down on the moon's South Pole. The ISRO said the trans-lunar insertion of Chandrayaan-2, which will send it to the moon, is scheduled on August 14. After that, the Chandrayaan-2 is scheduled to reach moon by August 20 and the lander Vikram will land on the Earth's sole satellite



People attend funeral procession of former Union Minister and Congress leader Jaipal Reddy in Hyderabad on Monday. Reddy was cremated with state honours Reddy's elder son Arvind lit funeral pyre at the ceremony held near the 'samadhi' of former Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao at Hussain Sagar lake. Senior party leaders Ghulam Nabi Azad, Mallikarjun Kharge, PC Chacko, former Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and KR Ramesh Kumar were also present

## **SEARCH FOR MISSING**



General Public is hereby informed that one lady Namely: Suman Pal, W/o: Anil Kumar, R/o: B-22/23, J.J. Colony, Sector-25, Rohini, Delhi, Age: 22 Years, Height: 5'3". Complexion: Fair. Face: Round, Built: Normal, Wearing: Blue Colour Suit & White Colour Pajami has been missing/kidnapped since SUMAN PAL 08.07.2019 from the area of P.S. Shahbad

Dairy, Outer North District, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 110-A, dated 13.07.2019 has been lodged at PS. Shahbad Dairy, **Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped lady but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing/ kidnapped lady female please inform the undersigned.

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# Cow strays into IIT-B lecture hall!

### Authorities embarrassed, set up panel to probe human-animal conflict on campus

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

In what came as a major the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT-B) management, a shocking video of a stray entering a lecture hall the IIT-Bombay campus went viral on Monday, prompting the authorities to appoint a committee to look into the human vs animal con-

flict issue on the campus.

The video clip showed that students present looking amus-edly at the white mediumbuilt cow with a lot dark spots that strayed into a first-floor lecture hall, walked from one end to another near the black board and later went out of the

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room through the aisles. A staff member is also seen driving away the stray cow. When contacted, an IIT-B spokesperson said: "There is no date or venue mentioned anywhere in the video. Hence, I cannot

confirm the incident". Before long, the video went viral on the social media, with twitterati mak-

ing having a field day. "Excellent metaphor for today's India. A cow entering an IIT Bombay class-"Bovine

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"Holy Cow!! She got in without JEE? Under which quota?," yet another tweeted. As promised, @BJP4India produces the first cow graduate, and that too from IIT Mumbai. Leave alone Pakistan, even

USA and all of Europe can never compete with this. China produce their cow graduate.
Too bad it won't be the first ever!!," com-mented a twitter user. Later in the day, the IIT-B spokesper-son said, "The Director

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Engineering is now part of the curriculum at IITs," another has constituted a committee to look into the human vs animal conflict issue on the campus. The members have been discussing the matter".

"They (the committee members) will consult Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), NGOs and animal experts before taking any conclusive steps. The BMC has removed only 2 bulls from outside the gate. Our staff and security are alert and doing their best," IIT-B spokesperson added.

There have been many occasions in the past when leopards have straved into the IIT-B campus from the nearby Sanjay Gandhi National Park (SNGP). So much so that a leopard was spotted a leopard a the Metallurgy workshop on July 23, 2014. The faculty July 23, 2014. The faculty members alerted the forest department officials who laid a trap and took away the animal

There have also been complaints from the students about the monkey menace and spot ting of a large of snakes within the IIT-B campus.

Spread over 550 acres, the IIT Bombay campus is located at Powai in north-east Mumbai lakes. It is nestled in lush green

## PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

SEE SECTION U/S 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Ajay Kumar Yadav @ Babu, S/o Ramanand Yadav, R/o Y-2321, Mangol Puri, Delhi is involved in a case FIR No. 13070/18, u/s 379/411/34 IPC at P.S. K.N.K Marg, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Ajay Kumar Yadav @ Babu cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Ajav Kumar Yadav @ Babu has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant) Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Aiav Kumar Yadav @ Babu of case FIR No. 13070/18, u/s 379/411/34 IPC at P.S. K.N.K Marg, Delhi is required to appear on this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 05.09.2019.

By Order Ms. Richa Sharma Metropolitan Magistrate-08 Room No. 306, Rohini Courts, Delhi

#### SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL



DP/3095/RD/19-(Court Matter).

General public is hereby informed that one girl namely Kajal, D/o Shri Rajender, R/o H.No. 281, Gali No. 03, Nangli Poona, Swaroop Nagar, Delhi, Age 16 years, Height 4'10", Complexion Wheatish, Round Face, Wearing Blue colour suit & salwar and black colour jutti in feet has been missing/kidnapped

from the area of PS Swaroop Nagar, Delhi since 11.06.19. In this regard a case FIR No. 229/19 dated 22.06.19 U/S 363 IPC has been registered at PS Swaroop Nagar, Delhi.

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

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Shallow, Height: 5'4", Face: Round, Wearing: white & blue Kurta-white salwar white chunni and black colour shoes in feet Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out her but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing /kidnapped girl then please inform P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi at following Tel No./e-mail: cic@cbi.gov.ir and Website: http://cbi.nic.in

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## **Tiger tales**

Yes, the numbers of the big cat have doubled but so has the intensity of man-animal conflict. Let's address that too



n 2008, alarm bells had rung when the tiger census in the country threw up a dismally low number of 1411, despite years of initiatives under Project Tiger. Home to 70 per cent of the world's wild tiger population, India had no option but to turn the needle through aggressive pursuit of various conservation efforts. So it is indeed heartening that in little over a decade, we now have almost doubled that number, clocking 2,967 tigers and regis-

tering an increase of almost 33 per cent in the fourth cycle of the latest census. Little wonder then that Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who released the new figures, seized another moment of national pride that India has achieved by claiming that the target of doubling the tiger population has been met four years before the deadline. What makes the numbers remarkably reassuring is that they have come at a time when biodiversity is severely challenged. Yet the government and the community have persistently been in sync with their conservation efforts. Also the four-year counting exercise, the world's largest wildlife survey effort in terms of coverage and intensity, is a celebration of technology. Over 15,000 camera traps were installed for capturing tiger images and recording their unique stripe pattern with the help of a dedicated software, there were satellite mapping and GIS-based apps for in-depth tracking of the big cats and the data collection process. Madhya Pradesh saw the highest number of tigers at 526, followed by Karnataka at 524 and Uttarakhand with 442 tigers. So it is the healthy patches which have pushed up the total numbers rather than the dotty ones.

This brings us to the most important aspect of tiger management in their habitats than just recording figures. While tiger numbers have increased, tiger habitats have been dwindling due to human encroachments, infrastructure projects and truncated wildlife transit corridors. The man-animal conflict has never been worse, therefore. Be it the killing of Avni or villagers beating up straying tigers, or the confused tiger hitting back with a counter-charge, the headlines point to a dangerous trend of overpopulation not being commensurate with increase in prey base-rich forest zones. The Wildlife Trust of India's conflict database for Uttar Pradesh records 63 cases of attacks on humans by tigers from 2014 to February 2019, an average of 10.8 cases per year. This marks a dramatic increase from an average of 5.6 attacks on humans per year between 2000 and 2013. The tiger will stray into human settlements when its food chain is frayed and villagers cannot be expected to prioritise conservation when the lives of their own and the livestock are at stake. It is now imperative to understand what's causing the conflict on the ground on a case by case basis and address it immediately before avenging kills start showing up in the numbers. Awareness of tigers should now also include equal awareness about its ecology and behaviour and the need to provide alternative ranges. Recent examples have shown how some railway underpasses to facilitate wildlife transit are working as animals, like the elephant and tiger, are adapting to changed migration routes. There are still viable tracts of pristine forests that can be turned into reserves by relocating animals from overpopulated stretches. But forests are a state subject and an inter-state agreement on shared corridors needs to be ironed out and coordinated if translocation is to succeed. Meanwhile relocation needs are mounting. The entire process cannot be fast-tracked but needs to be graded and spaced out to ensure tigers' acceptance of a new territory as their own household. Apart from peripheral villagers, a new tiger also has to deal with resident cats or in the total absence of its kind, reconcile to being a lone ranger and sync up with other relocated companions. And if forest dwellers have co-habited with tigers before, there is no reason why we cannot make them stakeholders in conservation efforts, keeping them invested as park patrollers and monitors, generating a subsidiary tiger economy that ensures them revenue, incentivising forest produce and enhancing the tiger gene pool that can promote "sighting tourism." Till this is done, our pride will continue to be their enemy. The tiger sits on top of the food chain in the forest and by saving it and giving it a home, we are protecting all sub-species and curating a biosphere that even includes grasslands and rivers.

## Time for a green bonus

The Himalayan States have demanded that the Centre give them an environment grant, not really an unfair demand



ndia's extremely fertile plains are nourished with water and nutrients from its mountains, like a bloodstream disseminates life force across the human body. Without the Himalavas, there wouldn't be glaciers or the resultant rivers to water our vast plains. There wouldn't be rains if the peaks hadn't blocked the monsoon clouds and trapped them in the Valleys. It is important, therefore, for India as a whole to treat the Himalayas and the ecology of these mountains carefully to ensure that civilisational life as we know it can continue

as it has for five millennia. Ergo, it is not imprudent for the Himalayan states to demand a 'Green Bonus' so that they can preserve the ecology of the mountains and plan for sustainable development.

We have seen what rampant, unplanned development in the mountains can do. Shimla, the erstwhile colonial summer capital of this country, ran out of water last summer. Rampant development has seen the destruction of thousands of acres of primeval forests and wanton construction activity continues with nary a concern for the future or resource management. Satellite imagery shows that the rapid retreat of large Himalayan glaciers, through a combination of both local and global environmental contagion, is grave indeed. It is only fair then that the citizens in the plains do their bit to contribute for the health of the mountains and the economy of the states because in the long run, they are protecting themselves and their progeny. There has to be a stop on the race to develop huge projects and even too much industry in the mountains, but the population of the mountain states needs some sort of compensation for this denial, which seems like a small price to pay. Without any financial incentive, unrestricted development will continue, because the fear of penalties will be overridden by economic interests. We need to incentivise and not just penalise. Ten of India's 11 hill States met as part of a recently concluded campaign and made this demand to the Finance Minister. They also advocated for a separate Central ministry to explore concerns specific to them and for better efficacy of ecological programmes targetted for the mountains. This is something that should be explored, maybe not as a ministry but definitely as a department of the government that looks at some of these critical issues. In the end, these would not just impact residents of these States but every other Indian. The Himalayas might be one of the world's youngest mountain ranges but they have suffered from the ravages of civilisation. This must be controlled now, if we, as a nation, are to continue.

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# Karnataka impasse

A few MLAs going back to the people for a fresh mandate on another party's ticket is far better than dissolution of the House and fresh Assembly election



he ugly political drama in Karnataka has finally ended with the defeat of the HD Kumaraswamy Government on the floor of the State Assembly and the appointment of a new Bharatiya anata Party (BJP) Government headed by BS Yediyurappa.

But the story is not over yet because But the story is not over yet because of the Constitutional issues that have sprung up *vis-a-vis* the decision of the Speaker of the Karnataka Assembly, KR Ramesh Kumar, to disqualify 17 MLAs, who had earlier sent in their resignations. The MLAs wanted their resignations to be accepted and 10 of them even appeared be accepted and 10 of them even appeared before the Speaker to assert their right to resign from the House. The Congress and resign from the rouse. The Congress and the Janata Dal (Secular) wanted them disqualified because they did not turn up when the HD Kumaraswamy Government faced a trust vote in the Assembly. The Speaker has also barred these MLAs from contesting elections afresh during the life of the present Assembly. This will now completely upset the plans of these MLAs and the new Chief Minister, who had planned to give them BJP tickets in the by-elections. The matter is already before the Supreme Court and it is likely that these MLAs will challenge the Speaker's decision to dis-qualify them. Whatever the eventual outcome, there can be little doubt that this has done considerable damage to the democratic traditions in the country.

The drama began with the Congress and Janata Dal(S) rebels going to the office of the Speaker and submitting their resignations. As the resignations were tendered in his absence, the Speaker insist-ed that the MLAs present themselves before him because he was duty-bound to ascertain whether they were under any duress or if they were resigning from the Assembly on their own volition. Rules of the Assembly state that when the resignation letter is handed over personally and the MLA says his action is "voluntary and genuine" (and if the Speaker is satisfied), he has to accept the resignation "immediately." If the letter of resignation is not handed over personally, the rules give the Speaker scope to begin an inquiry on whether the resignation is voluntary and genuine. He also has the right to reject such a letter. Ten MLAs met the Speaker after the apex court directed them to do so. They complied with the directive and informed the Speaker in person that they wished to resign from their seats.

Days later, when the Kumaraswamy Government had to face a trust vote, the two parties in the ruling coalition issued whips, directing their members to be present in the State Assembly and to vote for the trust motion. The rebel MLAs, having tendered their resignations, stayed back in Mumbai. Given this chronology of events and the rules regarding the resignation of MLAs, the Speaker ought to have accepted the resignations. Since the resignations were tendered before the trust vote was taken up by the House, the rebels contended that the whips issued by the two parties were infructuous.

There was something repulsive about the fortnight long drama in the State with the leaders of the Congress and the JD(S) trying every trick to win back the dissidents. A police complaint was lodged alleging wrongful confinement of MLAs in Mumbai. On one occasion, DK Shivakumar, an influential leader of the Congress in the State and a senior Minister in

the Kumaraswamy Government, who tried to enter the hotel, was "escorted out" of the hotel after the rebel legislators wrote to the Mumbai police and sought "protection" from the visiting politicians from Karnataka.

The conduct of the Karnataka Speaker is in contrast to the approach of Venkaiah Naidu, the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha,

Naidu received a letter of resignation from Neerai Shekhar. member of the House belonging to the Samajwadi Party, on July 15. The following day, he informed the Rajya Sabha that he had accepted Shekhar's resignation. The Chairman called the member and asked him if his resignation letter was genuine and whether he had taken the decision voluntarily. He also asked him if he would like to reconsider his decision.

When the member insisted on resigning from the House, the Chairman accepted the same "with immediate effect" and asked his secretariat to complete the formalities He also made a formal announcement about the MP's resignation on July 16 in the

Coming back to the drama in the Karnataka Assembly, it is indeed unfortunate that the people of the State failed to give a clear mandate to one political party or a pre-poll coalition in the last Assembly election in 2018. The final verdict left the BIP high and dry with 104 seats and the State ended up having a Chief Minister from the

third largest party — the JD(S) — which had 37 seats and which had the support of the Congress, the second largest party with 78 seats. In the Assembly election held in 2008, the electorate gave the BJP 110 seats in the 224member House. Yediyurappa had to entice some Independents and form the Government, which survived precariously for some time. But this was neither here nor there, and there were no easy solutions to the problem.

Following the Constitution 91 Amendment Act, it has become difficult for poachers to get MLAs to cross the floor. Therefore, if a party falls short of a majority by a rew seats, the only option available for the ruling party is to entice Opposition legislators to vacate their seats and contest the elections afresh on the ruling party's ticket. This is what Yediyurappa did in 2008 and succeeded in bolstering his numbers in the State legisla-

It also speaks of the maturity of the electorate that some constituencies, which had never voted the BJP before,

elected candidates put up by this party and, thus, voted to provide stability to the Government. This entire operation was code-named "Operation Kamala" and came in for a lot of criticism. But this writer is of the view that a few MLAs going back to the people for a fresh mandate on another party's ticket is far better than dissolution of the House and fresh Assembly election. This is also a much better option than the shameless defection of MPs and MLAs from one party to another, which was the case until the anti-defection law

came into being. Yediyurappa was hoping to undertake a similar exercise this time, too, and get the defecting MLAs to contest afresh on a BIP ticket. This is stymied by the Speaker's order. We will now have to await a judicial decision. Until then, a fresh round of instability is on the cards and the people will watch helplessly as another Government will hobble

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(The writer is an author specialising in democracy studies. Views expressed are



#### NDBITE Why is the BJP MI A still in

That they selected the team for West Indies brings up the guestion whether Virat Kohli is the captain of the team at his or the

Former cricketer



I've requested Dr Farooq Abdullal sahab to convene an all-party meeting. Need of the hour is to

PDP President



the BJP? Why the lack in security to the victim and get justice from BJP?

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No civilisation or society under the rule of law would ever allow acts of violence to take place. We call on the general public of Hong Kong to be aware

Hong Kong Affairs spoke



Accident or cold-blooded murder?

#### Safety comes first

Sir — The fines proposed under the new Motor Vehicles Bill, 2019, will serve as an effective deterrent to violations such as over speeding of vehicles, riding triplets on two-wheelers, jumping traffic signals and not wearing a helmet among others, all of which endanger the lives of not only the offenders but others as well.

Neither are traffic rules strictly followed nor are they toughly enforced even as the roads are perennially ridden with pot-holes. Talking of airbags, which the Indian Government recently made mandatory in automobiles, one cannot but recall the pioneering efforts of the internationallyrenowned American lawyerturned consumer activist, Ralph Nader, who for the first time in the automobile history, got airbags and similar safeguards against accidents such as seat belts, shatterproof windshields and padded dashboards to be made compulsory in American cars in 1966. This effectively saved thousands of lives over there.

Well, it is said of Rama Nama that it protects us whether we chant it with or without attention.

#### t was sad that the Unnao rape survivor was 'critically injured' when a truck hit the car in which she was travelling. At this juncture, she is battling for her life. The disfigurement of the number plate of the truck

involved in the head-on collision and the withdrawal of the police personnel despite the court order to provide security cover to the young woman and her family roundthe-clock raise the suspicion that it could have been a premeditated attempt to murder the rape survivor. Her family alleges that the accident was purely the

handiwork of BJP MLA Kuldeep Sengar. A 'car crash' is a common and time-tested method used to eliminate inconvenient truths and witnesses. The rape accused has a lot of clout with the State Government, something that explains the ill-disquised collusion between the police and the perpetrators of the crime of attempted murder The contention by the cops that the crash happened during heavy rains was a feeble attempt to establish that it was just a road mishap and an indication of how the investigation would proceed. Notwithstanding its zero tolerance for violence against women, the BJP is appearing to be extremely protective of the accused in this case. It was possible that the teenage rape survivor's attempted self-immolation in front of the house of Chief Minster Yogi Adityanath incensed the ruling dispensation and pro-



voked it to take revenge on her. If those who seek justice are weak and vulnerable, they are targetted in ruthless ways. Remember the death of the victim's father in police custody obviously due to torture. The latest incident smelling of conspiracy and foul play is one more example of lawlessness in Uttar Pradesh belying the claim of "Ram Raiva" We urge the Supreme Court, the protector of the right to life, to take suo motu cognisance of the incident, monitor the CBI probe and see to it that the culprits, however powerful or influential they are, do not go unpunished.

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five-time member of the Lok Sabha and two-time member Rajya Sabha. He was a multi-talented person, prolific writer, honest and upright and was bestowed with the best Parliamentarian award. His speeches were always forceful and inspiring. He was a true statesman. Ramesh G Jethwani Bengaluru

#### Train rescue

Sir — The heroic rescue of the passengers on board the Mahalaxmi Express, which was caught in flood waters about 65 km from Mumbai, is much appreciated. The Railways should now be proactive and cancel train services in flood-affected regions in the best interest of passenger safety. The incident should lead to better facilities on board trains. A public announcement system to communicate information to passengers during an emergency/crisis is needed. Railway staff should also be equipped to

handle any emergency.

Varun Dambal Bengaluru

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So are traffic rules. We may find A true statesman them irksome, but they save our lives, whether we follow them

dutifully or perfunctorily. CV Krishna Manoj Hyderabad

- Veteran leader S Jaipal Reddy was known for his exceptional oratorical skills, political acu-

men and outspokenness. He always spoke his mind. Despite limited physical mobility due to childhood polio, he did not fail in reaching a higher role in politics. He became a Union Minister, was



## FIRSTCOLUMN Hullabaloo around media freedom

It is now time for intellectuals to stop treating media freedom as a shibboleth and instead broaden their mindset



MARKANDEY KATJU

he so-called "liberals", Opposition leaders and eminent people have accused the Modi Government of crushing the media freedom (by various ways, for example, getting "inconvenient" journalists dismissed by putting pressure on media owners and stopping Government advertisements, among others). Soon after the house and offices of Prannoy Roy, the owner of NDTV, were raided by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in June, 2017, a meeting was held in the Press Club of India, which was addressed by Fali Nariman, the eminent Supreme Court lawyer, Arun Shourie, former journalist and former Union Minister and many others. They all waxed eloquent about media freedom and the need to protect it.

In my opinion, people, who speak for media freedom overlook the fact that it is not an end in itself but only a means to an end. The end must be to benefit society. So, if media freedom benefits society, if it helps in raising the standard of living of the people and gives them decent living, if it helps in creating a social order where people are happy and prosperous, this should be supported. But if it does to the contrary, which means if it harms society, it should be suppressed.

When I became the Chairman of the Press Council of India in 2014 I gave an interview to Karan Thanar on his show Devil's Advocate (available on YouTube titled 'Media deliberately dividing the people: PCI chief'), wherein I explained my viewpoint.

Historically, the media (which was then only in print, and that, too, not as regular newspapers but as leaflets and pamphlets) arose in Western Europe, particularly in England and France, in the 17th and 18th centuries as an organ of the people against feudal oppression. At that time, all the organs of power were in the hands of the feudal authorities (kings and aristocrats). Hence, people had to create new organs, which could represent their interests. One of the powerful organs created by the people was the media. It represented the voice of the future, in contrast to the feudal organs of power, who wanted to pre-serve status quo. Great writers like Voltaire, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Thomas Paine and Junius (whose real name we still do not know), combated religious bigotry and feudal oppression and were of great help in transforming feudal Europe to modern Europe.

In India, too, at one time, we had great journalists like Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Ganesh Shankar Vidyarthi and Nikhil Chakravarty, among others, who were opposed to social evils. Even today, we have great journalists, who almost single-handedly expose issues like the farmers' suicides, something ignored by other journalists. There are others, too, who have consistently opposed communalism and for which, they had to pay a price. However, these are exceptions only. What about the rest of the media? What were they doing before the Modi Government came to power in 2014? Were they helping the people in their struggle to better their lives ?

As I mentioned in my interview with Karan Thapar, the Indian media, even before Modi came to power, largely worked in an anti-people manner in three ways: First, by diverting the people's attention from real issues, which range from socio-economic (for example, poverty, record unemployment, appalling child malnourishment, widespread farmers distress, almost non existent healthcare and good education among others) to non-issues or trivialities like fashion parades, cricket (which is almost religion in India), petty politics (which has assumed a new low level). It was behaving like the Roman Emperors, who had said that if you cannot give the people bread, give them circuses. Second, by dividing the people. Third, by spreading superstitions and unscientific thinking like astrology. And what about paid news and planted news? These were very much active even before the coming of the Modi

So, relative freedom, which the Indian media enjoyed in the pre-Modi period, was not used to benefit the Indian people but largely to harm them. Why then is the media (and the so-called "intellectuals") lamenting over the suppression of media free-dom? Even before it came to power, media freedom was being used in a manner detrimental to the people's welfare. It is time now to stop treating media freedom as a shibboleth and an idee fixe. It is only a means to an end, and not a sacrosanct end in itself. The so-called "liberals", "intellectuals" and champions of media freedom should develop some depth in their thinking. And if the Indian media wants to be respected, it must act like the European media when it was fighting against feudalism. Only then does its freedom deserve to be supported and only then will the people respect it.

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THE CHAIR ON WHICH I SAT BELONGS TO ALL. NOT JUST ME. HE HAS USED SUCH LANGUAGE FOR ALL THE WOMEN IN THE COUNTRY. -BJP MEMBER



I HAVE BEEN AN MLA NINE TIMES, A MINISTER FOUR TIMES, I WAS PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS MINISTER... I KNOW LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURES —SAMAJWADI PARTY MEMBER

# The American shock & awe

Though the present US-Pak bonhomie is Afghan-specific, India will have to be watchful and tread its path carefully in case Khan succeeds to placate the Taliban



ANIL GUPTA

Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan's recent-ly concluded three-day visit to the US and his one-on-one meeting with US President Donald Trump have evoked mixed reactions in India not only due to the latter's controversial statement but also due to a lukewarm concern displayed by American authorities with regard to terrorism. Relations between Pakistan and the US have been strained ever since the Trump Administration assumed power due to Islamabad's support to the global *jihadi* terrorist organisations and its involvement in cross-border terrorism in India and Afghanistan. Though Pakistan's involve-ment in cross-border terror in Iran is also well established, the US does not show much concern due to its strategic concerns in the Gulf region.

Pakistan's continued support to the Taliban and the Haqqani network operating in Afghanistan irked the new US Administration, which put it on notice, threatening to suspend all aid, including the package to its Army. Islamabad failed to read the US' intent. In the past, it got away playing the nuclear card. The Western world, particularly the US, is scared of the nuclear arsenal falling in the hands of *jihadi* terrorists operating from Pakistan's soil and succumbed to its black nail, dishing out doles to it. Trump, however, is

"The US has foolishly given Pakistan more than \$33 billion in aid over the last 15 years and they have given us nothing but lies and deceit, thinking of our leaders are fools. They give safe havens to the terrorists we hunt in Afghanistan, with little help. No more!" — this is what Trump tweeted on the first day of 2018. Pakistan went to the extent of blaming Trump for "flinging accu-sations at Pakistan," as he was disappointed at the "US' defeat in Afghanistan." Trump responded by blocking American aid of approximately \$3 bil-lion that also included the \$300 million for the Pakistani Army. The Army-to-Army contact between the two nations was suspended. It was a big setback for Pakistan, which was already going through an economic crisis. Islamabad did try to put up a brave front initially but its dwindling economy, India's diplomatic offensive in exposing Pakistan, the firm stand of the US Administration and the strictness of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) compelled the Imran Khan Government to take stern measures against the terror industry. Whether these measures are a "show window" to win the trust of Trump and the US authorities (a prelude to Khan's visit to the US) or is there a sense of seriousness or perma-nency, only time will tell.

Meanwhile, the US has begun preparations for the next presidential election and Trump has also thrown his hat in the race. He is desperate to have one major diplomatic victory about which he can boast to the American people. His initiative in the Korean Peninsula is not making much headway. The strained relations with Iran are harming him more than helping him boost his image. His high-handed tactics of dealing with other countries have got him more enemies than allies. Both China and Russia also have tense relations with America. Although India is likely to be granted the status of the most-favoured non-NATO ally and is already designated with special STA-1 status, the relationship between the two countries is blowing hot and cold. Many in India perceive the US as a fickle ally. In a nutshell, Trump has more negatives to his credit than positives as



far as foreign and strategic relations are concerned. He is desperate to win the Afghan tangle, which is not possible without placating the Taliban. The US also knows that only Pakistan can exert the desired influence on the Taliban. This forms the background of Khan's visit to Pakistan as far as American perspective is concerned and unblocking the US aid

Let's first discuss Afghanistan. India has emerged as a major soft power in Kabul and has a big stake in whatever final settlement takes place. The Taliban has been recognised as the key impediment to the end of conflict in Afghanistan. Earlier, India was elbowed out of the direct negotiations with the Taliban, as claimed by a section of the media. To my mind, it is a deliberate decision by the Government to stay away from direct negotiations with the terror group due to adverse ramifications back home. India, however, cannot be ignored. Sooner than later, we will be involved in the final settlement. India remains steadfast on its traditional position of supporting only an "Afghan-led, Afghan owned and Afghan controlled" process, which includes the duly elected Government in Kabul.

With Pakistan forming a key partner in Trump's South Asia strategy for achieving a political settlement in Afghanistan; defeating Al Qaeda and IS-Khorasan; providing logistical access for US forces and enhancing regional stability, it certainly has gained an upper hand. That is why Pakistan was included for the first time in the trilateral consultations with Russia, China and the US on the Afghanistan peace process held in

Beijing in July.

The entire focus of the US was concentrated on Afghanistan during Khan's visit, which included the Pakistan Army Chief and the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) chief in the entourage. While

Khan has agreed to work with Trump to prod the Taliban to strike a peace deal with the aim of extri-cating the US Army from its longest war, the latter has dangled the offer of unblocking \$3 billion aid to Pakistan if Khan succeeds. Khan said, "I want to assure President Trump, Pakistan will do everything within its power to facilitate the Afghan peace process. The world owes it to the long-suffering Afghan people to bring about peace after four decades of conflict."

There is no doubt that the US is desperate to exit from Afghanistan but is the negotiation with the Taliban the best solution? The terror organisation has not been reformed and its five-year brutal rule is still fresh in the mind of the Afghans. certainly suits Pakistan because this will help it achieve its aim of achieving strategic depth and the use Afghan territory to promote terrorism. It will also end the hope of a democratic Afghanistan, disappointing millions who are holding out still for a brighter future. India must, therefore, press for its involvement in the peace talks and ensure that the Taliban does not elbow out the elected Afghan Government. Trump's desperation can be gauged from this statement, "I could win that war within a week, and I don't want to kill 10 million people. Afghanistan could be wiped off the face of the earth. I don't want to go that

India has lot at stake because Afghanistan holds significant economic, security and strategic implications for it. We cannot be a mute spectator and have to ensure that democracy survives in Afghanistan. As far as counter-terrorism is con-cerned, not much time was devoted to the same possibly to avoid public embarrassment to the visiting premier, whose services are badly needed by the US in view of its leverage over the Taliban, thanks to the safe havens it provides to the group's

leadership. But as admitted by Khan himself, with more than 40 terror groups existing in Pakistan, the situation is very fragile. Any terror attack in Afghanistan or India with mass causalities with proven links to Pakistan will reverse the newfound relationship between the US and Pakistan. The latter will have to tread the path very care-

Khan was successful in raising the Kashmir issue during the one-on-one meeting with President Trump. It was a spin-doctored question asked by a correspondent to prevent difficult questions on Pakistan's involvement in terrorism, which would have caused a lot of embarrassment to Pakistan. The question successfully diverted the topic to Kashmir, when Khan lost no time in seeking Trump's mediation and assistance in resumption of Indo-Pak dialogue. India has made its stand very clear by stating that talks and terror cannot be held to stath or

very clear by staring that talks and terror cannot be held together.

Trump surprised everyone with his signature trademark off-the-cuff remark. He has developed a habit of speaking or tweeting without preparation or proper briefing. His remark stoked a con-troversy, to which New Delhi reacted promptly and set the record straight. Fearing a strain in Indo-US relations, a number of American bureaucrats and leaders also jumped in to save the situation from worsening. But Trump is Trump and his remark should be seen in the light of his des-

peration for an early Afghan exit.

But Khan has succeeded to once again to internationalise Kashmir after numerous failed attempts by past Governments. India has to be attempts by past Governments. India has to be careful and thwart the ISI's design to portray home-grown terror groups in India by promot-ing the proxies of IS like ISJK, Al Qaeda like Ansar Ghazwa-ul-Hind, Hizbul Mujahideen and other IS-affiliate/inspired terror outfits. The ISI will certainly attempt to influence Left-wing extremism as has been exposed by the Pune Police disclosing links between urban Naxals and HM. Khan's attempt at reviving bilateral trade, as

was evident from the large number of business-men and traders that formed his entourage and unblock the US aid, has failed for the time being and is in no way going to help him to come out of the current economic mess. It may force him to persist with various counter-terrorism mechanisms put in place, including the arrest of Hafiz Saeed. More arrests are likely provided the Army and ISI permit. The imminent danger of being placed in the blacklist by the FATF may tie the hands of the ISI and Army. So the axe is likely to fall more on Afghan-specific terror groups like the Taliban and the Haqqani network.

The visit has been significant as far as bilat-

eral security cooperation and military-to-military relations are concerned. There is a bright chance of resuming suspended military training programmes for Pakistan. At one point during President Trump's meeting with Khan, the former also hinted at resumption of the security assistance for Pakistan depending on what both countries achieve concerning Afghanistan. The major plus point was the personal rapport established between the two. There is a great likelihood of a direct tele-line between the two leaders to further cement their bonhomie and smoothen any bureaucratic hiccups that may erupt. Islamabad would like to use such an opportunity to sort out other issues in the bilateral realm. Will there be a change in the Indo-Pacific

strategy of the US? Will Pakistan succeed in elbowing out India from the US equation in the region? Indian diplomats will have to work hard to ward off any such possibility. Though the present bonhomie between the two is Afghan-specific, what shape it takes in the future in case Khan succeeds to placate the Taliban, will have to be watched care-

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# Stop the illegal trade of human lives

Given the trans-national nature of trafficking, there is need for a comprehensive legislation that should factor in a well-equipped criminal justice system, a rehabilitative mechanism, ranging from the district to the national level, time-bound investigation, trial, rehabilitation and reintegration



SILKY GREWAL

uman trafficking is not a new crime, rather it is a new crime, rather it is an age-old age practice prevalent in the form of "slavery" and was an accepted eco-nomic practice. Trafficking is nothing but "modern slavery" and has now emerged as a sig-nificant problem all over the world. The entire process of trafficking is a trans-national organised crime, starting from the identification of the victims, their transportation and lastly their exploitation, which operates seamlessly across national as well international borders.

Trafficking is a market-driven industry based on the

principle of demand and supply. It is a demand-led crime wherein the victims are bought and sold for their exploitation and is one of the by-products of society's unchecked greed and lust. It is an alarming fact that human trafficking is the only industry in which the supalways meets the demand. At this juncture it is imperative to understand the dynamics of 'demand' and 'supply' sides of trafficking. The organised gang of traffickers meets such demands by targetting areas and people with vulnerabilities. The supply pool is generally confined to areas with poor economic growth, high rate of gender disparity, political insta-bility and lack of job opportunities. Reasons for the demand are countless, ranging from cheap labour to beggary, use of children for prostitution, sex tourism, pornography, forced prostitution, illegal organ trade and adoptions. The victim most certainly

times involuntary where children are victims of coercion.

procured illegally from his/her

mothers. It was found that the illegal adoption activities were going on there for the last several years. While the police traced the four children, who were sold by the home for adoption, 58 more suspicious cases came to light. In other words, in such rackets, a child is treated in a manner analogous to a criminal organisation engaged in money laundering, which obtains funds illegally but then "launders" them hrough a legitimate business as has been iterated in an article written by David M. Smolin. Another frightening aspect

of trafficking is exploitation of people, especially children, who are the victims of humanitarian crisis. According to BBC news, Shamim (name changed) aged 14, was forced to flee from her home country because of the fear of persecu-tion for reasons of race, religion, ethnicity and so on. BBC news also reported that she fled from Myanmar after her fam-

ily was killed. She was searching for help on the road to Bangladesh. In her own words, "Women came with a van. They asked me, if I'd go with them. After accepting their help, I was bundled into a car, with the promise of safe passage to a new life. Instead I was taken to the nearest city, Cox's Bazar. Not long after that they brought two boys to me. They showed me a knife and punched me in my tummy and beat me because I wasn't cooperating. Then the boys raped me. I wasn't willing to but they

kept going."

It is unfortunate that despite the mounds of evidence, little is being done to stop preying traffickers. Neither is there any codified law or preventive measure to make the vulnerable people aware about the dynamics of trafficking, watching out for traps or the dark side of unsafe migration. Further, our legal system does

not create adequate and effec-

tive deterrence against comdren; such deterrence is possible only when customers are

dealt with sternly. The existing enforcement mechanisms to curb the menace of trafficking are limited to punitive measures and a few schemes. They are grossly insufficient to address the multi-dimensional problems which trafficking poses. The present system is also grossly inadequate to meet the counselling, rehabilitation and rein-tegration needs of the victims of trafficking. Given its trans-national nature, there is a pressing need for a comprehensive legislation to deal with all aspects of trafficking, which should evolve a well-equipped criminal justice system and a rehabilitative mechanism, rang-ing from the district to the national level, to ensure prevention of trafficking, time-bound investigation, trial, rehabilitation and reintegration.

There is also need for the "victim-witness protection proto-col" to punish the perpetrators. Against the above back-

drop, in 2018, the Ministry of Women and Child Development introduced a comprehensive legislative framework — Trafficking of Persons (Prevention, Protection and Rehabilitation) Bill, 2018 — dealing with various aspects like preventives, time-bound prosecution and rehabilitation. For some reasons the Anti-Trafficking Bill, 2018 could not be passed and lapsed. However, the need for a comprehensive legislative framework still exists. Trafficking continues to be a severe attack on human dignity. At this point it is apt to refer to Martin Luther King who said, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about the things that matter."

(The author is an Anti-Trafficking expert and a practising advocate in Delhi)



is too undeveloped to give "consent" for "exploitation." ometimes the movement of children may be voluntary. wherein the victim is enticed or deceived by the trafficker; or as bonded labour where it is inter-generational; and some

Babies are trafficked to boost the business of illegal adoption, widely known as "child laundering." The child is

parents and the legal system of him/her as a legally adopted child. In 2018, a probe was carried out by the National Commission for Protection of revealed that illegal adoptions were being carried out by the Missionaries of Charity in Ranchi, India. The home, by the name of Nirmal Hriday, was established for unwed

# **FM: Personal insolvency** regulation in phases

**Indemnity to** successful bidder under IBC, she added

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Extending indemnity to successful bidders of loan defaulting companies, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday said the Government will not launch any criminal proceedings against those who buy out a bankrupt company and no tax claim will be raised against them after implementation of a

resolution plan.
Replying to the debate on a
bill to amend the three-year-old
Insolvency and Bankruptcy
Code (IBC) in the Rajya Sabba, she said the government will implement in phases insolvency regulations for individuals including those who give personal guarantees for loans taken by defaulting companies.

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill, 2019 makes it "binding on the government" that it will "not raise any further claim after resolution plan is approved," she said in her reply after which the House passed

the legislation by a voice vote.
Under the IBC, loan defaulting companies are auctioned and successful bidder,

who is also the Corporate Affairs Minister — said crim-inal matters will continue to be pursued against individuals of the loan defaulting companies.

"Criminal matters alone are proceeded against individuals, not a company. There will be no criminal proceeding against successful resolution applicant. There will be no criminal proceeding against successful resolution applicant for fraud by pre-vious promoters," she said.

The IBC, she said, gives that comfort for all new bidders and they "need not now be scared" over taxmen coming after them for the faults of the earlier promoters. "Once the resolution plan is accepted, the earlier promoter will be dealt with as individual for their criminality but not the new bidder who is trying to restore the company," she said. On individual insolvency, Sitharaman said the rules and regulations in respect of personal guarantors to corporate debtors are ready.

"We would be operational-ising them soon," she said. "Two other categories, proprietors and partnership firms, which also come under the realm... And other individuals will be done in a phased manner but we are making provisions for all of them."

called resolution applicant, takeover such firms after paying off an amount they had bid.

However, Sitharaman — primacy of landers in primacy of lenders in insolvency cases

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

¬he Rajya Sabha on Monday The Rajya Sabha on Monday approved amending the three-year-old Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), pro-viding clarity about preference to secured lenders over operational creditors and giving lenders explicit authority over distribution of proceeds of auction of loan defaulting com-

Replying to a debate on the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill 2019, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the changes being brought in now are in response to events that eroded legislative intent of the IBC.

She referred to the Essar Steel insolvency case where the lenders and operational creditors have been treated at par by the bankruptcy court for dis

tribution of auction proceeds.

The amendments give committee of creditors of a loan defaulting company explicit authority over the distribution of proceeds in the resolution process and fixes a firm time-line of 330 days for resolving cases referred to the IBC.

## Banning pesky calls from NBFCs: RBI says it may not be logical

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The RBI might not provide any relief to people from pesky telecallers from Non Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) offering loans as it said they create "awareness" about their products and ban-ning them may not be the "ideal way out", according to an RTI response.

In a note sheet made public under the RTI, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said the "onus should be on the bor-rower" to exercise "due diligence" and understand the terms and conditions before availing loans offered through such calls. The banking regulator has also rejected suggestions given by RTI activist Subhash Agrawal on operations of NBFCs, like to ban calls luring customers for unsecured loans, capping interest rates and putting a ban on financing of NBFCs by banks.

Agrawal, who had raised these concerns on the government's online grievance portal 'Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS)', recently filed an RTI to know what action had been taken on his

suggestions.
"NBFCs lure people through mobile calls for granting unsecured loans on post dated cheques or banking instructions for auto electronic clearing. When borrowers are not able to pay they are tortured," he had said.

The RTI activist had suggested that unsecured loans and mobile calls to people for such loans should be banned or terms and conditions should be regulated so that these may not become suicidal for borrowers in case of difficulties.

In response to his applica-tion, the RBI provided the note sheet and gave reasons to reject his suggestion.

"As regards, banning mobile calls for luring customers for loans, telephone and mobile calls are a general marketing and advertising tactic deployed by NBFCs.

"In the process, it also creates awareness about various products, their features for the customers," the policy wing of the RBI's central office noted. It said it is "debateable" if customers are compelled by

such calls to take loans. On the unsecured loans issue, the RBI said they are typ-

ically offered for medical emergencies, education and marriages among others where the "loan ticket" size is not very high. "It may not be always pos-

sible for prospective borrowers to offer security for availing loans and there is a genuine need for unsecured loans as one of the products in the over-all kitty," it said.

## Honda recalls 5,088 units to fix faulty Takata airbags

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

apanese auto major Honda on Monday said it is recall-ing an additional 5,088 units of its previous generation models of Jazz, City, CR-V, Civic and Accord in India as part of a global exercise to rectify faulty Takata airbags.

The company, which is resent in India through a wholly-owned arm Honda Cars India Ltd (HCIL), said it has expanded its campaign to replace Takata driver and passenger front airbag inflators in 5,088 units as part of its pre-cautionary global recall campaign concerning Takata front airbag inflators.

It is recalling 2,099 units of It is recalling 2,099 units of City sedan manufactured between 2007- 2013, 2,577 units of CR-V produced between 2003-2008 and in 2011 and 350 units of Accord manufactured in 2003, Honda said.

It is also recalling 52 units of Civic sedan manufactured between 2006-2008 and 10 units of Jazz manufactured between 2009-2012.

The company said replace-ment will be carried out free of cost at HCIL dealerships across the country from July 29, 2019 and the company will com-

## **Business Corner**



CMD, NHPC along with Director (Projects) called upon Chief Minister of Sikkim, Prem Singh Tamang (Golay) at Gangtok on Monday. On this occasion Chief Secretary, Govt. of Sikkim, AK Srivastava and Secretary to CM, Shankar Dev Dhakal were also present



Airports Authority of India's Women Welfare Association, Kalyanmayee, added another feather to its cap by hosting yet another astounding artist's camp "PRERNA -3". The three-day camp was organised at Airports Authority of India Officers Institute premises in association with AAIAF (AAI Artist Forum) & FIPA (Forum of Indian Photographers and Artists)





NTPC holds "Fuel Management Meet 2019" at Shillong. Prakash Tiwari, Director (Operations), NTPC, inagurated the meet, Senior officials from Indian Railways, CIMFR and eminent consultants were present on the occasion. The contemporary

#### issues and future challenges were deliberated by the participants **FUJIFILM INDIA PARTNERS WITH CHHATRAPATI**

leading cause of death from a single infectious agent, ranking above HIV/AIDS and claiming over 4000 lives a day. India has the highest number of TB cases in the world at 27% of 10 mil-

## IOC, Adani Gas to invest ₹9,600 cr in city gas projects

Indian Oil Corp (IOC) and its partner Adani Gas Ltd will invest about ₹9,600 crore in rolling out infrastructure for retailing CNG to automobiles and piped natural gas to house-hold kitchens in 10 cities for which they recently won licences for, the state-owned firm said on Monday.

The two firms in 2013

had incorporated a 50:50 joint venture company, IndianOil-Adani Gas Pvt Ltd (IOAGPL), for implementation of city gas distribution (CGD) projects in

various cities in the country.
Over the years, IOAGPL
participated in various bid rounds for city gas licence conducted by Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB).

It as on date has licences for 19 geographical areas (GAs), IOC said in a notice to shareholders. The notice was to seek shareholder nod for providing corporate guarantees to banks on behalf of IOAGPL furnishing of performance bank guarantees to PNGRB to

fulfil the licence conditions. "In line with PNGRB reg-ulations, authorization to the

successful entity is issued by PNGRB only after the entity submits Performance Bank Guarantee (PBG) from any scheduled bank for a predetermined amount for spe-cific GA," IOC said in the

Shareholders will vote on the proposal at IOC's annual general meeting (AGM) in Mumbai on August 28.

(CGD) projects, which entail retailing CNG to automobiles and marketing piped natural gas to household kitchens for cooking as well as to industries for use as fuel, are typically long duration projects where-in demand build-up is gradual and revenue generation becomes appreciable only in the later years. "IOAGPL is still in process of development of CGD Projects in its authorized GAs," IOC said.

The funding required for capital expenditure has to be met from equity contribution/debt financing, it said.

#### EU court rules sites must warn about Facebook 'like' button **AFP** ■ LUXEMBOURG

Europe's top court ruled on Monday that online retailers must warn web users that they send personal data to Facebook through the "like" button. According to the European Court of Justice ruling, a site that embeds the Facebook "like" icon

and link on its pages also sends user data to the US web giant. City gas distribution "It seems that that trans mission occurs without that visitor being aware of it and regardless of whether or not he or she is a member of the social network Facebook or has clicked on the 'Like' button," it said. Under EU data protection law, therefore, a European retailer and the US platform are jointly responsible for gathering the data and sending it to Facebook's Irish subsidiary.

Users should therefore be warned and asked to consent to their data being gathered, although the retailer is not responsible for what Facebook does with it later.

#### Porsche launches new Macan **Introduces service** packages to

erman sportscar manu-

reduce customer inhibition

PNS NEW DELHI

Grman sportscar manufacturer Porsche has launched the second-generation of their Macan Sports-Utility Vehicle in India. Priced at ₹69.98 lakh for the Macan and ₹69.98 lakh (prices, explicitle of the Macan and ₹69.08 lakh (prices, explicitle of the Macan and th and ₹85.03 lakh (prices, exshowroom) for the more powerful Macan S, both equipped with petrol engines, the latter coming with an all-new 354 horsepower V6 engine. Porsche recently announced that it would stop producing vehicles with diesel engines going forward, this part of the fallout that has enveloped Porsche's parent, Volkswagen Porsches parent, Voikswagen Auto Group. "Even in India many buyers, particularly in cities like Delhi are voting with their money to shift towards petrol vehicles, so this is not a major issue", Pavan Shetty Director Parsche India Shetty, Director, Porsche India

told *The Pioneer*.

To make the Macan even more attractive to customers



launched both basic and comprehensive service packages for customers. The comprehensive package covers all major consumables including tires. "Many buyers of luxury cars had an apprehension about Porsche because they though the vehicles are expensive to maintain and have expensive parts. But our affordable service packages will give customers eace of mind and important-protect them from price inflation and foreign currency fluctuations", Shetty told The

neer. omy and thus the market to The German carmaker has grow", Shetty added.

aggressive product plans for 2019, already having launched the eighth-generation Porsche 911, followed by the Macan and has the Cayenne Coupe and the all-electric Taycan on the cards next. "The luxury market has been suffering, but towards the higher end of the market there has been relatively less of an impact, but then again you are talking of a very limited market for such cars. There are at best a thousand-odd households across the country that we look at. It is important therefore for the overall econ-

## SHIVAJI SUBHARTI HOSPITAL TO FIGHT TB

New Delhi: Fujifilm India Pvt Ltd in partnership with Chhatrapati Shivaji Subharti Hospital, Meerut, organised an awareness program 'Together end TB' to help eradicate tuberculosis in India. According to WHO's Global TB report, Tuberculosis is the 10th leading cause of death worldwide, and since 2011 it has been the lion people who developed the disease in 2017 globally. PNS

#### SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED GIRL



MEENU

General public is hereby informed that this girl namely Meenu D/o Dharmender R/o C-118, Begum Vihar, Begumpur, Delhi Age: 19 years 6 months, Height: 5'2", Face : Round, Complexion : Fair, wearing yellow colour suit, red colour pajami and yellow colour chunni, has been missing/

11.07.2019 from Begumpur, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 16-A dated 11.07.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Begumpur, Delhi. Any person having any information or clue about this

missing/Kidnapped girl may kindly inform to the

following. E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Website: http://cbi.nic.in Fax: 24368639. Tel.: 24368638/24368641

SHO: P.S. Begumpur, Delhi Ph.: 011-27579029, 27579030

#### SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED GIRL

General Public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo) namely Meeshu Singhal D/o Kailash Chand R/o C-57, Street No. 1, Jain Nagar, Karala Delhi Aged - 25 Years has been reported missing/kidnapped since 09.07.2019 vide DD No. 8-A Dated 10.07.2019 lodged at Police Station Begumpur, Delhi. Her physical Meeshu Singhal



Complexion: Wheatish, Height: 5'2", Face: Round, Clothing: Red coloured t-shirt and black coloured pant. Any person having any information/Clue about this missing/kidnapped girl, may inform SHO, Begumpur, Delhi at E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in or website http://cbi.nic.in

Tele No.: 011-24368638 or 24368641 FAX No.: 011-24368639

SHO, Begumpur, Delhi Tel.: 011-27579029, 27579030

#### PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr.PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that Omkar S/o Sh. Rakesh Sharma R/o H.No.D-1/9, Sector-20, Rohini, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to has committed) the offence in case FIR No.905/16 u/s 279/333/338 IPC & 3/181 M.C.Act, P.S. Vijay Vihar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Omkar cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Omkar has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Omkar of FIR No.905/16 u/s 279/333/338 IPC & 3/181 M.C.Act. P.S. Vijay Vihar, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 04.09.2019.

By Order, Sh. Gopal Krishan Metropolitan Magistrate, Room No.109 ter) Rohini Courts, Delhi DP/3096/RD/19 - (Court Matter)

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED WOMAN

#### SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that a female namely Riya, W/o Sanjay R/o RZG-70, Nihal Vihar, Nangloi, Delhi has been missing/ kidnapped with child **Preeti** 6 years and Rudra 3 years since 28.05.2019 from the area of P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. In this regard a case vide DD



No. 136-A. dated 28.05.2019, has been registered at P.S Nihal Vihar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the loca lice to trace out the missing/kidnanned female but come to light so far. The description of the missing/ kidnapped female is as under:

Name: Riya, Gender: Female, Age: 29 years, Height: 5'6" Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Wearing: Unknown

If anyone has any information regarding this missing/kidnapped female, kindly inform SHO/ Nihal Vihar, Delhi.

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax: 011-24368639 DP/2495/OD/19

P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delh Ph. No.: 011-25946700, 25946710

#### **SEARCH FOR MISSING**



General public is hereby informed that a Boy namely Sumit S/o Raiender Prasad, R/o H.No. 43, T-Block, Nihal Vihar, Nangloi, Delhi, Age: 15 yrs., Height: 5'6", Complexion: Wheatish, Face : Long, Wearing : Blue Colour Shirt, Khaki Colour Pant and Black Colour Shoes in Feet (School Dress), has been missing / kidnapped since

case FIR No. 467/19 dated 20.07.2019 u/s 363 IPC has been registered at PS. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local Police to trace out the missing kidnapped Boy but no clue has come to light so far. if anyone have any information about this missing

18.07.2019 from the area of PS. Nihal Vihar, In this regard a

kidnapped boy please inform undersigned. Website: http://cbi.nic.in, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641, Fax: 011-24368639 SHO

DP/2503/OD/19.

PS. Nihal Vihar, Delhi Ph.: 011-25946700, 25946710

#### **SEARCH FOR MISSING**



DP/3075/RD/19

General Public is hereby informed that one lady namely Bhawna with daughter Mehak 11 Months W/o Lalit R/o G-68/6, Laxmi Park, Nihal Vihar Nangloi, Delhi has been missing since 04 06 2019 from the area of P.S. Nihal. Vihar, Delhi. In this regard a case vide DD No. 25-A dated 05.06.2019 has been registered at PS. Nihal Vihar, Delhi.

The description of missing lady is as under Name: Bhawna, Husband's Name: Lalit, Age: 21 years Height: 4'7", Face: Round, Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: Pink Kurta Blue Pajami and white sandal in feet. If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the

undersigned. Website: http://cbi.nic.in P.S., Nihal Vihar, e-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in Fax: 011-24368639 Ph.: 011-25946700 Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 DP/2494/OD/19

SHO

Delhi

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General public is hereby informed that this woman namely Monika Sharma W/o Amit Sharma R/o G-137, Adhyapak Nagar, Delhi Age: 32 years, Complexion: Wheatish Height: 5'4", Face: Round, wearing pink colour top-lower and pink colour chapple in feet, has been missing/kidnapped since Monika Sharma 28.05.2019 from the area of P.S Nihal Vihar, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 07-A dated 29.05.2019 has been lodged at

P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. Any person having any information or clue about this missing/kidnapped woman may kindly inform to the following.

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SHO: P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi Ph.: 011-25946710, 25946700

### SEARCH FOR MISSING



DP/462/ON/19

General public is hereby informed that a lady namely Sonam, W/o: Janardhan Kumar, R/o B-160, Sector-4, Bawana Industrial Area, Delhi has been missing since 11.07.2019 from the area of P.S Bawana, Outer North Distt, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 50-A, dated 14.07.2019 has been registered at P.S Bawana, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing

lady but no clue has come to light so far. The description of missing lady is as under: Name: Sonam, Age: 25 Years, Height: 4'9", Face: Round, Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: Yellow Colour Frock Suit,

Salwar and Red Sandel in feet. If anyone have any information about this missing lady please inform P.S. Bawana, Delhi.

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

Police Station, Bawana, Delhi

**Autism**Link

Researchers have identified a link between exposure to high levels of oestrogen in the womb and the likelihood of developing autism. The discovery adds evidence to support the prenatal sex steroid theory of autism first proposed 20 years ago



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# Keep fever at bay

 $V^{\rm iral}$  infections are common among people of all age but often seem to be concentrated in infants and children. The data released by The United Nations Inter-Agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation also indicates the continued high mortality risk in the first year of Indian children's life. Viral infections such as rotavirus and enteric viral illness pose more serious threats to children in comparison to adults. Most childhood viral infections are not serious and include such diverse illnesses as cold, running nose, watery eyes, sore throat, fever, skin rashes, vomiting and diar rhea. Some viral illnesses that cause more serious disease, convulsions, measles and others, are less common now due to widespread immunisation

If symptoms persists in children for more than a week, it's time to take them to a physician as these could be the clarion call against viral infections and lead to complications as pneumonia and others. At that time, a child should be taken for blood testing for malaria, dengue, typhoid, chikungunya, arbovirus and others including complete blood count. Parents generally take extra care of their children during the change in weather or when it rains badly. But, it is important to know that children require extra care across the seasons. Few of the common tips to protect children from viral infec-

■ Replace handkerchiefs with skincare wipe& tissue paper: Parents are often seen carrying cotton handkerchiefs for wiping the face or running nose of their children again and again, which can be dangerous because the children are getting re-exposed to the virus. The wet and medicat-

against viral to wash off the harmful bacteria infections. Give them nutritious

Keep children away from those with infectious illness espe-vegetables are a

**Strengthening the** ed skincare wipes and tissue papers are mild on the skin in immune system of comparison to the cloth handkerchildren is one of chief. And the best part is that they can simply be disposed off the best ways to after use. Parents should make provide protection sure to immediately wash hands with soap and water thoroughly

■ Maintain cleanliness around the children: Mosquitoes must ticks, fleas, and bugs are the most active carriers of harmful bacteria and viruses. Children are

their easy target. Check for any standing water nearby, in order to prevent mosquito breeding. Limit the outdoor visits of your children during the morning and evening. Keep neighborhood free from trash, discarded containers, and bins

to inhibit mosquito breeding.

■ Vaccinate in time: Vaccination is the best and effective way to protect infants and children from deadly infections and diseases. Still, parents overlook this aspect, which is important for their children's well-being. Only when the signs and symptoms are visible, the parents rush to the hospital to get a vaccine. Vaccination for Diphtheria, tetanus, and whooping cough, polio (IPV), rotavirus (RV), influenza (flu), measles and mumps in the early life of the

■Boost immunity: Strengthening the immune system of children is one of the unbeatable ways to provide protection against viral infections. Give nutritious food with a balanced diet. Freshfruits and veggies are must for children of all age groups. Keep children hydrated with water, milk, and fruit juice. Limit their intake of unhealthy food and snacks such as soda, chips, chocolates and cookies, and increase the consumption of oatmeal and cereals.

Keep children indoors during the first rain of the season as acidic elements which can cause skin problems and also because children tend to fall sick frequently during this season.

#### SUMMERCOOLERS

CHERRY: A cherry is the fruit of many plants of the genus Prunus, and is a stone fruit. These tiny fruits are loaded with Vitamins and antioxidants that help in reducing skin's signs of aging and making it look fresh and glowing.

It also helps in regulating blood pressure because of the high

potassium content. The phytosterols in cherries help reduce bad cholesterol levels.

They work wonders as sleep stimulators. If you want to have a good night's sleep then grab a cup of cherry juice before going to bed and after waking up in the morning. Cherries are a good

source of melatonin, which helps us regulate our sleep cycles. Cherries have also been found to help with jet Sweet cherries have a low

than apricots, grapes and peaches. This makes them a better snack than many other fruits, especially for

Furthermore, these small berries are good enough to keep you hydrated and energetic throughout the day.

# Hyposkillia is a reality

For better medical facilities there is an urgent need to train more teachers and improve doctor-patient ratio in teaching institutes, says DR RAJEEV SUDAN

the most challeng-ing, yet so fulfilling a profession. The early inspiration for most doctors comes from either the family or interaction with a pleasant mannered, warm hearted paediatrician. Some of course get inspired by rich fruits of hard labour. They start preparing for the entrance exams as early as tenth standard and few thousand manage to get through the barrier, to medical school. The medical college for the most comes as a shocker. The basic subjects of anatomy, physiology and biochemistry seem so disinteresting, taught by a demotivated faculty, low on creativity and inspiration, at least in most colleges in India. The same happens later in clinical subjects. The conditions are worst in most private medical colleges. They not only lack good faculty but a good hospital infra-structure as well. Most of them are located in relatively remote areas and do not attract many indoor patients. Many of them employ ghost faculty, to be showcased during medical council inspections only. The bedside teaching and clinical skills, the bedrock of medical practice is left to senior resident or junior faculty. In absence of adequate indoor patients and lack of good clinical teachers, the skillset of graduates passing out of these colleges

is anybody's guess..

There has been a rapid expansion of medical education infrastructure in last decade, more so in the pri-sector. The sector. Government is planning to upgrade district hospitals to teaching medical colleges in many states, increasing the number of graduation seats. Similarly, many AIIMS-like tertiary centres have been started with eye at training both graduates and post

The issues of facilities and infrastructure though linger on. The most serious issues facing medical education in India is lack of teaching faculty. A parliamentary panel report on six new AIIMS has indicated a vast shortage faculty . About 48 per cent of faculty pots are lying vacant and some of them don't have a single teacher in super speciality services like neonatology, surgical gastroenterology and trauma management. The non-faculty positions are understaffed as well, 60 per cent of the sanctioned



non faculty posts are vacant. The doctors have to work under huge stress because of skewed doctor patient ratio, affecting both the clinical services as well as medical education. These institu-tions are created for an excellence in patient care, teaching and research. If they are in such a condition the plight of state medical

colleges is anybody's guess! Since the expansion of corporate hospitals, most of the talented doctors opt for financially lucrative private sector or leave the country The medical colleges espe cially the private ones don't get the best talent for teaching. Most of them employ retired medical faculty for heading departments and are most often have a notional presence. The medical faculty in clinical departments in

Government medical colleges are overburdened with patients and also have busy parallel private practice to manage.

Since time for them is a constraint, teaching suffers in the end. The traditional clinical skills of history taking and thorough clinical examinations is taking a back seat. There is more emphasis on diagnostic investigations. The graduates are tested more for their rote skills in examinations than clinical acumen. The one year internship is mostly used for preparing for post graduate exam, than learning art of conversation with patients or hon-ing clinical skills. Most of them join postgraduate courses or state services, hyposkilled. The training in post-graduation is no different, barring a handful of institutions. The clinical learning in medicine is by apprenticeship. The young

THE YOUNG **RESIDENTS WITH** KNACK FOR SKILL TRANSFER MUST BE **GROOMED AND** MENTORED AS **FUTURE** TEACHERS. THE FUTURE OF A QUALITY **MEDICAL HEALTHCARE DELIVERY OF** INDIA LIES IN

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cock crows. When the old cock has come up the heirarchy on considerations other than teaching skill, the skill transfer to students get compromised Unfortunately, political patronisation of medical teachers is playing havoc like in all other fields. Eventually, a generation of specialist and primary physicians enters medical rvices without requisite skills, heavily dependent on clinical investigations for diagnosis and management of patients, driving up the cost of medical services.

Medicine is not only a science but a skill and philosophy as well. The art of medicine is the history taking, a thorough physical examination and ordering minimal relevant test for confirmation of diagnosis. Prescribing plethora of tests without a diagnosis is antithesis of art of medicine. The practice patterns must

conditions of the country and must not be aped form the costly models of the West. Unfortunately, the so called latest technology is being increasingly adopted to boost earnings. The optional is being pushed as necessary. The case in point is a marketing of Femto cataract as vastly superior technology. The technology has its few advantages in a few steps of surgery but is driving up the costs to two and half times, compared to safe and tested phacoemulsification. I do not want to sound like a Luddite but a thorough cost benefit analysis is to made before adopting a technology, profiteering can not be the sole motive!

The low clinical skills of doctors and over reliance on investigations come handy for corporate hospitals Most corporate hospitals and nursing homes employ doctors on "fee sharing basis" or on "percentage on earning". This fuels unnecessary investigations and needless surgeries. The economic benefits seem to justify and incentivise poor clinical skills. Eventually, the doctors with good skills also tend to adopt such dubious practices. The eth-ical practice in medicine is also a learnt trait, learned from the honest and hard working teachers. The ethical code gets passively transferred to a student.

The general fall in ethics in a material driven world has affected everyone including the medical faculty, adversely affecting the ethical fibre of students.

There is an increasing trend of in-house pharmacies in hospitals and clinics. It provides ease to the patient in having all facilities under one roof, saves

time and ensure quality of medicine Unfortunately it raises issues of ethics and propriety. The prescription behavior can get influenced, with profiteering as motive for prescribing unnecessary and costlier medicines. without understanding the impropriety of the act. The medical profession needs a serious introspec-

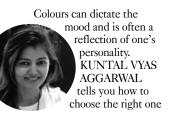
tion about training and skilling. There is an urgent need to train more teachers, improve doctor-patient ratio in teaching institutions, allow lateral entry for the talented ones and improve the remuneration and housing of teaching faculty. The motivation to teach and quest for excellence should be the only criterion for selection. Political patroni-sation in selection of medical faculty must stop. The "deadwood" amongst teaching faculty, the ones playing politics and vitiating the whole learning environment must be removed. An internal audit is urgently needed The young residents with knack for "skill transfer" must be groomed and men-tored as future teachers. The future of a quality medical healthcare delivery of India lies in their hands.

medical graduation seats can be counter-productive. The quality of services will get severely compromised if the doctors lack clinical skills and their over dependence on diagnostic tests will escalate the health costs. No country can afford an extravagant health care system. An exit test or a licensing exam for doctors both theoretical and a practical clinical assessment is a good idea to maintain an unifor mity in teaching and minimal requisite clinical skills.

In the absence of good

teachers, expanding the

#### HAVE A COLOURFUL LIFESTYLE



The spectrum of colours is an endless variety to choose from and each of them has an effect on our frame of mind, mood and body. Interior designers have a sound knowledge about colours as they work with different styles, they know which colour will gel well and is fit for the combinations along with the psychological effects of one

It is astonishing how a body harmonises its waves with the interiors of a building be it home, restaurant, hotel or any corporate office. How different colours can actually leave a great impact on our way of thinking and well being. Colours are capable of altering an individual's mood and often provoke them to show different emotions.

It is important to know and understand each

colour and how they affect the mind, mood and body. The colour component of interior designing shouldn't be considered only as what it looks but how it makes one feel.

Shades or hue is the main component of how we feel and experience the world around us. Being an element of light, it communicates diverse feeling including passion, excitement, mystery or serenity. Understanding the theory of shades in interior designing can help in creating the right mood. Each colour has a different impact on dif-



ferent individuals

Play with black for mystery and sophistication: Black signifies dark and deep feelings thus, incorporates strong will environment. A combination of subtle elegance without being conservative and enhances sophistication.

Red for passion, stimulates and warms the

**body:** Red is known for increasing heart rate, respiration and brain wave activity. It elevates enthusiasm and increases the room's energy level. People with high blood pressure and hypertension then avoid designing rooms with red color.

Energy booster orange: The colour is meant for fitness purposes and stimulates all the emo-tions required for releasing in physical activities. It is known for healing lungs and escalating ener-

Relax with blue: It is totally the opposite of red and has a calming effect on mood, mind and body. It is known for lowering heart rate, blood pressure and respiration. It doesn't relate to sadness but implies how cool a person can feel.

Happy with yellow: It is known as a memo-

ry stimulator and increases pulse rate and blood pressure. The colour works well with workplaces and classrooms to gain focus and alertness

Elegant and stunning purple: The colour is associated with luxury and gives an illusion of inspiring and dreamy. Shades of purple have a calming effect on the interior similar to blue but

without the feeling of cold.

Colour choice is very personal so, decide the colour for your interiors which suits your lifestyle.

The hue will dictate your mood and thoughts. It is natural that an individual tends to feel comfortable in those shades which reflect their personalities. Therefore, interior designers while selecting the colours for their clients must keep in mind their preferences to make them feel as comfort-

The writer is Founder & Design Head, Resaiki Interiors

#### **DadiKaKehna**

One of the most common problems during rains is how to take care of the skin that is dehydrated and parched. ROSHANI DEVI shares home remedies to take care of the dry skin this monsoon

othing is worse than a



dry and itchy skin. More so during rainy season. For people who have dry skin, the problem leads to invisible pores, patchy and The humidity that the rains bring can make your skin scaly skin. One of the dry. Use a nourishing most important things to remember is that one needs to keep the skin damp free. A damp skin attracts infection leading to rashes to

do this monsoon: Clean your skin at least three times a day. This will help remove excess grime and oil that can clog the skin pores. Use a skin toner to

ringworm. Here

maintain the pH balance.
Exfoliate your skin by using a scrub to remove dead skin cells. Use the scrub at least

once a week if you have oily skin. Use lukewarm water instead of cold to wash off the

> moisturiser to keep the skin moist, supple and healthy. One can use olive oil. However, if you have an oily skin use a

moisturiser. Drink at least eight glass-es of water during the day. Those who sweat a lot, their skin can end

water-based

up looking pale and dull. Use a sunscreen even in the monsoons because even though there isn't any sun, the UV rays are still present and can damage the skin.

#### TIPTOP=

Many Governments are making progress in the fight against tobacco use, but the World Health Organisation's (WHO) latest tobacco report shows more could be done to help people quit the addictive substance. "Quitting tobacco is one of the best things any person can do for their own health," WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said in a Press release.

About five billion people, or 65 per cent of the world's popula-tion, are now covered by at least one of the WHO's recommended anti-tobacco measures launched in 2007, according to the WHO report on the global tobacco epidemic 2019

The number has more than quadrupled since 2007 when only about 1 billion people, or 15 per cent of the world's population, were protected by at least one of

the measures

The set of tobacco-control measures, known as MPOWER, included six key strategies - namely monitor tobacco use and prevention policies, protect peo-ple from tobacco smoke, offer

help to quit tobacco use, warn people about the dangers of tobacco, enforce bans on tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship, and raise taxes

on tobacco.

These measures provided "practical tools to help people kick the habit, adding years to their life and life to their years," Ghebreyesus said.

Despite the progress, the report cited by *Xinhua* news agency said that many countries are still not adequately implementing the MPOWER policies, which can effectively help people quit tobacco

#### SLIMLINE

am of doctors from Indraprastha Apollo Hospital treated one-and-a-half-year-old Muhammadjon Hakimov, a resident of Uzbekistan, for a rare condition formation of laryngeal web in the trachea, which had obstructed his respiratory tract. The child had undergone tracheotomy in Uzbekistan, which was not successful.

Months later, the child landed in the care of Dr Suresh Singh Naruka, Consultant, ENT, Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals. Dr Suresh along

with his team surgically corrected the larvngea web which is a congenital or acquired condition of the larynx due to formation of extra tissue inside lumen of air pipe. Thus, starting the airflow through the respiratory tract, and closed the opening of the neck which was created to help the child breathe

"After the surgery, the child's breathing pattern became normal and he even started to speak normally, whereas earlier he was not able to utter a single sound," Dr Naruka adds.

#### STUDYCENTRE

Hotter weather increases both suicide rates and the use of depressive language on social media, says

a new study that analysed half a billion tweets. The research published in the journal Nature Climate Change suggests that the effects of climate change could be as devastating as the influence of economic recessions when it comes to increasing suicide rates.

Projected temperature rise through 2050 could lead to an additional 21,000 suicides in the US and Mexico, the findings showed. "Surprisingly, these effects differ very little based on how rich populations are or if they are used to warm weather," said lead researcher Marshall Burke, Assistant Professor at Stanford University.

To tease out the role of temperature from other factors, the researchers compared historical temperature and suicide data across thousands of US counties and Mexican municipalities over several decades. The team also analysed the language in over half a billion Twitter updates to further determine whether hotter tem-

peratures affect mental well-being.
They analysed, for example, whether tweets contain language such as 'lonely', 'trapped' or 'suicidal' more often during hot spells. The researchers found strong evidence linking warmer temperature with higher suicide rates.

Temperature rise by 2050 could increase suicide rates by 1.4 per cent in the US and 2.3 per cent in Mexico. -IANS



## China backs Lam, Hong Kong Police Boris waits for EU Calls on people of Hong Kong to oppose and resist violence

Hong Kong's chief executive in

2017, Carrie Lam's contribution

to public welfare and economic development is well recog-

popular Gilrov Garlic Festival

terrified people ran for cover.

SEOUL REPATRIATES 3 N KOREAN FISHERMEN

Seoul: Seoul sent three North Koreans who crossed the

maritime border in a fishing boat

back home on Monday after they

said they wanted to return, the

FIVE PROTESTERS SHOT DEAD IN SUDAN TOWN

Unification Ministry said.

Khartoum: Five protesters

were shot dead and several

wounded at a rally in a town in central Sudan on Monday, a

doctors committee linked to the

killing three and wounding 15 before police fatally shot him as

China on Monday threw its Chacking behind Hong Kong's beleaguered pro-Beijing Chief Executive Carrie Lam as called on people in the financial hub to oppose and resist violence.

Hong Kong has been witnessing a violent mass outrage with thousands taking to streets against the government's plan to allow extraditions to the Communist nation.

Weighing its options including deployment of troops to deal with growing pro-democracy protests in the for-mer British colony, a wary China also accused some Western politicians of stirring unrest in the financial hub in hopes of creating difficulties for the country's overall develop-

Addressing a much-publicised press conference, Yang Guang and Xu Luying, spokespersons for the Hong



Protesters use umbrellas to shield themselves from tear gas during a protest in Hong Kong on Monday

Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council, took a number of questions about the current turmoil in Hong Kong, the worst since the former British colony was handed over to China in 1997.

They praised Lam and Hong Kong police in dealing with protests mainly carried out by youth and students. "Since taking office as

nised... On July 1, we took notice that Lam pledged to govern with a more tolerant and open style. Beijing will resolutely continue supporting her administration," Yang said, brushing aside calls for her res-

police when asked whether China will back appointment of an independent commission of inquiry into police actions.

"Hong Kong police in the past month have been under a lot of pressure. They have done their best to protect society and maintain stability, and have made a great degree of sacrifice," he said.

"We understand the huge pressure facing the Hong Kong police and their families, and ould like to salute officers who have been fearlessly sticking to their posts and fulfilling their duties against all odds," Yang said.
The protests which began

few weeks ago over the move by Hong Kong Special Administrative Region headed by Lam to introduce a bill to extradite wanted local persons to the Chinese mainland have now turned into a major rebellion with protestors demanding universal franchise of 'one person, one vote' with freedom for

elections.

Lam, a former bureaucrat,

was elected in 2017 through a controversial process of China vetting contestants for the local legislature which was opposed by the pro-democracy activists.

Her announcement that the bill is dead has not satisfied the protestors who are now calling for its total withdrawal

and her resignation.

Answering a spate of questions at Monday's press conference, which is the first since Hong Kong was handed over to China by Britain, Yang and Xu were guarded in their comments on deployment of Chinese troops which was widely believed to provoke more protests. Asked whether China

would deploy its troops stationed at a garrison in the Hong Kong on the streets, Yang said, "the Basic Law has clear statements on that ques-tion, and I have nothing to

# to move on Brexit

New British Prime Minister Boris Johnson is waiting for EU leaders to agree to renegotiate their Brexit deal before he meets them, his spokeswoman said Monday, as the government stepped up

"no deal" planning.

"He obviously wants to meet EU leaders and negotiate but not to be sat down and told that the EU cannot possibly reopen the withdrawal agreement," the spokeswoman said.

Johnson, who took office last week, wants to change the exit terms struck by his predecessor Theresa May but insists he will leave the European Union without any agreement at all if necessary on October 31. Brussels says it will not reopen the text.

In phone calls last week, German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Emmanuel Macron both invited Johnson to visit, but he has

yet to announce any foreign travel ahead of the G7 summit in August.

The withdrawal agreement has been rejected by par-liament a number of times now and clearly it's not going to pass in its current form," the spokeswoman said.

"It needs to change if there's going to be a deal."

May was forced to resign after failing three times to get the Brexit deal through the House of Commons, in the process delaying Britain's EU exit twice.

Opposition among MPs is focused on the "backstop"

Rouhani seeks closer

UK ties with Johnson

open the border between British Northern Ireland and EU member Ireland.

Brussels says this is vital for peace in Northern Ireland, which was once plagued by vio-

lence.
But critics say it risks keeping Britain tied to EU rules long after Brexit and erecting trade barriers between Northern Ireland and the rest of the UK.

"The backstop has to be abolished," Johnson's spokeswoman said.

"He remains confident that the EU will stop claiming that the withdrawal agreement can-not be changed, but until that happens we must assume there will be a 'no deal' Brexit on October 31.

'The government's central

focus is preparing for that."

A multi-million pound (dollar) advertising blitz is planned to alert businesses and ordinary people on what to do to prepare for "no deal".

#### NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

The Divisional Engineer/Track, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites e-tenders for the following works: S. No.1. Name of work: Supplying, stacking and loading of 35000 cum 65 mm gauge stone ballast (Machine crushed) into Railway Wagon including all Leads & Lift at ballast sub depot 1 at TKD. Approximate Cost of work: Rs.39868650/- Earnest money to be deposited: Rs.348400/- Date of opening: 15.00hrs, 30.08.2019 S. No.2. Name of work: Supplying, stacking and loading of 35000 cum 65 mm gauge stone ballast (Machine crushed) into Railway Wagon including all Leads & Lift at ballast sub depot 2 at TKD. Approximate Cost of work: Rs.3968650/- Earnest money to be deposited: Rs.348400/- Date of opening: 15.00hrs, 30.08.2019 S. No.3. Name of work: Supplying, stacking and loading of 35000 cum 65 mm gauge stone ballast (Machine crushed) into Railway Wagon including all Leads & Lift at ballast sub depot 3 at TKD. Approximate Cost of work: Rs.3968650/- Earnest money to be deposited: Rs.348400/- Date of opening: 15.00hrs, 30.08.2019 And to 11 The e-tender is to be submit through railway website http:reps.gov.in. The tenders can be submit on website Up to 15.00 hrs. on 30.08.2019 and shall be opened there after. No. 128-WiSr.DEN C/MIT No. 519-20WC DL: 29.07.2019

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This is to inform you that pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on Friday, 9° day of August, 2019 at 4.00 P.M. at the head office of the Company inter alia, to consider, approve and take on record the Standalone unaudited Financial Result for the 1° quarter ended on 30° June, 2019, to consider and approve Boards' Report along with its Annexure for the period ended 31° March, 2019, to fix day, date, time and venue for 25° Annual General Meeting of the Company, subject to approval of members re-appointment of Managing Director & re-appointment of Independent Directors and to appoint Secretarial Auditor for the financial year 2019-20, etc.

appoint secretarial automotive for intermatical year 2019-20, etc., truther pursuant Code of Conduct for Prevention of Insider Trading under SEBI Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015, Trading Window shall remain closed upto 48 hours from the declaration of above financial results. The Stock exchange has already been informed about the closure of trading window.

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Dated: 29.07.2019

Sd/-(Manoj Mishra) ompany Secretary M.No.ACS-18801

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Date and Time of Auction: 17.08.2019, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm Venue: ICICI Bank Limited, S- 26, 27, 28, 2nd floor, Veera Towers, Ground Floor, Green Park, Delhi- 110016 Contact person: Mr. Ankit Dhapola, Mobile No: 9205390365.

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#### **CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS**





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website www.ireps.gov.in and

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#### **GLOBE** TROTTING **Trump calls** rights activist 3 KILLED IN GARLIC FESTIVAL SHOOTING **Sharpton a** Gilroy: A gunman cut through a fence to avoid security and opened fire at California's **'con man'**

**AFP** ■ WASHINGTON

 $D_{\text{rights activist Al Sharpton}}^{\text{onald Trump called civil}}$ a "con man" who is "always looking for a score" Monday, fresh off a weekend in which the US president dominated headlines with attacks against a prominent black lawmaker.
On Saturday and Sunday,

Trump took aim at Democratic Representative Elijah Cummings, a high-profile crit-ic of his administration whose district covers much of the majority black city of Baltimore

When Sharpton tweeted late Sunday that he had "arrived in DC from Atlanta, headed to Baltimore" it was apparently too much for Trump to resist.

## Video from Iran shows Guard warning away UK warship

In new video released Monday, an Iranian Revolutionary Guard officer is heard telling a British warship not to interfere or put their "life in danger" as the paramilitary force, using speedboats and a helicopter, seized a UK-flagged commercial vessel in the Strait of Hormuz earlier this month.

The video includes a shot apparently filmed on the day of the July 19 incident from above the British warship Foxtrot 236 that was in the vicinity of the UK-flagged Stena Impero, showing the British navy unable to prevent Iran's seizure of the ship in the critical water-

way.

It also offers additional audio to that released by mar-itime security risk firm Dryad

**Colossal dinosaur** 

thrills scientists

**AFP** ■ ANGEAC-CHARENTE

bone find in France

Scientists have unearthed a huge two-metre (6.5-foot)

dinosaur bone in a winegrow-

ing village in southwestern France dubbed a "national trea-

sure" for its prehistoric gems. The 140-million-year-old

thigh bone, which weighs 400 kilogrammes (880 pounds), is

the latest discovery at

the vast Angeac-Charente

palaeontological site near Bordeaux, where experts and

volunteers have dug up thou-

sands of bones over the past

Global, which last week made public a portion of the exchange between the Foxtrot

and the Iranian Guard during the incident.

#### **Britain rules out** swapping seized tankers with Iran

**London:** Britain's Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab on Monday rejected the idea of swapping seized oil tankers with Iran in a bid to ease escalating Gulf tensions. This is not about some

kind of barter. This is about international law and the rules of the international legal system

being upheld.
That is what we will insist

Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan on Monday termed the practice of forced

conversions as "un-Islamic" and said there was no prece-

dent in Islamic history for

Addressing an event in connection with National

Minorities Day at the Aiwan-e-Sadr (President's House) here,

converting

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forcefully

#### Tranian President Hassan Rouhani has penned an open letter to Britain's new prime minister, saying he hopes the countries' diplomatic ties will be stronger under Boris Johnson's leadership. In the letter published

Sunday on Rouhani's website, the Iranian president congrat-ulated Johnson on becoming prime minister Wednesday. Rouhani said he hoped

Johnson's "only one visit to Tehran" while serving as U.K. Foreign secretary in 2017 and now his tenure as prime min-ister lead to a "further deep-ening of bilateral and multilateral relations."

Johnson took office on Wednesday amid a spike in

facilitate them to the maximum

level to perform them reli-

gious rituals.

Khan said the Prophet

himself had given minorities religious freedom and protect-

ed their places of worship.
"How can we then take it

into our own hands to force-

fully convert someone to Islam

- either by marrying (non-Muslim) women (...) or on gunpoint or to (by threatening

Imran terms forced conversions

as 'un-Islamic'; vows to protect

Khan vowed to protect and develop worship places of their religion?" he asked.

worship places of minorities



tensions in the Persian Gulf and Britain and Iran, Iran seized a British-flagged tanker in the Strait of Hormuz this month after the British navy helped seize an Iranian supertanker loaded with crude oil near Gibraltar.

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## Underwater glacial melting much faster than predicted, says study

**PTI** ■ WASHINGTON

ously thought, according to a study which could lead to improved forecasting of climate-driven sea level rise. The findings, published in

the journal Science, are based on a new method developed by the researchers that for the first time directly measures the submarine melting of tidewater glaciers -valley glaciers that flow all the

way down to the ocean.

Underwater melting of tidewater glaciers is occurring much faster than provident of the state than provident of the state levels globally," said Rebecca Jackson, an oceanographer at Rutgers University-New Brunswick in the US

'Submarine melting has been implicated as a trigger for this glacier retreat, but we have had no direct measurements of melting, let alone how it might vary in time," Jackson said. The study shows that the

prevailing theory for melt significantly underestimates melt

rates.
"These results suggest a ocean and glacier than previously expected, and our work provides a path forward to mproving our understanding of how the ocean impacts glaciers," she said

The scientists studied the underwater melting of the LeConte Glacier, a tidewater glacier in Alaska, from 2016-

#### **Putin opponent Alexei Navalny** poisoned: Lawyer minorities in Pakistan and also

**AFP** ■ MOSCOW

Russian Opposition leader Alexei Navalny was "poisoned" by an unidentified toxic substance but doctors have sent him back to jail despite his condition, his lawyer and personal physician said Monday.

President Vladimir Putin's top opponent was rushed to hospital on Sunday a day after almost 1,400 people were arrested at an unauthorised protest, in the largest police crackdown on dissent in recent

Navalny was hospitalised following what was described as an acute allergic reaction, but his supporters later said they believed he had been exposed to poison.

"It is indeed poisoning by some unknown chemical substance," his lawyer Olga Mikhailova told reporters Monday outside Moscow's hos-Navalny. Navalny on Sunday had swollen eyelids, discharge in the eye and a rash on his upper body, his personal physician Anastasia Vasilyeva said.

She told reporters on Monday that both she and the 43-year-old politician believe the reaction could have been a response to "some chemical

#### PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr. PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely Anil @ Pitoo @ Tony S/o Lt. Sh. Dalip Kumar R/o A-43, Rajiv Nagar Extn. Begumpur, Delhi has committed or is suspected to has committed) the offence in case FIR No 509/14 u/s 392/34 IPC, PS South Robini Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Anil @ Pitoo @ Tony could not be found and whereas it nas been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Anil @ Pitoo @ Tony has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person. Anil @ Pitoo @ Tony of FIR No. 509/14 u/s 392/34 IPC, PS South Rohini, Delhi, is required to appear in the court to answer the said complaint on or before 03.10.2019.

Sh. Virender Singh, Metropolitan Magistrate, North-West, Distt Room No. 208, DP/3098/RD/19 llst Floor, Rohini Courts, Delhi

### PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON (SEE SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that (1) Sartaj Ali S/o Shokat R/o R-5/55/4, Near Noori Masjid, Vikas Nagar Mohan Garden, Delhi (2) Md. Monish S/o Md. Intjzar R/o M-6 Commander Chowk, Vikas Nagar, Delhi (3) Naveen S/o Nemi Chand R/o D-Block, Indra Camp No. 5, Vikas Puri Jhuggi, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in Case FIR No. 322/19 LI/s 147/148/149/307 IPC & 25/27 Arms Act P.S. Ranhola, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arres thereupon issued that the said accused (1) Sartai Ali (2) Md. Monish (3) Naveen can not be found and whereas it Monish (3) Naveen can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused (1) Sartaj Ali (2) Md. Monish (3) Naveen have absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation are hereby made that the said accused person (1) Sartai Ali (2) Md. Monish (3) Naveen of FIR No. 322/19 U/s 147/148/149/307 IPC & 25/27 Arms Act P.S. Ranhola, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before dated 06.09.2019.

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# Trend

#### Sara has a heart of gold: Kartik

It isn't an old news when it was announced that actors **KARTIK** AARYAN and SARA ALI KHAN were set to romance each other for director Imtiaz Ali's next, Aai Kal. which is also a seguel to Love Aai Kal

Kartik has now opened up on working with the actress. He said, "Sara is a persor with a heart of gold. She is a star. I thoroughly enjoyed working with her. She has a certain positive energy that she brings to the screen and I would love to work with her

again and again.' Recently, a video had gone viral in which the Sara was seen sharing her experience of working on Imtiaz's film and her cameraderie with Kartik.

'I am not a party person. I don't go to parties at all but my friends help me write my

numbers. I frequently take inspiration from social

media posts I come across, which are shared by my friends and acquaintances. I usually use the posts as a case study to write songs. At times, when I meet my friends, we openly discuss details such as body postures and gestures of people in the clubs.'

Telugu actor MAHESH BABU revealed that he is all set to launch his clothing brand called **Humbl on August** 

"Our Humbl endeavor unveils today. Thank you all for the astounding response. For us, The Humbl Co, is not just clothing,

it's a way of life. We welcome you all to the HumbleCo family. Stav tuned for the launch on August 7," Mahesh tweeted. The brand comes with the tagline: 'Dress like a Dream, Live Real

Mahesh Babu becomes the second south Indian actor after Vijay Deverakonda to launch his own clothing brand.

#### **Evangeline** vacays in India



Actress EVANGELINE LILLY, who is popular as the 'wasp' from the Avengers series, is in India and is currently enjoying her stay in New

Lilly has already visited the Humayun's Tomb, Agrasen ki Baoli and other locales, as is evident from a number of posts on her Instagram. The actress took to her Instagram and shared a string of photographs.

In the first post, Lilly is as at the Agrasen ki Baoli. She is seen sitting on the flight of stairs leading down into the step well and captioned it. "Who are you solitary woman? Delhi, New Delhi.

oress Ourself

Designer TARUN TAHILIANI says that there was no showstopper for his collection so that people could focus more on the craftsmanship than glitter. By Team VIVA

t took one of the old guards of Indian fashion to attempt something new. In the process, designer Tarun Tahiliani broke the stranglehold that the concept of showstopper has had on the Indian ramp where the audience is lining up the seats to see Bollywood A-listers sashaying down rather than focussing on show is all about, clothes.

Tahiliani brought in the first ever 'non-show-stopper-show-stopper' concept at India Couture Week. For those who are yet to see the photographs, the designer achieved this by closing his collection with an anonymous model who donned a simple yet stunning white tulle gown which was paired with a dainty net mask. It covered the entire face with the intent of emphasising on the outfit and making a and workmanship that had gone into its making. Said Tahiliani, "There was no showstopper this time because people are more interested in the muse than the clothes. They don't care about the collection as much as they care about who wore your garment. So I didn't want it to be like

There were more than 80 pieces spanning bridal couture, occasion and festive wear which heralded the coming together of technique, craftsmanship and innovation. Lightweight *lehengas*, *shararas*, peplum blouses, concept saris, structured drapes, anarkalis and fusion-style jumpsuits exuded pure celebration. There was contemporary occasion wear for prewedding functions with *chikankaari*, *mukaish* embroidery and *kanjeevaram*. When it came to couture, contoured construction, patterns and unique fabrics merged to make the garment feel like second skin, sensually moulding to the shape of every curve, and yet, allowing the freedom and comfort to dance the night away.
The collection placed the new Indian

bride at the centre who envisioned her wedding as a special extension of her personality rather than an occasion where she looks like a shadow of herself. So lush colours, lightweight *lehengas* and structured drapes which can e treasured for life could be seen in designer Tahiliani's, Bloom collection

"It captured the metamorphosis of the Indian bride with a synthesis of different cultures, a reflection of today's generation. It represented the delicate confluence of

the times we live in," said Tahiliani.

Addressing the overall theme so swiftly was not easy. The biggest challenge Tahiliani said was, "A lot of bridal has become ridiculously heavy and uncomfortable. Brides look worse after spending so much. They are so pretty, why load them with 40 kg? Another challenge was to put the structure and think about techniques because as lifestyle changes, clothes must too. Most brides that I know today want to have DJ and

where the lehenga was so heavy that it fell off, he said, "What are you doing this for? What needs to be done is to make beautiful clothes in which people can look and feel themselves." This was clearly evident in his show as all his models were not a far cry from their actu-

Tahiliani believes in retaining natural beauty with fresh flowers, some jewellery and a pony tail. He said, "The main bride has no jewellery and she is the most beau-tiful bride we have. I only want to focus on her beauty and nothing This is some thing he feels he will always work on.

peach, dusty pink, coral, teal, vintage gold and gold agua. For



not weighed down by her outfit. Floral motifs combined with French knots, tulle, jaali burned in the fabric, lace, and ombré beading to bring glamorous exquisiteness and drama to each piece. Fluffs of whimsical *resham*-crystal-baadla, sparkling Swarovski crystals adorned the crinolines of each *lehenga*.

But Tahiliani had more up his sleeve.

were used to make sure that the bride was

One of the models who was sitting behind him during the interview was wearing a saree which was rolled up as a jumpsuit. "I love combining Indian clothes in a modern way. See, this is so light and beautiful,"

The menswear collection at the show focussed on fitted tone-on-tone ensembles including *sherwanis*, Mughal-inspired kurtas with multiple fabric layers of different lengths, pre-constructed *kamarbandhs* and period-inspired stoles. Emphasis was on fine fabrics and tailoring. But the collection stuck to basic shades. When questioned about the same, Tahiliani agreed saying, it was all taken over by my models rather than the clothes.

The designer has been working with Swarovski crystals since the 90s. Even this year's collection is lush with them. He said, "This association has witnessed some of the most iconic, luxurious and memorable creations made with crystals. We love the winking light, the luminescence and sparkle of a diamond, especially for weddings. It helps in creating magical garments using traditional Indian techniques.

As for endnotes, he gave us a takeaway: "I watch my models walk and sit 10 times in a dress. It's not about making a pretty thing, it's something to live life in," he added.

# **'Diamond jewellery flatters Indian skin tones'**

To mark 15 years of couture, GAURAV GUPTA debuts with his jewellery collection. By TEAM VIVA

signer Gaurav Gupta has been merging indigenous Indian construction and embellishment techniques with his idea of the future for the past 15 years. To celebrate the milestone, he interpreted the artistry and details of his couture language through creating and launching a fine jewellery brand Occasions Fine Jewellery at the FDCI's Indian Couture Week 2019. It had capsuled themes that captured the distinct elements like the feather, forest and infinity collections.

The debut line consisted of 50 pieces, all of which were hand-made and created with precious stones and diamonds and set in white gold. What made the jewellery couture unique was the collaborative approach wherein each diamond was individually cut according to the design sculpting that Gaurav had imagined. The collection included necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings and ear-cuffs which will be introduced as an extension of the brand's 2019 couture col-lection and will be available exclusively through the Gaurav Gupta flagship couture store in Mehrauli.

On the ramp was global influencer and founder of Post for Change, Diipa Khosla, who was seen in an unending ethereal lehenga layered in ombre hues of champagne. The perfect accent for this was a special *Liberation* necklace, designed in the shape of wings, interwoven together, stylised to project the movement of a bird gracefully taking flight. Each piece of this necklace was set under a microscope, a delicate combination of rose cut and full cut diamonds — 8,000 pieces in all, created over the period of eight months. Its highlight was that every feather was scooped from the back to keep the necklace



light. Actor Diana Penty strutted out in a sculpted mermaid-esque gown, fashioned in light organza in greengray. She was accessorised with statement ear cuffs which had three woven and specially shaped dia-

Gupta talks about the jewellery collection and the idea behind these

What made you decide to venture in the jewellery space?
I have always loved jewellery and this

was something which was always on the cards for the brand as a next step in direction of growth. Ornamentation of a look is what inspired me to finally pursue this. I would always see brides wearing my creations, looking extremely beautiincomplete to me. I think that's what ultimately made me delve into designing my maiden collection.

What are the points of convergence, in terms of design, in jew-

ARUN TAHILIA

ellery and clothes? Designing for me is a very personal process. I begin with some abstract thoughts and ideas and let my mind take the visionary wheel and conceive the whole thing. For jewellery, the starting point was my sartorial creations. I looked at them and ideated how best can I complement my own garments with diamond couture jew-ellery — this was the only difference. Apart from this, everything else was remarkably same.

wedding functions and cocktails, the collection had a rich palette of electric blue,

deep violet and plum. Diverse embroidery styles — from Kashmir-inspired

kashidakaari, fine zari work used around prints, jamavar and resham embroidery

#### What was the inspiration for these designs?

The inspiration for the jewellery designs came from my obsession with elements and infinity of nature birds of flight and freedom and the mysterious, endless depths of forests

#### Who are the women that the jew-

The jewellery is for confident, fearless and strong women who revel in the sense of elation and liberation. It is for the Indian contemporary global bride who enjoys finer details in her jewellery with respect to the cuts and design.

#### How often do you aim to bring out collections?

Well, our collections will be unveiled annually during the couture season. But, having to move along with the dynamics of time and to keep the momentum going, we will be adding jewellery suites throughout the year to our main collection - just something to offer more to our clients.

#### Coloured jewellery is a huge trend. What according to you are the ones that work for the skin tones of Indian woman?

I think, diamond jewellery looks very flattering on Indian skin tones. It not only brings out our rich complexion but also complements it really well. In diamond jewellery only, the use of coloured stones like rubies, emeralds, tanzanites and opals further accentuate the whole look

#### Is the jewellery more for Indian or Western couture?

My jewellery can be paired very well with both Indian and Western cou-Photo: Pankaj Kumar

## Bachchan reveals how he got his surname

A mitabh Bachchan has shared anecdotes about his last name and said that "Bachchan" was his father and legendary poet Harivansh Rai Bachchan's poetic nom de plume.

The 76-year-old cine icon took to his blog and

discuss about the caste system prevalent in ancient India. "The caste system in the land has

been prevalent for centuries, fol-lowed diligently by many and now defied by many too, (it is) an ail-ment that has plagued our society," he wrote. He said that his father was a

"strong opposer" of the caste system. "Babuji was born in a Kayastha home and a Srivastava. But his temperament was

ment of caste, his nom de plume, his takhallus his pen name he

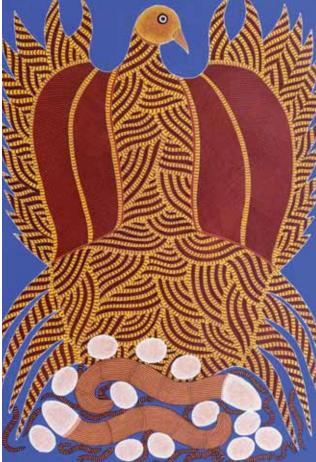
designed 'Bachchan.' Eminent poets and writers often designed their names with a nom de plume. So 'Bachchan' became my Father's pen name, his poetic name, but it lent credence of its concept later when I was born, on being admitted to my first school. It was when I was asked by the teachers about what surname was to be filled against my name in the admission form. My parents had a quick discus-sion and it was decided that 'Bachchan' would oe the family surname,"

> The actor said he became the first bearer of the surname. "And it has remained so and shall also remain. My father and I are the proud bearers of this surname, he added.

he wrote.

-IANS





### Artist BAJJU SHYAM's works tread the path of surreal and divine stories from the forests of the *Gond* tribe. By UMA NAIR

had been keen on looking at Padma Shri artist Bajju Shyam's artworks because I consider him to be the finest artist after his uncle, late Jangarh Singh Shyam. And his series of artworks, titled Message From Trees, currently exhibited at the Ojas Art Gallery, are indeed a delight to behold. Bajju used to assist his uncle and now has inherited a finer and subtler sense of detail. His works tread the path of surreal stories in the forests of the *Gond* tribes.

The term *Gond* comes from the Dravidian expression *kond*, meaning the green mountain, which quite aptly depicts the close kinship with nature that the tribals maintain in all aspects of their existence. The forest and its many beings become an integral part of their visual rep-resentations — a cultural entity, visible through the variety of vibrant depictions painted on the walls of their homes. While the Gond artists earlier used

vegetable and mineral dyes, charcoal, coloured soil and other traditional things their modern mode of painting has seen the use of acrylics and canvasses and large-sized sheets of watercolour paper. Bajju's four compositions involve the local flora



Mitrata (friendship) is a painting of the gorgeous plumed eagle-like bird, with snakes and its eggs at the foot of the composition. It is a versatile and emotive

tale that takes us back to many legions. One of the many tales that Bajju had shared in the past was of Lord Shankar. 'When Shankar bhagwan, the creator,

leaf on earth. The man said, 'Lord, what will I eat? How will I survive?' The creator pulled three hair from his own body and through them, made three great trees. Then the man said, 'But Lord, there are no fruits on these trees. Three will remain three, and they must die one day. Then Lord Shankar took the ash, coated his hair and sprinkled the trees with it. And flowers and fruits began to blossom on the trees. So during the time before we knew how to cultivate grains and crops, fruits on trees helped fill our stomachs. Here, I am just telling one of those stories," says Bajju, who has created six eggs, which symbolise the co-existence of Neel

Raja, and the entire world.

The artwork also echoes the beauty of birds. We don't have to be told that birds are one of the most exquisite creatures on our planet. With a rich array of colours, a widely varying display of plumage and an unmatched ability to compose a symphony of songs and birds of all species, the work collectively captures our atten-tion at once. One of the many ways that we appreciate our birds is by looking at paintings or photographs of them in the wild. Bajju recreates a magnificent bird in a composition that speaks of awe. However, the symbolism of birds has differed in different eras and regions. For Egyptians, a bird symbolises the soul, which is threatened in everyday idioms of life and nature's mortality. Inspired from that, Bajju's birds talk to us about harmo ny in living.

#### Tendu tree

Trees are central to the *Gond* tribal imagination. In addition to the stories that surround them, they are important in an everyday sense. There is a belief among the community that trees are busy during the day in giving shade and food to humans and animals. It is only during the

humans and animals. It is only during the night that their real spirit emerges.

Bajju's drawing of the *tendu* tree and a bat has a tensile and tactile intricate beauty. "According to the ancient mythology of the tribe, during the day, trees nourish and protect and at night, they have a life of their own," states Bajju. The pricited these trees with whiteful takes. spirits of these trees, with whimsical tales and beliefs, are brought out through this delicate illustration by Bajju. It's uncanny how he poetically illustrates a particular aspect of Gond tradition related to the

**Mriga**Equally elegant is his deer painting, Mriga. Its intricate details can entice an art-lover — the leaf-like ear, the distinctly feminine slender-striped legs. In his weaving of the modern, fashionable elements, he gives us an image that is rare and unique. His use of fluorescent colours are at once subtle and the manrin which he creates its position and intensity is one of great poise. "I love the deer, I consider it the most beautiful animal," says Bajju. "I find its whole body one of great grace. Its eyes are so beautiful. I have always felt that among all animals, it is a class apart because not only does it personify extraordinary beauty, it is the majesty and royal signature of the forests that make it an inspiration. After all, deer has been a part of literature and songs and poetry since time immemorial."

(Message from Trees opens on August 2 and runs till September 1 at Ojas Art.)

community are still sticking to

pure classical but Eshwar sees no harm in mixing it up a little.

"The lives of our generation, our parents, our grandparents was so

in tune with arts. My grandfather used to tell mythological stories

to children in the evening. That link is not there for children

eye-opener for me. I've found

that little bit of electronic music gives interest in the classical idiom for the youth. If I just have

classical, many youth find it boring," said the prolific author and Bharatnatyam guru at the Triveni Kala Sangam. On the fusion, she said, "Without devi-

ating from that classical tradi-

tion, keeping it intact, we're using technology only for

enhancement. We're not losing

the grammar. It depends from dancer how you can merge and keep moving forward."
(The Bharatnatyam opera

will be staged at the India Habitat

Centre on July 31.)

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# A visual diary of memories

Artist NANDITA RICHIE names her exhibition of artworks in Urdu as she thinks that the language beautifully decribes every frame. With her new series, Khwabeeda, she brings forth her idea of dreams. By TEAM VIVA



hat specific term would you use to describe yourself as an avid dreamer? Artist Nandita Richie calls herself a *Khwabeeda*, which is also the title of her latest solo exhibition. She ays that she's not very familiar with Urdu but is fond of giving titles to her paintings and exhibitions in different languages. "I have named one of the paintings as *Gurub-e-Aaftab*, which means setting sun. It just sounds so beautiful in

Urdu," she says.

Art is something that liberates the soul, provokes the imagination and encourages people to go further. And if this imagination is the result of childhood memories, then, it grows into many ideas that are endearing. For Nandita, her foray into art began with the memories of her grandfather's garden and matured when, as a young teenager, she attempted to turn away from the canvas to experimenting on wearable fabrics.

At the age of 14, Nandita painted a few sarees for her mother with fabric dye paints to try new ways of expressing her art form. Today, she has diversified her art into 'wearables' and owns her signa-ture line of ties, scarves and pocket squares. She has started her own line of digitally printed limited edition sarees too. "I believe art should not be limited to gal leries and only for those who can afford to buy original art. Bringing out my line of designer sarees, silk wear seemed one of the best options. These products are

of the best options. These products are limited edition prints of my canvas art and they are affordable," she says.

But her art continues to be rooted in her childhood. "My work is a visual diary of my memories of the garden where I grew up as a child watching my grandfather and father, who had green thumbs, working to create the most beautiful are. working to create the most beautiful gar-den full of exotic flowers and lush trees for us to play, enjoy and respect nature in my hometown of Jaipur. Today, a large multi-storeyed building stands where my grandpa's garden used to be. I not only miss watering his plants and tending to the saplings but also sitting in that open space surrounded by nature's beauty," Nandita says and goes on to add, "I am very much inspired by nature especially waterscapes and lotuses. The lotus is more than just a flower. It conveys a very strong message to humans. Even though it is rooted in mud, it continues to float on water without becoming wet or muddy. This aspect of the flower dictates how humans ought to live in this world.

The architecture, fabrics, handicrafts and gemstones provide Jaipur with a myriad of colours labelling it famously as the Pink City of India, she says, adding that it is one of her favourite colours, therefore. "I paint lotuses and lilies. The latter are captivating blooms, both in the garden and on the canvas. If only I could capture their subtle fragrance. None of my water paintings feel complete without the lotus. The one that is close to my heart is the Blue Tranquil, which is a water body with floating lotus leaves and flowers. I have created a special light effect using bold strokes and layers of paint to depict how the water shines during the early morning hours"

Although impressionist and post impressionist styles have greatly influ-



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enced her work, she is also moved by modern and contemporary art and is not shy of experimenting with abstract styles and mixed mediums. Her work is a result of her vivid imagination, love of nature knife. Her paintings depict joy, romance and beauty and are highly textured giving a three-dimensional effect.

She says, "I am a die-hard nature lover which is evident from my paintings. I paint using my imagination and memo-ries. My formal training during my col-lege years and the critique provided by my talented teachers keep me disciplined about form and dimensions while the appreciation of art lovers lends me new wings to experiment further with textures. I work with a palette knife and acrylic colours on canvas using the impasto weton-wet technique"

# Bharatnatyam tuned with technology

Dance guru JAYALAKSHMI ESHWAR is using electronic music and animated visuals of the Tamil culture to enhance the classical art tradition



Bharatnatyam guru Jayalakshmi Eshwar wowed her audience with a dance production that was much more than a regular classical

Fused with electronic music and animated visuals of the Tamil culture, it spoke to viewers about her openness to merge technology, her dance practice and even, her dance lessons. For viewers who saw Eshwar's production Antariksha Sanchar erally meaning transmissi space — it was a mesmerising tale of ancient aeroplanes, com-plete with technological elements that attract the youth

It featured many of her own students but the performance stage is not the only place where the dancer shares a relationship of technology with her pupils, many of who often juggle dance practice with other activities. As classrooms change from the guru-shishya parampara, where disciples learnt under their

teachers almost everyday, modern-day classrooms become another place where the strict classical often merges with everyday tech. "The students have so fast moving lives that they don't even have time to write their notes and make sketch drawings of every move-ment — that we needed to make because there were no photographs or tape in our times," Eshwar said.

Even dancing for them is a great thing, she said, adding that some of her students who are as young as six years, use mobile phones to record the movements and practice it later. "Technology as a teacher helps a lot. When I am teaching my professional-level students, who are all abroad, and they want to learn a new item. I just tape in it my class bit-by-bit, and upload it. I send the lyrics, meaning, everything and they ask questions and seek clarifications as per the usual practice," added

Many factions of the artiste

### WATCH



hreshold Art



rt Konsult presents Iconic Forces, a solo exhibition by Aartist Suman Sen Gupta that brings the portraits of the icons of the world with the duality of the surroundings. WHEN: August 4 to 11 TIME: 11 am to 7 pm WHERE: Art Konsult Gallery, Hauz Khas Village.

Triveni Gallery presents Parul Golchha Ranka's solo exhibition of paintings, which features a range of paintings on the Buddha and his divine liaht.

E: Triveni Kala Sangam, 205, Tansen Marg, near Mandi House



ndia Habitat Centre presents Liminal Spaces, a solo exhibition of paintings by artist Kanwal Singh, which aims to explain that such threshold spaces are those where transformation begins. VHEN: August 2 to 5 HERE: Open Palm Court, IHC.



collaboration with Prabhat Education Foundation, presents Like Us, an exhibition of photographs by Bindi Sheth on children with special needs. The show will be inaugurated by Poonam Natarajan, founder and chairperson, Vidya Sagar, Chennai, on August 1. TIME: 11 am to 7 pm WHEN: August 2 to 11 WHERE: Art Gallery, Kamaladevi Complex.

# New team, Old hunger

## Cummins believes changes under Paine will not affect Aussie desire to win

Australian Test cricket squad may have changed since Tim Paine took over the captaincy following the ball-tampering scandal last year in South Africa, but it has not blunted their competitiveness says pace bowler Pat Cummins.

The 26-year-old joint vice-captain — told *The Guardian* that Paine's arrival in the wake of the scandal had forced a rethink about their approach to the game.
Former captain Steve

Smith and David Warner were both given 12-month suspensions by Cricket Australia, with opening batsman Cameron Bancroft — who applied sandpaper to the ball while in the field during a Test with South Africa in Cape Town — banned for nine months.

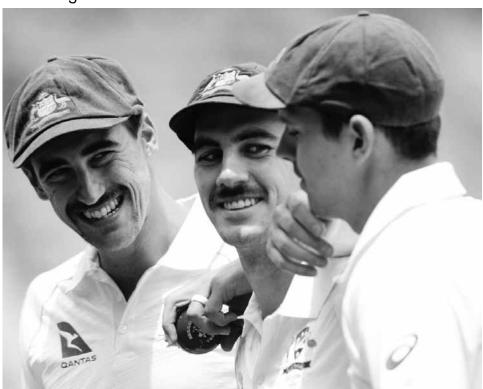
They are all back in the squad for the five-Test Ashes series which gets underway at Edgbaston on Thursday with the tourists bidding to not only retain the Ashes but also win their first series in England for 18 years. "It's probably the first time where we've really had to sit

back and think about how we wanted to play," said Cummins about when Paine took over.

"For me personally, going to university (he has a Business degree) or having a few pre-seasons trying to recover from injury, it's just knowing that you can't judge yourself on purely cricket, because if you do then you're forever riding this rollercoast-

"Definitely taking a step back gives you time to actually think."

Cummins, who has rebounded from several years of persistent injuries to be key to the Australian attack, said people who mistook that for



Australian pace trio of Mitchell Starc, Pat Cummins and Jos Hazlewood in a file picture

the team going soft would be lulling themselves into a false sense of security.

"The way I've always played is to get into the fight,"

"This is a side that's really hungry, many of them in their first Ashes, their first away Test.

"For me it's about remem-bering what I did well last time against England, try to adjust to English conditions, but I just want to really make a mark.

"It doesn't get much big-ger for a Test player than an Ashes, and you never know if CUMMINS, WHO HAS REBOUNDED FROM SEVERAL YEARS OF

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make the most of it."

Cummins, who lost the

top of a middle finger aged three when one of his sisters slammed a door on it by mis-take, says he believes he can flourish on the English pitch "There always seems to be

it's going to be your last. So

sideways movement and the Dukes ball, even if it goes soft, still has a bit of swing," he said.
"It's not 40 degrees so

you can run in all day. "It feels like if you put into the wicket you're going to get

something out of it.
"It levels the contest some-

Pat Cummins/Twitter

times as opposed to a flat daythree or day-four wicket in Australia or a flat ODI wicket, sometimes you go into defence mode.

"Over here you can always sense a wicket coming." Cummins had been a rare

bird within the Australia camp to speak out about sledging last year but he says one can-not avoid displaying one's emotions.

Sport's quite emotional and there will definitely be times on the field when those emotions show through, but how we show them."



# **Proud Stokes**

**AFP** ■ EDGBASTON

 $B_{\text{pride he felt after being reinstated as England's Test}^{\text{en Stokes has revealed the}}$ vice-captain ahead of the Ashes series starting this week.

Stokes was stripped of the role in 2017 following a latenight brawl in Bristol but was restored as Joe Root's deputy ahead of the five-Test series against Australia, which begins in Birmingham on Thursday.

Speaking on a weekend visit to his old club in Cumbria, the 28-year-old said: "I love having that responsibility and it is something that I thoroughly enjoy doing. I take pride in being vice-captain. Being part of that think-tank is pretty

cool.
"I am very good friends with Joe as well, off the field, and as much as I can do to help him through his career, not just as a captain but as a player as well, I am really looking for-

ward to that challenge.
"I think it would have been just as exciting anyway. Playing in an Ashes series is always special and they don't come around that often but being named vice-captain again was very good words to hear when

## 'Anderson could hold key to Ashes'

**AFP** ■ EDGBASTON

Australia great Glenn McGrath believes the form of England spearhead James Anderson could determine the course of the

Anderson, 37 on Tuesday, has been battling to overcome a calf injury but McGrath believes he could have a huge impact on the five-Test series if he stays fit.

"On home soil with the Dukes ball, he's the best in the world bowling in those conditions," McGrath told the Sun.

"He is a big player and if he has a big series for England, Australia will find it tough. If Australia bat well and can get on top of him, that'll make a massive impact on their chances."

The 49-year-old McGrath,

added: "But Jimmy is on his way to 600 Test wickets, which is absolutely incredible."

Anderson is now just 25

wickets shy of becoming the first fast bowler to take 600 in Tests, having surpassed former paceman McGrath's haul of 563 against India last September.

"Jimmy's got the record now and it won't be beaten," said McGrath. "For a fast bowler to beat whatever record he sets, they are going to have to play 150 Tests-plus."

This season's Ashes is being played with last year's Dukes ball, which has a bigger seam than



the one now in use for the 2019

While that should benefit both Anderson and new-ball partner Stuart Broad, six-time Ashes winner McGrath thinks the 2018 Dukes will aid Australia's

PTI ■ BANGKOK

"Pat Cummins will bowl really well with it and if Mitchell Starc is swinging that new ball 150 kilometres (93 miles) per-hour-plus and bowling attacking lengths, he's a handful for anyone," he said.

"It's going to be whether our batsmen have learned and adjusted from last time they were here. when they just went too hard at

Australia have won just three of their past 19 Tests in England including the match at Edgbaston in 2005, when McGrath was ruled out on the morning of the match after injuring his ankle treading on a stray ball during

fielding practice.

While the former paceman refused to give one of his trade-mark Australia whitewash forecasts, he said Tim Paine's men could retain the Ashes.

"Teams around the world are becoming stronger at home and worse away. That is a massive concern," he said.

"But having been here for the World Cup, a lot of Australia's players have been able to adapt and adjust to conditions, to play on the pitches and get a little bit of a feel for everything.
"We have got the players to

do it. But they are going to have to be on the top of their game if they are going to compete with England in their own condi-

## Kiwis turn to spin for SL Tests | Mandatory to play



NZ players Tim Southee, Neil Wagner, Kane Williamson and Colin de Grandhomme pose with the new Test kit Blackcaps

**AFP** ■ WELLINGTON

New Zealand unveiled a Nspin-heavy attack on Monday for the opening round of their World Test Championship campaign against Sri Lanka next month

Coach Gary Stead named four spinners in his 15-man in Sri Lanka that will mark both teams' debut in the new world championship that runs through to 2021.

Stead said the Sri Lankan wickets were expected to turn and he was adopting a "horses-for-courses" strategy in after their dramatic defeat in

selecting Ajaz Patel, Will Somerville, Mitchell Santner and Todd Astle.

"Playing three spinners is an option in Sri Lankan conditions and we believe this group provides the best variations and skill mix on offer,"

The reliance on spin and Lockie Ferguson miss out, with Stead opting for Trent Boult, Tim Southee, Neil Wagner and Colin de

Grandhomme. Stead said the Black Caps are ready for a new challenge

the ODI World Cup final.

"It's good timing for us after the World Cup," he said. "It was an incredible time for the team and the country, but we're now excited to move forward as a group and sink our teeth into another oppor-

New Zealand: Kane Latham, Jeet Raval, Ross Taylor, Henry Nicholls, BJ Watling, Tom Blundell, Colin de Grandhomme, Mitchell Santner, Todd Astle, Tim Southee, Will Somerville, Neil Wagner, Ajaz Patel, Trent



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# domestic cricket: PCB

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m ohammad\,Amir's}$ to retire from Test cricket and concentrate on limited overs while shifting his base to UK has prompted the PCB to make participation in domestic cricket mandatory. A PCB official of

the board said that besides restructuring of the domestic sea-son, it would be made mandatory for players to appear in domestic matches to qualify for the Pakistan team.

"For example, Mohammad Amir who has now retired from Test cricket has to play in the domestic One-Day cup and National T20 competitions to be



Mohammad Amir shares a fun moment with Imam-UI-Haq ICC

al selection," the PCB source said.

considered for nationcricket matches

He said that similarly players who are active in Test cricket must play first class

The PCB has on the directives of prime

minister Imran Khan decided to revamp its domestic structure with first class competition

now being limited to just six provincial teams while 16 regional teams will compete in division two (three day) tournament besides the national one-day cup and T20

competitions.
As per plans, the Pakistan board will initially offer domestic contracts to 34 players selected for a provincial side as they have decided to end the participa-tion of institutional sides in the first class competition.

Also the board is still sticking to its policy of allowing its centrally contracted play ers to appear in only two T20 foreign leagues but they are also giving permission on a case to case basis.

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## NEW RECORD FOR PERRY

Ellyse becomes first cricketer to reach 1000 runs, 100 wickets in T20Is

November last year.

pose

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**PTI** ■ BRIGHTON

Australia all-rounder Ellyse Perry became the first cricketer of either gender to reach the rare milestone of scoring 1000 runs and taking 100 wickets in the T20 for-

Perry (47 not out) and captain Meg Lanning (43 not out) stitched a match-winning partnership to guide Australia to a seven wicket win against England in the second T20 of the Women's Ashes tour, here

get close to it. That's probably the only reason I'm there A four brought up the 1000-run milestone for the all-rounder, who had picked because I've played a lot of games," she added.
Former Pakistani allup her 100th wicket by dismissing England's Nat Sciver in the World T20 final in rounder Shahid Afridi (1416

ly stands closest to The 28-year-old, who hit four boundaries and a achieving the feat six, was adjudged player while Bangladesh's Shakib al Hasan, with of the match.
"I guess it's lovely, but 1471 runs and 88 I wasn't aware of it. I actually think in T20 cricket at wickets, stands next in

international level, we probably play it as much as the played a pret-ty big volof games now - over 100," Perry was quoted as saying by E S P N Cricinfo.

line to join Perry. Australia Women have taken an unassailable lead 2-0 lead in the three Twenty 20 series. They will play the third and final

sealing the Women's Ashes

esiers.

match in Bristol on Wednesday after already

Sameer Verma, seeded eighth, will face Lee Zii Jia of Malaysia while Parupalli Kashyap will take on France's Brice Leverdez. Sourabh Verma and Ajay

Jayaram will have to go through the qualifiers.

# Ind shuttlers continue title quest in Thailand

The successive losses to Japan's Akane Yamaguchi have been disappointing but Indian ace P V Sindhu will have to put it all behind when she renews her chase for a maiden title this year in the Thailand Open badminton tournament, starting here on Tuesday.

The last two weeks have been an emotional rollercoaster ride for Sindhu as after finishing second-best at the Indonesia Open, she was shown the door in the quar-terfinals of the Japan Open last week On both occasions,

familiar foe Yamaguchi turned out to be Sindhu's nemesis.

The Indian would be desperate to break her sevenmonth long title jinx. Seeded fourth, Sindhu

will open her campaign against unseeded Chinese Han Yue, whom she easily of Japan Open.

If all goes well, Sindhu might face her first real test

in the quarterfinals with a possible clash against sixth seed Ratchanok Intanon of The other Indian in fray,

Saina Nehwal has been seed-ed seventh here, she has been pitted against a qualifier in the opening round. In men's singles, Shubhankar Dey has got a

tough opening round against top seed Kento Momota, while B Sai Pranneeth, who lost in the semifinals last week, is up against Thailand's Kantaphon Wangcharoen.
If both the Indians man-

age to get past the first hur-dle, they will face each other next.

next. Fifth seed Kidambi Srikanth will take on a qualifier, while H S Prannoy will be up against Wong Wing Ki Vincent of Hong Kong in the opening round.



Saina Nehwal reacts after losing noints during game Saina/Twitten

While Sourabh will play top seed Shesar Hiren Rhustavito of Indonesia in the first qualifying round, Jayaram will face Chinese

Zhou Ze Qi.
In men's doubles, two Indian pairs feature but only one among them will progress to the next round.

The combinations of Satwiksairai Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty and Manu Attri and B Sumeeth Reddy will face each other in the opening round.

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The lone Indian pair in women's doubles — Ashwini Ponappa and N Sikki Reddy — will be up against the Chinese duo of Li Wen Mei and Zheng Yu in the opening round. In mixed doubles, Pranaav Jerry Chopra and N

Sikki Reddy are drawn against the Japanese combination of Kohei Gondo and Ayane Kurihara while the pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Ponnappa have a tough task at hand as they are pitted against fifth seed Chan Peng Soon and Goh Liu Ying of Malaysia.

# Australia's Alex de Minaur Captured his second ATP

 $\mathbf{AFP} \; \blacksquare \; \mathsf{ATLANTA}$ 

title in dominant style on Sunday, dropping just 10 points on serve in a 6-3, 7-6 (7/2) triumph over Taylor Fritz in a battle of rising stars in Atlanta. Third-seeded de Minaur,

20, became just the third player to win an ATP title without

facing a break point since the tour began keeping stats in January. German Tommy Haas did

E MINAUR LIFTS ATLANTA

it in Memphis in 2007 and American John Isner managed the feat in Newport in 2017.

More importantly, de

Minaur cemented his return from the groin injury that sidelined him for nearly two months after he claimed his by injuries ... you expect your level to be right there once you

"This one is really special to me," said de Minaur, who

maiden victory at Sydney in

improved to 15-4 on hard courts this season with the US Open looming in August.
"I felt like I really needed this. To start the year with a bang and then be slowed down

"I've been playing great tennis and felt like if I could keep it all together, the good results will come. This is a week

> the American hardcourt season any better than this," de Minaur said. "I'm happy with where I am and enjoying every day."

ume come back, but you have to slowly grind your way back.

that will really help me out."
"I don't think I could start

# ALL IS WELL

## Kohli says it baffling to read lies, disrespectful to drag personal lives on rift with Rohit

PTI MUMBAI

ndian captain Virat Kohli on Monday categorically refuted rumours of a rift with his deputy Rohit Sharma, saying "people feeding off lies" are being disrespectful to the players' personal lives.

After India's ouster from the

World Cup, stories of fissures in the Indian camp emerged with claims that Rohit and Kohli are not seeing eye to eye.

Theories of split captaincy were

also floated.

"In my opinion, its baffling. It's absolutely ridiculous to read these kind of stuff, that comes out there. I have been to public events where we have been praised and here we are feeding off lies, overlooking facts, turning a blind eye to all good things that happened and creating fantasies and scenarios in our head. We want to accept that this is the truth" Kobli said truth," Kohli said

Adding fuel to all the speculations was a cryptic *Instagram* post by Kohli's actress wife Anushka Sharma, which was later deleted.

"I have seen this for too long now. Bringing personal lives into the picture. It's disrespectful after a moment. I have played the game for 11 years and Rohit has played for 10 years (12 years) and it's bizarre that people are creating this stuff from people are creating this stuff from outside," the skipper said, with coach Ravi Shastri by his side.

Shastri made a tongue-in-cheek comment about the conspiracy the-

ories.
"Very soon you will hear wives batting and bowling. The way this team plays, no individual is bigger than the game. Not me, not him, nobody in the team. I have a been a part of that dressing room and none of the nonsense is there," the com-mentator in the former all-rounder came out as he pooh-poohed the

For Kohli, the Indian team couldn't have performed consistent-ly across formats if there was no couldn't have possibly played the



Virat Kohli interviews Rohit Sharma after Indian opener scored his fifth World Cup hundred of the 2019 edition against Sri Lanka at Leeds AP/File Photo

camaraderie amongst the players. "I have also heard a lot of things. Now you can only hear things from outside. If the dressing room environment had been bad, then we quality of cricket that we played.

"Because I know how the dress ing room environment and trust factor becomes important to succeed in international cricket. The journey that we have had in ODIs, in Tests

(from No 7 to 1) and T20s, that wouldn't have been possible without camaraderie, respect and understanding," said Kohli, who urged people to come and see the atmos-phere in the change-room. "In my opinion, its baffling. It's absolutely ridiculous to read these kind of stuff, that comes out there"

"I have always praised Rohit whenever I have got an opportunity because I believe he is that good. I don't know who is benefitting from al of this but we are living, breathing towards getting Indian cricket to the

Virat Kohli (on his relations . with Rohit Sharma

"You people please come to our change room and see, how we speak to a Kuldeep Yadav, how we crack a joke with the senior-most player MS Dhoni. We can't shoot a video and show you guys. It baffles you as a leader, when lies are being floated around to make it look like actually they are believable," Kohli sounded irritated.

He emphatically denied that there could be any awkwardness between him and Rohit due to the events in the past few days.

"If I don't like a person or if I am

insecure about a person, you will see it on my face or my behaviour

towards the person and that's how simple it is," Kohli said.

"I have always praised Rohit whenever I have got an opportuni-ty because I believe he is that good. I don't know who is benefitting from all of this but we are living, breathing towards getting Indian cricket to the top, and here we get some kind of pleasure in bringing Indian cricket down," the skipper

It's time that we all do some

introspection, he felt.
"We have to reflect as cricketers everyone can take a step back and think are we creating something that's really not out there. You can't play with that kind of passion if you don't get along with each other. As I said, its baffling and its time that we focus on taking Indian cricket forward," he said.

about it)."

They may have failed to win the T20 World Cup in 2016 and the ODI World Cup in 2015 and 2019, but the Shastri-

Kohli duo helped India climb the top of the Test rankings with a historic series triumph

before being reappointed as head coach in 2017 after Anil

Kumble was removed following

# Test championship will give much-needed boost to longest format



Virat Kohli plays a shot against England during 2018 Test series

PTI MUMBAI

India captain Virat Kohli on Monday said the ICC World Test Championship, that gets underway on August 1, will add context to the longest for-mat and give it a much-need-

The inaugural edition will Australia, Bangladesh, England, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka and the West Indies fight for top honours across 71 Test matches in 27 series over the next two years.

The top two teams will then play the final, scheduled to be to held in June 2021 in

the United Kingdom.
"I think it is a great thing for Test cricket to be honest. We all were looking forward to it because we all felt that after one big series or tour, a one-off Test or a couple of Tests were not apt but I think the Test Championship gives a lot of context to all the Test cricket that we want to play," Kohli said.

"Interest of the fans will

also build going for the results. Test cricket really needed a boost. Players were putting the effort but from a global point of view, Test cricket point of view, lest cricket needed an incentive attached to it which is presented in the form of Test Championship. "So now every session, every game will be more intense. It will be challenging but it will be all the more excit-

but it will be all the more exciting. All the teams will enjoy through this entire journey," he

The opening day of the Ashes series between England and Australia at Edgbaston on Thursday marks the begin-ning of the World Test Championship

India will play two Tests during the tour of West Indies and those will be part of the

championship.

"After the highs of a tournament like World Cup, it is only logical that the focus will shift to T20 World Cup but the Test Championship will keep

the interest in Test cricket going as well.
"So that's the nature of international cricket today that you have to compromise on one format to keep the other two relevant. And I am glad that people have thought about Test cricket to keep it relevant.

through Test championship, Each team will play three home and three away series and will be awarded points for

Each series will count for 120 points, distributed over the number of matches in a series. For example, a two-match series will mean 60 points for each Test while a three-match series will give 40 points to each match. A tie will be 50

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For Kohli, nothing comes above the longest format of the

game.
"When you are focussing on T20, you can say let's forget about the other two formats and just make the sport excit-ing for the people to watch and entertain. But for the sheer joy of playing cricket, executing your skills as cricketer, Test cricket is the most important format.

"And for me nothing comes above Test cricket. So the fact that the Test champi-onship will keep the excite-ment going," said the Indian

skipper.
Kohli said that the Indian team has done really well in recent years and would be

faccing years and would be fancying its chances in the Test championship.

"Test cricket is very challenging and coming out on top in the traditional form is always highly satisfying. The Indian team has done really well in recent years and will be fancying its chances in the

championship," he said. England's leading Test wicket taker James Anderson said Test cricket was the "pin-

nacle of our sport".

"It is the very essence of cricket and the majority of players want to strive to play the purist form of the game,"

Anderson, said.
"The ICC World Test Championship is another brilliant initiative for the sport, adding context and relevance every Test series. Every Tes matters, but even more so now," he added.

Organised by the Member Boards, the matches will be played just like any bilateral series, but with the added context of a competition and one

#### 'Happy with Ravi continuing as coach' the appointment of chief coach. PTI MUMBAI "But as I had said, it's on the



aptain Virat Kohli on Monday said he is in favour of Ravi Shastri continuing as the head coach of the Indian cricket team despite the criticism it faced following the semi-final ouster from the World Cup.

The current support staff comprising incumbent head coach Ravi Shastri, bowling coach Bharat Arun, batting coach Sanjay Bangar and fielding coach R Sridhar were given a 45-day extension following the World Cup, covering the West Indies tour from August 3 to September 3.
"Well, the CAC (Cricket



Ravi Shastri and Virat Kohli answer media questions during press confernece

by Kapil Dev) has not contacted me on this. But all of us

ly be very happy (to have him around)," Kohli told reporters



## Expect WI to give tough competition: Viv PTI MUMBAI

## 'unfair criticism'

Virat Kohli on Monday V said that there was no communication either from the former physio and trainregards to skipping the shorter formats during the upcoming West Indies tour. Kohli was tipped to be

Ravi Shastri chats with MS Dhoni during practice session

been target of

Middle-order had

rested alongside Jasprit Bumrah but the captain said that no one told him that his workload has exceeded the prescribed limit.

"Our rest period is put on record. It's all on the e-mail given to the Board. So I don't know what report they have created. In my mind, until the trainer or the physio tells me to rest because my progress in such and such with datas collect-ed from all games. I don't know what communication was sent out to the selectors because nothing was communicated to me in terms of rest." Kohli told mediapersons prior to team's depar-

It will be a new start after the disappointment of the World Cup but Kohli admitted that the team is yet to sort out the middle-order conundrum and joked that they might need a "crystal

"I don't know whether it will have to be explained through a crystal maze," he said with a laugh.

On a serious note, he felt that the Indian middle-order had been a target of "unfair criticism" being judged on the basis of one or two performances.

situation-based. Sometimes you say you have the best top order in the world, which you can agree with; it leads to middle order getting just one or two opportuni-ties, then we judge it based on it. I don't know how to strike balance in it," the skipper said, sounding a bit

India's top three performed more often than not during the World Cup but the day when the middleorder faced stern test, they capitulated.

"If I am a middle-order player and I hardly get an opportunity to bat, then when I am expected to deliver in crunch, Î don't think it's fair to be judged. If the toporder fails consistently, then you'll say they need to be given time since they have been performing.

When it happens with the middle-order, I don't think it's right to be so critical of them. We obviously want to find people who can be consistent, who can do the job regularly for us and we have backed the players that we thought are good enough to do the job. And they have," Kohli said.

West Indies legend Vivian Richards is pinning his I shared this yideo with friends and family because they know how I feel about honour but the moment hopes on the current team to pose a tough challenge to between wife and husband truly Virat Kohli's battle-hardened shows an inspirational kind of love outfit in the upcoming assignments in the

"India-West Indies series have always seen explosive action and I don't expect anything less this time

With the current form of the West Indies team, I look forward to them giving a



tough competition to the Indian side," Richards was quoted as saying in a media release issued by official broadcasters Sony Pictures Sports Network.

Former India captain Sunil Gavaskar, who made a memorable Test debut in the has "respect" for players from the Caribbean.
"West Indies will always

hold a very special place in my heart since I started my career over there and have immense respect for their players," said Gayaskar



Rahul Chahar and Deepak Chahar pose with the winners trophy after India A series win Instagram

# Exciting opportunity for new guys

PTI MUMBAI

India skipper Virat Kohli said it will be a "very exciting opportunity" for the likes of Chahar brothers and Navdeep Saini to make a mark in the limited overs format during the upcoming tour of the West Indies.

A number of players who are not a regular with the Indian team in either T20Is or ODIs made the limited overs squads as the selection committee made its intention clear to move forward from India's semifinal ouster from the ICC World Cup and build for the

future.

"The T20s as you have seen, the squads, when I met SOME PLAYERS WHO HAVE DONE REALLY WELL IN THE FORMAT AND SHOWN GREAT COMPOSURE UNDER PRESSURE IN

TOURNAMENTS LIKE IPL, DOMESTICALLY AS WELL. SO IT'S A **GREAT MARKER FOR** ALL THOSE GUYS AND US AS A TEAM AS

WELL TO HAVE THEM IN THE SQUAD —VIRAT KOHLI

out a few players that they had in mind. I think it is a very exciting opportunity for all the guys who are stepping in for the first time," Kohli said. Deepak and Rahul Chahar, Saini, Shreyas Iyer, Manish Pandey and

the selectors, the basic message from them was to try

Washington Sundar are a mixture of new and old faces to have been included in the squad for the limited-overs format.
"The ODI side is more

or less balanced and we have been really doing well, the Test side, needless to say the kind of performances we have put in, so I am particularly excited about the three lot of players coming in, Kohli said. "Some players who have

done really well in the for-mat and shown great composure under pressure in tournaments like IPL, domestically as well. So it's a great marker for all those guys and us as a team as well have them in the squad," the captain added. India will play three T20s and as many ODIs, and

two Test matches during their West Indies tour, commencing on August 3. "West Indies obviously is

a great place to go and play cricket. It is a relaxed place, we all have enjoyed playing cricket there," Kohli said.