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BJP pits Jaya Prada against Azam

Maneka, Varun swap seats in BJP's 9th list; Manoj Sinha picked for Ghazipur; Murli Manohar Joshi dropped

Noted film actor of yester-year and former MP Jaya Prada joined the BJP on Tuesday and will take on Samajwadi Party's Muslim face Azam Khan in Rampur, while Maneka Gandhi and her son, Varun Gandhi, swapped their seats of Pilibhit and Sultanpur as per the ninth list of the BJP released on Tuesday.

Union Minister Manoj Sinha has been fielded from Ghazipur, Rita Bahuguna from Allahabad, State BJP president Mahendra Nath Pandey from Chandauli, and Jagdambika Pal from Doomariyaganj.

BJP's ninth list which has 29 candidates from Uttar Pradesh (and 10 from West Bengal) repeats many of the current MPs, including BJP's Kisan Morcha head Virendra Singh Mast (Ballia), Harish Dwivedi (Basti), Kirtwardhan Singh (Gonda), Pankaj Choudhary (Maharganj), Vijay Dube (Kushinagar), Kamleshwar Paswan (Bansgaon SC), Kushwaha Ravindra (Salempur), Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti (Fatehpur), Lallu Singh (Faizabad), Daddan Mishra

Sharan Singh (Kaiserganj). The Rampur contest has the potential to be bitter and intense since both Jaya Prada and Azam Khan arch rivals. Jaya Prada had at one time accused Khan of circulating scurrilous video purportedly featuring her in Rampur.



concentration of Muslims in entire UP. Muslims are over 50 per cent of the total voters in the constituency. Riding the Modi wave, BJP's Nepal Singh

had won from there in 2014. A two-term Lok Sabha member from the SP, Jaya Prada is a close associate of

Singh, who was expelled from the SP and has since come close to the BJP.

Lauding Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Jaya Prada described him as a "brave" leader in whose hands the coun-

try is "safe". Noting that she started her

and was its Rajya Sabha member before joining the SP and being elected to Lok Sabha from Rampur, Jaya Prada told reporters that joining the BJP is a "significant" moment in her life and she would now work dedicatedly for

BJP chooses Rita Bahuguna for Allahabad, State BJP president Mahendra Nath Pandey for Chandauli, Jagdambika Pal for Doomariyaganj Lok Sabha seats

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Maneka has been shifted to Sultanpur from her current constituency of Pilibhit, while her son, Varun Gandhi will fight from Pilibhit

BJP asked me not to contest LS polls: Joshi

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Veteran BJP leader Murli Manohar Joshi on Tuesday said he has been asked by the party not to contest the polls. Within hours, BJP nominated Khadi and Gramodyog Minister in Yogi Government Satyadeo Pachauri from Joshi's Kanpur seat.

În a statement, Joshi said the party general secretary (organisation) Ram Lal has

The statement was released for the voters of Kanpur, from where Joshi had won in 2014 by getting 57 per cent of the vote

Joshi heads Parliament's Estimates Committee and some of its observations,



including on jobs, the GDP and non-performing assets, recently embarrassed the Union Government.

Earlier, another senior arty leader from UP Kalraj Mishra had announced not to contest the elections from his

COAL BLOCK ALLOCATION CASE =

Nishad Party, 2 OBC outfits join SP-BSP alliance



Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav, Nishad Party president Sanjay Nishad and Janwadi Party (Socialist) president Sanjay Singh Chauhan during a joint Press

VIRENDRA NATH BHATT

With an attempt to counter the influence of the BJP, the Samajawadi Party on Tuesday inducted three more OBC-dominated political outfits in the SP-BSP-RLD

The three OBC political parties are Janwadi Party Dal and the Nishad Party. These small parties have pockets of influence among their respective communities in eastern UP. "I congratulate the three parties on joining the alliance," said Akhilesh Yadav at a Press conference here on Tuesday to

announce the expansion of the alliance that had started with a tie-up between Samajwadi Party and Bahujan Samaj Party and later includ-

Ajit Singh's Rashtriya Lok Dal. Akhilesh's effort appears to be aimed at stitching a caste arithmetic under the SP-BSP combination — Nishad, Dalit, Muslim, Yadav and Muslim, Yaua. munities. Headed by Sanjay Singh Chauhan, the Janwadi Party Socialist Party has a strong hold among the Chauhan community, an extremely backward caste of

the OBC category, which has

a considerable presence across

Chowkidar pure hai, dobara PM banna sure hai: Rajnath

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Thowkidar chor nahi, chowkidar pure hai. Chowkidar ka dobara PM banna sure hai. Desh ki samasyaon ka wo hi cure hai. (Watchman is not a thief, but he is pure. Watchman is all set to become PM again. He is cure to country's prob-lems), said Union Home Minister Raj Nath Singh while addressing an election rally titled "Vijay Sankalp Sabha" in Delhi's Yamuna Vihar on

Singh's response was aimed at blunting the often repeated allegations of Congress president Rahul Gandhi "Chowkidar chor hai" to hit out at the Prime Minister over alleged corruption in the Rafale deal. Attacking the Congress for levelling false allegations of corruption on Modi regarding the Rafale deal, Singh asked, "For whom will our Prime Minister take

Sheila plans Aay Pe Charcha to take Nyay to Delhiites' doors

CHANDAN PRAKASH

the saffron party.

In its bid to have a direct interaction with the voters in national Capital for Lok Sabha polls, Delhi Congress headed by Sheila Dikshit has planned to launch "Aay Pe Charcha" (discussion on income) from April 1 to generate awareness among people about benefits of the "historic" minimum income guarantee scheme' announced by party president Rahul Gandhi on Monday.

Terming the Nyuntam Aay Yojana



nary step", Sheila said this is the biggest scheme announced ever for the poor after the highly successful MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rura)

Employment Guarantee Act). "This stupendous scheme will benefit the people below the poverty line in the country. It is the first time that such a step has been taken in the world," said Sheila, adding that it will empower the poorest in the country. Hitting out at the Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP), Sheila said it is strange that the BJP Government which has coined "hollow" slogans such

as "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas" and "Achchhe Din" seems to be rattled by the announcement. Sheila said the Congress will implement the scheme for five crore

poor families in the country after it forms the next Government in the country. "The formalities (of the scheme) will be worked out after Congress forms the

Government and implements it," she said.

eastern UP.

Brushing aside accusations of the BJP that the scheme will put a heavy burden on the economy of the country and it would not be practical to implement the scheme, Sheila said, "The party has taken all possibilities into consideration for the successful implementation of the scheme, it would be into a successful would be into a successful with out dalay." implemented without delay".

Cong accuses Sambit of poll code violation

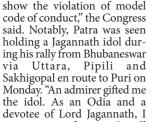
For displaying **Jagannath idol** during campaign

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The Congress on Tuesday knocked at the doors of the State Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) against the BIP's Puri Lok Sabha seat candidate Sambit Patra alleging violation of the election model code of conduct by him.

A six-member Congress team petitioned the CEO that the BJP national spokesperson used Lord Jagannath's idol during a campaign rally from Bhubaneswar to Puri in violation of the code.

"When it has been mentioned by the Election Commission of India (ECI) that no election can be fought on basis of any religion, caste, creed or culture, the election rally of Sambit Patra and the photographs thereof clearly



embrace it and worship it. What's wrong in that?" Patra

questioned



ident Aryakumar Jnanendra. can never refuse it. I will

people during elections. We won't tolerate it and allow this to happen," said PCC vice-pres-

The BJD too spoke on similar lines. "When elections approach, they (the BJP) bring up Ram Mandir issue. They do politics over religion. We won't allow them to exploit people's sentiments," BJD leader Subhas The Congress, however, Singh said.

Ahead of elections ₹1.54 cr cash, contraband seized in State

Hard cash and other items worth ₹540 crore have so far been seized during raids from different places in country so far

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A head of the elections, various enforcement agencies deployed by the Election Commission of India have seized hard cash and contraband items worth ₹1.54 crore from different places in Odisha so far.

Hard cash of ₹15.40 lakh, 53 lakh litres of liquor worth ₹1.37 crore and other banned goods worth ₹1.20 lakh have been seized during raids by March 25, informed a Press Information Bureau (PIB) release here on The release also informed hard cash and

other items worth ₹540 crore have so far been

seized during raids from different places of

PNS BHUBANESWAR The BJD on Tuesday rubbished the petition filed by one Viabhav Verma in the Supreme Court on Monday seeking expediting the CBI probe in a coal block allocation case, in which an inquiry was pending against Odisha Chief Minister Naveen

Patnaik, and said Patnaik has no role to play in the case. As per the petition, MS Central Collieries Co Limited and Ors (Nagpur) was awarded the Takli-Jena-Bellora coalfield in Maharashtra in 1998 even before its registration. Patnaik was the then Union Minister of Coal, thus making his role ques-

tionable. There's no reason to delay

the case, the petitioner stated, adding

that Patnaik has already been inter-

rogated by the CBI on November 25,

probe against Naveen Patnaik

Petition urges SC to expedite

BJD rubbishes move, says Patnaik had no role in it criminal breach of trust and selling of coal in

> use product, stated the petitioner 2017. As evident, again there is a delay of almost two years since his inter-rogation and the CBI is yet to complete its investigation and has failed to take any concrete steps despite the fact that the apex court is monitoring the coal block cases, the petitioner

the open market against concept of captive

allocation of coal mines for a specified end-

The case was registered on March 26, 2014; and the CBI investigation into the allocation of captive coalfields was part of Supreme Court-monitored probe between 1993 and 2010. The allegations in the case are those of forgery, criminal breach of trust and selling of coal in the open market against the concept of captive allocation of coal mines for a specified enduse product, stated the petitioner.

However, SC lawyer and BJD MP Pinaki Misra in reaction to the petition said, "It's a contemptible move. The issue is 21 years old. It relates to a time when Naveen Patnaik was holding an additional charge of the Coal Ministry for about a couple of months only during the Vajpayee

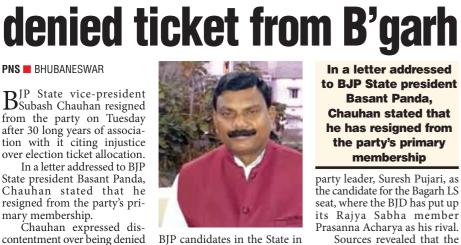
He further said that the issue never came up when Patnaik was holding additional charge of the Coal Ministry. So, he had no role to play in the matter. "Repeated attempts have been made to try and drag him into it by the Centre. As this is election time, efforts are being made by some vested elements to tarnish the clean image of Patnaik," Mishra alleged.

Chauhan quits BJP after

 $B^{\text{JP State vice-president}}_{\text{Subash Chauhan resigned}}$ from the party on Tuesday after 30 long years of association with it citing injustice over election ticket allocation.

In a letter addressed to BJP State president Basant Panda, Chauhan stated that he resigned from the party's primary membership.

Chauhan expressed discontentment over being denied party ticket to contest from the Bargarh Lok Sabha constituency even though he had bagged the highest number of votes among all the contesting



the 2014 elections. He alleged "conspiracy" behind his being deprived of the nomination.

Notably, the BJP has this time fielded another senior to BJP State president **Basant Panda**, **Chauhan stated that** he has resigned from the party's primary membership

party leader, Suresh Pujari, as the candidate for the Bagarh LS seat, where the BJD has put up its Rajya Sabha member Prasanna Acharya as his rival.

Sources revealed that the BJP leadership had wanted Chauhan to contest against BJD supremo Naveen Patnaik from the Bijepur Assembly seat, but he refused the offer.

tions of the poor and deprived

of our nation, for ensuring that they live a life of honour,

dignity and prosperity, he told and added that the minimum

guarantee scheme is women-

Reacting to a question on the murder case at Ghasipura

of Keonjhar, he said stringent action should be taken against

the accused and demanded

CBI inquiry of the murder

'Lotus' now to bloom in Ganjam: Pradhan

Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Tuesday claimed that Lotus, election symbol of the BJP, would bloom in Ganjam district in the upcoming election as people here have already become fed up with the "failures" of the BJD Government.

Pradhan said this after attending the nomination filing of BJP candidate for Hinjili Assembly constituency, Pitambar Acharya. He reiterated his claims that the BJP would win all the 21 Lok Sabha seats and also form

Government in the State. "People of Hinjili have voted Naveen Patnaik for the last 19 years. But youths of

working in various industries in Surat, Mumbai, Delhi and other cities. People are still facing dearth of drinking water and irrigation facilities. People of Hinjili and Ganjam will certainly choose BJP to form Government both at the Centre and in the State," he said.

Pradhan wanted that BID candidate Naveen Patnaik make a reply in the public as to why youth's of Ganjam are going outside in search of He said the allegation of

the BJD relating to stopping of disbursement of KALIA scheme assistance is completely false. The State Government has not been able to make a list of beneficiaries yet, he said.

Niali aspirants' supporters scuffle outside Naveen Niwas

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m T}$ he rifts between supporters and rivals of election ticket aspirants are at an all-time high, often

Tension prevailed outside BJD supremo Naveen Patnaik's residence Naveen Niwas on Tuesday after a faceoff between the supporters of two Assembly ticket aspirants from the Niali Assembly constituency

While the supporters of sitting Niali BJD MLA Dr Pramod Kumar Mallick rooted for the party ticket again for him, the followers of Mallick's rival Trupti Ranjan Behera vied for Behera's nomination replacing Mallick, against whom they levelled corruption charges.

As word spread that Mallick was the favourite for the ticket, it resulted in a scuffle between the two groups on the road in front of the Naveen Niwas. Besides, supporters of Behera staged a demonstration and squatted on the road disrupting vehicular movement for some time.

Police and security officials intervened and dispersed the warring groups before the situation could deteriorate further in the high-security area.

6 held for Cong Bhawan violence

BHUBANESWAR: The Commissionerate police arrested six persons on Tuesday in connection with the vandalism in the Congress Bhawan a couple of days ago.

Police took Sk Amir Mohammad, Sabir Mohammad, Latifur Rahman, Sajir Khan Hadaqat Khan, Sayed Tafiq and Biswa Ranjan Khatei into custody for ransacking the Congress Bhawan and damaging property. Police scutinised the CCTV footages to identify the miscreants.

The arrestees are neither Congress workers nor ticket aspirants for the elections,

The miscreants had resorted to violence on the premises of the Congress Bhawan and later locked its gate protesting the decision of the party to allot the ticket for the Ekamra-Bhubaneswar Assembly seat to Rashmirekha Mohapatra.

Following the incident, the Congress filed a complaint with the Capital police. The accused have been forwarded to court. The police are trail of the other accused and they would be nabbed soon, sources said. PNS

Niranjan hails Rahul's income scheme for poor

Says Cong wants to ensure dignified life for poor

ddressing a Press confer-Aence here on Tuesday, PCC chief Niranjan Patnaik said AICC president Rahul Gandhi has on Monday announced that ₹72,000 per year would be deposited in the accounts of poor families under the Nyuntam Aay Yojana (NYAY) if the party came to power in the 2019 polls.

No other country in the world has done it, he told while hailing the scheme.

He explained the family whose income is ₹6,000 per month from his own source the Government would give ₹6,000 to help the family to reach the minimum income mark of

There are 20 per cent fam-



egory in the country who will benefited, said Patnaik.

A vote for the Congress is

Among others, PCC vice-Jnanendra was present. vote for fulfilling the aspira-

He explained that the family whose income is ₹6,000 per month from his own source, the Government would give ₹6,000 to help the family to reach

the minimum income mark of ₹12,000

Know what documents you require to cast vote

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Odisha will go to polls in four phases from April 11 to April 29 with a total of 31,800,787 voters exercising their franchise.

First-time voters from the State in the age group of 18-19 are 5,45,401.

The citizens must carry their voter ID cards, voter slips or other ID proofs to the polling booths in order to cast their votes.

Electors who do not have voter cards but are enrolled as voters can use any one of the below mentioned documents as identity proof to case vote like passport, driving licence, service identity cards with photograph issued to employees by Central/State Government,

IPSUs/Public Limited companies, passbooks with photograph issued by bank/post office, PAN card, Smart Card issued by RGI under NPR,



Insurance Smart Card issued under the scheme of Ministry of Labour, pension document with photograph, official idencards issued to MPs/MLAs/MLCs, and Aadhaar card.

If it is not possible to establish the identity of the elector

photograph, etc. the elector shall have to produce one of the alternative photo documents. In case your name is missing on the list, you are not entitled to

In order to search one's name in the electoral roll, one can visit http://ceooris-

LETTER

No proper candidates in fray these days!

Elections in the first two decades after Independence focused on programmes pro-posed by different parties in their respective manifestos. People used to consult knowledgeable persons in the con-stituencies and vote on the strength of the candidate to become their leader.

Of course, the charisma of the leader of the party at the Centre as well as in the State would certainly be a factor. Moreover, the candidates used to be from the educated class who appreciated the needs of the society and the country at large. Many of them served in various areas and carried the experience with them to the legislatures. Most of them contributed constructively. In the past five decades, this has changed a lot. Candidates are picked on their attaining the

minimum age for candidature prescribed in the Constitution alone! What kind of experience and expertise such a candidate can bring to the legislature is anybody's guess! Membership of legislatures is becoming a job, which carries pension, for which the qualifying service is five years, along with many other perks, which are immeasurable.

Further, membership helps them acquire immunities as well as power to build a following, which becomes a tool at their Majesty's service in all conditions as long as sustainable! No wonder, the country has reached the current state of governance! Qualifications required are very different from the ones needed by one to enter public service!

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'Clean and Green Bhubaneswar' drive kicks off

Various organisations, civil society members join

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The Orissa Environmental Society (OES) launched a 'Clean and Bhubaneswar' campaign to make the initiatives of the administration fruitful with the active participation of the

BMC Commissioner Samarth Verma launched the drive in the Khandagiri-Udayagiri heritage area. In a meeting organized

under the chairmanship of the OES president Dr SN Patro, Verma joined as the chief guest and sought the cooperation of all the inhabitants to make Bhubaneswar a clean and green city so as to be at the top of the Swachhta list.

achhta list. Superintending of Archaeologist



(Bhubaneswar Circle) Arun Mallik was the guest of honour on the occasion. He stated that Bhubaneswar as a heritage city needs to protect its ancient monuments and alongside making the city adorable by enriching its environment.

At the beginning, Er Manoranjan Mishra presented

Raghunath Prusty conducted 'Green Resolution' oath among the members. Among others, Additional Commissioner of BMC Surath Chandra Mallick, secretary of OES Dr Jaya Krushna Panigrahi, Dr Debabrata Swain, Debendra Nath Satpathy, Dr Seba

Chandra Mohapatra, Girija Shankar Acharya, Swapna Behera and Dr Bijan Basini Mohanty spoke.

Dr Pradeep Kumar Rath presented the vote of thanks. After the meeting, all the members participated in a waste collection drive con-Mohapatra, Dr Ashok Kumar ducted in the locality. The

organizations who were associated with the campaign include ASI (Bhubaneswar Circle), Khandagiri Baristha Nagarik Sangh, Jayadev Walkers Club, Bharatiya Yog Yog Sansthan, Khandagiri Yog Zilla, Khandagiri Anchalik Vikas Parishad and Welfare Cosmopolis

'Write Angul in Odia correctly' U Sammilani to move CS, dist admn

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The Utkal Sammilani has demanded that the name of Angul district be written in Odia correctly at all places in the district before the Utkala Divas on April 1. Sammilani Mancheswar

Industrial Estate branch president Dillip Dashsharma said

that the Sammilani would formally make a demand in this regard before the Chief Secretary and the Angul district Collector soon. The spelling of the district's name has been differently in Odia at different places, which is a disrespect to the mother tongue, he main-

tained. Dashsharma said he saw

the mistakes during his recent visit to the district headquarters town of Angul. Spelling of Angul in Odia was different at the Collectorate, Tehsil and other Government and private places, he said, urging the district administration to ensure that the spelling is rectified at all places before the Utkal Divas on April 1.



Poll time: How to curb increasing trend of fake news



JAYANT DAS

There is an accumulated **■** awareness regarding the menace of fake news. Such items of news are normally planted through modalities not necessarily always ethical. A leading TV news channel has a daily programme on the issue of fake news.

The instances were revealing by themselves. When new horizons and dimensions of media developed (like the social media), the conventional self-restraint found itself corroded. From the situation of no restraint, we have now again regulate and calibrate the system so as to ensure the befitting image and role of different or fake. contours of the media.

External regulatory mechanisms have always been opposed by all branches of media. But a built-in in-house media is the most desirable and ideal situation. Every freedom is at a price. Freedom must not turn into licence. These are the standard norms one has been

compromised through such measures as fake news, the mutual trust between the media and the society at large would turn severely vulnerable. We live our lives for ensuring an inter-gender equity. We cannot, therefore, be a party to the declining trends.

With the elections coming up, it is critically important that Indians have access to credible information before they vote. The problem is that many do not feel they do. In a brand new survey of English-language Internet users in India conducted by the University of Oxford, it is seen that a majority of the respondents are con-

cerned with whether the news they come across online is real After the Pulwama attack.

social media and messaging apps were flooded with false and misleading contents as people tried to make sense of the horrible violence. Trushar Barot, a former BBC journalist who leads Facebook's integrity initiatives in India, tweeted, "I have never seen anything like this before – the scale of fake contents circulating on one story."

Disinformation is not only a problem of social media and digital platforms. In a recent survey, those who use Facebook and/or WhatsApp for news do not report higher levels of concern over whether the news they come across is real or fake than those who do not rely on them. It seems people are as concerned about information from news media as they are about information

from social media. More detailed questions during a survey reveal a far more complex set of wider problems. At the heart of dis-

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information problems are stories that are completely made up for political or commercial reasons to try to discredit rivals or make money from click-bait. It has been found that 51% claim to be concerned about this problem.

But strikingly, a similar number say they are concerned about what they consider to be poor journalism (stories that respondents consider marred by factual mistakes, inaccuracies, etc.). And 50% claim that they are concerned by hyperpartisan political contents where facts are spun or twisted to push a particular agenda whether from politicians, pundits or publishers.

So, when many Indians in the run up to the elections say they are concerned about what is real and what is fake on the Internet, this is clearly in part about social media and digital platforms. But unfortunately, it is also about some news media and some politicians who people see as part of the disinfor-

mation problems that India faces. It is only a few years ago that the Press Council of India said "the phenomenon of 'paid news' has acquired serious dimensions", "goes beyond the corruption of individual journalists and media companies and has become pervasive, structured and highly organ-

The council concluded, "It is undermining democracy in India." Cobrapost's sting operation last summer, which exposed large media houses willing to peddle propaganda as news, demonstrates that some of these problems persist.

It is clear that platform companies have much to do to improve their content moderation and contain disinformation. Facebook has announced that it currently has over 500 fulltime employees and at least 3,500 external contractors who focus on election work, on top of the 30,000 people across the company focused on safety and security issues. (Given the

fact that India accounts for more than 10% of the global user base of both Facebook and WhatsApp and is growing rapidly, it would be good to know how many of these people are focused specifically on India).

Similarly, it is troubling that some coordinated attempts to amplify and spread false information sometimes seem to emanate from major political parties and activists who support them.

This ought to stop; and if it does not, has to be continuously and critically covered by independent journalists to ensure that people are aware of what is going on.

The Indian news media has miles to go before it sleeps as it has promises to keep. This media has a vital role to play in rising to the occasion and regain the trust of the public. It is in cleansing the process and sanitising the filtration of new that the media has risen to the occasion to reform from within. This requires a lot of mutual trust than mistrust. The youths have to be very cautious; and they being a huge number with them in an election year, imposing a high degree of public trust has to be done not by misdeeds by abusing the freedom given to a party. There has to be mutuality in a democ-

The media in general has

to work very hard towards the objective of curbing the increasing trend of fake news. In a situation where disinformation seems to be everywhere, and digital platforms, some politicians and some news media are intertwined in these problems, we can only hope that those news media which genuinely do stand out as providers of credible information are able to convince people that they provide exactly that - news that is worthy not only of people's attention but also their trust.

But a response from the public to the increasing trend is the need of the hour. For this, we have to build public opinion and in the formulation of the opinion the media place a vital role of influencing the final decision. This power is amenable to abuse like in such power would be.

It is the level of sensitivity and responsiveness of the civil society that would finally provide the backbone to survive, fight and win. In this long march, formation of public opinion has to emanate from grassroots. Right from the Palli Sabha onwards, the different alternates can be projected and debated upon so as to filter the public opinion as it moves upward towards the Government and the Union Parliament. These are the issues that

must concern the youths being the majority. Let us not have the liberty itself at stake. Curbing a wrong trend is a desirable step in the interest of the society. Contributing to that is not a sectarian interest; and that matter concerns all of us.

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PRE-POLL VIOLENCE =

Ex-MLA candidate **Behera killed in Keonjhar**

Minister Patra denies charge of his kin's involvement

MALAY MOHAPATRA

 $F^{
m ormer}$ Ghasipura Assembly seat candidate of Keonjhar district Ramachandra Behera was brutally killed by unidentified miscreants allegedly over political rivalry late on Monday

Sources said the assailants called Behera, an ex-Chairman of Anandpur block in the district, from his residence at Dharakote at the night and attacked him with sharp weapons before fleeing from the spot. Locals rescued him in a critical condition and admitted him to a hospital in Anandpur. However, he died while being shifted to the SCB Medical College Hospital in

As per the latest reports, four persons were arrested on



Tuesday morning in connection with the incident though police did not divulge any further details. The four accused were being interrogated and investigation of the murder case was underway, sources

Meanwhile, irate locals took to the streets and staged a road blockade on NH-20 demanding stern action against Behera's killers. To avoid any untoward incident, police personnel were deployed at the spot till last reports came in.

Reportedly, 60-year-old Behera, a former Congress

BJP MLA candidate for the Ghasipura constituency Prithviraj Kuanr alleged that the family of Minister Badri Narayan Patra are involved in Behera's murder.

Speaking to media, Kuanr said Behera, who was also a noted social activist, was killed by BJD workers. He said, "Behera was an aspiring MLA candidate of the BJD. Children of Minster Badri Patra are involved in the murder. Without their direction, no party worker would dare to commit such a heinous crime."

The Naveen Patnaik BJD Government, which claims to be a transparent one, should order a CBI probe into the incident, Kuanr said and also demanded that Behera's call records be examined to unravel the truth of his murder.

However, Minister Patra refuted the allegations, saying that the BJP is bringing such charges since the party knows that they are going to lose in the

BJP's Gadtia to face Naveen in Bijepur



Party (BJP) on Tuesday announced the candidature of Sanat Kumar Gadtia as its nom-

inee for the Bijepur Assembly seat. The Central Election Committee of the BJP decided to field Gadtia against Biju Janta Dal (BJD) president and Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, who filed his nomination papers for the seat on Monday.

The saffron party released its fourth list of candidates for the Assembly polls in the

Gadtia, a former BJD veteran, had deserted the party days ahead of Bijepur bypoll last year. Later, he along with his supporters joined the BJP. Earlier in 2008, Gadtia had quit the BJP to join the BJD. However, he again changed party after 11 years. Notably for the first time, Naveen Patnaik is contesting from two seats, his old Hinjili constituency and the new one

PARADIP ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY

Winnability of BJD aspirant Santosh looks brighter

As other ticket seekers embroiled in controversies

While the BJP has chosen Sampad Swain, a new face, to contest polls from the Paradip Assembly seat, the BJD and the Congress are yet to finalise their candidates from among many aspirants.

Swain, the BJYM Jagatsingpur distirct president, was chosen as he is in the good books of Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and has been working for the party for the last four

After incumbent MLA Damodar Rout was suspended from the BJD, now names of Rout's son Sambit Routray, Municipality Chairman Basanta Kumar Biswal, Cuttack-Barabati MLA Debasish Samantaray and prominent trade union leader Santosh Kumar Pattnaik are doing rounds as main aspirants of the BJD.

As Rout has remained as MLA of Paradip for the last 10 years, it seems that he has some pocket votes. So, the Bobby Das group thinks that Rout would be silent if Sambit is made a candidate. However, he wouldn't help

his son as he is a star campaigner of the BJP. Samantaray is now under pubic scanner as he misbehaved martyr Manoj Behera uncle's insulation in the public. That matter was even teleact in a section of Pakistani media. Biswal, who is not Paradip municipality chairman, will continue to be in the post till April 2020.

Thus chances of trade union

leader Santosh Pattnaik to become a BJD candidate are more as he is leading nine organisations like the EIORW Union, ECBE Union, ORCLC Society, Paradip Port Banik Sangh, JD Truck Owners' Association, BBJD Dumper Owners' Association, Paradip Port Land Losers' Association, Purba Bharat Kaibartya Mahasabha, Jagannath Temple Committee and the Udaya Bata Dham.

He has working for the party since 2000 under the guidance of BJD district president Bishnu Das. He is organising all party activities. He is credited to have collected 4,006 units of blood last year and 5,034 units of blood this year by orgainising the Jeevan Bindu Programme. Besides, his

organisations have donated lakhs of rupees to the Chief Minster's relief fund. He is also leading the Mahanadi

"If BJD supremo chooses Patnaik for the Paradip seat, he will have an easy win because his whole career has gone through public service only and he is not involved in any business," said a BJD worker on condition of

anonymity.

In Congress, Bapi Sarkhel and Pramod Jena are in the ticket race. Jena had fought the 2009 election from the Biramitrapur of Sundargarh district as a contractor.

With Rout's help and through trade unions, he had entered politics. In 2012, he had been arrested in the Duryadhan Swain murder case in Posco area. Later, he was arrested in Seaways' manager killing case. He is also running many lucrative businesses in the area. If he gets a ticket, opponents will raise these allegations in public. He will also not get any support from Pramod Jena...

In view of all these, prospects of trade union leader Patnaik look

Election code violation in Champua Returning Officer silent!



CHAMPUA: Although it is obligatory on the part of the local administration to remove all the hoardings of all political parties, but even after 15 days of the election declaration hoardings of the ruling BJD are still on display in the ground near the St Teresa School of Joda town under the Champua Assembly constituency.

Sources close to Ranjit Mahakud and other BJP leaders revealed that they had brought the matter to the notice of local Sub-Collector Parul Patwari, who is the Returning Officer of the constituency some days back, but no action has been taken till date. It was demanded that all these hoardings be removed for ensuring a free and fair elec-

Model, pink booths in each JSpur block

904,099 voters to exercise franchise in dist

PNS JAGATSINGHPUR

Tagatsinghpur Collector-cum-Election Officer G Poonam Tapas Kumar held an interaction with mediapersons here on Monday informing about the conducting the coming elec-

Speaking at the meeting, the Collector informed that EVMs and VVPATs randomisation have been completed and these machines have been kept in the SVM College for the four Assembly constituencies in Jagatsinghpur district with round the clocks vigil.

The electors are advised to bring 12 specified documents recognized by Election Commission of India as identity proofs for casting votes. However, polling staff and

police personnel can cast their votes in facilitation center through postal ballot, Tapas Kumar said.

A toll free number 18003457555 has been opened at the district election monitoring cell to receive any com-



plaints from public violating poll code and conducts. The citizens can lodge complaint through C vigil Apps, and any grievance would be attended forthwith, the Collector The second phase training

of polling personnel was underway in eight centers which will continue for a week. Flying squads have been deployed to check the model code violations. While a MLA candidate is allowed to spend ₹28 lakh and a MP candidate cam spend ₹70 lakh for elections. The expenditures computing will begin right from filing of nomination and the expenses would be verified by election observers regularly till end of elections, the Collector

Moreover, model booths and pink booths will be opened in each block headquarters to make voting comfortable. Micro observers, photographers and volunteers will be present in such booths during polling, the Collector said.

As many as 9,04,099 electors will cast votes in 1,047 booths in the four Assembly constituencies of the district. Balikuda-Erasama Assembly seat has highest 250,843 voters, followed by Paradip, 207,867, Tirtol, 234,179 and Jagatsinghpur with 211,210

The Press meet was attended by ADMs Satchidananda Sahoo, Kanhu Charan Dhir, sub collector MP Mohanty and DPRO Kaminiranjan Patnaik.

BJD rebels in Rourkela file nominations

Oppose party nominee Sharada Nayak

PNS ■ SUNDARGARH

The BJD rebels, opposing nomination of Sharada Prasad Nayak in Rourkela Assembly seat, filed their nomination papers on

Minati Debata, who was an aspirant for Rourkela filed her nomination papers for the seat as an Independent candidate on Tuesday. Similarly, Vikash Mansingh, another youth BJD leader of Sundargarh district, also filed his nomination for the seat.

Significantly, Minati arrived at the Sub Collector office, along with hundreds of her supporters with the BJD flags on their hands. When she was asked why she is carrying the BJD flag, when she was not given BJD ticket, she defended her action, saying that BJD has given a ticket to rejected by the people of Rourkela.

"Nayak is a betrayer from day one as he had once garlanded shoes in portrait of Biju Pattnaik and he was one of the main conspirators of coup attempt of Naveen Patnaik Government on May 29, 2011,"

"After the coup incident, Sharada Nayak, although was favoured with BJD t i c k e t was rejected by the people of Rourkela," she maintained.

"He has managed to get ticket, even after all these rejections and also negative reports against him," she said and added, "Therefore, I have decided to contest as an independent candidate and expose him in front of the public and

the party.

Oram, Biswal, Tirkey all confident of victory File nominations Sundargarh district and people

for Sundargarh LS seat

Cundargarh MP and Union

Tribal Affair Minister Jual Oram filed his nomination for Sundargarh Parliamentary constituency as a BJP candidate on Tuesday. Similarly, Congress candi-

date George Tirkey and BJD candidate Sunita Biswal, daughter of senior Congress leader and former CM Hemanand Biswal, also filed their nominations on Tuesday for the Sundargarh MP seat.

Oram, after filing his nomination, exuded his confidence of victory in a bigger margin this time. Similarly, BJD candidate Sunita also expressed her confidence of winning the poll. "The BJD has a strong organisational base here in

are in support of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik," she said. "The good work done by

the Naveen Pattnaik to help me in winning the polls from here," she added. Congress candidate George

Tirkey, who also reached the Collector office in a long procession, also expressed his confidence of winning the Significantly, Tirkey is a

known tribal leader and sitting MLA of Biramitrapur constituency, who joined Congress recently. "The people of Sundargarh are in a mood for change this time as they are fed up with the performances of Modi and Naveen

Governments," Tirkey said. Bagi Lakra, another tribal leader of Sundargarh district, also filed his nomination for Sundargarh Parliamentary seat, on the day, as a Bahujan Samai Party candidate.

FAMILY PAIRS CONTESTING POLLS Balangir tops list followed by S'garh, K'handi

PNS BHUBANESWAR

The 2019 twin polls in ■ Odisha witnesses relations entering into the fray.

The highest number family members in the poll fray are seen in backward Balangir district followed by other tribal dominated Sundargarh and Kalahandi districts. As the Assembly election

will be held along with the Lok Sabha polls in the State, the family members are visible seeking votes from the public.

In Balangir, a father-son pair, a brother-brother pair and a husband-wife duo are seeking elections.

The pairs are evenly distributed in three major political parties like ruling BJD, opposition Congress and BJP.

Former Minister AU Singh Deo's son Kalikesh Narayan

Singh Deo is contesting on BJD

ticket for Balangir Lok Sabha

brother Arkesh is BJD candidate for Balangir Assembly BJP Legislature party

seat while his younger

leader KV Singh Deo and his wife Sangeeta Singh Deo are also in the poll fray.

While KV has been seeking reelection from Patnagarh Assembly seat, his former MP wife Sangita is a BJP candidate for the Balangir Lok Sabha seat. Incidentally, the fight will be between Kalikesh and Sangeeta, who are nephew and

For Kalikesh Singh Deo, who won the Lok Sabha constituency in 2009 and 2014, the

battle will be an interesting one. Similarly, Leader of (Congress)

Narasingha Mishra is seeking

re-election from the Balangir Assembly segment while his son Samarendra is a party candidate from Balangir Lok Sabha

In Sundargarh district, veteran Congress leader and for-mer Chief Minister Hemananda Biswal's two daughters are in the fray as nominees of BJD and Congress, respectively. While

Sunita Biswal is a BJD candidate for the Sundargarh Lok Sabha seat, her younger sister Anita has been fielded by the Congress from the Sundergarh Assembly seat.

In Kalahandi district, former Union Minister Bhakta Charan Das has been fielded by the party from the Kalahandi

party's candidate from the Bhawanipatna Assembly seat.

Similarly, George Tirkey is the Congress candidate for the Sundargarh (ST) Lok Sabha constituency while his son Rohit Joseph has been fielded as the party nominee from the Birmitrapur (ST) Assembly Lok Sabha constituency and his seat, now represented by his son Sagar Charan Das is the

Dhenkanal couple trampled to death by jumbo

PNS DHENKANAL

In yet another major case of man-animal conflict in the State, a wild tusker trampled to death a couple at Dudhakateni village under the Dhenkanal

Sadar Forest Range on Tuesday. The deceased were identified as Dambaru Pradhan and his wife Sukanti of Chaulia Ramei village under the Gondia police station.

Locals said the couple had visited Dambaru's in-laws' house to watch an opera and was returning home in the wee hours when the jumbo attacked them near a cashew garden.

While Sukanti succumbed to the injuries at the spot, her husband died at the District Headquarters Hospital.

After the mishap, irate vil-

Locals said the couple had visited Dambaru's in-laws' house to watch an opera and was returning home in the wee hours when the jumbo attacked them near a cashew garden lagers blamed forest officials for

the attack and claimed elephant incursion has increased in the area considerably in past few months, but Forest Department did not take any step to drive away the elephants.
Sadar Range Officer
Manwar Khan claimed that

his department had knowledge regarding the presence of the tusker in the area and taken all precautionary mea-

4 Maoists held for anti-poll posters

Rebels threaten to kill police informers in Kalahandi

PNS NABARANGPUR BHAWANIPATNA

Paper Maoists cadres were while they were putting up posters during the wee hours of Tuesday near Kusumpur Square under the Raighar police station in Nabarangpur district.

The Red rebels in the posters urged people to boycott the ensuing polls in the State. They were spotted by a police patrolling party at around 4.30 am near Kusumpur Square.

The arrestees were identified as Pila Ram Netam, Eswarilal Netam, Tikesh Netam and Sanjay Netam. They all belong to Joratarei vil-



Chhattisgarh and are alleged to be members of the Sita Nadi Area Committee of CPI (Maoists).

Posters, banners and two motorcycles were seized from their possession. The four rebels were arrest-

under Sections 120 (B), 121, 121-A, 506, 34 of IPC and Sections 16 (B), 18, 20 of UAP

In another instance, Maoist posters were found in Barabandha panchayat under the Rampur police station in Kalahandi district on the day.

The posters allegedly put by the Kandhamal-Kalahandi-Boudh-Nayagarh (KKBN) Division of CPI(Maoists) appealed to people to boycott the ensuing Lok

Sabha and Assembly elections. Through the posters, the

outlawed outfit also threatened the Kalahandi SP that the Maoists would kill "police informers" in coming days. On receiving the information, police reached the spot and

seized the posters.

Earlier on March 17, the Baghuna Division CPI(Maoists) had put up banners and posters near Kandhibandha village in the district urging people to boy-

Allow Vedanta alumina tenders: HC to Nalco

Vedanta had taken legal recourse after all attempts failed

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

 $P^{\text{assing judgement in the}}_{\text{matter of alumina tenders,}}$ the Orissa High Court on Tuesday asked Nalco to allow the Vedanta Limited to participate in the alumina tenders floated by the PSU.

This is latest development in the tussle between the two aluminium giants over the crucial raw material, which also saw Jharsuguda citizens lending their voice and support to the 'Odisha's resources for Odisha first' movement.

Where Vedanta is struggling from the want of alumina, Nalco exports more than a million metric tonnes of alumina every year. Vedanta has repeatedly sought supply of alumina from Nalco, but denied participation in tenders

floated by the latter citing grounds.

Prior to seeking legal recourse into the matter, Vedanta had tried participating in the open alumina tenders but to no avail. The company is undergoing immense raw material scarcity despite being in Odisha, home to India's richest bauxite reserves. Forced to turn to imports, the company loses millions in forex annually.

Alumina supply from Nalco could provide some respite to Vedanta, as the company looks to adding more value in the State through its proposed Aluminium Park at Jharsuguda which can create an ecosystem of ancillary industries near the mother smelter.

Vedanta is the economic backbone of Jharsuguda, which has gained reputation as an industrial town and is one of the biggest contributors to

In January, a delegation led by eminent citizens of Jharsuguda reached out to Nalco on behalf of a people's movement where nearly 12,000 people of Jharsuguda signed a petition requesting Nalco to supply alumina to Vedanta.

The delegation also met Chief Secretary AP Padhi, requesting intervention in the matter. This was followed by another appeal from the delegation when Nalco opened tender for 30,000 metric tonnes of alumina in February, in which Vedanta requested participation.

Upon rejection to participate, Vedanta sought legal intervention by filing a writ petition with Orissa High

On March 26, the High Court found Vedanta eligible for the tenders under all prevailing conditions and directed Nalco to allow Vedanta to participate in the same.

Petrol pump looted again in Balanga

In yet another incident of the deteriorating law and order situation in the area, three unidentified miscreants looted cash of ₹70,000 from a petrol pump in Balanga at gunpoint on Monday night.

As per sources, three miscreants came to the petrol pump by a black Pulsar bike armed with lethal weapons and gun and forcibly entered the office and attacked manager Salal Uddin with swords. Later, they looted the cash and fled from the spot.

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The injured manager was rushed to the Capital Hospital, Bhubaneswar. Pipili SDPO Debadutta Baral and the Balanga police rushed to the

It might be mentioned that some days before, three miscreants had looted cash of ₹1.5 lakh from the same petrol PNS ■ PHULBANI

 $B^{ ext{JP's}}$ Kharabela Swain and Congress' Manoj Acharya filed their nomination papers the Kandhamal Lok Sabha seat on Tuesday, the last day of the second-phase

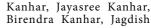
Besides, Mrutyunjaya of the TMC, Ameer Nayak of the BSP, Tuna Mallick of the CPI, Padmanav Singh of the Jai Prakash Janta Dal and Independent candidate Bahmachari Madhab Chaitanya also filed their nomination papers.

Notably, BJD's Achyuta Samanta had filed his papers on

Besides, on Tuesday, BJP's



Deb Narayan Pradhan, BJD's Kishor Chandra Kanhar and Angada Kanhar, Congress's independent candidates Nabin Birendra Kanhar, Jagdish





Pradhan, Premasila Jhankar, Chakrasekhar Kanhar and

Jemant Kanhar filed their nom-Phulbani Assembly seat.

'Bring urban poor to mainstream'

IIEC holds meet Urban Poverty Act

The Indian Institute of Education and Care (IIEC) in association with the Indo Global Social Service Society and the Secours Catholic Caritas France organised a State-level workshop on "74th Amendment Act and Urban Poverty" here on Tuesday. IIEC Director Dr Shisir

workshop suggested that the urban poor be included in the mainstream of the develop-



ment soon. He was of the view that urban poor can create own identities if they are given supports.

Former Panchayati Raj Director Dr Karunakar Patnaik briefed about the 74th Amendment Act. Discussions were held on three important aspects; functioning of autonomous bodies, financial sides and eradication of urban

Bidyadhar Maharana, Saral Das, Dr Srinivas Das, Prof Sushant Das, Kishore Kumar Das, Paresh Chandra Mohanty and Sachikant Pradhan also spoke. IIEC's Banshidhar Mahapatra, Santilata Sahu and Rajalaxmi Dash coordinated

ASMN national meet in Ganjam from March 30

PNS ■ RAHMAPUR

The Association of Small and Medium Newspapers of India (ASMN)'s 20th national convention would be held at Gopalpur in Ganjam district on March 30 and 31, informed ASMN Odisha branch presi-

dent Rabi Rath. Rath said more than 250 editors of different newspapers from different States would discussions on various problems of the small and medium

national president Keshav Dutt Chandola would preside over the meeting policies of various State

Rath informed that association

Governments and the Centre. Rath informed that association national president Keshav Dutt Chandola would preside over the meeting.

Convention reception committee chairman Bhagirathi Maharana and Rath lishers of small and medium newspapers to attend the meet-

XAHR meet 'Xuberance' | Jagannath Mahotsav begins in Nalco Township sees 100% placement

DE Shaw highest paymaster with ₹27.5L/yr

The Xavier School of Human Resource Management (XAHR) under the Xavier University Bhubaneswar (XUB) has successfully concluded its placement programme 'Xuberance' by securing placements for all 123 students of the 2017-19 batch.

The season witnessed students receiving offers from 67 companies across various

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industries, out of which 37 were new recruiters.

As many as 19 students of the batch were awarded PPO/PPIs.

The DE Shaw emerged as the highest paymaster with an offer of ₹27.5 lakh per annum, which accounts for a 30 per cent increase in the highest salary offered as compared to the previous year.

The average salary stands at ₹12.75 lakh per annum, up

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CORRIGENDUM

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from ₹11.88 lakh per annum last year. The median salary figure is ₹12.20 lakh per annum and the average salary for the top 50 students is ₹15.50 lakh

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s part of the annual festi-As part of the annual resulting and of the Shree Jagannath Temple at Nalco Township in Angul, a six-day-long Shree Jaganath Mahotsav began with its inauguration by Gajapati Maharaja Dibyasingha Deb on

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

state party unit.

The Congress kicked off its

I six-day long 'Parivartan

Yatra' in Haryana on Tuesday,

to reach out to the voters and

send across a message that "all

is well" in the faction-ridden

the Congress general secretary

in charge of Haryana flagged

off the yatra which will see all

senior party leaders travelling

in a bus together for election-

eering in view of Lok Sabha

On the first day of the

Ghulam Nabi Azad, who is

Nalco CMD Dr Tapan Kumar Chand also attended the festival organised by the Nalconagar Committee, Angul in association with the Shree Jagannath Sanskruti Parishad. Besides, seers from across the State and a large gathering of followers of Lord Jagannath attended.

Gajapati Maharaja Dibyasingha Deb emphasised on spiritual growth, along with material achievement for lasting peace and happiness while Dr Chand elaborated on the importance of Lord Jagannath culture and its focus on upliftment of downtrodden and social welfare at large.

Acharya Mission, Ranchi's Swami Madhabananda Saraswati Maharaj conducted the programme. Among other, Parishad president Gopinath Mohanty, VP Pitabas Routray, Radhaballava Matha and Puri's Mahanta Ramakrishna Das Maharaj were present.

last week attended party's

New Delhi and has been active-

ly participating in various party

events since past few

workers

months.

meeting

s many as 23 candidates, As many as 25 stishore BJD's Kishore Kumar Mohanty, have filed nominations for the Chinmaya nominations for the Brajrajnagar Assembly con-

> a total of 18 candidates filed nominations on Tuesday, the last day of filing of nominations for the second-phase polls.

Constituency.

BJD leaders like Tapas Rai Choudhary, Sandeep Awasthi and Manoranjan Mohapatra accompanied Mohanty to file nominations at the Sub-

Mohanty said he would continue his fight to resolve

Congress campaign in Haryana begins with parivartan yatra

TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) for Selection of Project Management Unit (PMU) for Reforming Odisha's Horticulture' With reference to the RFP No. 1/ 2019, published on dt.02.03.2019 and subsequent queries

received, this corrigendum is being issued to the Request For Proposal for Selection of 'Project Management Unit (PMU) for Reforming Odisha's Horticulture'. The details of corrigendum can be downloaded from the website https://tendersodisha.gov.in and www.odihort.nic.in. Further the last date for submission of proposal has been extended to 02.05.2019 till 17.00 Hours. For further details, please visit the website as mentioned above.

Directorate of Horticulture, Govt. of Odisha reserves the right to accept or reject any application and to annul the process at any time, without any liability and assigning any reason thereof.

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Director of Horticulture

yatra, former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda and state Congress chief Ashok Tanwar set aside their differences and were seen sitting together in the bus during 'Parivartan Yatra' which began from Gurugram.

Congress legislature party leader Kiran Choudhry, Rohtak MP Deepender Singh Hooda, Rajya Sabha MP Selja Kumari, former minister Ajay Yadav, former assembly Speaker Kuldeep Sharma were among the leaders who were on the

Kuldeep Bishnoi again gave

a miss to the party's event amid speculations that he is likely to join the BJP. Adampur MLA Bishnoi

had last week stayed away from the meeting of coordination committee of the Congress and party's workers meeting in New Delhi.

While the party leaders have kept mum on his absence from the events, Bishnoi had earlier denied the reports of joining the BJP.

On the other hand, Kuldeep's elder brother and former Haryana deputy Chief Minister Chander Mohan had

Bishnoi, the son of former Chief Minister Bhajan Lal had merged his party HJC in the Congress in 2016. He had in the past served as Hisar MP and is seen as a frontrunner for a Congress' ticket from the par-

liamentary seat. His brother Chander Mohan has reportedly also staked his claim on party's ticket from Hisar seat

Kishore, 22 others file papers for B'rajnagar

According to information, a total of 18 candidates filed nominations on Tuesday, the last day of filing of nominations for the second-phase polls

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stituency, which will go to polls in the second phase on According to information,

Besides, BJP's Dinesh Jain and Congress' Mahendra Naik filed papers for the Jharsuguda MLA Naba Kisore Das and

Collector's office here.

longstanding problems of Brajrajnagar like displacement and unemployment and make all efforts for conferment of sub division status to Lakhanpur block. Congress candidate Mahendra Naik and BJP's Dines Jain made various commitments in their own ways.



Service status to forces gets boost

The Ministry of Personnel has directed the Union Home and Railway Ministries to move separate proposals to grant "organised service" status to the Central paramilitary forces and Railway Protection Forces respectively.

The move comes following a directive from the Supreme Court for granting organised service status to these forces. The organised service status will enable the cadre officers to be eligible for certain service benefits like Non-Functional Upgradation (financial benefits after certain number of years of service if promotion to the next post is not possible).

Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) under the Ministry of Personnel in a letter issued on Monday to the Joint Secretary (Police-I) of Home Ministry Amitabh Kharkwal and Joint Director (Estt/GC), Railway Board, JoshiMHA/Ministry of Railways requested to move a proposal for grant of organised status for implementation of the order of

the Supreme Court immediately. The directions of the court regarding deputation of IPS officers to CAPFs and RPF may also be kept in view while formulating the proposal."

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ng organised status to a service is similar to that of a cadre review. Such a proposal, initially moved by Cadre Controlling Authority (CCA) is examined by DoPT and Department of Expenditure, and subsequently, their recommendations are placed ommendations are placed before the Cadre Review Committee chaired by the Cabinet Secretary.
The proposal is then sent

for final approval of the Cabinet. Necessary notifications in this regard are to be issued by the CCA like MHA for Central Armed Police Force and Ministry of Railways for RPF (Railway Protection Force, reads the DoPT order issued by MS Subramanya Rao, Director of Cadre Review Division.

VPS Panwar, Chairman, National Coordination Committee for Ex CPMFs Welfare Associations, said there is no need at all for a proposal

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for granting organised service status to the paramilitary forces as the Supreme Court had said that the forces are already in the category and the Government

petition is pending before the Delhi High Court and the next

SARADHACHITFUND —

SC: 'Very very serious' revelations made by CBI in status report

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday termed as "very very serious" the revelations made by CBI in its status report relating to the recent interrogation of the then Kolkata Police Commissioner Rajeev Kumar in connection with the Saradha chit fund scam case.

A Bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi said it cannot "close its eyes" if some 'very very serious facts" are disclosed to it and directed CBI to file an application seeking appropriate relief against Kumar, who had earlier headed the state SIT to probe the chit fund scam.

The Bench, which also comprised Justices Deepak Gupta and Sanjiv Khanna, granted 10 days to the probe agency for filing the application. Kumar and others can respond to the plea seven days thereafter.

The top court refused to drop the contempt proceedings against the West Bengal DGP, the chief secretary and Kumar.

It was hearing the CBI's contempt application against various senior officials of the West Bengal Government on the ground of non-cooperation in its probe and alleged tam-pering of evidence including call data records (CDRs) of key accused and Sardha group CMD Sudipta Sen and Debjani Mukherjee. The court, which had earlier directed CBI Director to file an affidavit giving details about the alleged contempt committed by West Bengal cops and others in the case, perused the reply of the CBI chief and the fresh status report, pertaining to quizzing of Kumar.

"We have gone through your (CBI's) status report. There are something very very serious," the Bench said.

The Bench asked Attorney General KK Venugopal, representing CBI, to file an appropriate application as it cannot pass any order on the prayers as they were part of the sealed cover report to which the other side has no access.

affidavit, if you want to press for your reliefs. We cannot act unilaterally and the other side has to be heard," the bench said. 'We are not passing any order. File an application and give the other side an opportunity to reply," the Bench said. Senior advocate AM Singhvi, appearing for West Bengal officials, opposed the liberty being

cation against Kumar.

"While considering the contempt matter, suppose some very very serious things come to our notice then, should we close our eyes to that," the Bench said while asking CBI to

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file the fresh plea. At the outset, Venugopal referred to the reply of the CBI Director and alleged that the West Bengal police has not been cooperating with the probe, providing incomplete and tampered with details to

the probe agency. He said the CDRs, provided by the state police, of the key accused to the CBI were matched with those provided by the mobile service providers and various discrepancies were

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, also appearing for CBI, said that there has been serious breach of the apex court order



HEAR PLEAS ON APRIL 2 New Delhi: The Supreme Court Tuesday said it will hear on April 2 the petitions which have

challenged the issuance of electoral bonds by the Government. The matter came up for hearing before a Bench comprising Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justices Deepak Gupta and Sanjiv Khanna.

MOVE TO 'NEUTRAL PLACE' NIRMOHI AKHARA TO SC New Delhi: Nirmohi Akhara, one

of the original litigants in the Ayodhya Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid land dispute case, has requested the Supreme Court to consider moving the mediation panel proceedings from Faizabad in Uttar Pradesh to New Delhi or some other "neutral place" due to the sensitive nature of the issue.

BAR BODY'S ORDER: SC TO HEAR PLEA

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday agreed to hear a plea challenging the notification of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry Bar Council suspending the licence of 5,970 advocates for nonpayment of their dues towards the Advocates' Welfare Fund.

BJP WORKER'S DEATH IN WB: SC SEEKS REPORTS New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked the West Bengal Government to furnish the report of medical board constituted by it to ascertain the cause of the death of a BJP worker Dulal Kumar last year. The body of 32-year-old Kumar was found hanging from an electric pole in Purulia district's Balarampur of West Bengal on

June 2 last year after the

Panchayat election in the State

Defer Modi biopic: Left parties to EC

Adelegation of the Left par-ties on Tuesday met Election Commission (EC) officials and demanded that release of the film based on the life of Prime Minister Narendra Modi be deferred, claiming it to be a "propaganda material". The delegation led by CPI national secretary D Raja and CPI(M) Polit Bureau member Nilotpal Basu, pointed out serious law and order situations in

Tripura and West Bengal. "The delegation had a detailed discussion with the EC on the release of the biopic on Narendra Modi. The delegation pointed out that there are wellestablished precedents on withholding the release of such propaganda materials during the pendency of the elections. The poll body, however, was noncommittal," a statement from the two Left parties said on

The delegation also reiterated the demand of matching the VVPAT records with those sen 50 per cent of the booths. The EC pointed out that as per the Supreme Court direction, the Commission will be submitting an affidavit on March 28 on this subject.

"The delegation also pointed out the serious law and order situation in Tripura and West Bengal, where the ruling

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party goons are particularly targeting the Left Front and its candidates," the statement said.

They also raised the Kolkata airport incident involving the wife of Abhishek Banerjee, MP and Trinamool Congress candidate in Diamond Harbour and the nephew of West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

The delegation urged that there should be a probe by the Commission to ascertain the truth as this has financial implications and a possible impact on free and fair polls.

release of the biopic, with Bollywood actor Vivek Oberoi playing Modi, deferred till the final phase voting in the Lok Sabha polls on May 19. Earlier, ally RPI(A) have approached ment of the Modi's biopic till

The Congress too had moved the poll body to get the the poll body seeking deferthe Lok Sabha polls is over.

was directed to simply issue a notification to the effect. Panwar said a contempt

date of hearing is March 28. The contempt petition was moved by the National Coordination Committee as the Government has sought proposals for granting organised service status instead of declaring them as organised service as directed by

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The grant of organised service to Group A cadre officers will entitle them to timely promotion and enhanced pay packages. This will also enable

them to form associations on the lines of the All India Services and represent properly before the Central Pay Commission besides giving them a collective bargaining power for better service conditions, Panwar added.

MINIMUM INCOME GUARANTEE SCHEME

Scheme women centric: Cong

Money will go directly into bank accounts of woman member of family

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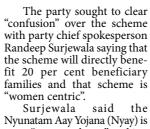
Aday after Congress president Rahul Gandhi announced his ambitious minimum income guarantee scheme, the party on Tuesday said the beneficiary of the scheme's financial assistance will directly go to the woman member of the family.

The party sought to clear "confusion" over the scheme with party chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala saying that the scheme will directly benefit 20 per cent beneficiary families and that scheme is 'women centric



¬ Suriewala said the Nyunatam Aay Yojana (Nvav) is not a "top-up

Party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi took to Twitter to applaud Rahul Gandhi's announcement



not a "top-up scheme" and is a women-centric scheme whereby the money will go directly into the bank accounts of the woman member of a family. At the same time, Congress

asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP to clearly spell out whether they support its proposal to give ₹72,000 annually to five crore poor families under a minimum income guarantee scheme, claiming many BJP Ministers were opposing the idea.

Party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi took to Twitter to applaud Rahul Gandhi's announcement and said the best aspect of the Nyay is it will provide women with steady money. "What's making me



most happy is that the NYAY scheme will add ₹72,000 every year in the bank accounts of women," she tweeted

"The Congress will get this amount credited to the bank accounts of the women of beneficiary families. This scheme will be implemented without any discrimination between the urban and rural areas. It will be implemented across the country uniformly," Surjewala said.

Rahul on Monday announced that ₹72,000 per year will be given as minimum income to poor families if his party is voted to power in Lok Sabha polls. Asserting that it will be the final assault on poverty, he said the scheme would benefit around 25 crore people. Congress also attacked

Finance Minister Arun Jaitley for dubbing the scheme as a "bluff announcement", saying no other political party has "betrayed" India for more than seven decades in the name of poverty. Surjewala also attacked Government think tank NITI Aayog vice chairman Rajiv Kumar dubbing the body he headed as "Rajneeti Ayog" and asked him to run the organisation from the BJP office and contest elections instead.

A c t o r - p o l i t i c i a n Shatrughan Sinha — who is all set to quit the BJP will join the Congress in Bihar on Thursday, showered praise on Rahul Gandhi, calling him the "master of situation" and his proposed scheme a "masterstroke".

All Lokpal members to take oath today

New Delhi: All eight newly corruption ombudsman Lokpal will take oath of office on Wednesday, officials said on

Président Ram Nath Kovind had on Saturday administered the oath of office to Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose as the country's first Lokpal. Former Chief Justices of different High Courts -Justices Dilip B Bhosale, Pradip Kumar Mohanty, Abhilasha Kumari — besides sitting Chief Justice of Chhattisgarh High Court Ajay Kumar Tripathi were appointed as judicial members in the Lokpal.

Former first woman chief of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) Archana Ramasundaram, ex-Maharashtra chief secretary Dinesh Kumar Jain, former IRS officer Mahender Singh and Gujarat cadre ex-IAS officer Indrajeet Prasad Gautam are the Lokpal's non-judicial members. All these eight members

will be administered the oath of office on Wednesday, the

envoy in Islamabad to send a

note verbale to Pakistan on the

issue, sharing its concerns over

the incident and called for suit-

Hours later, India issued a

report on the incident.

Battle ground **Dhinakaran faction can't get**

pressure cooker symbol: SC Grant common

symbol, apex court tells EC

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday dashed the hopes of a faction led by former AIADMK leader TTV Dhinakaran for getting the 'pressure cooker' symbol exclusively for the upcoming Lok Sabha and Assembly by-elections, but asked the Election Commission to allot a common free symbol to it.

The top court said to "ensure a level playing field" among the contesting political parties in Lok Sabha polls and by-election in Tamil Ñadu and Puducherry, it has directed the poll panel to allot a common free symbol to the group.

A Bench of Chief Justice

Ranjan Gogoi and Justices Deepak Gupta and Sanjiv Khanna also made it clear that if candidates fielded by Dhinakaran-led group win the elections, "they will be treated as Independent candidates".

"The claim of the appellant to the symbol of 'pressure cooker' in an exclusive manner cannot be acknowledged in view of the provisions of Section 29A of the Representation of the People

Act, 1951 and the guidelines

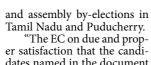


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issued by the Election Commission of India there under, which the appellant or his group has concededly not followed.

"We are, therefore, not inclined to grant any recognition to the appellant or his group to the symbol of 'pressure cooker," the Bench said.

It took on record the list of names of 59 candidates, marked as 'X', to be fielded by Dhinakaran led group in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections



er satisfaction that the candidates named in the document marked with the letter 'X' (list of names) want to contest the election under any one common symbol, will make all endeavour to ensure that in the forthcoming elections..., the aforesaid candidates be allotted any one particular free symbol," the Bench said.

The court, clarified, that its present order will not amount to recognition of the group or its any part as a political party whether "registered" or "unregistered" and only election commission can take a decision in that regard as and when required.

It added, "We also make it clear that in the event any of the candidates mentioned in the list marked with the letter 'X' is to be elected, such candidate will be counted as an independent candidate and not belonging to any political party for all purposes including for the purposes of the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution'

The court's order came on the last day of filing of nomination papers for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections in 40 seats and assembly by-elections on 19 seats in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry to be held on April 18.



Ensure justice to 2 Hindu girls: Sushma to Pak

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Foreign Minister Sushma Swaraj on Tuesday asked Pakistan to ensure the immediate release of the two Hindu girls who were allegedly kidnapped and forcefully converted to Islam in Sindh province last week.

"Justice demands that both these girls should be restored to their family immediately," she tweeted. Reena and Raveena, hailing

from village Hafiz Salman near the town of Daharki in Sindh, were allegedly kidnapped and forced to convert from Hinduism to Islam on March 20, before being married to Muslim men.

"Forced conversion of

Hindu girls in Pakistan: The age of the girls is not disputed. Raveena is only 13 and Reena is 15 years old," the Minister said.

"Even the Prime Minister Naya Pakistan will not believe that girls of this tender age can voluntarily decide about their conversion to another religion and marriage,"

On Sunday, Swaraj tweeted that she asked the Indian

she said

A Pakistani high court on Tuesday ordered official protection for the two girls due to concern about their safety as authorities widened a probe to ascertain if the teenage sisters were abducted, forcibly converted and married.

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able remedial action to protect and promote safety, security and welfare of people from the minority communities. Subsequently, Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan ordered an investigation into the incident. The Islamabad High Court issued the order Tuesday after the petition was filed by the girls and their husbands to seek protection from adverse action.

On March 20, the girls' family lodged a First Information Report against their alleged forced conversion

found in them. asking State police to cooperate in the investigation. *PTI*

INSHORT

DISSIDENCE IN SOME LS SEATS IN KARNATAKA

Sidda terms it 'common'

Will resolve the issue to defeat communal BJP, says Congress

Bengaluru: Conceding that the ruling Congress-JD(S) alliance is facing dissidence in some Lok Sabha constituencies, the Congress' Karnataka unit on Tuesday expressed confidence about resolving differences by making both party workers understand the need to defeat "communal BJP."

With transfer of votes between the Congress and the JD(S) crucial for them to outperform the BJP, there is worry in both parties that the dissidence may hamper their

Agreeing that there was disgruntlement in two to three places like Mandya, Tumkur and Hassan, coalition coordination chief and Congress leader Siddaramaaih said it was common in an alliance and when there were aspirants from both parties.

"There is some amount of disgruntlement in Tumkur as the sitting MP did not get the ticket from the Congress, because the seat went to the JD(S)," he said at a twitter inter-



action organised by the Karnataka PCC.

'We are talking to workers there, also disgruntled leaders there. I have confidence that we will be able to pacify them," he

"Coalition Government and alliance was inevitable today. We will make workers and leaders of both parties understand about the situation and the need for an alliance to defeat the communal BJP.

I'm confident that they too will agree and there won't be any problem," he added.

Defying the electoral

arrangement under which Tumkur was allotted to the JD(S), sitting Congress MP S P Muddahanumegowda filed his papers on Monday, even as JD(S) patriarch and former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda filed his nomination as the joint candidate of the ruling alliance.

Another Congress leader and former MLA, K N Rajanna, also filed his nomination on Monday from Tumkur as an independent candidate, opposing Gowda. KPCC chief Dinesh Gundu

Rao on Tuesday said he has to spoken Muddahanumegowda and Rajanna and the party would resolve the issue "amicably."

"We have spoken to him (Muddahanumegowda), we have spoken to Rajanna...We will again speak to them and will solveit amicably," Rao told reporters in response to a question about action on rebel candidates in Tumkur.

If Muddahanumegowda contests from Tumkur as a

rebel candidate, it will add to the Congress-JD(S) coalition worries as the alliance is facing backlash at several places including Mandya and Hassan, with party workers unhappy

with party workers unnappy with the seat arrangements. Both parties that had fought bitterly against each other ahead of May 2018 Assembly polls joined hands to form an alliance as the election threw up a hung verdict.

Though Congress-JD(S) leaders have decided to go to polls together, it is not something that the workers of both parties at the booth level, who have been fighting each other, agree with.

Deve Gowda's grandsons Prajaval Revanna and Nikhil Kumaraswamy, are the alliance candidates from Hassan and Mandyarespectively.

Responding to a question, Siddaramaiah agreed that Tumkur was conceded to the JD(S) as he was against giving away Mysore seat to the regional party, which had asked for oneamong the two seats.

"We had to concede Mandya because sitting MP there was from JD(S), so naturally they asked for the seat. They also asked for a seateither Mysore or Tumkur, I said we cannot concede Mysore because there is more opportunity for Congress there." PTI

'Minimum Income Guarantee' surgical strike on poverty: RaGa

Jaipur: Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday termed his party's promise of minimum guaranteed income to the poorest 20 per cent households a "surgical strike on poverty" and said nobody should be poor in 21st century India.

Addressing a rally in Suratgarh town of Ganganagar district, a day after declaring his party would roll out the scheme if voted to power, Gandhi alleged that Prime Minster Narendra Modi gave Minster Narendra Modi gave money to the rich and top industrialists of the country, but the Congress would serve the poor.

He said the promised minimum income scheme was a

"Dhamaka hai ye...Bomb fatega (It's a big bang...A bomb will set off). This is a Congress's surgical strike on poverty. They (the BJP) worked to eliminate the poor we will eliminate poverty," Gandhi said.

On helping the poor, he said, "We thought how it should be done. After discussion and brainstorming, we thought that there should be a minimum income line of ₹12,000 per month. Soon after formation of the Congress Government in 2019, the minimum income line in India will

NOBODY SHOULD BE POOR IN THE **COUNTRY IN 21ST**

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be ₹12,000 per month." The name of the proposed

scheme is 'Nyuntam Aay Yojana' or Nyay. The word 'Nyay' stands for justice in

He alleged that poverty and unemployment increased under the Modi Government. While the Congress-led UPA Government lifted 14 crore people out of poverty, "Modi made them poor again", he claimed.

On Monday, Gandhi announced in New Delhi that ₹72,000 per year will be given as minimum income to poor families, benefiting around 25 crore people, if his party is voted to power in Lok Sabha

"Nobody should be poor in the country in 21st century," he told the Suratgarh rally Tuesday.

Finance Minister Arun

Jaitley Monday dismissed the Congress promise of minimum guaranteed income, saymum guaranteed income, saying the party has a history of "cheating" the poor and misleading the country in the name of removing poverty.

In 1971, Rahul Gandhi's grandmother and then Prime

Minister Indira Gandhi had also given 'Garibi Hatao, Desh Bachao' (remove poverty, save the nation) slogan during the general election campaign. Years later, PM Modi, during a speech in 2018, termed the 'Garibi Hatao' slogan a "false

Rahul Gandhi Tuesday also alleged the Modi Government weakened the schemes and programmes such as MGNREGA and food security introduced by the UPA dispensation.

Whatever was done under the MGRENGA, food security and loan waiver by the UPA Government, that all were finished by Narendra Modi. Poverty and unemployment increased in his rule," he said.

He said that top industrialists were helped by the Government in "looting" the public money and their debt of \$\frac{3}{3.5} \text{ lakh were written off, but} farm loans were not. The Congress chief con-

tinued his "chowkidar" barb at the PM. **PTI**

Shatrughan to join Cong in New Delhi on March 28

Patna: Bollywoodactor-turnedpolitician Shatrughan Sinha, who has been associated with BJP for about three decades,

million congress at New Delhi on March 28, a senior party leader said here on Tuesday.

"Shatrughan Sinha will join Congress in New Delhi on March 28 at 11.30 am ... He will be our candidate from Patna Sahih" chairman for the state. Sahib", chairman for the state Congress election campaign committee Akhilesh Prasad Singh told newsmen here.

Sinha is a two-term BJP Lok Sabha member from Patna Sahib Singh but has been dropped by the saffron party which has chosen to field union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad from the seat.

Sinha has been openly critical of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP president Amit Shah. Speculation had been rife for some time that he would join the Congress, which is an ally of the 'Mahagathbandhan' which also consists of the RJD and other local parties.

Asked whether Sinha would be induced in the party in the presence of AICC pres-ident Rahul Gandhi, as was being speculated in the media, Singh said Top leaders will be present on the occasion". *PTI*

Darbhanga LS seat new bone of contention between RJD, Cong

Patna: The Darbhanga Lok Sabha seat, represented by former test cricketer Kirti Azad, who recently quit the BJP and joined the Congress, on Tuesday emerged as a new bone of contention in the Opposition Grand Alliance in Bihar, with the RJD stating that it wished to field its veteran leader Abdul Bari Siddiqui from the seat.

The Lalu Prasad-led party contended that its candidate had lost the seat to the BJP by a thin margin in 2014.

"Darbhanga is our traditional seat. We have won it many times. Even in the 2014 polls, which were swept by the BJP-led NDA, our candidate

lost the battle by a thin margin.
"We would therefore like to contest the seat again and field Abdul Bari Siddiqui this time. A formal announcement would and chief state spokesman Bhai into the fight. irendra said here.

Notably, senior RJD leader Mohd Ali Ashraf Fatmi won the seat in all Lok Sabha polls since 1991 except on three occasions — 1999, 2009 and

The party's decision to field Siddiqui — a senior leader who has formerly been the leader of the Opposition in the Assembly and served as the Finance Minister — is seen as a move to placate the veteran, who is said to have been sulking over being sidelined following the entry of Lalu Prasad's sons Tejashwi Yadav and Tej Pratap Yadav into

active politics. When asked about Bhai Virendra's statement, Siddiqui said, "I am a disciplined party worker. If the party asks me to contest from Darbhanga, I will

Siddiqui had fought the 2014 election from Madhubani and lost to Hukum Deo Narayan Yadav of the BJP.

State Congress president Madan Mohan Jha, when approached with queries about the RJD's claim, said Darbhanga was an "important seat", but a final call will be taken by the party's high com-

The Congress had last won the seat way back in 1980.

Elaborating further on the party's dilemma, Congress leader Rishi Mishra — whose grandfather Lalit Narayan Mishra was a minister in Indira Gandhi's cabinet and is said to be the tallest leader in the Mithila region where Darbhanga falls — claimed that Maithil Brahmins in the constituency are traditional



Modi 'only' PM to give befitting reply to Pak: Shah

11 non-bailable charges on BJP's Coochbehar candidate: TMC to EC

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

arrying eleven non-bailable charges on his head, Nishit Pramanik, the BJP candidate for the Coochbehar Lok Sabha seat, seems to have become a headache for the saffron party.

Trinamool Congress has already approached the Election Commission of India drawing its attention towards the affidavit filed by Pramanik. "The BJP has fielded a person who has eleven non-bailable charges against him to serve the people of Coochbehar. We have already brought it to the notice of the ECI, North Bengal Development Minister Rabindranath Ghosh said on Minister Tuesday.

Pramanik has been booked for murder, attempt to murder, Ghosh said quoting the affidavit filed by Pramanik before the ECI. Out of the eleven non-bailable cases two have been filed in other States.

"He is charged with looting a bank and a jewellry shop at Alipurduar," Ghosh said wondering "how a party which claims to give good governance can nominate a person who has such grievous charges against him dismissing the BJP allegation that the charges were the result of the TMC's vendetta politics against the Opposition leaders. "If such was the case then how could he have been booked in other States where the Trinamool is not in power," Ghosh said adding "even the High Court has rejected bail applications filed by him in two

Yet another political turncoat to be fielded by the Bengal saffron outfit, Pramanik had earlier left the Trinamool Congress to join the BJP.

His organsational capabilities apart, Pramanik's alleged criminal records could pose his

party some problem in Coochbehar constituency bordering Assam and Bangladesh. This, notwithstanding the fact that the BJP has fast come up to gain the second position displacing the Left Front in this district. In the last Assembly elections the BJP had taken a lead over the TMC in the urban areas whereas the latter had posted a lead in the rural belt. Considering the recent electoral patterns a slight shift in the vote base could affect either parties much, experts said.

Controversies hit the BJP in another constituency, this time Basirhat in south Bengal where party candidate Sayantan Basu was reported against by the TMC for telling a crowd that "we will ask the CRPF through our central leadership not to shoot the chest if the mischief mongers come to capture booths. This time round no Sahjehan or Aurangzeb will come to save the TMC's goon."

BJP names candidates for 10 more **WB LS seats**

Kolkata: The BJP on Tuesday declared the list of 10 more candidates for Bengal. Among these are: Humayun Kabir from Murshidabad, Krishna Joardar from Behrampore, Mukut Mani Adhikary from Ranaghat, Nilanjan Roy from Raiganj, Rantideb Sengupta from Howrah, Subhas Sarkar from Bankura, Joy Banerjee from Uluberia, Shantanu Thakur from Bongaon and Debashis Samanta from

Cong did nothing for poor during its 10-year rule: Yogi

Varanasi: Hitting out at Congress president Rahul Gandhi over his minimum income scheme announcement, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday asked why the party didn't do anything to uplift the poor during the 10 years when it was in

In a big-bang poll promise, Gandhi had on Monday announced that ₹72,000 per year will be given as minimum income to poor families, benefiting around 25 crore people, if his party is voted to power in the Lok Sabha polls beginning next month. Addressing a 'Vijay Sankalp

Sabha' (victory pledge meeting) here, Adityanath asked Gandhi why the Congress-led UPA Government had not done anything to bring happiness into the lives of poor people during its 10-year term from 2004 to

He also heaped praises on Prime Minister Narendra Modiled Government at the Centre for introducing various welfare schemes to benefit the poor. He claimed that Modi,

unlike the Congress, is sensitive towards the needs of the poor. Adityanath accused Congress leaders of siphoning

off Government funds meant for the poor. 'Your father Rajiv Gandhi's helplessness was clearly visible when he had said that of ₹100 that his Government sent to the poor, only ₹10 reached them,'

the Chief Minister said.

dent Amit Shah on Tuesday said Narendra Modi was the 'only" Prime Minister who had responded strongly to terror activities in Pakistan, likening the Centre's response to the US

action against terrorism. "We attacked on Pakistan without any delay after the Pulwama attack, while the Opposition leaders were insisting for negotiation, Shah said at a 'Vijay Sankalp' rally in Uttar Pradesh's Moradabad district.

The Bharatiya Janata Party chief alleged that the Opposition was insulting the soldiers who died in the Pulwama attack by asking questions on the number of casualties in the Balakot

"When the country was celebrating after air strikes at terrorist camp, the Opposition



here was grieving like Pakistan," he said in an apparent reference to the Balakot airstrike.

He asserted that the BJPled NDA would win 74 of the state's 80 Lok Sabha seats. It

had won 73 in 2014. Pointing out that Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav and Bahujan Samaj Party supremo Mayawati were "enemies" earlier, Shah said they had come together now due to

He predicted that the SP-BSP-RLD alliance would fail because "our Government is very much popular due to our positive works". Shah hit out at Yaday, alleg-

ing that all miscreants were there in the former Chief Minister's Government and crime was on the rise. But during the present BJP Government, he claimed, all

miscreants were either in iail or fled the state. Shah said communal vio-

lence and land-grabbing incidents, which he said were normal during the previous dispensation, had become a thing of the past and there was peace.

Listing out the Modi dispensation's welfare schemes, Shah claimed that for the first time since Independence, the farmers, poor, Dalits and the

"Education is not only for employment. It should empow-

er the individual with knowledge

and wisdom to sift the wheat

from the chaff. Access to qual-

ity education for all and at all lev-

els is equally essential to ensure

inclusive growth and prevent any kind of discrimination," he

said. Time has come for India to

once again emerge as the global knowledge hub, he said. "For

that to happen, the seats of learning, especially the universities,

must reinvent themselves as

hubs of vibrant intellectual pur-

suit," he said. While it accounts

for less than a fifth of the GDP,

agriculture still remains the

main source of employment for

nearly half of Indias labour

force, he said.

BJP pays no respect to its elders, says Mamata

PNS M KOLKATA

Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday questioned the present culture inside the BIP which was far different from what was preached by its founding

feeling that they have their own

Baluni said in a statement that

the party organised over 250

'Vijay Sankalp' (pledge for vic-

tory) rallies across the country

on Tuesday with its tops lead-

ers addressing them.
While Shah spoke in
Moradabad, Union Ministers

Rajnath Singh, Sushma Swaraj,

Nirmala Sitharaman, Piyush

Goval and Uma Bharti spoke in

New Delhi, Ghaziabad, Udupi,

Vijaywada and Sonipat respec-

Minister Yogi Adityanath spoke

in Varanasi, Gujarat CM Vijay

Rupani in Porbandar, Haryana

CM Manohar Lal Khattar in

Panipat and former Madhya

Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh

Úttar Pradesh Chief

tively, he said.

Chouhan in Puri.

BJP media head Anil

government at the Centre.

In reference to the way some of its senior leaders like LK Advani and MM Joshi were ignored in distribution of tickets, Banerjee said "BJP is a party that does not respect its veterans," wondering those who did not pay adequate respect to the veterans were



Hitting out at the BJP for gnoring Advani who made the BJP what it was today she said "Advani was the actual mentor for BJP. They have forgotten old days because of the new crop of leaders. But old is gold. It is an insult to him.'

have worked under Vajpayee and Advani," when the former was the Prime Minister of She however said that it was her personal feeling and that "they may not agree to it."

Neither Advani nor Joshi were

given nominations by the BIP

and it is alleged that they were

She remembered how "I

not even taken into confidence before distributing the tickets. On whether the party patriarch should quit the party

Banerjee said, it would not look nice. "He is a leader respected in the party and has been there from the beginning."

It's time to re-emerge as global knowledge hub: VP

Mumbai: Vice President Venkaiah Naidu on Tuesday said knowledge is going to be the driver of the Indian economy and will play a vital role in improving the living conditions of people.

India must rise to the occasion and reorient its higher education system, in order to be globally competitive, Naidu said, addressing the 16th convocation ceremony of Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research here

Eight PhD, six M.Phil and 29 M.Sc degrees were awarded by the Vice President on the occasion. "The education system should be reoriented by moving away from the colonial mindset; it must teach history in an objective manner as it actually



Ganguly during the 16th convocation of Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research in Mumbai on Tuesday



6 people die of asphyxiation near Chennai



three of a family, died of asphyxiation at Sriperumbudur near here Tuesday while they were cleaning a septic tank,

Krishnamurthy (53) and his two sons Kannan (23) and Karthik (21) were cleaning the tank in their apartment when the incident occurred, the police said.

The other three victims Paramasivam and Suradha were living in the same apartment while Lakshmikanth was a member of the public who offered his help and also lost his life, police told PTI.

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

argetting Prime Minister

Narendra Modi over Rafale

scam, NCP chief Sharad Pawar

on Tuesday wondered as to how

could one expect Modi to pro-

tect the country when he could

not keep classified documents

rally at Parbhani in

Marathwada region, Pawar

said: "Here's a Prime Minister

who cannot keep the classified

information safe in his

Government. How can you

expect Modi to defend or pro-

submission about the theft of

classified documents relating to

the Rafale aircraft purchase

made by Attorney General KK

Venugopal before the Supreme

Pawar was referring to the

tect the country?".

Addressing an election

in the Government "safe".

taken to the general hospital, Sriperumbudur, for an autopsy, they said.

According to a senior Fire and Rescue Services official who was involved in the rescue operation, Krishnamurthy and his two sons were cleaning the tank and shortly afterwards there was no response from

Then, Paramasivam, Suradha and Lakshmikanth went into the tank and they too died after inhaling the poisonous gas, the official said.

Court during the hearing on a review petition in Rafale air-

craft purchase case. (It may be

recalled that three days after

making submission before the

Supreme Court about the theft

of Rafale papers, Venugopal

had reneged on his earlier

claim and said that the peti-

tioners had used "photocopies

of the original" papers, deemed

Minister Narendra Modi had

purchased Rafale aircraft worth

₹550 each at ₹1660 crore just to

help his industrialist friend

Anil Ambani. "We have three

government companies that

are involved in the aircraft

manufacture. Why did the

Modi government ensure that

Rafale-related contract was

given to the Anil Ambani-

owned company which has

Pawar also charged Prime

secret by the Government).

Pawar slams PM over stolen Rafale papers

BJP ally MGP cites 'conspiracy', threatens to quit Goa Govt

legislative affairs of the party,

state's oldest regional outfit

but some sections were

written a letter to the governor

and Assembly speaker stating

he was the sole authority in the

MGP to communicate party

MGP had expelled Mamlatdar.

party meeting to discuss this

issue, Dhavalikar said, "We

might take certain resolutions

in the central committee meet-

ing which can have bearing on

the stability of the Government

afoot by his rivals to wean away

Ajgaonkar and Dipak

Pawaskar, and in the process isolate Deputy Chief Minister

He alleged moves were

MLAs Manohar

led by Pramod Sawant."

opposed to its growth.

decisions to them.

He said his party was the

Mamlatdar had last week

Following the letter, the

Talking about Wednesday's

Dhavalikar said.

Panaji: The Maharashtrawadi Gomantak Party, support of whose three MLAs is crucial for the stability of BJP-led dispensation in Goa, on Tuesday said a "conspiracy" was being hatched by "our rivals" that might force it to move out and align with the Congress to form a new Government. The party has three MLAs

in the 40-Member Goa Assembly and its senior leader and Marcaim legislator Sudin Dhavalikar is the Deputy Chief Minister in the Pramod Sawant Government.

Speaking to PTI, MGP president Dipak Dhavalikar alleged one of his party's officer-bearers was "made to issue a letter" to the Governor and speaker declaring authority over entire legislative affairs of the outfit.

Dhavalikar said the MGP central committee would meet on Wednesday to chalk out its future course of action, which, he claimed, can decide the fate of the State Government.

There is a larger conspiracy under which one of our senior officer bearers, general secretary Lavoo Mamlatdar, was made to issue a letter to the Governor and speaker, in A case has been registered and an investigation on. **PTI** which he stated that he was taking over the entire authority on

absolutely no experience in

the manufacture of aircraft?,"

the Modi Government for

'politicising" Pulwama terror

attack and subsequent IAF air

strikes on terror camps in

Pakistan, Pawar said: "All polit-

Coming down heavily on

the NCP chief asked.

Sudin Dhavalikar.

"Any attempt to disturb our MLAs will be viewed seriously and we won't mind pulling out of the Government," he said. On being queried about

whether the option of the aligning with the opposition Congress was open to the MGP, Dhavalikar replied in the affirmative.

After the demise of Manohar Parrikar, BJP's Pramod Sawant took over as Chief Minister. He heads a coalition Government comprising the MGP, the Goa Forward Party (GFP) and three Independent MLAs

Sawant faced vote of confidence during which his government garnered the support of 20 MLAs: 11 from the BJP, three each from MGP and GFP, three independents. Fifteen MLAs — 14 from congress and one from NCP voted against his Government.

The support of three MGP MLAs is crucial as without them the strength of the coalition government will reduce to 17 in the house. The magic figure in the 40-member assembly, the strength of which has been reduced to 36 following resignations of two MLAs and demise of two including Parrikar, is 18 as of now. *PTI* said.

BJP candidate asks cadres to shoot booth capturers in chest

Kolkata: Senior West Bengal BJP leader Sayantan Basu on Tuesday courted controversy by asking party cadres to shoot those who would try to capture booths during the coming Lok Sabha polls.

"If you notice goons trying to capture booths, shoot them. Don't aim at their legs, shoot them in the chest," Basu said while addressing a rally at

Basu, state BJP general secretary, is the party candidate from Basirhat Lok Sabha con-

Referring to the violence during last year's panchayat polls in West Bengal, Basu said the Trinamool Congress should not think of rigging the polls, as elections will be held under the supervision of the Election Commission with central forces patrolling the streets.

Reacting to Basu's statement, senior TMC leader and minister Jyotipriyo Mullick said the party would inform the Election Commission and urge

it to take steps against him.
"The BJP is trying to vitiate the poll atmosphere by making such provocative statements. The EC should take action against him," Mullick said. *PTI*

'Hope Cong's income scheme is not like BJP's ₹15 lakh promise'

Lucknow: Former Chief Minister of the UP and Samajwadi Party chief, Akhilesh Yadav on Tuesday said he hopes the Minimum Income Plan by Congress party won't be like the ₹15 lakh promise to the poor by the BJP.
Speaking to the media at

the Samajwadi Party office in Lucknow, the party president expressed his doubts over Congress's scheme for the poorest 20% people of India. However, Yadav also

banked on the opportunity to boast about the pro-poor schemes launched by his Government. Akhilesh said, "It was our

Samajwadi Party Government which had for the first time announced a package for the poor people of Bundelkhand wherein they were given grains, milk, oil, etc. He added that the SP

Government used to give the Lohia Awas worth ₹3.05 lakh to the poor and the Samajwadi pension to females of the fam-



"We always lead by example," Akhilesh said.

The SP party president informed the media that their team will assess the details of the scheme and then decide the

The Congress party chief Rahul Gandhi in an election sop on Monday announced that ₹72,000 per year will be given as minimum income to poor families if his party is voted to power in the Lok Sabha polls. Asserting that it will be the final assault on poverty, he said the scheme would benefit around 25 crore

Mamata to campaign for TDP in Andhra Pradesh

Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister and TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee will visit Andhra Pradesh on March 31 to campaign for the ruling Telugu Desam Party in the State as a mark of Opposition

Several other opposition leaders will also be going to Andhra Pradesh to campaign for Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and the TDP, sources

"By the end of this month she will visit Andhra Pradesh

for a day or two to campaign for N Chandrababu Naidu. It is part of of Opposition unity that we all have worked for in the last few months," said a senior TMC leader.

Banerjee will be campaigning for Naidu in some constituencies of Andhra Pradesh, he said. Naidu and Banerjee share

cordial relationship and the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister had taken part in the January 19 mega Opposition rally organized by TMC at the Brigade parade grounds.

SEARCH FOR MISSING



one girl namely Pooja, D/o: Nanak, R/o H.No. B-107, Gali No. 15, Jeewan Park, Siraspur, Delhi, Age: 22 years, Height: 5', Complexion: Shallow, Face: Oval, wearing Yellow Colour Kurta and Green Colour Salwar & Hawai Chappal in feet, has been missing/kidnapped from the area of P.S. Samaipur Badli since 19.11.2018. In this regard a DD

General public is hereby informed that

No. 25-B, dated 20.11.2018 has been registered at P.S. Samaipur Badli, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace

out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about her please inform undersigned.

Website: http://cbi.nic.in E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Fax: 011-24368639

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Ph. No.: 011-24368638, 24368641 P.S. Samaipur Badli, Delhi Ph.: 011-27854757, 27854799

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Professor,

PAM, Civil Engineering Dept,

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in dry Bihar, held Purnea (Bihar): A candidate alcohol and, subsequently, sent who appeared to file nominations for Purnea Lok Sabha seat on Tuesday ended up behind Shailendran said. bars as he was found to be In April, 2016 the Nitish

Candidate turns up

drunk to file nomination

drunk, in violation of the ban on sale and consumption of alco-Election Observer M

Shailendran said Independent candidate Rajiv Kumar Singh, a resident of Bhagalpur district, stank of liquor when he reached the collectorate in this north Bihar district for submitting his

He was made to undergo breath analyzer tests which confirmed that he had consumed

to jail after being booked for violating the prohibition law,

Kumar government in Bihar had imposed complete ban on sale and consumption of alcohol, a move which has met with both adulation as well as disapproval from different quarters.

Altogether 17 people have filed their nominations for Purnea Lok Sabha seat where votes will be cast in the second phase of elections on April 18. Out of them, 11 had sub-

mitted their papers on the last

BJP made offers to me, my

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

Veteran Congress leader and former Union Home Minister Sushil Kumar Shinde on Tuesday created a stir in the Maharashtra political circles, by claiming that the BJP had tried to "poach" him and his MLAdaughter Praniti Shinde recent-

has been re-nominated by the Congress to contest the Lok Sabha polls from his home constituency of Solapur in western

from Srinagar Lok Sabha seat

every contesting candidate to

declare details of movable and

immovable assets and cash in

hand against the name of spouse

and dependants at the time of

filing nomination papers Dr

Abdullah is also religiously fol-

Abdullah declared, " he owns

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his immovable assets is ₹10.68

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Since it is mandatory for

since 2009.

senior BJP leader of his stature had "approached" his daughter Praniti first and later him with an "offer" to join the principal ruling party in the State and at

"The BJP leader concerned approached my daughter Praniti first with an offer to join his party. The same leader, who is of my seniority and stature, made a similar offer to me subsequently to join the BJP. But, both of us bluntly refused." Shinde said.

A day after he filed nom-

Lok Sabha polls on a Congress ticket, Shinde said: "There is absolutely no question of our leaving the Congress. We will not be swayed by this kind of allurements of the BJP. We are both committed Congress workers and will continue to remain so till our

Seventy-seven-year-old Shinde, however, refused to identify the BJP leader who had "approached" him and legislator-daughter Praniti to join the BJP.

BJP MP Hema Malini a billionaire, discloses her affidavit

Mathura: Fighting for the filing her nomination as Lok Mathura Lok Sabha seat on a BJP ticket, the sitting MP and film actor Hema Malini is a billonaire with the value of her assets having increased by a whopping ₹34.46 crore in the last five years, discloses an affidavit filed by her with the

poll panel.
The affidavit shows Hema Malini presently owns total wealth including bungalows, jewelleries, cash, jewelleries, shares and term deposits worth over ₹101 crore, while five years ago before the 2014 general elections, her total assets had been valued at nearly ₹66

The value of her actor-husband Dharmendra Singh Deol's assets grew to ₹12.30 crore during the corresponding period, according to Hema Malini's affidavit, detailing her assets and liabilities along with those of her spouse.

The affidavit was submitted by her to the Election Commission of India while

Sabha candidate from the Mathura parliamentary con-

BJP candidate and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's grand-nephew, Chandra Kumar Bose, holds a child as he interacts with

locals on the 1st day of his election campaign for the upcoming Lok Sabha polls in Kolkata on Tuesday

The affidavit, accompanied by her income tax returns for the last five years, reveals that the couple earned ₹10 crore each during the last five

Malini has shown an income of ₹15.93 lakh in 2013-14 against that of over ₹1.19 crore in The affidavit shows her

2014-15, ₹1.19 crore in 2015-16 and ₹4.30 crore in 2016-17. Thus, as per the affidavit,

earned over ₹9.87 crore, and

her 'he-man' husband nearly ₹9.73 crore in last five years. The affidavit disclosed that

At 83 years of age, National Conference president and former Member of Parliament, In her IT returns, Hema Dr Farooq Abdullah, is 'apparently' taking Election Commission of India (ECI) for a ride by repeatedly doing 'cut, copy, paste job and getting away

income to be ₹3.12 crore in the yesteryears' 'Dream Girl'

Hema Malini has two cars, including a Mercedes bought for ₹33.62 lakh in 2011. The other car is a Toyota that, she said, she bought for ₹4.75 lakh

Pulwama terror attack. Following international pressure, Pakistan released Wing

ical parties supported the Government over the stand taken by it in the wake of Commander Abhinandan. When India could seek and obtain the release Wing Commander Abhinandan, why did 56-inch chest make a similar attempt to seek the release of Kulbhushan Jadhay?'

Slamming the Modi government for its failure on various fronts, Pawar said that after demonetisation, 15 lakh people lost their jobs. "After the demonetisation, only Modi knows where has the black money gone. We know that more than 15 lakh people lost their jobs. After the introduction of GST, lakhs of traders suffered. ... The Modi government promised adequate price for agriculture produce. Neither did the Government give increased MSP to farmers nor did it waive the farm loans"

Alluding severe drought prevailing in the State, Pawar said: "There is acute shortage of water in drought-hit areas. There are no fodder sheds for cattle. The farmers have been neglected totally. We will not allow this government to remain in power. Let's throw this BJP government out in the Lok Sabha polls".

daughter: Sushil Kumar Maharashtra — said that a

Interacting with a television channel, Shinde — who

Farooq Abdullah files

nomination papers for

Says no idea of

his wife's assets

easily too while hiding factual

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Abdullah filed his nomination

papers ahead of contesting

S r i n a g a r - B u d g a m Parliamentary seat, fourth time

in a row, he once again declared

in his affidavit, "since my spouse

is in London from April 1990,

I have no knowledge about her

assets in London (U.K).

However, she has no property in

Dr Abdullah is contesting

On Monday, when Dr

assets of his wife.

J&K (India)".

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Srinagar Lok Sabha seat

the Centre.

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Corrigendum

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uploaded on the site https://mahatenders.gov.in. The date of submission of tender is extended up to

Right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason, vests with the

College of Engineering, Shivajinagar, Pune-5 Date:- 25/03/2019

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Government of Maharashtra **Department of Animal Husbandry**

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— PAPER WITH PASSION — **Vote guarantee scheme**

Rahul Gandhi's pledge to give ₹6,000 a month has to have sound logic or could look like a vote-grabbing exercise



orty years ago, Rahul Gandhi's grandmother made 'Garibi Hatao' (remove poverty) the centrepiece of her poll campaign. India was a horrendously poor country after decades of failed socialist economics and it was believed that the only way to drastically reduce the poverty rate was through a system of handouts. So unsurprisingly, some are mocking Rahul Gandhi's promise of giving ₹6,000 per month to India's poorest 50 million households as a sort of income guarantee to make up for the failure of 40 years of economic development, which it is, though

Gandhi and the Congress are not alone in adopting the handout culture. Several of Narendra Modi's flagship schemes are handouts too and other State Governments run all sorts of cash subsidy schemes. But nothing has ever come close to the scale of Gandhi's proposed scheme which, at almost four lakh crore, will account for almost three per cent of India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Apparently this scheme for social equity and justice — lovingly called NYAY has been thought up by several noted economists but will it work?

That is a million dollar, rather a multi-billion dollar question. If this plan supersedes several other schemes and is driven by an Aadhaar-based direct-benefits model, it might hold. For one, if this replaces existing programmes, cuts down on routine subsidies and becomes a single poverty-benefit driven one, it might even end up saving some money. Additionally, it will dramatically reduce the bureaucracy required to administer, implement and monitor the relief package on the ground. But for all these to happen, the fiscal burden needs to be absorbed and that can only happen if the GDP grows at about 7.5 per cent a year and produces commensurate tax and non-tax revenues. Other challenges lie in setting a template to identify the socio-economic strata considering there are too many variables in a country like India. For without percolation, this would vapourise into thin air. Besides, executing what Gandhi calls a "surgical strike" on poverty might involve cutting expenditure for other schemes and those related to the social sector are usually the first to face the axe. Can we afford compromises in spending on public health and education? Undoubtedly, Gandhi is hoping to take advantage of several steps taken by the Modi government, notably the Jan Dhan Yojana and increased digitisation. But there have to be measures put in place to ensure that the beneficiaries do not develop a dependency on the State and should be weaned off as soon as possible, maybe after a few years, to make sure that they do not live lazily and try and look for methods of self-improvement and employment. For without job creation, a dole economy serves no purpose whatsoever. As it is, joblessness is currently on record highs and there is lacuna in training our youth to be industry-ready with routine skilling failing to get the desired results. So this will not be an easy promise to deliver on. First, Gandhi has to win the election. Modi had in 2014 promised ₹15 lakh in the account of every Indian but that never came to fruition. However, there is still a chance that he competitively implements or promises something similar in his campaign.

River sutra

A study rules out Kailash Mansarovar as a source of the Ganga but does that really affect our faith in it?



oes the Ganga, the river that holds our civilisational faith and pride, become any less significant because science shows that its origins are far removed from Kailash Mansarovar? Hindu religious texts believe that the Ganga descended from the locks of Shiva, and therefore, has a connection with his seat of divinity, Kailash Mansarovar. And though the river is seen emerging from Gomukh or the snout of the Gangotri glacier, long considered its source, over the years perception had gained ground that the two disparate water systems

- the one fed by the glacier and the other by the Mansarovar lake — were linked somehow. This gained credence despite the over 200 km distance between them and the Himalayan gorges and peaks separating them. An investigation by scientists of the Roorkee-based National Institute of Hydrology (NIH) has merely confirmed what logic has long determined, that there is no connectivity between the two water systems. Now that scientists have found that there were significant variations in isotopic and physiochemical properties of the water collected from the two sites, suggesting no possibility of surface or sub-surface connectivity between the two, Gangotri continues to be the source of the river. Unless, there is a far-fetched link traced through the Ghaghara river, a tributary of the Ganga, which could have flowed out of the Mansarovar lake. Of course, going by geological history before the continental drift, there was a huge Indo-Siwalik river flowing which is believed to have broken into various water systems of the Indus, Ganga, Brahmaputra and the lakes with the push of the fold mountain system of the Himalayas. Beyond the science, celebrated Hindu scholars too have never made much of the Mansarovar link, claiming Shiva, being the omniscient one, did not need to be at Mount Kailash to hold Ganga in his locks and could have manifested himself anywhere. They insist that the myth was just a metaphor and Shiva's dreadlocks could mean the rugged ridges and cliffs of the Himalayas, considering he was perched on Kailash.

Clearly, belief systems are not ruffled by the scientific discovery, which has actually refuted claims by China as well as some foreign scientists that the Ganga did emanate from Mansarovar lake. China has for long been trying to claim supremacy of ownership of headwaters, particularly in the Tibetan plateau, which is considered the water sink of the world. It has been harnessing hydropower through dams and manipulating catchment areas by re-engineering flow patterns. Climate surveys project that major rivers running off the Himalayas, after increasing flows as glaciers melt, could lose 10-20 per cent of their flow by 2050, thereby resulting in water wars. Half of India's water is linked to China, the Sutlej and the Brahmaputra in particular. Adding Ganga to that list would have given it an edge in its water diplomacy, had it been linked to the Mansarovar lake located in Tibet. Over the last few years, China has been increasing control over cross-border water resources and hoping to use this precious resource of the earth in its negotiations with riparian neighbours. Diplomacy apart, what we indeed should worry about is that Gaumukh, which has developed cracks, and the Gangotri glacier, which is receding steadily, may end up drying out the river. Oxygen levels are already dipping downstream because of the pollutant overload and if we indeed want to renew our faith in our lifeline, we need to clean up and save it first.

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Don't politicise forces

A professional, secular and apolitical military is being utilised for electoral gains of the ruling establishment. Questioning it and the Government is kosher



f the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) returns to power two months from now, piggybacking the armed forces, one central fact will be eminently clear: The optics of a powerful military with high morale belies the ground reality. The Government has misled the country on defence modernisation and preparedness through high-decibel claims and selfpraise for its devotion to the soldier. Never before has any Government milked the success of military operations for political and electoral gains as the present one and successfully politicised the armed forces. The creation by it of nationalist sentiment and allied jingoism through coopting sections of the print and electronic media and their armies of supporters and cheerleaders has diverted the focus of elections from Achche Din and Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas to national security and taking the mickey out of

Last Sunday, the BJP launched a blitz of victory rallies in Uttar Pradesh, pitching the forthcoming elections as a means of rooting out terrorism and defeating Pakistan. Citing Balakot air strikes as the Government's "befitting reply for Pulwama", its leaders said that only a Government led by the charismatic and decisive leader, Narendra Modi, could guarantee the country's defence and security. Part II of this self-congratulatory boast is the caustic criticism of Opposition parties, mainly the Rahul Gandhi-led Congress, for questioning the Government and the Indian armed forces on their claims of targetting, damage assessment and casualties. Balakot has become the magic wand for winning the Lok Sabha polls.

In 2016, following the Uri terrorist strike, modest ground surgical strikes were magnified to being the silver bullet for ending cross-border terrorism and, therefore, employed liberally to showcase the Government's determination to teach Pakistan a lesson. They were cited extravagantly to win the Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka, to name just a few. Banners and posters using serving Army officers' pictures alongside Government leaders politicised the military. Surgical strikes were liberally replayed to deify the BJP leadership, principally Prime Minister Modi. The Army's resolute stand at Doklam was also appropriated by the Government as its in its attempt to present Bhutan and India with a fait accompli. In all the three military operations — Operation Surgical Strikes, Operation Juniper and Operation Balakot — the Army and IAF came out as winners but it was the Government which super-imposed the "lotus" on



This is the great irony as the Modi Government apparently attaches minuscule importance to the Defence portfolio, posting four Ministers in five years. The last of these, Nirmala Sitharaman, is a first-time MP, who has spent her prime-time defending Modi on Rafale in and outside Parliament, whereas traditionally, the Defence Minister is invariably a political heavyweight. Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley was twice a part-time Defence Minister and is not known to be terribly sympathetic towards the military. The most effective and committed was the late Manohar Parrikar whose pledge to appoint the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) was unfortunately killed by the Prime Minister's Office. This coupled with the musical chairs in the Defence Ministry allowed National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval to become de facto CDS and also interfere in key issues of the Ministry like Rafale. Policeman Doval is the first NSA to become directly involved in planning and conduct of operations, notably Pathankot, which is in the remit of a military professional. His appointment as Chairman of Defence Planning Committee is another first and needless padding to planning.

Under Jaitley, defence funding etched an interesting trajectory. After his second budget, his reasoning for limited capital funding for modernisation was that the military is unable to spend even what little is allotted. The following year, Jaitley changed tack, saying that actually, he did not have the money to increase the capital account. The interim budget presented this year by acting Finance Minister Piyush Goyal earmarked the lowest amount in memory for modernisation with the staple byline, "more funds will be provided if required." At a national security conclave last month, Jaitley said that hike in modernisation funding will depend on paying off committed liabilities and that any increase would be contingent on income from widening the tax net. This year's allocation may fall short of even accounting for committed liabilities. Still, BJP president Amit Shah raved about the current defence budget as a milestone having crossed the ₹3 lakh crore mark, more than 70 per cent of which is revenue expenditure.

The true reflection of the state of defence funding and operational readiness was provided by the BJP's own chairman of the parliamentary standing committee on defence, Maj Gen BC Khanduri, who rated defence allocation of 1.5 per cent of GDP as "disabling war preparedness." His blunt inference led to his removal and replacement by party veteran Kalraj Mishra. Just as well that Balakot did not escalate into a short and intense conventional war as ammunition, ment inventories are critically hollow, not to mention the plummeting decline in Air Force squadrons from the authorised 42 to below 30 squadrons, actually around 26 squadrons (Air Chief Marshal AY Tipnis at last month's security conclave). No Service Chief should have to say "we will fight with what we have" as Air Chief

Marshal BS Dhanoa had to.

The armed forces have been successively short-changed by the once in 10 years Pay Commissions. The last Seventh Pay Commission was no exception even as roll-on anomalies have piled up. Service Chiefs were denied a meeting with Modi on Seventh Pay Commission and on One Rank One Pension earlier. The then Defence Secretary Mohan Kumar did not endorse the military's request to reconsider their case for Non Functional Upgrade (NFU), which about 60 A group services receive. Now the Central Government has opposed in the Supreme Court an Armed Forces Tribunal order, asking it to include the armed forces in NFU. This has serious implications for status, parity and pay grade and is one issue hurting the morale of the military. So much for Balakot's surge in nationalism and the Government putting the soldier on a pedestal. India's military is overly obedient with high tolerance threshold in civilmilitary relations. Service chiefs have not taken an issue-based stand individually or collectively.

A professional, secular and apolitical military is being progressively politicised prospects of the ruling establishment in the guise of promoting nationalism. Questioning the military and the Government on this is kosher.

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OUNDBITE

Instead of Amethi, Congress president Rahul Gandhi should go to Pakistan. His real supporters are there.

BJP leader —Kedar Kashyap



It is important to find voice and style. You can start by feeling inspired, but eventually, with experience, you find your own voice

Singer Shreva Ghosha



The danger is not over. The situation will remain tense till forthcoming elections in India. We are prepared to avert any aggression.

Pakistan Prime Minister



Knowledge is going to be the driver of the Indian economy and will play a vital role in improving the living condi tions of people.

Vice President



LETTERS THE

Rescue aviation sector

Sir — This refers to the article, "Flying with a broken wing" (March 26) by Kushan Mitra. Undoubtedly, Jet Airways was in a better condition than Air India. While the latter's net loss stood at ₹5,765 crore in 2017, the former's net profit was ₹438 crore during the same period. Besides, Jet was also ahead of Air India in operational indices and could fly more passengers than the national carrier despite having a smaller fleet size of 124 aircraft as compared to 163 of the latter. If the Government has been patient with Air India, taking care of the gaps in its operational funding, it can at least be pragmatic with other airlines.

Given a nascent market for Tier II and III connectivity under Udan. uncertain fuel pricing and unsteady global economy, airlines had to necessarily negotiate turbulence, which ought to have been factored in while dealing with their loan defaults. Surely, the Government's intention is not to take the scrap dealer route to the likes of IBC but to facilitate a speedy restoration of a vital sector poised to be the third largest after the US and China.

R Narayanan Navi Mumbai

Stand up against half-truth and fake news

vote share or potential to win the

selection of Karti Chidambaram,

against whom many criminal

cases are pending, as the

he importance of dissemination of authentic information cannot be over-emphasised, more so during an election season. Posts that have no basis and photographs that have no fidelity to the issue under debate are 'shared' and 'liked' by millions. People tend to believe 'news' they want to be true. But the harm to public discourse is incalculable. Fake news poses a great challenge to our democracy. Fake content is not difficult to detect as it is often presented blatantly and not subtly. Still people suspend disbelief and accept 'foul' as 'fair' for the satisfaction of having done their bit for the pendulum of public opinion to swing to their 'side'. Given the ubiquity and reach of the social media, tech-savvy whizzes are roped in to canvass for votes online. Facebook, Twitter and Google have become platforms for fighting part of the electoral battles. It is perfectly legitimate to do the online campaign

focussing on matters of public import and ideologies and policies and programmes of parties In other words, fake news is posted in order to dis-

Defeat writ on the wall

Sir — It is unfortunate that the

Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam

(DMK) is destined to carry the

Congress as an albatross around

its neck every time there is an

election in the State or at the

Centre. The Congress demands

seats disproportionate to its eli-

gibility in terms of the party's



credit and malign political opponents rather than to shore up support for contestants. Worse, it is done to pigeonhole whole blocs of people as 'us-and-them' and stoke hatred. The social media alone is not to be blamed. Electronic media, too, stinks of fake news/disinformation. The protection of the sanctity of elections is a sine qua non for upholding democracy.

G David Milton Maruthancode

seats. It is unfortunate that in the the Sivaganga constituency. forthcoming crucial elections Sudarshana Nachiappan, to the Lok Sabha, too, the grand one of the most deserving canold party has taken 10 seats from didates who was assured of his the DMK, representing 25 per candidacy by the high command till late last night, has cent of the total constituencies. accused P Chidambaram for There are reports that there is a lot of resentment in the this last minute change in favour

Congress candidate to contest

Anna Mary Yvonne

IBC route bodes well

Sir — This refers to the article, "Flying with a broken wing" (March 26) by Kushan Mitra. Lenders don't seem to have learnt from the Kingfisher fiasco and infused ₹1,500 crore into Jet Airways. Ideally, Naresh Goyal should have allowed a better and financially sound management to run his company rather than playing with the career of the more than 23,000 employees.

Lenders seem to believe that it's better to explore revival of the company than take the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) route. Though the IBC may not be the perfect and only solution, in the current circumstances, it is the best alternative for the lenders.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has been sensitive in its approach to ensure lenders get their money back on time and any promoter with bad intentions get the stick.

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Endless dilemma over the big C

There is a lot more that needs to be done to improve outcomes of rare cancers. Diagnostic accuracy, better treatment and prognosis are the need of the hour



SAMEER RASTOGI

he Indian healthcare system has markedly improved in the last few years. However, one of the areas where it lacks is judicious treatment of rare cancers. The problem with this disease is multi-faceted and has many aspects to it. The conundrum in India begins with the lack of a correct definition for it. Then comes other issues such as difficulty in diagnosis, absence of registries, dearth of experts and the lack of data and newer drugs, approved as orphan drug elsewhere. All of these factors lead to poor outcomes. This disease may be rare individually, but collectively, the varied manifestations constitute almost 20 per cent of all cancers. Thus, they cannot be ignored.

There is no universally adopted definition for rare cancers. The National Cancer Institute, the US, definition is fewer than 15 cases per 100,000 people per year. A consortium from the European Union defined rare cancers as those with fewer than six cases per 100,000 people per year. Rare cancer definition or subtypes can't be copied from any country. To cite an example, though melanoma may be a very rare cancer in our country, in Australia and the US, it is a com-

Similarly, there are a few expert centres for diagnosis and treatment of rare diseases like sarcoma, thyroid cancer, melanoma and neuroendocrine tumors. There are many diagnostic investigations that are routinely done in many countries but are not available in India as the focus on rare cancers is less. Apart from investigations, even first line drugs for diseases like melanoma and thyroid cancer are not available in India. This leads to severe frustration among doctors and patients. The only option left for patients is to import drugs, which is not a viable option for many. Often, the situation forces them to buy drugs from grey market, the veracity of which is highly questionable. Further, research for rare cancers in our country is slow and a majority of data has come from the developed countries. Reason for this is a lack of funding for research. There is less incentive for working on rare cancers and this leads to apathy among researchers.

From a patient's perspective, there are no specific guidelines for expert centres and a majority of them land up having inadequate or inadvertent treatment in non-expert centers. This leads to poor outcomes and psychological turmoil. Support groups for them, too, are very few and this leads to a feeling of loneliness during the arduous journey of their treatment. Lack of guidelines for this disease also leads to difference in opinions from various centres, which leaves the patients baffled. Similarly, insurance cover for this disease poses tremendous problems as patients undergo a hard time in getting the insurance cover for these lesser-known diseases.

How can we improve the outcomes? First and foremost, it is of utmost importance to address the above-mentioned shortcomings in a systematic manner. Collaboration and data collection/registry for all cancers with equal emphasis on rare cancers (which is not the case currently in India) should be the second approach to kick-start the progress in the management of rare cancers. This will help us define the subset of rare cancers and develop a uniform definition. All tertiary care centres must publish their experience in rare cancers and the challenges faced by them in diagnosis and treatment.

We need to have a consortium/core body soon in order to channelise the efforts and streamline them. Collaboration must be widespread between NGOs, patients advocates, tertiary cancer institutes, medical colleges and peripheral centres with sound referral system. We need indigenous guidelines, keeping in mind the resources available for the diagnosis and treatment constraints in our country. Similarly, we must spend on patient education resources in vernacular languages in order to educate them and help them understand the intricacies of rare cancers. Research bodies must keep some funding secured for the treatment of rare cancers and should encourage further studies.

Training programmes must be held for doctors to enhance their skills so that pathologists, radiologists and pharmaceuticals are also encouraged to bring drugs in India. Subsequently, they should be given due benefits. Generic brands must get due importance. India should lead the research in rare cancers and should set an example for other countries like Nepal, Bangladesh, Pakistan as these countries have similar epidemiology for cancer.

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POINTCOUNTERPOINT

AFTER WATCHING THE PURPORTED TAPE ON DEMONETISATION, THE NATION HAS TO DECIDE WHO IS CHOR (THIEF) AND WHO IS CHOWKIDAR (GUARD). —CONGRESS LEADER





THE 'FAKERY CARAVAN' OF THE CONGRESS CONTINUES TO MOVE. WHEN THERE ARE NO REAL ISSUES, RELY ON FAKERY.

—UNION MINISTER ARUN JAITLEY

Resist hostile takeovers

It is prudent for a company to devise relevant defences from the very incorporation of business and keep away predators



HIMA BINDU KOTA

¬he ongoing attempt by L& T Infotech, to buy a controlling stake in Mindtree, has been met with stiff resistance by its founders and employees. L&T has already bought 20.3 per cent stake in Mindtree by paying over its long-term investor, VG Siddhartha of Café Coffee Day. As required by the SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeover) Regulations, the infrastructure giant has already announced an open offer to buy 31 per cent stake, in addition to picking up 15 per cent of the shares through an open market purchase, making a stake of 66.32 per cent in Mindtree.

A 'hostile takeover' is the acquisition of one company, known as the target firm, by another, which is called the 'acquirer' and the acquisition is accomplished by going directly to the company's shareholders or fighting to replace management to get the acquisition approved. This is different from a friendly takeover, which is a proposal where a target company's management and board of directors gree to a merger or acquisition by another firm. Since liberalisation, India has seen numerous friendly takeovers but hostile acquisitions have been

In the 1980s, London-based NRI, Swaraj Paul, sought to control the management of two Índian companies, Escorts Limited and DCM (Delhi Cloth Mills) Limited, by picking up their shares from the stock market. Though Paul failed to fulfill his dream of controlling Escorts and DCM, he was successful in highlighting how particular families were exercising managerial control over large corporate entities despite holding a minuscule proportion of the concerned company's shares. Paul finally retracted his bid. While he was ultimately unsuccessful, Paul's hostile threat sent shockwaves through the otherwise complacent Indian business world.

This was followed by India Cements Limited (ICL) in its hostile bid for Raasi Cements Limited (RCL) in 1988, where ICL made an open offer for RCL shares at ₹300 per share at the time when the share price on the stock exchange, Mumbai (BSE), was around ₹100. The Indian FIs, that were protecting the promoters, felt cheated as they sold their stakes, leaving the FIs high and dry till they were bought out by ICL in an open offer. The effort by ICL to buy out Raasi was for its crown jewel, Shri Vishnu Cement. Raju, the promoter of Raasi, transferred 39.5 per cent of ment companies, in violation of the takeover code and the transfer was considered invalid. Finally, ICL sold the shares of Shri Vishnu Cement by the associate companies of Raju.

In a third example, in October 2000, Abhishek Dalmia made an open offer to acquire 45 per cent of the share capital in Gesco Corporation at ₹23 per share. This transaction entered into a drama of hostile takeover until the promoters of Gesco corporation and the Dalmia group announced they had reached an amicable settlement in the battle for Gesco, with the former buying out Dalmias' 10.5 per cent stake at ₹54 per share for a total consideration of ₹16 crore. The Gesco Corporation takeover drama showed that a bidder, with admittedly poor financial resources, could talk up a share only to exit later with a huge profit via a negotiated deal. In 2008, Emami acquired 23.6 per cent stake from Vaidyas, who are the co-founders of Zandu, at ₹6,900 per share. The Parikhs, who have been managing the



NUMEROUS WAYS FOLLOWED BY THE ACQUIRING COMPANIES FOR A HOSTILE TAKEOVER: SHARES ON AN OPEN MARKET; TENDER OFFER **SHAREHOLDERS** PREMIUM OVER THE MARKET PRICE; AND PROXY FIGHT, A SOLICITATION OF

SHAREHOLDERS' PROXIES TO VOTE FOR INSURGENT



TOEHOLD ACQUISITION, WHICH IS A PURCHASE OF THE TARGET'S company's operations for years, also parted with 20 per cent stake after trying to WHERE AN **ACQUIRER** OFFERS THE TARGET'S A BUYOUT OPTION AT A

DIRECTORS





save the firm for four months. Emami paid ₹750 crore to acquire 72 per cent stake in There are numerous ways which are followed by the acquiring companies for a hostile takeover: Toehold acquisition, which is a purchase of the target's shares on an open market; tender offer, where an acquirer offers the target's shareholders a buyout option at a premium over the market price; and proxy fight, a solicita-

tion of the shareholders' proxies to vote for insurgent directors. Having decided to acquire a target, the acquire usually deals with either of the two main corporate constituencies of the target: Management or shareholders. A possibility or threat of a hostile takeover causes the target's board to adopt and implement anti-takeover defences.

Stock re-purchase is a transaction by the target of its own-issued shares from its shareholders. This is an effective defence strategy that has registers success.

get's shareholders of the rights to purchase shares of the target or the merging acquire at a substantially reduced price. What triggers an execution of these rights is an acquisition by an acquirer of a certain percentage of the target's shareholding. If exercised, these rights can considerably dilute the acquirer's shareholding in the target and can thus deter a takeover. The poison pill is one of the most powerful defences against hostile takeovers.

Shark repellents are certain provisions in the target's charter or by-laws deterring an acquirer's desirability of a hostile takeover. This defence typically involves a supermajority vote requirement regarding a merger of the target with its majority shareholder. This defence also includes other takeover deterrent provisions in the target's certificate of incorporation or bylaws. Golden parachutes are additional

compensation to the target's top management in case of termination of its employment following a successful hostile acquisition. Since these reimbursements decrease the target's assets, this defence reduces the amount the acquirer is willing to pay for the target's shares. This defence may thus harm shareholders. It, however, effectively deters hostile

Staggered board is a board in which only a certain number of directors, usually one-third, is re-elected annually. It is a powerful anti-takeover defence, which might be stronger than is commonly recognised. For the reason of being too strong and reducing returns to the target's shareholders, the latter happened to resist this type of defence.

Greenmail is a buyout by the target of its own shares from the hostile acquire with a premium over the market price, which results in the acquire's agreement get in the near future.

Standstill agreement is an undertaking by the acquirer not to grab any more shares of the target within certain period of time. A standstill agreement is an additional defence that usually accompanies the greenmail described above.

Leveraged recapitalisation is a series of transactions designed to affect the equity and debt structure of a corporation. Recapitalisation usually involves such transactions as sale of assets, issuance of debt and distribution of dividends.

Leveraged buyout is a purchase of the target by the management with the use of debt financing. This defence burdens the target with the debt. In such a case, the management becomes a bidder and competes with a hostile acquire for control over the target.

Crown jewels are options under which a favoured party can buy a key part of the target at a price that may be less than

White knight is a strategic merger that does not involve a change of control and relieves the target's management of e responsibility to seek best price.

White squire is given by the target to a friendly party of a certain ownership in the target. This defence is effective against acquisition by the hostile party of the target by "freezing out" minority sharehold-

Scorched earth is a self-tender offer by the target that burdens the target with

Lockups are defensive mechanisms in friendly mergers and acquisitions designed to deter hostile bids. Pacman is a target's tender offer for

the acquire's shares.

Change of control provisions is the target's contractual arrangement with third parties that burden the target in the case of a change in its control.

approach that enables the board simply to reject a proposal of any potential acquirer who would fail to prove that his acquisition strategy matches that of the target. Like all strategies, some defence strategies are more effective than others and not all are successful all the time. A golden parachute may decrease the price that the acquirer would be willing to pay for the target but it may not necessarily stop the

hostile acquisition. On the other hand, a poison pill can easily lose its effect if the acquire wins a proxy fight for the target and then redeems the pill. Therefore, it is prudent that a company should consider devising relevant anti-takeover defences from the very incorporation of business.

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The fatal game of opportunistic politics

The odds of the BJP stealing the narrative from real issues like jobs and farmers' crisis to build its campaign on the twin planks of nationalism and terrorism are not lost on anyone. The Opposition has a lot of catching up to do



ith elections round the corner, the Opposition still seems to be groping for a solid and cohesive poll narrative against the Modi Government, while the ruling BIP has identified terror and nationalism as its main theme. The Opposition had been concentrating on a basic plank, essentially on livelihood issues. It was confident of taking on the Government with issues like jobs, agrarian crisis and demonetisation all of which determine the outcome of

the polls as it affects the common man. However, this was the scenario till the Pulwama and Balakot incidents happened last month. Also, until then, the Opposition was in an advantageous position after the BJP lost three States

to the Congress in the Hindi heartland Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh in December last year. Momentum was gradually shifting from the BJP to the Opposition. An upbeat Congress began its campaign with high spirit during the New Year. West Bengal Chief Minister

Mamata Banerjee and her Delhi counterpart, Arvind Kejriwal, organised two impressive rallies to show off Opposition unity in Kolkata and Delhi respectively. The Opposition became aggressive and the BJP, until six weeks ago, seemed to be the only responding to its campaign on Rafale deal rather than setting the agenda. There's no doubt that last month's unprecedented events — Pulwama terror attack, the retaliatory Balakot air strikes, the capture and release of Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman by Pakistan — have made 'security' and 'terrorism' the key poll issues, thus

bringing nationalism to the forefront. The Opposition lost the momentum it briefly acquired to put the BJP on the defensive. The saffron party quickly snatched the advantage and began to build its poll campaign on



'terrorism'. All earlier issues like the building of the Ram temple in Ayodhya and triple talaq were pushed to the backburner.

Obviously, the BJP has regained the political narrative for the electoral battle while the Opposition is still twiddling its thumbs as to how to bring back the livelihood issues to the forefront as they cannot criticise the Government on intelligence failure beyond a limit. The Opposition is also not doing

a united campaign at the national level.

The BJP is taking full advantage of its

disunity and appears to have success-

suited to guard the country against terrorism, sponsored by Pakistan. On the ground, each Opposition party has peen doing its own campaign. The Opposition claims that though there is not one single narrative at the national level, individual parties will campaign on the common theme that the BJP must be removed because of its failure on various fronts, including unemployment and farmers' issues. "Every party has to stick to its own platform," claimed a Left leader.

As for the Congress, the principal Opposition party, its president,

Rahul Gandhi, is running a sustained campaign on the Rafale deal for the past few months but it is not catching up. Also, the Congress fell into the BJP's trap when it changed the poll narrative to Pulwama and 'Chowkidar' baits instead of focusing on bringing the real issues back.

The BJP is happy to dwell on these issues as it diverts attention from other subjects like jobs and agrarian crisis where the Modi Government has really not lived up to the expectations. The BJP is going all out with its latest mass campaign — 'Main Bhi Chowkidar' and 'Namumkin ab Mumkin Hai', slogans showing Modi as the supreme leader who can solve India's problems. The BJP hopes to win the elections mainly on the weakness of the Opposition, whose much-touted 'Mahagathbandhan' at the national level still remains an idea and not a reality; although there are State-specific coalitions.

The second is Modi's presidential style of campaigning. It is Modi versus no Opposition face, which can limit the Opposition's chances. Third, it is the failure of the Opposition to

come up with a credible and effective narrative, capitalising on the Government's weaknesses. On the other hand, the BJP has been able to determine its agenda by getting away with its diversionary tactics. Fourth, the BJP has stitched alliances in various States, even ceding space to the allies; whereas the Congress is still dilly-dallying. However, the BJP also knows

that it will be difficult to sustain the Pulwama and Balakot themes for the next two months; though it got a big boost to its campaign in the past few weeks. As time passes, it would get further diluted. Therefore, the BJP needs a winning narrative. The Opposition, too, needs an effective counter-narrative. All these in an electoral background where there is no 'hawa' for or against any party no highly emotional issues, not much of anti incumbency against Modi and unlike 2014 no 'Modi wave'. The results will show who has the right narrative this time — the NDA or the UPA.

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IN FULL

Mr Mueller has produced a lengthy and complicated document. Its four-page summary includes some good news for Donald Trump about a scandal that has lapped at his door since he became US President. Whether it is all good news for Trump can only be assessed when Mueller's full report is made public, and it is urgent that it is. (The Guardian editorial)

Jet's domestic pilots write to SBI, seek salary dues

Jet Airways shares rally

higher as Naresh Goyal

Shares of Jet Airways continued to rise for the second day on Tuesday and

closed 6.5 per cent higher on the bourses

following the exit of Chairman Naresh

Goyal and his wife Anita Goyal from its

cent on the BSE. During the day, it zoomed 9.62 per cent to ₹279.

The stock closed at ₹271, up 6.48 per

At the NSE, shares jumped 5.37 per

On the traded volume front, 54.11 lakh

Shares of Jet Airways had zoomed 15.5

Naresh Goyal and his wife will resign

The decision was taken at the airline's

In the filing to the stock exchanges, Jet

Abu Dhabi-based Etihad is a strategic

Naresh Goyal would also cease to be

Further, an immediate funding of up

to ₹1,500 crore would be provided to the cash-strapped airline by "way of issue of

appropriate debt instrument", the filing

from the board of the airline, according to

board meeting held in Mumbai Monday.

Airways on Monday said Naresh Goyal,

Anita Goyal and one nominee of Etihad

Airways PJSC would step down from the

partner with 24 per cent stake in Jet

ne chairman, the filing had said.

shares were traded on the BSE and over 6

crore shares on the NSE during the day.

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cent to close at ₹267.75

per cent on Monday.

regulatory filing Monday.

ret Airways' domestic pilots body, the National Aviators Guild (NAG), on Tuesday sought a meeting with State Bank chairman Rainish Kumar over pending salaries, a day after the lenders took over the carrier founded by Naresh Goyal a quarter of a cen-

The guild had last week announced that its over 1,100 -odd members would stop flying from April 1 of their salaries dues were not cleared and a clarity on PTI ■ NEW DELHI the revival roadmap was not provided by March 31.

After lots of dilly-dallying, founder chairman Naresh Goyal and his board-member wife Anita, had Monday decided to step down and also pare their stake to 25.5 percent from 50.1 percent. The changes also saw its foreign partner Etihad halving its stake to 12 percent and ceding a board position.

Under the new deal, banks, mostly led by staterun lenders, have would infuse ₹1,500 crore of emergency liquidity to the airline and convert total debt of over 9,700 crore (including the fresh capital infusion) into equity worth 50.1 percent at a price of ₹1.

With this, the public float in the airline has also come down 12.5 percent from 25 percent earlier.

"We humbly request to you to alleviate some of the hardships that we and engineers have been facing, by ensuring that the new Jet management does not further delay our pending salaries dues at the earliest, NAG general secretary Tej Sood said in an e-mail to

Thanking SBI for putting Jet on the road to recovery, Sood said, "we'd also be grateful if you could spare us some time and meet us to give us an idea of the recovery roadmap," as this would help us rebuild our confidence and reassure us that the uncertainty is

The guild represents about 1,100 of the around 1,600 pilots of the airline, and many of them have reportedly got offers from rival Indigo and Spicejet.

The guild members have come together and stood behind the airline when it was passing through its worst period, he claimed adding, "despite the severe financial difficulties and uncertainties over our future that we have been facing over the past few months, we have

Sood also assured the new management of its continued support in reviving the once top airline.

Rajan raises doubts on 7% growth Rupee rises 10 paise to 68.86 vs USD

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 $\begin{array}{ccccc} F^{ormer} & \text{RBI Governor} \\ F_{Raghuram} & \text{Rajan on} \\ \text{Tuesday expressed doubts} \end{array}$ over Indian economy growing at 7 per cent when not enough jobs were being created and said the current cloud over the GDP numbers must be cleared by appointing an impartial body to look at the data. Rajan, who has also served as Chief Economist at

the International Monetary Fund (IMF), said he had no idea what statistics are pointing at currently and "a revamp" was needed "to really figure out what India's true growth rate is".

"I know one minister (in Narendra Government) has said (that) how can we be growing at 7 per cent and not have jobs. Well, one possibility is that we are not growing at 7 per cent," he told CNBC TV18.

He did not name the Minister.

Finance Minister Arun Jaitley has been stoutly defending the growth data saying an economy cannot be growing at 7-8 per cent without creating jobs. He has also stated that no major social agitation indicates it hasn't been jobless growth.

Rajan, who was Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor between September 2013 and September 2016, said a stronger broad-based growth is needed that creates more

On doubts being raised by some over economic data after

revision in growth rate, he said a clean up act is needed and an impartial body appointed to look at the numbers.

"I just think that we need now to essentially clean up, find out what in fact is the source of confusion with the new GDP numbers, with the revisions etc. I would say setting up an impartial body to look at it is an important step to resorting confidence," he said.

The impartial body may throwback the same numbers but "we absolutely need better confidence in our GDP numbers now given the back and forth we have had".

In November 2018, the Central Statistics Office (CSO) lowered the GDP growth for previous Congress-led UPA by recalibrating national accounts. After this, the four years of the current Government showed higher average growth than that achieved during the UPA.

Last month, the Government revised the economic growth rate upwards to 7.2 per cent for 2017-18 from 6.7 per cent estimated earlier.

Questions have been

raised about the Government not making public the NSSO labour survey that reportedly put unemployment rate in 2017 at a 45-year high. Earlier this month, a

group of 108 economists and social scientists said that lately, the Indian statistics and the institutions associated with it have however come under a cloud for being influenced and indeed even controlled by political considerations.

lost ground and finally ended

at 68.86, up 10 paise against its

previous close of 68.96 per

"The success of India's USD 5 billion swap auction will decide whether it will become a popular instrument in the central bank's liquidity tool box," said V K Sharma, Head PCG and Capital Markets Strategy, HDFC Securities.

domestic equities also propped up the local unit, forex traders "The rupee appreciated further as foreign institution-Under the rupee-dollar swap auction conducted Tuesday, the Reserve Bank al flows continue to find their way into Indian markets," said received bids for \$16.31 billion, Sharma, Sunil Investment Officer, Sanctum against the notified amount of Wealth Management.

Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) pumped in Rs 150.40 crore on a net basis Monday, provisional data The dollar index, which

However, it clawed back gauges the greenback's strength

against a basket of six curren-

cies, fell 0.07 per cent to 96.50. Meanwhile, global crude rices were trading higher and this restricted the rupee's

Brent crude futures, the lobal oil benchmark, was trading 0.88 per cent up at \$67.80 per barrel.

Meanwhile, benchmark Sensex rebounded about 425 points, or 1.12 per cent, to end at 38,233.41 Tuesday. The broader NSE Nifty climbed 129 points, or 1.14 per cent, to 11,483.25.

The Financial Benchmark India Private Ltd (FBIL) set the reference rate for the rupee/dollar at 68.8469 and for rupee/euro at 77.8663. The reference rate for rupee/British pound was fixed at 90.7737 and for rupee/100 Japanese yen at

Govt refuses to disclose details on RBI Governor Das appointment

The Centre has refused to share details related to the appointment of RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das citing a clause in the transparency law which bars disclosure of information, including "records of deliberations of the council of ministers, secretaries and other officers".

Replying to an RTI query, it declined to share the details, including names of short-listed candidates and file notings related to the appointment.

2018 named as the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for three years.

The appointment came after Urjit Patel abruptly resigned amid a face-off with the Government over issues related to governance and autonomy of the central bank.

The RTI application was filed by this correspondent with the Department of Financial Services (DFS) seeking details like copy of any advertisement or vacancy circular issued by the Government on appointment of RBI Governor, names of all applicants who had applied for the post and those short-listed

The DFS was also asked to provide details on composition of search committee to shortlist candidates and copy of minutes of meetings held on deciding the RBI Governor.

FINMIN SEEKS EC NOD FOR ANNOUNCING **GOVT'S BORROWING CALENDAR**

New Delhi: The Finance approval for announcing the

Ministry has sought the Government's borrowing pro-Election Commission's gramme for the first half of the



Bajaj Auto on Tuesday launched Platina 100 Kick Start (KS). The new Kick Start variant comes with CBS (Combi Brake System). The bike will be available in Ebony black with silver decals, and Cocktail wine red, the new Platina 100 KS is priced at ₹40,500 (ex-showroom Delhi) and will be available across all Bajaj Auto

next fiscal year beginning April 1, an official said.

The Government in the Budget had proposed to borrow a gross amount of ₹7.10 lakh crore from the market during 2019-20, higher than ₹5.71 ľakh crore in the current fiscal.

Finance Ministry officials and representatives of the RBI Tuesday finalised the borrowing calendar for the April-September period of next fiscal, but did not make any announcement as the model code of conduct for the ensuing general elections is in place.
"We have sought Election

will announce the borrowing schedule after receiving its nod," the official said. The Government bor-

rows money from the market to meet its fiscal deficit, which is the difference between total expenditure and total receipts. **PTI**

TV viewers may soon be able to switch service providers without changing set top box

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swap auction.

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low of 68.98.

The rupee appreciated by 10

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the US dollar on Tuesday fol-

lowing a robust response to

RBI's maiden rupee-dollar

inflows and heavy buying in

Sustained foreign fund

At the Interbank Foreign

Exchange (forex) market, the

rupee opened strong at 68.88

against the greenback but sur-

rendered the gains to slip to a

□V viewers may be able to **1** switch their DTH or cable service providers without changing the set top box (STB) by the end of this year, according to regulator Trai's Chairman R S Sharma.

"Since last two years we have been trying to make STBs interoperable. Large part of problem has been resolved. There are some business challenges (which) remain... We are looking at this to happen by end of this year," Sharma told Tuesday.

He added that interoperability in a product should not come as an "after thought" but should be in place at the product planning stage itself.

Open systems are going to be the future. Entire back-end of Aadhaar has been developed

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biometric de-duplication system," Sharma said. The Telecom Regulatory

on open source software except

Authority of India (Trai) chairman released a study on open ecosystem for devices in India, prepared by the Indian Cellular and Electronics Association (ICEA) and consultant firm KPMG, which showed that 89 per cent of mobile phones in the country work on open source operating systems.

Sharma cited interoperability as one of the key factors behind the success of the Indian mobile phone industry where no subscriber is required to buy a new phone if he wants to change his service provider.

The report found that Open OS mobile operating systems have expanded the smartphone market in India by reducing barriers to entry.

Mobile Ad spends show an upward trajectory for India: Report

Momagic Technologies on Tuesday released a report — Disrupting Mobile Ad Tech in India: delivering user experience, in which nearly 84% respondents stated a jump in their budgets for Mobile Ad spends within the spectrum of digital marketing.

"Mobile advertising in India is all set to take a quantum jump in the next two vears with more and more Indians, moving to consuming their mobile phones. With mobile data prices in India being the lowest in the world, advertisers and marketers have changed their strategy to get quantifiable results with deep user insight," Arun Gupta, CEO and Founder MoMAGIC

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that two girls namely (1) Divya, D/o Raju, R/o C/7/354/355, Sultan Puri, Delhi, Age: 18 years, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Wearing: Black Sweater, Black Pajami and Chappal in feet, (2) Kirti, D/o Arvind, R/o C/7/354/355, Sultan Puri, Delhi, Age: 20 years, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Wearing: Violet

colour Kurti, Blue Jeans Pant and Chappal in feet, have been been missing/kidnapped from the area of P.S. Sultan Puri, Delhi since 02.03.2019. In this regard a DD No. 69-A dated 02.03.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Sultan Puri

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

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Ph. No.: 011-24368638, 24368641 P.S. Sultan Puri, Delhi DP/2019/OD/19 Ph.: 011-25472410, 25472166

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



Chhote Lal

General Public is hereby informed that a man namely Chhote Lai S/o Babu Ram, R/o H.No. A-720, Gali No. 12, Jeewan Park, Siraspur, Delhi has been missing a kidnapped since 09.12.2018 from the area of PS. Samaipur Badli. In this regard a DD No. 02-A dated 14.12.2018 has been lodged at PS, Samaipur Badli

The description of Missing/kidnapped man is as under: Name: Chhote Lal, Father's Name: Babu Ram, Age: 45 years, Height: 5'4", Face: Round, Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: White Pant and Blue Colour Shirt and Hawai Chappal

If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned. SHO

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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED GIRL

General Public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo) namely Shivani D/o Manoj R/o H. No D-15/31, Near Roop Krishna Public School, Shahbad Dairy, Delhi Aged - 17 Years has been reported missing/ kidnapped since 06.12.2018 from the area of P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi vide FIR No. 677/18 u/s 363 IPC dated 07.12.2018 registered at Police Station Shahbad Dairy, Delhi. Her physical description is

Complexion: Fair, Height: 5'2", Face: Long, Wearing: Red coloured suit, yellow coloured salwar and black sandal in feet. Any person having any information/Clue about this missing/kidnapped girl, may inform SHO, Shahbad Dairy, Delhi at E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in or website: http://cbi.nic.in

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SHO, Shahbad Dairy, Delhi. Tel.: 011-27821047, 27822207 DP/2580/RD/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



girl namely Taashu D/o Pradeep, R/o H.No. 256, Village Madanpur Dabas, Kanjhawala, Rohini, Delhi, Age: 15 yrs., Height: 4'10", Complexion Wheatish, Face : Round, Wearing Green Colour Suit, Green Colour Check Pajami and Hawai Chappal in

20.01.2019 u/s 363 IPC has been registered at PS. Kanjhawala, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local Police to trace out the missing / kidnapped girl but no clue has come to light so far. if anyone have any information about this missing

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

PS. Kanjhawala, Delhi Ph.: 011-25952485, 25951486 Puneet

boy Namely: Puneet, S/o: Bhopal Singh, R/o: H.No.- 67, Nehru Endave, Alipur, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 13.02.2019 from the area of P.S. Alipur, Delhi. In this regard a case vide DD No. 81-A dated 06.03.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Alipur, Delhi. The

Wearing: Blue Colour Jacket, Black Colour Pant and Brown Colour Shoes in Feet. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the boy but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this boy kindly inform to the following.

Website: http//cbi.nic.in E-mail Id - cic@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax No. 011-24368639 P.S. Alipur, Delhi Ph.: 011-27202265, 27202290, 7065036325 DP/136/ON/19

TENDER NOTICE

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Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems) N.I.T. No.: 128-W-260-TN-85-18-19-W-2. 1. Name of Work with its location

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Replacement of 118 sets of the existing 60/52kg Points & Crossings with 60kg Thick veb switches/ curved switches and WCMS crossing under SE/P.Way/MTC & MOZ and replacement of turnout fittings in MTC Subdivision under ADEN/MUT and replacement laid on wooden/ST/PRC sleepers with PRC fan shaped turnouts the section ADEN/MUT under Sr.DEN-II/DLI. 2. Approx. Cost of work : Rs. 22451047.52. 3. Earnest Money: Rs. 262300/- (it should be in the form of net panking or payment gateway Only. Note:- FDR will not be accepted as EMD for ender invited on as per Railway Boards letter No. 2015/CE-I/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016). 4. Completion Period : 06 Months. 5. Cost of tender on Cash/by oost: Rs. 11800/- (It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway only Note:- FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS Railway Boards letter No. 2015/CE-I/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016). 6. Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender: 09.04.2019 to 23.04.2019 upto 15:00 hrs Opening of tender 23.04.2019 at 15:00 hrs. on. 7. Similar Nature of Work: CTR/TRR/TFR/TTR including raising of track, deeping screening, listressing of track, pre & post works for track maintenance machine, TRT/PQRS/ pallast, screening/regulating machines & TTR by T-28. 8. Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc. Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. No. 128-W-260-TN-85-18-19-W-2 Dated: 25.03.2019.

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that

one girl (depicted in the photo) namely

Simran, D/o Bhukhal Mehato, R/o

Jhuggi No. 207, T-Block, Near Munshi

Colony, Mangol Puri, Delhi, has been

missing since Dated 07.03.2019. In



Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-Age: 16 years 6 months, Complexion: Sallow, Height: 5'4", Face: Round, Clothing: Wearing white colour Suit, blue colour Pajami and Sandal in feet.

Any person is having any information/Clue about this missing girl, may inform undersigned.

Website: http://cbi.nic.in E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Fax: 011-24368639 P.S. Raj Park, Delhi Ph.No.: 011-24368638, 24368641 DP/2035/OD/19 Ph.: 011-27910070, 27910071 General public is hereby informed that a

Feet, has been missing / kidnapped since 20.01.2019 from the area of PS. Kanjhawala. In this regard a case FIR No. 16/19 dated

DP/2637/RD/19.



General Public is hereby informed that one description of the missing boy are as under: Age: 22 years, Height: 5' 5", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Long,

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 Vinod Kumar, S/o Lala Ram, R/o RZQ-9, Nihal Vihar, **Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 302/16 u/s 498-A/406 IPC, P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Vinod Kumar cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Vinod Kumar has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Vinod

Kumar of FIR No. 302/16 u/s 498-A/406 IPC, P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 30.04.2019. By Order

Metropolitan Magistrate Mahila Court (West District), Room No. 252, 2nd Floor, DP/2038/CD/19(Court Matter) Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

Ms. Aanchal,

Sensex zooms 425 pts amid global rebound

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 $B^{\rm enchmark\,Sensex\,rebound-}_{\rm ed\,about\,425\,points\,to\,end}$ well above the 38,000-mark Tuesday, breaking its two-day falling streak on gains in heavy-weights RIL, SBI and ICICI Bank amid persistent foreign fund inflows and positive global leads. The broader NSE Nifty too inched closer to the key 11,500 mark.

A stronger rupee, which climbed 19 paise to 68.77 against the US dollar (intraday), also supported the rally, brokers said.

The 30-share Sensex stayed in the green for the better part of the session and hit the day's high of 38,297.70 as buying pace gathered momentum towards the fag-end.

It finally ended at 38,233.41, up 424.50 points, or 1.12 per cent. The gauge had lost over 575 points in the previous two sessions, tracking a sell-off across global markets.

The broader NSE Nifty climbed 129 points, or 1.14 per cent, to close at 11,483.25 Intra-day, it shuttled between 11,495.90 and 11,352.45.

Oil-to-telecom conglomerate Reliance Industries emerged as a prominent gainer in the Sensex pack, spurting over 3 per cent.

Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) remained net buyers, pumping in Rs 150.40 crore, while domestic institutional investors (DIIs) sold shares worth ₹12.52 crore Monday, provisional data showed.

Globally, Asian and European stocks bounced back, reversing part of their recent losses, as US Treasury yields edged higher, easing concerns about a recession in the world's largest economy.

"After a subdued opening, market bounced back sharply and covered yesterday's losses due to positive global peers. Global growth outlook still remains a concern while rise in US 10-yr bond yield after two days of fall gave some respite to investor sentiment. "The rebound was broad based except IT index due to strengthening rupee. Gradual fall in FII inflows added some caution among investors which may end up with some consolidation in the near term, after a sharp rally in the short term," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services. Staté-run NTPC topped the gainers' chart in the Sensex pack, rallying 3.28 per cent, followed by SBI at 3.23 per cent. Other winners were Vedanta 3.18 per cent, ICICI

Bank 2.75 per cent, Bajaj Finance 2.72 per cent, Yes Bank 2.71 per cent, Kotak Bank 2.60 per cent, Asian Paints 2.02 per cent, IndusInd Bank 1.84 per cent, Axis Bank 1.79 per cent, HCL Tech 1.73 per cent and HDFC Bank 1.21 per cent.

Sun Pharma, Tata Motors, Maruti Suzuki, M&M, Tata Steel, HUL, Hero MotoCorp, PowerGrid, ONGC and Bharti Airtel too ended with gains of up to 1.11 per cent.

However, Infosys lost 1.23 per cent, Bajaj Auto 0.85 per cent, ITC Ltd 0.68 per cent, L&T 0.37 per cent, TCS 0.26 per cent, Coal India 0.08 per cent and HDFC Ltd shed 0.01

Shares of Jet Airways soared for the second day Tuesday, zooming nearly 7 per cent following the exit of founder and Chairman Naresh Goyal and his wife Anita from the board of the ailing airline. Coming to sectoral indices,

power 1.70 per cent, PSU 1.31 per cent, metal 1.11 per cent, consumer durables 1.08 per cent, infrastructure 0.99 per cent, oil and gas 0.97 per cent, realty 0.73 per cent, healthcare 0.61 per cent, FMCG 0.13 per cent and capital goods 0.15 per

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Oil PSUs profitability to take a hit: Moody's

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Profitability of state-owned refiners such as Indian Oil Corp (IOC) may come under pressure if the government asks them to temporarily freeze the prices of petrol, diesel and other fuels ahead of general elections, Moody's Investors Service said Tuesday.

Before the Gujarat and Karnataka state elections, the government had asked oil companies to temporarily suspend the practice of adjusting the prices of petrol and diesel on a daily

"Given India's upcoming general election in April-May, we expect the refiners' profitability may come under pressure if they are asked by the government to temporarily freeze the prices of petroleum products," Moody's said in a report. The BJP-led NDA, if voted back to

power, could allow oil companies to

recover their losses post elections as it

has done in previous state-level elec-

tions, it said. "A change in government may expose the oil companies to a new set of challenges that are harder to anticipate because the oil and gas sector policy of other parties contesting in the elections is not yet clear."

State-owned IOC, Petroleum Corp Ltd (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corp Ltd (HPCL) had temporarily stopped revising fuel prices first in December 2017, ahead of assembly elections in Guiarat and then in April/May 2018 before Karnataka elections. So far, they have continued to change prices on a daily basis.

India goes to polls in seven phases beginning April 11.

Moody's expects India's state-owned oil companies will continue to pay high dividends in the next fiscal year, which will be negative for refiners but the oil producers will not be as significantly

In a report on the country's statewned oil and gas companies, Moody's said: "High shareholder returns will increase the oil companies' aggregate borrowings and constrain their credit profiles." It expected Oil and Natural Gas Corp (ONGC), IOC, Oil India Ltd (OIL) and BPCL to maintain high dividends payments as well as conduct share buybacks in fiscal 2020.

Online food ordering mkt may grow at over 16 pc

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Guwahati: The online food ordering market in India is likely to grow at over 16 per cent annually to touch USD 17.02 billion by 2023, according to a study by business consultancy firm Market Research Future.

The study, titled 'Digital Platforms Reign in the Food Ordering Market', said

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the growth in online food ordering market has been attributed to the rising number of women in working population in most of the metro cities. "The Indian online food ordering market is slated to grow at a CAGR (compound annual growth rate) of 16.2 per cent at USD 17.02 billion by 2023," it said.

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OBEROI HOTELS UNVEILS NEW BRAND IDENTITY

New Delhi: Oberoi Hotels & Resorts Tuesday unveiled a new brand identity, Oberoi Sun, and added a tag line 'Heart. Felt.'. In a statement, The Oberoi Group said the rebranding was based on extensive research that showed that "sincere care and personal attention" set it apart from others. "Oberoi Hotels & Resorts has revisited its identity to ensure that it reflects all its core values and proudly presents the 'Oberoi Sun'. The 'Oberoi Sun' translates the warmth, energy, and sense of well-being that our guests experience. This is the promise that each one of us at Oberoi makes to every single guest," it said. A newly-revamped website has also been launched. "The words 'Heart. Felt.' have been added to explain the way guests describe their Oberoi experience and form the central pillar of the brand strategy and communication programme," the statement said. The Oberoi Group Executive Chairman P R S Oberoi said: "With a belief and commitment to our guests, we thought who better to guide us into the future than our guests, initiating an exciting journey of brand re-discovery for Oberoi." Oberoi Hotels & Resorts operates 22 hotels and resorts in six countries. The Oberoi Marrakech in Morocco, the newest resort in the portfolio, is set to open this year.

ITC SELLS BRAND JOHN PLAYERS TO RELIANCE RETAIL

New Delhi: Conglomerate ITC Tuesday said it has sold its menswear brand ohn Players to Reliance Retail for an undisclosed amount. Besides, the Kolkatabased firm has also transferred the trademark as part of the deal. "In line with this ongoing restructuring, ITC has sold the brand John Players and related trademarks and intellectual property, and the goodwill related thereto, to Reliance Retail Ltd," a spokesperson of ITC said. He said a restructuring plan is underway as part of the strategic review of the lifestyle retailing business. According to media reports, the deal is estimated to be around Rs 150 crore. The deal would strengthen the presence of Reliance Retail and its online platform Ajio.com in the growing lifestyle retail space. Established in 2002, John Players was a youth fashion

JET AIRWAYS SHARES RALLY FURTHER; CLOSE 6.5% HIGHER AS NARESH GOYAL STEPS DOWN

New Delhi: Shares of Jet Airways continued to rise for the second day Tuesday and closed 6.5 per cent higher on the bourses following the exit of Chairman Naresh Goyal and his wife Anita Goyal from its board. The stock closed at ₹271, up 6.48 per cent on the BSE. During the day, it zoomed 9.62 per cent to ₹279. At the NSE, shares jumped 5.37 per cent to close at ₹267.75. On the traded volume front, 54.11 lakh shares were traded on the BSE and over 6 crore shares on the NSE during the day. Shares of Jet Airways had zoomed 15.5 per cent on Monday. Naresh Goyal and his wife will resign from the board of the airline, according to a regulatory filing Monday. The decision was taken at the airline's board meeting held in Mumbai Monday. In the filing to the stock exchanges, Jet Airways Monday said Naresh Goyal, Anita Goyal and one nominee of Etihad Airways PJSC would step down from the board.

NIFTY 50

SCRIP	OPEN	HIgh	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY 50	11375.20	11496.75	11352.45	11483.25	129.00
NTPC	136.00	142.00	136.00	140.75	5.40
SBIN	294.75	305.00	294.75	304.80	10.80
VEDL	170.00	174.35	169.00	174.25	6.00
RELIANCE	1330.30	1371.60	1330.00	1369.00	44.55
BAJFINANCE	2860.00	2942.00	2859.00	2940.00	90.20
YESBANK	247.50	254.80	247.45	254.65	7.40
ICICIBANK	384.95	395.50	383.40	394.70	11.20
KOTAKBANK	1312.25	1347.95	1310.05	1343.10	34.45
GRASIM	820.00	838.80	816.10	836.00	20.60
IBULHSGFIN	721.00	734.80	716.00	730.30	16.95
INFRATEL	305.20	314.00	305.20	313.70	7.10
GAIL	352.80	362.00	351.65	359.40	7.75
INDUSINDBK	1681.00	1720.00	1668.60	1720.00	36.45
ADANIPORTS	361.35	369.85	361.35	369.00	7.65
AXISBANK	747.40	760.95	741.65	760.70	15.00
HCLTECH	1013.35	1043.80	1011.50	1038.00	20.35
ASIANPAINT	1460.50	1492.25	1460.50	1482.00	24.45
TITAN	1105.00	1120.00	1088.35	1118.50	18.40
ONGC	159.00	163.05	158.70	160.20	2.55
ULTRACEMCO	3869.00	3944.75	3830.00	3930.00	58.95
HDFCBANK	2275.90	2315.00	2272.60	2313.50	32.20
HINDALCO	205.55	209.35	204.60	208.25	2.80
JSWSTEEL	277.95	282.40	276.50	282.40	3.60
SUNPHARMA	467.00	471.50	462.10	470.15	5.50
TATAMOTORS	171.90	173.60	171.60	173.30	2.00
MARUTI	6558.00	6600.00	6480.00	6595.00	72.40
EICHERMOT	21275.00	21444.20	21005.00	21382.05	230.70
HINDPETRO	275.05	280.00	272.25	276.80	2.55
TATASTEEL	516.00	520.95	514.15	519.55	4.40
ZEEL	418.10	427.20	416.60	419.95	3.50
BAJAJFINSV	6967.00	7060.00	6920.00	6970.25	53.00
M&M	664.65	672.40	661.00	669.50	4.90
POWERGRID	202.15	203.90	199.40	203.45	1.45
HINDUNILVR	1679.90	1691.55	1674.00	1684.00	10.15
BHARTIARTL	328.55	331.40	326.25	328.70	1.70
CIPLA	528.50	532.50	525.70	529.15	2.30
BPCL	384.25	388.40	376.50	384.40	0.70
HDFC	1950.40	1953.35	1930.85	1948.20	2.55
BAJAJ-AUTO	2961.05	2968.00	2939.00	2957.00	-0.95
HEROMOTOCO		2604.70	2546.80	2574.50	-1.20
DRREDDY	2791.00	2793.95	2762.50	2776.65	-4.30
LT	1379.80	1388.80	1367.75	1372.85	-3.90
TCS	1984.00	1994.95	1958.05	1977.40	-6.85
ITC	295.00	296.35	291.05	294.00	-1.05
COALINDIA	237.25	242.75	234.30	235.80	-1.40
WIPRO	257.10	258.60	253.40	254.95	-1.55
INFY	735.25	735.25	719.10	727.80	-7.45
UPL	910.55	917.30	891.10	902.95	-9.75
IOC	165.10	169.75	160.50	161.95	-2.40
TECHM	790.20	791.90	768.15	769.65	-19.95

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<u>SCRIP</u>	<u>OPEN</u>	<u>HIgh</u>	<u>LOW</u>	<u>LTP</u>	CHANGE
NIFTY NEXT 50	27497.20	27731.55	27487.05	27681.75	258.50
PIDILITIND	1174.10	1240.00	1174.10	1233.00	53.45
DLF	191.40	205.35	188.50	196.40	7.15
BANKBARODA	119.10	122.15	118.75	122.15	3.95
SHREECEM	17884.85	18499.00	17806.30	18420.00	588.40
BHEL	69.95	72.70	69.75	71.20	2.10
HAVELLS	741.00	761.25	741.00	760.55	21.60
INDIGO	1376.00	1430.00	1352.25	1422.35	37.90
HDFCLIFE	362.20	370.25	361.05	368.60	9.35
NIACL	183.00	187.15	182.50	186.30	4.55
L&TFH	144.30	148.60	144.30	147.45	3.25
COLPAL	1241.00	1261.85	1232.05	1259.00	26.30
PEL	2585.00	2645.00	2558.35	2627.25	53.75
ICICIGI	1005.00	1036.95	988.00	1013.00	20.20
NHPC	24.45	25.10	24.45	24.85	0.45
ABCAPITAL	99.00	102.85	99.00	101.50	1.80
SAIL	50.45	50.85	50.10	50.70	0.75
LICHSGFIN	525.15	534.35	523.70	530.00	7.75
MARICO	334.00	339.00	330.65	339.00	4.70
SIEMENS	1043.60	1065.00	1043.60	1063.55	14.70
ICICIPRULI	312.15	326.65	312.15	326.15	4.15
DABUR	422.00	431.70	420.30	425.15	5.20
AMBUJACEM	228.45	232.20	228.40	232.10	2.75
SRTRANSFIN	1211.00	1214.00	1190.50	1212.95	13.25
CADILAHC	332.35	336.90	331.70	335.50	3.40
OIL	177.25	179.90	176.50	177.80	1.65
AUROPHARMA	779.95	783.75	770.50	783.00	7.15
SUNTV	583.00	591.95	581.05	585.00	5.15
LUPIN	733.00	738.65	731.15	734.65	5.60
BEL	92.25	93.25	91.70	92.40	0.60
HINDZINC	272.10	274.00	269.65	272.50	1.65
DMART	1473.80	1488.25	1467.25	1480.00	8.80
GODREJCP	687.00	694.85	683.05	693.10	3.55
MOTHERSUMI	145.00	148.80	144.00	144.90	0.65
BRITANNIA	3100.00	3132.00	3060.00	3100.00	9.25
BIOCON	614.90	615.90	610.40	611.70	1.45
OFSS	3355.00	3375.90	3328.00	3360.00	7.70
MRF	56399.00	56399.00	56050.00	56120.00	113.75
NMDC	105.00	106.30	103.30	104.95	0.15
BOSCHLTD	18257.00	18257.00	18075.00	18200.00	17.40
BANDHANBNK	492.00	493.55	487.00	487.85	0.00
ACC	1583.80	1590.00	1555.05	1573.50	-2.40
ABB	1335.00	1344.00	1320.05	1332.00	-2.40
PGHH	10348.00	10550.00	10323.75	10354.05	-44.95
SBILIFE					-3.60
CONCOR	612.00	617.90	606.80	607.45	
	508.00	510.00	502.80	503.00	-3.15
PETRONET	239.55	241.15	237.10	237.30	-1.55
MCDOWELL-N	552.00	558.45	546.05	548.00	-4.10
GICRE	242.25	248.20	239.00	239.95	-1.85

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ETAIRWAYS	265.25	279.00	262.30	271.00
SPICEJET	96.00	96.70	91.10	92.75
RELCAPITAL	186.35	205.55	186.00	199.85
IPASSOCIAT	5.56	5.74	5.48	5.62
RELIANCE	1330.00	1369.95	1330.00	1367.15
DLF	191.35	205.00	189.00	196.60
RECLTD RPOWER	157.00 10.45	159.30 10.98	150.35 10.41	151.40 10.70
YESBANK	248.10	254.90	247.50	253.70
RELINFRA	129.00	136.70	128.60	133.20
BHEL	69.85	72.70	69.75	71.10
MARUTI	6569.00	6600.00	6483.55	6578.80
SBIN	294.05	305.95	294.05	303.30
INFY*	736.00	736.00	719.60	726.75
PNB	90.70	93.00	90.70	92.30
JUBILANT DHFL	723.95 130.50	726.00 136.70	673.30 129.60	686.00 135.35
IOC	165.00	169.50	161.10	162.30
TCS	1985.00	1994.00	1959.00	1981.80
PFC	119.65	122.50	117.00	118.05
ASHOKLEY	88.20	88.20	85.40	86.30
GMRINFRA	17.10	19.75	17.10	19.45
IDEA	30.45	30.45	29.35	29.60
ICICIPRULI	311.60	328.00	311.60	320.15
MINDTREE	948.85	961.95	936.65	950.55
INDIGO IBULHSGFIN	1378.00 720.00	1430.20 734.80	1352.35 716.25	1425.70 730.35
IDBI	42.00	42.90	41.60	42.40
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LT	1378.50	1389.00	1366.70	1372.10
INDUSINDBK	1682.00	1724.50	1672.00	1715.45
IBREALEST	87.80	90.85	86.30	89.15
COALINDIA	236.10	242.30	234.80	236.60
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BOMDYEING	137.00	139.70	134.70	135.90
AXISBANK	749.60	761.70	742.00	757.20
NTPC	136.50	141.25	136.35	140.10
HINDUNILVR	1682.00	1689.90	1674.50	1683.70
KOTAKBANK	1319.75	1349.90	1311.95	1342.85
BALKRISIND	934.55	970.80	928.00	953.60
ISWENERGY	64.80	66.00	64.10	65.60
MOTHERSUMI	87.65	92.00	87.50	91.55
PIDILITIND	145.00 1178.25	148.80 1238.50	144.50 1178.00	145.40 1226.85
HDFCLIFE	361.95	370.00	361.00	369.05
MEGH	63.40	64.35	59.00	59.65
SUNPHARMA	465.20	470.95	462.40	469.35
VEDL	169.60	174.40	169.00	173.60
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UK MPs seize control of Brexit process from May

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m ritish}$ MPs have inflicted a fresh humiliating defeat on Prime Minister Theresa May, after voting to temporarily seize control of the Brexit process, allowing back-benchers to hold a series of votes on alternatives to her deal.

An amendment tabled by former Conservative Minister Oliver Letwin was passed by 329 votes to 302 on Monday as MPs expressed exasperation at the government's failure to set out a fresh approach for the UK to exit the European Union (EU), reports the Guardian.

After the amendment, the government in a statement warned that it "upends the balance between our democratic institutions and sets a dangerous, unpredictable precedent for the future". Three ministers -- Foreign

Affairs Minister Alistair Burt, Health Minister Steve Brine and Business Minister Richard Harrington -- resigned to back the Letwin amendment. Thirty Conservative MPs rebelled to vote for the amendment.

Harrington accused the



government of "playing roulette with the lives and livelihoods of the vast majority of people in this country" in his resignation

In a series of so-called indicative votes, MPs will be able to vote on a number of options -- likely to include a 'softer Brexit", a Customs union with the EU and another referendum -- designed to test the will of Parliament to see what, if anything, commands a majority, the BBC said.

But the precise format of votes and how they will work was not set out in the amend-

Parliament is also expected to pass a law this week postponing the Brexit date from March 29.

votes, opposition Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn congratulated Parliament for "taking control" of the Brexit process, CNN reported. "The government's approach has been an abject failure and this House must now find a solu-

tion," Corbyn said. May, still hoping of getting her twice-rejected Brexit deal passed, told the House of Commons earlier in the day there was not enough support for her deal to bring it back for a third meaningful vote.

The Prime Minister also said she could not "commit the government to delivering the outcome of any votes held by this House. But I do commit to engaging constructively with this process".

Britain is scheduled to crash out of the EU on April 12 if May's withdrawal deal is not passed and the UK government fails to provide new proposals for a way out of the impasse.

In response to the development, the European Commission said it has prepared for an "increasingly likely" no-deal scenario.

Xi says EU, China 'advancing together' despite 'suspicions'

Chinese President Xi Jinping Said on Tuesday that China and Europe were "advancing together" but that the two trading blocs needed to overcome

"suspicions".
"Of course there are differences and competition, but it's positive competition," Xi told a press conference in Paris with the leaders of France, Germany and the European Commission.

"We are advancing together. We shouldn't let suspicions lead us to be constantly looking backwards."

Xi was speaking on the third day of a France visit dominated by concerns over China's massive investments on the continent, which are being built up through a series of bilateral

French President Emmanuel Macron urged his Chinese counterpart to "respect the unity of the European Union" and called for an "exemplary relationship" between Europe and China during the joint press conference.

"No one is naive but we

respect China," Macron said, while adding that EU leaders "naturally expect our major partners to respect the unity of the European Union and the values that it has and carries in the world?

Macron, German Chancellor Angela Merkel and EU Commission chief Jean-Claude Juncker all labelled China a "rival", and Merkel and Juncker urged the Asian giant to give the EU the same market access as it afforded Chinese

Referring to China's vast "New Silk Road" infrastructure project connecting the country with Europe, which has sparked unease in the EU, Merkel said: "We Europeans want to play a role."

But, she added, "there has to be a bit of reciprocity on either side and we have a bit of difficulty in finding it." Juncker said that labelling China a rival was meant as a "compliment" to the country.

Speaking ahead of a EU China summit on April 12, he also called for a more balanced

Pak court orders Govt to remove Shehbaz Sharif's name from no-fly list

Pakistani court on Tuesday Arabian Conference the Government to remove Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz chief Shehbaz Sharif's name from the no-fly

Shehbaz, who is also the Leader of the Opposition in the National Assembly, had filed a petition in the Lahore High Court last month to have his name removed from the Exit Control List, Geo TV reported.

The 67-year-old leader has been indicted along with nine others in the Ashiana Iqbal

His name was placed on the travel blacklist on February 22 for allegedly possessing assets beyond his declared sources of income.

His counsel earlier told the court that the PML-N leader had been appearing before the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) in every inquiry and cooperating with the anti-corruption watchdog in every way.

Sharif was arrested by the

NAB in the probe on October 5, 2018. He was released on bail on February 14.

He had approached the Lahore High Court seeking declaration of Government's decision to place his name on the no-fly list as null and void.

In his petition, he had contended that as the leader of the Opposition as well as of one of the country's largest political parties, his name should not be on the ECL. Sharif served as the chief

minister of the politically crucial Punjab province from 2013 to 2018. He became PML-N president after his elder brother Nawaz Sharif was barred from holding the top party position and public posts. Federal Information

Minister Fawad Chaurdhy Tuesday said that the Government would be challenging the Lahore High Court's decision in the Supreme Court. "There is a record of Sharif

family members leaving the country and not coming back," said Chaudhry.



KAMALA PROMISES

policy proposal of her Democratic presidential campaign, California Sen boosting the salaries of teachers. Harris' campaign says her plan is an unprecedented

NETANYAHU BACK, **CONSULTS WITH ARMY**

Jerusalem: Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu returned home from Washington on Tuesday, heading straight into military consultations after a night of heavy fire as Israeli aircraft bombed Gaza targets and the strip's militants fired rockets

US ENVOY FOR NORTH KOREA VISITS BEIJING Beijing: The US special envoy

for North Korea is visiting Beijing to coordinate policies with China, the US embassy said Tuesday, a month after the failure of a denuclearisation summit. Stephen Biegun, Washington's North Korea envoy, is here to "continue US-China coordination on policies related to North Korea", a US embassy

Indo-Pak relations to remain tense till elections in India: Imran Khan

 $P^{\text{rime Minister Imran Khan}}_{\text{has said Indo-Pak relations}}$ would remain tense till the general elections in India are over, adding he feared "another misadventure" by Pakistan's eastern

Tensions between India and Pakistan escalated after the February 14 attack by Pakistanbased Jaish-e-Mohammed in

Amid mounting outrage, the Indian Air Force carried out a counter-terror opera-

tion, hitting what it said was a JeM training camp in Balakot, deep inside Pakistan on February 26.

The next day, Pakistan Air Force retaliated and downed a MiG-21 in an aerial combat and captured an Indian pilot, who was handed over to India

Khan said shadows of war were still hovering over Pakistan and India as Prime Minister Narendra Modi's administration could go for "another misadventure" before the general elections.

"The danger is not over. The situation will remain tense till forthcoming general elections in India. We are already prepared to avert any aggression from India," Dawn quoted Khan as saying.

Khan also claimed that he cancelled his scheduled meeting with the Taliban in Islamabad due to "concerns" expressed by the Afghan government. The Taliban last month said that its representatives would visit Islamabad to meet Prime Minister Khan on February 18.

of 'colonialism' over Golan move

▼ranian President Hassan ■ Rouhani on Tuesday accused his US counterpart Donald Trump of "colonialism" for recognising Israeli sovereignty over the disputed Golan Heights, a border area seized by Israel from Syria in 1967. "In a point of time when colonialism ruled, some colonialist powers did such things and bestowed parts of one country to another, but this is unprecedented in the present century," Rouhani said, according to the official government website.

"Nobody could have

believed that a man would come in America and unilaterally and against all international laws and regulations give away a land belonging to one country to an aggressor," Rouhani said in a meeting with advisors and ministers. Trump on Monday signed a proclamation recognising Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights, which Syria denounced as a blatant attack on its sovereignty. US recognition for Israeli control over the territory breaks with decades of international consensus and has been criticised by most Islamic nations, and other countries such as Russia.

Iran accuses Trump | F-16s escort Mumbai-Singapore flight after bomb threat

PTI ■ SINGAPORE/NEW DELHI

A Singapore Airlines flight from Mumbai to Singapore with 263 passengers on board Tuesday received a bomb threat, prompting Singapore Air Force to send two F-16s to escort the aircraft.

The flight landed safely at Singapore's Changi International Airport on Tuesday around 8 am (local time), the airline added.

'Singapore Airlines confirms there was a bomb threat concerning SQ423 operating from Mumbai to Singapore.

aircraft arrived in Singapore on March 26, 2019, at about 0800hrs (local "There were 263 passen-

gers on board. We are assisting the authorities with their investigations and regret that we are unable to provide further details," a statement issued by the airline said. The Republic of Singapore

Air Force said two F16C/Ds escorted the SIA aeroplane.

The RSAF said in a Facebook post that two F-16C/Ds were scrambled to intercept the SIA flight.

"Our fighters escorted the airliner till it landed safely at Changi Airport," it said. All passengers, except for a

woman and a child, disembarked safely and had to undergo screening. The woman and the child

were held back for questioning by the police, who are investigating the incident.

Preliminary checks showed that the airline received a call after the plane left Mumbai's airport on Monday at about 11.35pm local time. The caller claimed that there was a bomb

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PUBLIC NOTICE – INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR SALE OF FINANCIAL ASSET OF A2Z INFRA ENGINEERING LIMITED In terms of the policy of ICICI Bank Limited, ("ICICI Bank") on sale of financial assets and in line with the regulatory guidelines, ICICI Bank hereby invites expression of interest ("EOI") from interested Asser Reconstruction Companies ("ARCs") /Banks/ Non-Banking Financial Companies ("NBFCs")/Financial

Institutions ("FIs") for the purchase of the financial assistances# availed by A2Z Infra Engineering Limited, company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956 and having its registered office at O-116, 1st Floor, DLF Shopping Mall Arjun Marg, DLF Phase-I Gurgaon ("Borrower") from ICICI Bank ("Financial Asset") on the Name of Borrower/ Account/ Financial Asset# Term of sale

A2Z Infra Engineering Limited

#Details of the Borrower background, Borrower financials including financial assistance provided to the Borrower by ICICI Bank, securities available to ICICI Bank against the financial assistance provided by ICICI Bank etc. will be available in the Preliminary Information Memorandum ("PIM")

TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR SALE OF THE FINANCIAL ASSET: . The sale of the aforesaid Financial Asset is on "As is where is basis", "As is what is basis", "Whatever there i basis" and "Without recourse basis"

2. All ARCs/ Banks/ NBFCs/ FIs (referred individually as "Party" and collectively as "Parties") are invited

eligible for participating in the purchase of Financial Asset Interested Parties should submit their EOIs latest by 5:00 PM (IST) on April 9, 2019 by hand delivery/email as per the details given in this notice along with relevant documents to establish their eligibility to the satisfaction of ICICI Bank. EOI should be on the letter head of the Party and must be signed by the authorized signatory of the Party, supported with evidence of authority of such authorized signatory (Board

Resolution / Power of Attorney/equivalent document). The EOI shall compulsorily state the followings: That the Party intends to participate in the purchase of Financial Asset and that it would like to proceed with due-diligence in the data room (to be set up by ICICI Bank in ICICI Bank premises or organized in electronic

That the Party is eligible (under applicable laws and regulations) and has the capacity to enter into and $conclude \ the \ purchase \ of \ the \ Financial \ Asset \ in \ accordance \ with \ applicable \ laws \ and \ regulations \ of \ India.$ That in undertaking the proposed transaction, the Party will have no conflict of interest, and such Party is not

related, directly or indirectly, either with ICICI Bank or with the Borrower. Names of the Authorized Official(s) along with their contact details (mobile number, e-mail IDs, etc.)

4. ICICI Bank reserves the right to ask for information relating to the financial standing of the interested Parties or other documents in relation to such interested Parties (including KYC related documents) at its sole discretion. ICICI Bank further reserves the right to declare an interested Party as ineligible in case KYC or any other documents/information are not furnished on demand, and the decision of ICICI Bank in this regard shall be final and binding on all Parties.

Parties will be required to execute a non-disclosure agreement ("NDA") within two days of submission of EOI. Immediately upon execution of the NDA, PIM along with other account related information shall be shared with the Parties. Such information will be furnished on the basis of the available data and shall not be deemed to be a representation of the quality of the Financial Asset. Further, ICICI Bank shall not be responsible for any error, misstatement or omission in the said particulars. A maximum time period of two weeks shall be provided to the Parties for due diligence and the time period

shall be intimated to the Parties separately by ICICI Bank

Subject to the applicable laws and regulations, ICICI Bank reserves the right to add, remove or modify the terms of sale of the Financial Asset at any stage without assigning any reason and without incurring any liability of whatsoever nature to any Party or person, and the decision of ICICI Bank in this regard shall be final and binding on all Parties. Further, subject to applicable laws and regulations, ICICI Bank reserves the right to reject and/or cancel and/or defer the sale of the Financial Asset at any stage, without assigning any reason and the decision of ICICI Bank in this regard shall be final and binding on all Parties, Additionally ICICI Bank also reserves its rights to reject any EoI received after the stipulated timeline mentioned in this

Each Party expressly acknowledges and agrees in connection with its participation in the proposed purchase of the Financial Asset that for such Party's participation in the process such Party has been, and will continue to be, solely responsible for its own due diligence, independent appraisal and investigation of all risks arising under or in connection with the Financial Asset including but not limited to:

(b) the legality, validity, effectiveness, adequacy or enforceability of any financing document and any other agreement, arrangement or document entered into, made or executed in anticipation of, under or in connection with the Financial Asset;

(a) the financial condition, status and nature of the Borrower;

connection with the Financial Asset;

(c) whether that Party has recourse, and the nature and extent of that recourse, against the Borrower or other obligors or any of its or their respective assets under or in connection with the Financial Asset. or any financing document, other agreement, arrangement or document entered into, made or executed in

(d) the adequacy, accuracy and/or completeness of any information provided by ICICI Bank or by any other person under or in connection with the Financial Asset; and that each Party is solely responsible for any such checks or due diligence it is required to carry out and that

may not rely on any statement in relation to such checks or due diligence made by ICICI Bank For any further clarifications with regard to data room, terms and conditions of the process or submission of EOIs, kindly contact Mr. Varun Gupta, Chief Manager, ICICI Bank Limited, NBCC Place, Bhisham Pitamah Marg, New Delhi – 110 003, contact No.+91 11 4221 8332 or write at varun.g@icicibank.com

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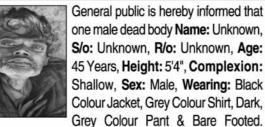
NORTHERN RAILWAY CORRIGENDUM Bid No. 23AC/393/New Proposal Parking /2018

Tender Notice no. 23AC/393/New Proposal Parking /2018 was published in various Newspapers on 21/03/2019 for allotment of Parking cum Access Control Rights at New Delhi Railway Station (Ajmeri Gate Side) for general car parking area (4903.16 Mt2) and premium car parking area (2900 Mt2) approx. (total Area 7803.16 Mt2) along with the access control rights for pickup / Drop lanes for a period of 3 years, as per NIT, to be opened on 21/03/2019 in which following amendments have been made:

One document of site plan for New Delhi Parking cum Access Control Rights has been added.

Rest contents of the NIT will remain same SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Appeal for Identification



Place of Recovery: Found dead on Foothpath opposite Community Centre Near Kachcha Bagh, Chandni Chowk, Kotwali, Delhi on dated 18.03.2019. In this regard DD No. 26-A has been lodged at PS Kotwali, Delhi on dated 18.03.2019. Any clue come to notice please inform undersign.

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PS. Kotwali, Delhi Ph.: 011-23953442

Authorised Office



Ph. No.s. (0) 23861646, (G) 23863993 E-mail: br.9032@syndicatebank.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE [Appendix IV under the Act -rule-8(1)]

The undersigned being the authorised officer of the Syndicate Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54o 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the erest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand calling upon the borrower/surety/owner of the property Sri./Smt SOMWATI, Ashok Kumi to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 46,20,868.85/-** (Rupees Forty Six Lacs Twenty Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Eight and Paisa Eighty Five only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower/surety/owner of the property having failed to repay the amount, notice is

hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the Act read with rule 8 of the said rules on this 20th Day of March of the year 2019 The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act

The borrower/surety/owner of the property in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to of the SYNDICATE BANK (KASHMEERE GATE BRANCH) for an amount of Rs. 46,20,868.85/- with future costs, interest etc thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY All that parcel of four Storeyed Residential Building with Part Stilt Parking Built up Property bearing No. 222, Khasra No. 533, situated on the land / Plot Area: 132 Sq. Yards (110.36 Sq. Mtrs) in the Extended Lal Dora Abadi of village Malikpur Rang Puri, Post Office-Mahipal Pur, Tehsil Vasant Vihar, Near Mata Chowk, New Delhi-110037 owned by Mrs. Somwati.

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n respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

ISIS jihadists kill seven **US-backed**

fighters in Syria

The Islamic State group on ■ Tuesday claimed an attack on US-backed forces in the northern Syrian city of Manbij, days after their "caliphate" was declared defeated.

Manbij is a former IS stronghold that is now ruled by a military council affiliated with the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), the US-backed Kurdish-led alliance that declared victory over IS in its last redoubt in eastern Syria on Saturday.

At around midnight (2200 GMT) on Monday, gunmen opened fire at fighters manning a checkpoint at the entrance to the city, killing seven, the council said. IS claimed responsibility for the attack in a statement published on its social media channels on Tuesday.

"The caliphate's soldiers attacked a checkpoint... West of Manbij city last night," it said.

A spokesman for the Manbij Military Council, Sherfan Darwish, said it could be a revenge attack. "After the victory over IS, we have entered the phase of sleeper cells," Darwish told

"These sleeper cells are being activated and carrying out attacks but we will foil their operations." The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a Britain-based monitor of the war, said it is "the first attack of its kind" since the SDF declared the defeat of the "caliphate" last week.

Observatory head Rami Abdel Rahman said it was also the bloodiest attack in Manbii since Ianuary 16, when 19 people -- including four US service personnel -- were killed in a suicide bombing claimed by IS. IS has vowed to carry

out revenge attacks against the SDF over the six-month offensive against it that culminated in the jihadists' defeat in the village of Baghouz, close to the Iraqi border, on

China destroys 30,000 world maps for showing Arunachal as part of India

world maps printed in the country for export for not mentioning Arunachal Pradesh and Taiwan as part of Chinese territory, the officla media reported on Tuesday.

China claims the northeastern Indian state of Arunachal Pradesh as part of South Tibet. China routinely ing Arunachal Pradesh to high-

India says the State of Arunachal Pradesh is its integral and inalienable part and Indian leaders visit Arunachal Pradesh from time to time, as they visit other parts of the

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CORRIGENDUM

In Public Notice published in this newspaper edition dated 25.03.2019 regarding Letter of Intent granted by DTCP in

22.03.2019 regarding Letter of Intentigramed by UTLP in flowur of Ansa Properties & Infrastructure Ltd.on land measuring 11.45625 acres (out of 30.65 acres under group housing license no. 1125-1126 of 2006) land for developing Affordable Residential plotted Colony under DeenDayalJan Awas Yojna (DDJAY), under the Migration Policy dated 18.02.2016 and amendment dated

24.01.2018 of Town & Country Planning
Department, building plan approval date for the above
license mentioned as "...approved vide DTCP memo no.
18783 dated 30.07.2007..." may be read as "...approved
vide DTCP memo no. 6451 dated 31.03.2014...".
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Form No. INC 26
[Pursuant to Rule 30 of the Companies

of the company from one state to another Before the Central Government /Regiona

Director, Northern Region, New Delhi

In the matter of Section 13(4) of the Companies Act, 2013 Read with Rule 30(5)(a) of the Compan (Incorporation) Rules, 2014 August 2014

And In the Matter of Greenfive Power

In the Matter of Greenfive Power
Private Limited having its registered office
at 41, 2nd Floor Ishwar Nagar
New Delhi-110065......Petitioner
Notice is hereby given to the General Public that
the company proposes to make application to the
Central Government under section 13 of the
Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of
alteration of the Memorgandum of Association of

alteration of the Memorandum of Association of

the Company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Extra ordinary general meeting hel at 9.30 a.m. on Saturday, the 9th Day of March,

2019 at Flat No. GB, Alpha Garden No. 73/2, 2nd

(Incorporation) Rules, 2014] isement for change of registered office

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Public Notice

My clients Shir Vijay Kumar Dass S/o Late Shir Dev Krishan Dass & Smt. Mani Devi Wo Sh. Vijay Kumar Dass both R/o Flat No.311, on Second Floor, Cart-LIG, Pkt-Gh-5&7, Near Meera Bagh, Saiyad Village, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-I 10087, have debarred & disowned New Delhi-I 10087, have debarred & disowned their son Sh. Ratnakar Lal, daughter-in-law Smt. Anu Priya Mahajan, grand sonNaman Kumar and grand daughter Vibhatia Kumari son and daughter of Shir RatnakarLal from their all moveable, immoveable property whatsoever and wheresoever in Delhi and Village Kamrauli, Distt. Darbhanga, Bihar& severed relation with them due to their misconduct, misbehavior, cruelness, both are abusing and quarrel with them. They are fed up with their day to day misconduct. Whosoever deals with them shall be responsible himself and my clients shall not at all be held liable for any act, conduct or transactions done by their above named son and daughter-in law.

Subodh Kumas-Chavet Ch.No.110, Lawyers Block, Saket Court Earlol No: D/946/2018

Public Notice

To be known to all that I,Lachhman Dass
Chopra S/o Late Shri N.R. Chopra,R/oMIG Flat
No.9-C. S. F., Type-A&B, Wazirpur, Phase-III,
Delhi, am the owner and in physical possession
of Property bearing MIG Flat No.9-C.S. F.,
Type-A&B, Wazirpur, Phase-III, Delhi, which
is all otted by DDA vide File
No.M/52(24)76/HB(M)-1 and had applied for
conversion from lease hold into free hold of
said flat in D.DA. The original Possession
Letter, Possession Slip, and NOC for Water &
Electric connection of said flat has been lost. An
F.I.R./NCR to this effect has been lodged. Any
person(s) claiming any right, interest, having
any objection or found in possession of original
documents may write/contact with above
named person at above address/Phone
7457887644 within 15 days from the date of
publication of this notice. The person claiming
any right, interest, objections with respect to
this flat can personally inform or write to Dy.
Director (LAB) H or Director (H-I,D Block any right, interest, objections with respect to this flat can personally inform or write to Dy. Director (LAB) H or Director (H)-I,D Block 3"Floor,Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi.

MEYER APPAREL LIMITED CIN: L1810HR1993PLC032010 Regd. Office: Unit No.412, Fourth Floor, Bestech Orient Business Park Khandsa, Sector-34, Gurugram-122004, Haryana, India NOTICE OF CHANGE OF REGISTERED OFFICE

Notice is hereby given to public that registered office of the company has changed within local limits of

Gurugram city from 42nd Milestone, Delhi Jaipur Highway, Kherki Daula, Gurgaon-122001 (Haryana) to **Unit No** 412, Fourth Floor, Bestech Orient Business Park, Khandsa, Sector-34, Gurugram-122004, (Haryana) with effect from 22nd March, 2019. For Meyer Apparel Limited

Date : 26th March, 2019

R.K. Sharma

CFO & Company Secretary

Cross Levelle Road, Bengaluru-560001 to enable the company to change its Registered office from New Delhi to Gurugram in the State of Haryana. Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the company may deliver either on the MCA-21 portal (www.mca.gov.in) by filing investor complain form or cause to be delivered or send by registers post his objections supported by an affidavit, statir the nature of his interest and grounds of oppositio to the Regional Director, Northern Region at the address B-2 WING, 2nd Floor Paryavaran Bhawan CGO Complex New Delhi-110003 within 14 days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the Applicant Company at its Registered Office at 41, 2nd Floor Ishwar Nagar New Delhi-6

YASHASVI MOHANRAM



In its early days agriculture was regarded as just cultivating and growing crops. Fertile land had one purpose only — the yield it could produce for consumption. Over time the approach towards agriculture progressively shifted to a business-oriented one, making it one of the biggest and busiest commercial ecosystems in all of the world.

Agriculture plays an instrumental role in the economic development of a country. Advanced countries attribute a notable portion of their progress to this sector. In developing countries like India, the role of agriculture is even more critical. Allied sectors such as fisheries and forestry are also major contributors to the country's GDP. According to the India Brand Equity Foundation (IBEF) report.

We are a country of farmers. The economic and societal value of agriculture in our country is unparalleled. The sector employs about 65 per cent of the workforce of our nation, and yet the contribution to GDP is a disappointing 17.5 per cent.

Such a complex situation has given rise to the need for a strategic approach to managing agricultural resources. Thus, an aspect of management specific to agricultural was designed, bringing about programs like MBA in agribusiness management. At its essence, agribusiness can be described as the following statement — the farmer works the soil,

the manager works the produce. With the Indian terrain hosting all kinds of climates and geographies, the same type of crops display differing principal characteristics. This makes agribusiness a highly diversified business sector as per the website Your Story. It revolves around stages such as input, production, processing, manufacturing, transport, and marketing. It has a tremendous influence on other big industries. The service and manufacturing sectors have increasingly contributed to the growth of the economy.

The mass diversity in agricultural productivity across the country depends on a number of disparate factors. This requires managers who are capable of analysing the challenges of this sector and have an insight into strategic solutions. Financial aspects such as access to agricultural credit and crop insurance, assurance of remunerative prices for agricultural produce, and storage and marketing infrastructure also factor into decision **AGRIBUSINESS**

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making in this sector.

The study of agribusiness management equips incumbents to focus on bettering areas of agricultural input supply, agricultural production, commodity assembly and processing, and agricultural marketing organisations. Management and marketing of agricultural products like crops and livestock are vital for sustainable development of our economy. With resource management, conservation of crops, and commercialisation of agriculture, agribusiness boosts productivity, and profits.

Agribusiness managers are skilled with managing and organising the entire process of getting food items from the farm, to food processors, to branded companies and packaging, to food retailers, and ultimately to the end consumer according to website MBA central.

This path from farm to table is analysed through multiple lenses such as consumer trends, public policy, and legislation, technological innovations, and food safety. Agribusiness managers help optimise our food distribution system which has a significant impact on the livelihoods and health of people nationwide. Their skill and education empowers them to have a

tangible effect on the food production and distribution systems of our econ-

Today the management of agri-culture addresses the need for sustainable growth. According to UC Davis, this integrates three main objectives: maintaining a healthy environment, achieving economic profitability, and social, economic equity. The food system involves many stakeholders right from farmers, food processors, distributors, retailers, and consumers. All of them play an essential role in the system.

Farmers employ many methods to promote soil health, minimise water use, and lower pollution levels. Consumers and retailers focussed on sustainability look for value-based foods that are farmer and environ-ment-friendly, and contribute to the

Agribusiness managers are responsible for bringing all this together as well as participating in negotiations to balance competing interests of farmers and people of the community to solve complex agriculture problems about how we grow our food and fiber.

The writer is Director, Symbiosis Institute of International Business

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The paradox of education is precisely this - that as one begins to become conscious one begins to examine the society in which he is being educated

James Baldwin

MSC PROGRAMME

The University of Strathclyde, Glasgow invites applications for MSc Advanced Manufacture: Technology & Systems course starting in September 2019. This course is ideal for graduates wishing to transfer smoothly and effective0ly to a career in the manufacturing

career in the manufacturing sector of industry established manufacturing engineers, designers and managers working in the industry who are facing new challenges and increased areas of responsi-

Éligibility: Candidates having first or second class Honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant engineering, technology or science disci-

Fee: £20,050 for international students

How to apply: Log on to dmem-pgt@strath.ac.uk; https://www.strath.ac.uk/cours es/postgraduatetaught/advance dmanufacturetechnologysys-

UG-PG PROGRAMMES

The International School of Design invites application for Bachelors, Masters & Diploma Programmes in

Fashion Design.

Eligibility: Class X pass for diploma, class XII for bachelors & diploma and graduates for masters degree or diploma(any stream).

Last date to apply: April

How to Apply: log on to http://www.insd.edu.in/applyonline.html.

LAW PROGRAMME

Manav Rachna University (MRU) is inviting applications for its Law Programmes. Eligibility: For LLB pro-

grammes, candidates having passed Class XII with 50 per cent or more marks in aggregate. Should have qualified English as a subject. For LLM programme, candidates having passed LLB or five year s Integrated Law course with 50 per cent or more marks in

How to apply: Log on to 15, 2019.

Admissions

manavrachna.edu.in Last Date to Apply: April

MASS COMMUNICATION

Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies is inviting applications for Mass Communication programme for the session 2019-20.

The different programmes offered are Journalism & Mass Communication MRIIRS, MA Journalism & Mass Communication MRIIRS, PG Diploma in Advertising & Public Relation MRIIRS and PhD in Media Studies.

Eligibility: For BA, 50 per cent marks in aggregate of best five subjects in class XII in any stream with pass in English. For MA, 50 per cent marks in any stream at grad-uation level with pass in English in class XII. For PG Diploma, 50 per cent marks in any stream at graduation level from a recognised university with pass in English in class

How to apply: Log on to manavrachna.edu.in.

Last Date to Apply: April

MEDICAL LAB TECH

Cradle Institute of Paramedical Sciences invites applications for its one year full time certificate course in Medical Lab Technology.

The program aims to provide efficient and balanced training in laboratory medicine. This course offers challenging career in a hospital, minor emergency centers, private laboratory, blood donor centers, doctor's office or clin-

Eligibility: Class XII pass from any recognised board.

Last date to apply: April

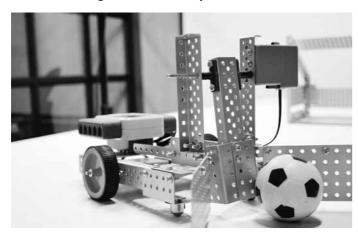
Robots show the way

Robotics is growing and offering lucrative options. TARUN BHALLA tells you how

The field of robotics is rife with opportunity as it makes headway right into the heart of India. Slowly but surely, it's gaining traction as robotics becomes an integral part of our lives. Look around and you'll realise that robots are making human lives easier and much simpler. From restaurants to operation theatres, from nursing homes to classrooms, to our homes; robots are slowly but surely transforming our way of life. ■How the face of robotics will change in the next five years?

Robotics is a trendsetting industry with constant advancements being made year on year. New and improved techniques are being invented, assimilated and applied as we speak with a view to revolutionise the way we live, work or entertain ourselves. Recently, a cafe in Tokyo launched service rendered by robot waiters. The four feet tall Minato Ward robots are being remotely controlled by people with physical disabilities such as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS — a form of motor neuron disease), enabling them to perform a job they wouldn't be able to otherwise. Robots are proving to be a gamechanger in a number of fields — be it at home, public security, education, surveillance, defense or entertainment.

Think of robots cooking complex meals on demand. Too outlandish? Well, you'd be surprised to



know that Spyce, a restaurant based in Boston, Massachusetts is a robotic-powered restaurant which prepares meals in under three minutes. Some restaurants are using selfordering tablets for taking customer orders. Hospitals are increasingly making use of surgical robots to perform surgeries with precision, smaller incisions, decreased blood loss, less pain, and quicker healing time for patients. And you may not even realise but a majority of us are using robots at our homes too.

In case you fear that more robots mean fewer jobs for humans, think again. In fact, in a recent study conducted by Indeed (an Indian job portal) revealed a hike of 186 per cent amongst job seekers looking for opportunities in the robotics sector in India between May 2015 and May 2018. And during the same period of time, job postings in the sector saw a growth of 191 per cent.

Robotics is a fast-growing sector in India with sectors such as manufacturing, healthcare and construction leading the demand for robotics talent. And there's a huge scope for its application in other sectors too as access to Internet connectivity and open source applications become more widespread in the country which will prove conducive to the sector's growth. Even though people have a fear of automation taking away jobs from us humans, in fact, more job opportunities are being created for skilled personnel. Maharashtra is creating the most robotic jobs in India followed closely by Karnataka and Telangana.

So, all you parents out there can take heart from the fact that this is a viable industry which is going from strength to strength. And this is the opportune time to get your kids involved in robotics. Inculcate a love for making in them as that will help them explore and search within themselves whether they're truly passionate about robotics or not. When children get introduced to robotics at an early age, they can develop and hone skills like creative thinking, collaboration, programming and coding and have good ol' fun while doing it.

Avishkaar is one such entity which is working towards this vision with a fervour. With an emphasis on promoting the culture of making amongst children and adults alike through its range of DIY robotics

To sum up, robotics has a bright future ahead in India with career opportunities in diverse fields like aerospace, defense, manufacturing, healthcare and medical research, entertainment, construction and more. As they say, the proof is in the pudding, and boy this pudding is definitely worth a try.

The writer is Founder-CEO, Avishkaar

'Entrepreneurs are job creators by nature

Start-ups are crucial as they not only contribute towards economic growth, they bring new jobs as well, says PREET SANDHU

Entrepreneurship plays a vital role in the economic growth and standard of living in the country. As a start-up founder or small business owner, you may think that you are working hard to build your own business and provide for yourself and your family. But you're doing an entire heap a lot of for your local people, state, region, and also the country as an entire.

Start-up entrepreneurship is crucial as a result of it brings innovations, new jobs, and competitive dynamics into the business set-

Wealth creation and **sharing:** By establishing the business entity, entre-

preneurs invest their own resources and attract capital (in the shape of debt, equity and others) from investors, lenders and also the public. This mobilises public wealth and allows people to ben-

efit from the success of entrepreneurs and growing businesses. ■Create jobs: Entrepreneurs are by nature and definition job creators, as opposed to job seekers. The sim-

ple translation is that once you

become an entrepreneur, there's one less job seeker within the economy, and then you provide employment for multiple other job seekers. This kind of job creation by new and existing businesses is one in all the essential goals of economic development.

■Balanced regional development: Entrepreneurs setting up new businesses and industrial

units facilitate regional development by locating in less developed and backward areas. The growth of industries and business in these areas ends up in infra-

structure enhance-

ment prefer bet-

ter roads and rail links, airports, stable electricity and installation, schools, hospitals, malls, and different public and private services that will not somewhat be out there. Every new business that locates in an exceedingly less developed space can produce each direct and indirect job, serving to elevate regional economies in many alternative

ways. The combined disbursement

by all the new workers of the new

businesses and therefore the supporting jobs in different businesses adds to the native and regional economic output.

■GDP and per Capita income: India's MSME sector, comprised of thirty-six million units that give employment for more than eighty million folks, currently accounts for over thirty-seventh of the country's GDP. Each new addition to those thirty-six million units makes use of even additional resources like land. labour, and capital to develop product and services that augment the national income, national product and per capita financial gain of the country. This growth in GDP and per capita financial gain is once more one among the essential goals of economic development.

So, there's a very important role for entrepreneurs to spark economic development by starting new businesses, making jobs, and conducive to improvement in numerous key goals like gross domestic product, exports, the standard of living, skills development and community development.

The writer is COO, All India Technical and

CS Foundation Programme

The Admission to Company Secretaries (CS) Foundation Programme is on. Candidate seeking admission till March 31, 2019 will be eligible for examinations in December 2019.

Students can register online by selecting online services option available at www.icsi.edu. All fees and other dues

payable to ICSI is to be remitted through payment gateway at Online Services

ICSI opens its 100th study centre at Tonk With the aim to provide better facilities to the stu-CS (Dr) Shyam Agrawal said, "Opening of Study Centre in cities where ICSI do not have offices

dents, The Institute of Company Secretaries of India opened its 100th Study Centre at Sanskriti College, Tonk, Rajasthan on March 25, 2019. The study centre will facilitate and benefit students from the remote villages and small towns of the area. The ICSI study centres will help in reaching out to the unreached.

CS (Dr) Shyam Agrawal, Past President, the Institute of Company Secretaries of India inaugurated the study centre at Tonk. Speaking on the occasion,

will help students in resolving queries, obtain information about exams, registration, Class room teaching etc."

"To further strengthen the Service - Delivery Mechanism, The ICSI is in the process of establishing more such Study Centres across India," Dr. Agrawal further added.

Thanking ICSI for opening the study centre, Mr. Mahavir Prasad Sharma, Chairman, Jaipur chapter of The Institute of Sanskriti College said that this Company Secretaries of India,



step will open the door to professional education in Tonk and surrounding areas. CS Rahul Sharma, Chairman,

gave detailed information to the students and their parents about the Company Secretary Course, profession and career opportunities available.

The ICSI is a premier pro-

fessional body set up under an Act of Parliament, i.e., Company Secretaries Act, 1980, for the regulation and development of the profession of Company Secretaries in India. It functions under the jurisdiction of Ministry Corporate Affairs,

Government of India. The Institute, being a pro-active body, focuses on best and top-quality education to students of Company Secretaries Course and best quality set standards for CS members. The institute has over 56,000 members and about 3.5 lakh students on its roll.

Workshop on designing Paris, programme where

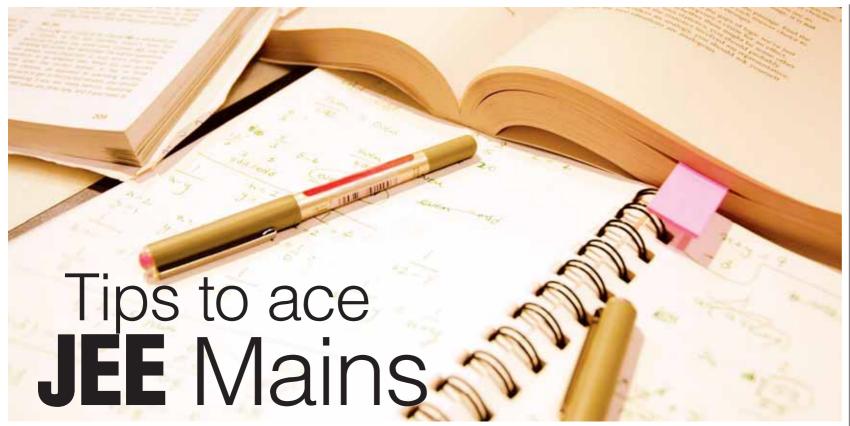
PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The International School Of Design — INSD offered a one-of-its-kind opportunity for all aspiring interior and fashion designers. The premier college of India INSD conducted a two days free workshop for students who were interested in knowing more about interior and fashion designing courses at their Main campus Gujranwala Town part 1.

The purpose of the event was also to announce the newly launched Study tour to

INSD students will go to paris for various projects and learn the intricacies of global designing and european art and culture experience to create and spread awareness about the careers in design industry for the wave of aspiring students looking forward to step in the design industry, The open house session

also provided information related to latest developments in block printing, screen printing, tie and dye printing, fabric painting, and embroi-



JEE expert RAMESH BATLISH shares last minute tips with aspirants to crack the exam

If a student is dreaming to secure a seat in one of the IITs it is mandatory to crack both JEE Main and Ádvanced. The National Testing Agency is organising JEE Main twice in 2019. The JEE Main 2019 (January session) has been conducted. The April session will be conducted from April 7, 2019 onwards. Paper-1 (BE/BTech)— April 8, 9, 10 and 12, 2019 and Paper-II (BArch/B Planning) — April 7, 2019.

The best of the two scores in either of the January-April sessions will be considered. This time

both the sessions are Computer Based Tests. The students who clear the cut off in JEE Main 2019 would be able to appear for JEE Advanced on May 19, 2019.

The previous cut offs of JEE Main will draw the attention of the students as they aspire to crack one of the most coveted exams of the country. Getting familiar with the past year paper trends will be handy and useful for the students. The result of JEE Main 2019 April will be announced on April 30 (Paper-I) and May 15 (Paper-

The questions that may trouble are:

As the competition level will be high? Will I able to make it? The competition level will be stiff for everybody.

Whether you can make it or not will depend upon the actual performance on the exam day.Put in your sincere efforts, practising good number of JEE Main level questions. Focus on speed and accuracy. Believe in yourself, you will surely crack JEE Main 2019.

I left couple of topics. Should I start them now?

Don't start any fresh topic that you haven't read in the last one year or recent months. Just revise formulas and practice as many questions as you can from already studied topics.

What if the paper difficulty

level increases this year? You should ponder too much

about the difficulty level of the exam. If it increases, it will be for every aspirant. At your end, You must prepared as per the syllabi of JEE Main and also solved adequate number of questions of JEE Main level. With sincere and best efforts, you can secure a seat in any branch of National Institute of Technology (NIT) and qualify for JEE Advanced.

Where do I stand as my friend's preparation is far better than me?

Selection in any competitive exam is based on one's Preparation level, Comprehensive

and Analytical skills, Time Management and most important the actual performance on the exam day. You cannot control your friend's performance, but you can certainly control yourself. If you give the best result, then there will not be any need for

Are there any portals for mock test?

comparison.

Yes, there are portals which conduct mock tests for JEE Main 2019. The most famous web portal for mock test is www.mypat.in. This will help the students to be familiar with their strong and weak areas. Stay fit and healthy for the exam as it enhances your performance in the exam.

THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

■Do remember to carry your JEE Main 2019 admit card. Read for instructions on the admit card as you will not be allowed to carry any stationery like pens, erasers writing Boards, etc.

■Don't stay awake late in the night. Be in bed by 10 or 10:30 pm and this should be added to your daily routine one month before the exam.

■Focus on your health, eat healthy and home-made food. ■ Śtay away from the students who revise topics a few minutes before the exam at the examination venue.

■ Just go and do your best in the exam

■Don't discuss your preparation with your friends Remember to read all the

instructions carefully mentioned in the question paper. ■Be Mentally and physically prepared for everything. Take all the Precautionary movements. Most importantly believe in your-

PREPARATION TIPS

Mathematics: Keeping in previous year trends, Co-ordinate Geometry, algebra, and Calculus are the topics which need to be given more attention. Topics like mathematical reasoning, statistics and determinants can be helpful in increasing the score. Refer to previous year question papers for better understanding of what

Physics: Kinematics and Particle Dynamics are two topics which are asked most in the exam. As per the trends, Mechanics, Electricity and Magnetism are the topics from which questions are always asked. Thermodynamics is the most important chapter both in Physics and Chemistry. Wave Optics is

much smaller as compared to Ray Optics to cover. Vectors need to be studied properly, as it troubles most of the students. Modern Physics is theoretical, yet some scoring questions are frequently

Chemistry: Conceptual clarity, application skills and awareness should be of focus in Chemistry.

Special attention should be given to topics like Mole Concept, Chemical Equilibrium and Electrochemistry.

As far as Inorganic chemistry is concerned, the major topics such as chemical bonding, structures, processes, applications and Coordination Chemistry should be given special attention. The students are advised to

first attempt theoretical questions than the ones which require

PREP CHECKS ■Thorough with exam pat-

tern and syllabus

■Self -confidence is the key to achieve success in the exam ■Speed and accuracy when attempting the questions

■No one is perfect. Stay calm and give your best performance on the day of the exam. The writer is JEE Expert, FIIT-JEE

'Smart food for education is key'

In incentivising education and bringing more children to school, the mid-day meal programme has created a pool of talent that needs to be harnessed and nurtured, says AJAY KAVISHWAR

If we consider today's children the flag-bearers of tomorrow, one of the best measures of our progress as a nation can be the quality of life that we have to offer them. It is therefore imperative that we nurture them in their developmental years through a combination of carefully considered nutritional and educational interventions.

It is evident from the success of the mid-say meal programme that anutritious meal can go a long way in supporting the health and education of children. In bringing 94 million children to school, the programme ensures that they are not deprived of their right to education and right to aspire or the right to a bright future.

The programme serves as an incentive for children to come to school. More importantly, it provides parents an incentive to send their children to school. The resultant boost in enrolment, attendance, and retention rates in schools, the performance of children, and the improvementin their nutritional profile bode well for the socioeconomic progress of the nation.

When children sit together to have their mid-day meal, it eradicates the barriers of caste, religion, and economic status, and fosters the sense of socialisation, thus contributing towards the development of community and the nation.

Considering that one of the primary objectives is to improve the nutritional status of children, the integration of millets in mid-day meals through a collaboration between the Centre and State's MDM and agriculture departments can be a massive step towards child welfare. The inclusion of these high-fibre, protein and micronutrient-rich smartfoods of the 21st Century can add to the nutritional value of mid-day meals, thus contributing towards the enhanced nutritional status and health of the beneficiaries. In fact, finger millet (ragi), with thrice the amount of calcium compared to milk, and pearl millet (bajra) with their rich iron and zinc content are considered perfect health foods for children and deserving constituents of their regular diet. Going beyond 'food for education' to enhance the physical and psychological development of children, thus fuelling their aspirations and putting them on a path to a bright future.

Director-Planning, PR & Advocacy,

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'smart food for education' is in the best

interest of the children. In the long run,

nutrition combined with a conducive

environment for learning in schools can

In incentivising education and bring-ing more children to schools, the pro-gramme has created a large pool of tal-ent that needs to be harnessed and nurtured. It is important to assure children at a young age that their dreams are valid. Furthermore, we ought to support these dreams by promoting and supporting them because if their talent is not harnessed in early life, it is most likely to go

In developing countries, when the talent pool is large, it may remain undeveloped due to lack of resources. While the Government's efforts to bring children to school by incentivising education is commendable, these efforts need to be supported. If corporates and non-profit organisations can contribute towards such initiatives in the form of infrastructure, expertise, and resources, it can be a massive step towards providing children a better future by encouraging them to explore their passion.

xam stress is the mental wear down due to excessive anxiety of performance during exams. This will vary from person to person. We need to view examinations not as hurdles in life, but as stepping stones to greater progress. Exams are stepping stones to rise higher, just as we do in a staircase, slowly moving towards the top. Some steps are easy to climb. Others are not. However, examinations are crucial since they provide a means to test the level of knowledge attained by a student. However it is important to understand the reasons:

■Too much change too quickly can be a cause of stress

■Stress can be caused by pleasant and

unpleasant events.

may not always be apparent. ■Usually stress is a result of build up of

'related and unrelated events.

Often your stress is more apparent to others than to yourself.

Reactions to stress can be emotional, physical and behavioral.

We perceive a situation as dangerous, difficult, or painful. We don't believe we have the resources to cope.

Know what is expected of you and be thoroughly prepared: Be sure to consult your syllabus or ask your instructor what material you will be responsible for. If you have a concrete sense of what you will be tested on, the future test will feel less vague and more like something you can handle.[1]If you aren't clear on anything, ask your

teacher. Teachers would much rather answer questions than have their students proceed without understanding what's expected. Make sure you have read your syllabus and any related information.

Study in conditions similar to your test

room: There is a phenomenon in psychology called context-dependent memory. It refers to the idea that we are best able to remember things in environments similar to when the information was encoded. A related phenomenon is called state-dependent memory, which means that our memory is better when we learn and retrieve information in similar bodily states. If you will be in a quiet room during your exam, try to simulate those conditions while you prepare. This is using context-dependent memory to your

As an example of state-dependent memory, if you prepare for your exam drinking juice, your memory on test day may be better if you have a similar amount of juice then, too. The new time management

methodology: Do not just cram for an exam last minute; this will surely lead to exam stress. Break up your study time into chunks over days, or weeks even. When you "chunk" your study time over the course of a longer period of time, such as a few days or weeks, you will retain more of the information. Also make a 'Daily Routine and To Do List' as per your capacity, need and choice.

Avoid distractions: Keep away from social media, gadgets, smart phones during exams. This will clog the mind with too much of un-necessary information which your mind is not prepared to take at this time

Take frequent breaks: According to psychology studies, the average human brain can only focus on one task effectively for about 45 minutes. In addition, research in neuroscience suggests that focusing on the same thing for too long diminishes the brain's ability to accurately process

Stay hydrated: Drink plenty of water. Aim for at least 8 eight-ounce glasses of water a day. Not drinking enough water can make you feel anxious.

Focus on performance not outcome: Concentrate on your performance rest is not in your hands.

Quality recreation is a must: Not getting a full night's rest can contribute to feelings of fatigue, stress, and anxiety. Eat your favourite food and go for a quiet walk Increase intake of green vegetables, high protein and fibrous diet whereas avoid junk food. Bottom line — belief in the power of positive thinking

The writer is Pallavi Prakash, motivational/corporate trainer and Founder-CEO Knowledge Seed Learning Center

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STUDY CENTRES

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■Naseema Institute of Speech and Hearing **College**, Bengaluru. **Course**: Bachelor in Audiology and Speech Language Pathology ■Sri Ramachandra University College of Allied Health Sciences, Chennai. Course: Bachelor in Audiology and Speech Language Pathology

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IN BRIEF —

LPU SIGNS MOU WITH PEGASYSTEMS

ovely Professional University (LPU) has signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Pegasystems, a US based leader in software for digital transformation, to join its university academic programme. Under the programme, Pega

Academy will provide online resources, classroom training and certification to LPU's Computer Science students.

enabling them to master its platform for application

development across domains like Digital Process Automation and Real Time Decisioning. The demand for trained and certified Pega professionals in India is at an all-

Under the MoU, students at LPU can opt for courses across industries like Communication, Energy, Financial Services, Life Sciences and Insurance, Upon completion of the course of study, students can achieve a professional certification which is highly sought after in the industry today.

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innovatively designed for students with managerial and leadership aspirations. Students can apply online at www.niituniversity.in.

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WORKSHOP AT IMS

he Institute of Management Studies organised a workshop on forensic science at institute campus in which Dr VC Mishra a forensic scientist give a lecture to the students on different key factors of forensic science. The aim of workshop was to clear the doubts and query of the students about forensic science. Programme was attended by teachers and students along with Dr. KS Bhati, Dean of IMS Law College.

While addressing the students, Mishra talked about the usefulness of Forensic Science. He demonstrate the students with experimental form of finder prints during the program, he also suggest the students not to touch the unknown persons belongings you can get trapped in the clutches of law

BRAVO CAPS CHENNAI'S COMEBACK

DJ picks 3-33 as Delhi fail to capitalise good start into big total against Super Kings





Shikhar Dhawan (Delhi Capitals) plays a shot while Mahendra Singh Dhoni (Chennai Super Kings) stand behind the wickets, (right) Dwayne Bravo celebrates after taking a wicket

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

hikhar Dhawan scored a painstaking half-century in Delhi Capitals' sub-par 147 for 6 against Chennai Super Kings on a lifeless Kotla track in an IPL encounter here on Tuesday.

The senior opener once again played the role of sheet anchor in his 51 off 47 balls that had seven boundaries but unfortunately failed to accelerate during the final overs. This left the home team at least 30 runs short of a

From a comfortable 120 for 2

with the dangerous Rishabh Pant at the crease, CSK seized the momentum, effecting a middleorder collapse. Capitals lost four wickets for seven runs in just 1.5 overs. From 118 for 2 after 15 overs, the last five overs yielded

only 29 runs.

With the ball stopping and coming, Capitals batsmen found Dwayne Bravo's (3/33 in 4 overs) variations difficult to handle. Ravindra Jadeja (1/23 in 4 overs) also made life difficult for the Capitals in the middle overs and Harbhajan Singh (0/30 in 4 overs) also bowled as many as 10 dot

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Dhawan, however, continued to hold one end up and hit the occasional boundary in between, even as stroke making became increasingly difficult.

Pant (25 off 12 balls), during his 41-run stand with Dhawan, tried to negate the pitch factor but did not last till the death

He did reach out to a short ball from Harbhajan, dispatching it over long off for a six. In the next over, his short arm pull off Dwayne Bravo was taken by Shardul Thakur at deep square

leg boundary.

With Colin Ingram (2) and Keemo Paul (0) also being dismissed cheaply, followed by Dhawan, the expectations of a 175-plus total withered away.

During the start of the second innings Chennai were at 51 for the loss of one wicket. Ambati Rayadu was bowled

out for just five runs.

Shane Watson was batting at 28 runs in 19 balls which included four 4s and one 6s. While Suresh Raina was batting at 14 runs in six balls which included

Up Next -

KXIP face KKR in backdrop of Ashwin's Mankad moment



Skipper R Ashwin is in the eye of a Storm after 'Mankading' a rival player but a winning start will keep Kings XI Punjab upbeat when they face home favourites Kolkata Knight Riders in an IPL fixture here on Wednesday. It was Ashwin's mankading of Jos

Buttler that had triggered a dramatic collapse with Kings XI Punjab restricting Rajasthan Royals to 170 for nine to notch up a 14-run win.

Buttler was looking in imperious touch with 69 from 43 balls and Rajasthan well on course to overhaul the target of 185 but following the dismissal they went on to lose eight wickets for 62 runs to hand Kings XI Punjab their maiden win in Jaipur.

Though the dismissal was within the rules of the game, it sparked a huge furore with spin legend and Rajasthan Royals brand ambassador Shane Warne labelling it as "disgraceful" and against the spirt of the game.

With a debate raging over the runout, it remains to be seen how Ashwin and Co. Start afresh in what will be their first away match of the sea-

Kings XI's biggest star Chris Gayle scored a 47-ball 79 and his Jamaican rivalry with fellow mate Andre Russell, who also looked in blistering touch for KKR, will be one of the sub plots of the clash here.

The Universe Boss, who will retire from ODIs after the 2019 World Cup, has been in sensational form, smashing 39 sixes in the five-match ODI series against England and set the record for most sixes by a batsman in



Kolkata Knight Riders defeated Kings XI Punjab by 31 runs at

Kings XI Punjab beat Kolkata Knight Riders by 9 wickets (D/L) at Kolkata

FOR THE RECORD

Sunil Narine will become the 38th player to complete a century of matches in IPL. He played all matches for Kolkara Knight Riders since 2012. Gautam Gambhir (108) and Yusuf Pathan also plyed over 100 matches for Kolkata Knight Riders between 2011 and 2017.

Chris Gayle who hit 296 sixes in 112 innings of 113 matches, needs just four sixes to become the first batsman to smash 300 sixes in IPL. **Faisel Features**

international cricket.

A typical slow starter, Gayle was 14 off 18 balls but the opener hit top gear in the 12th over hammering Jaydev Unadkat for four successive boundaries.

A former KKR player, Gayle knows Eden Gardens like the back of his hand as he would look to continue his assault on the spin-oriented KKR Russell will be KKR's answer to

Gayle as the KKR star also fashioned a sensational win, smashing an unbeaten 49 from 19 balls in their opening fixture against Sunrisers Hyderabad here two days ago.

The win saw their star spinner and explosive opener, Sunil Narine, hurt his finger and KKR would hope he is fit in

KKR will embark on a crucial fourmatch away sojourn after this and they would look to keep their momentum intact before they return home to face Delhi Capitals on April 12.



Jos Buttler plays a shot during a match

Buttler becomes first victim of **Mankading in IPL**

PTI ■ JAIPUR

 $R \hbox{\it ajasthan Royals opener Jos Buttler} \\ R \hbox{\it on Monday became the first victim}$ of 'Mankading' in the history of the Indian Premier League when a desperate Kings XI Punjab skipper Ravichandran Ashwin dismissed the batsman in the controversial manner during their IPL match.

With Buttler going strong at 69 off 43 balls while chasing 185 runs, Ashwin mankaded the Rajasthan Royals opener without giving him any warning.

As per the laws of the game, the third umpire declared Buttler out but such a dismissal had always raised eyebrows as it is considered against the spirit of the game.

As expected Buttler seemed furious and had a heated exchange with Ashwin before leaving the field. The dismissal is sure to create a big

controversy going into the 12th edition of the IPL. Rajasthan were 108 for one in 12.4

overs at that stage. Among Indians, it was Kapil Dev who had mankaded Peter Kirsten of South Africa during the 1992-93 series and in Indian domestic cricket Railways' spinner Murali Karthik had mankaded Sandipan Das of Bengal during a Ranji Trophy match.

It was instinctive and within the rules: Ashwin

PTI JAIPUR

Unapologetic 'Mankading' Jos Buttler in an IPL match here, senior Indian offspinner Ravichandran Ashwin said his decision was "instinctive' and cricket laws should be reconsidered if what he did was against the 'spirit of the game'. Kings Xi Punjab captain

Ashwin, in a match against Rajasthan Royals on Monday, 'Mankaded' rival batsman Jos Buttler, triggering a debate on 'spirit of the game'. In a first in 12 editions of the

IPL, Ashwin ran out a rampaging Buttler, who was at the nonstrikers' end, on his delivery stride

in the 13th over, an action popularly known as 'Mankading'. TV replays showed that Ashwin had waited for Buttler to move out of the crease before removing the

"Look it was very instinctive. It wasn't planned or anything like that. It's there within the rules of the game. I don't know from where the understanding of the Spirit of the Game comes, Ashwin said at the post-match press conference.

The mode of dismissal is permissible as per ICC Rule 41.16 of playing conditions, according to which there is no need to warn the batsman as was the case in earli-



R Ashwin speaks during a press conference

"Naturally if it's there in the rules, it's there. Probably, we need to go back to the rules," India's premier Test spinner said.

When probed further on whether it affects the 'spirit of the game', the irritation was palpable on his face. "I don't understand the point

because it's rules. What applies for one man doesn't apply for everyone else?" he asked. There has been a debate

whether Ashwin deliberately delayed while loading up on his delivery stride having apprehended that Buttler backs up too far. "I didn't even load and he left

the crease. It's always been my take on the crease, because it's my

half of the crease," he said. The Kings XI skipper lauded

his bowlers for bringing the team back into the contest. "We all know that after six overs it is going to slow down. Credit to bowlers on how they

bowled. I have been working on a lot of variations, pretty happy that it came out," he said. "Sam (Curran) had a bad day with the ball, but he came back well. Everybody ticked their boxes. We do have a few options

amongst us, but if we can have good five overs, there is nothing like it." Man-of-the-match Chris

Gayle, who hit 79 off 47 balls, was happy with his form.

Glad that I don't have to bowl to Russell: Ferguson

PTI ■ KOLKATA

 W^{atching} teammate Andre Russell bulldozing Sunrisers Hyderabad bowlers was a breathtaking experience for KKR pace spearhead Lockie Ferguson, who is happy that he does not have to bowl to the West Indian this IPL. The Jamaican single-handedly won the

match for Kolkata Knight Riders with his unbeaten 49 off 19 balls in their opening match.

"It's one of those I've never seen anything like that personally. That was unbelievable. I'm pretty excited he's not on my side, I don't have to bowl to him," the New Zealand quick told reporters on the eve of their

match against Kings XI Punjab.
The Punjab outfit has explosive Chris Gayle in its ranks but Ferguson said they are prepared to tackle the Jamaican.

Chris (Gayle) is in some pretty fine touch at the moment. He really batted well last night. It's nice to watch him. Perhaps there are some areas we can look at attacking him," he said of Gayle who starred with a 47-ball 79 to fashion Kings XI Punjab's 14-run win against Rajasthan

"It's important to stick to your plan and back yourself because in T20, if you keep working on your strengths then definitely it will come off

KKR have the reputation of being a spinoriented attack as Ferguson said it's exciting time to be part of the bowling unit.

"To have the spin attack we have, and with PK (Prasidh Krishna) swinging the ball and being very good at the death, so by no means I think I'm leading. We all do our part. Andre Russell also got the wickets."

Having added some more pace to his bowling, Ferguson is hoping to make the most of the IPL experience, ahead of the

World Cup.
"It's high pressure in IPL. It's one of the biggest competitions in the world, playing in front of big crowds, against the best players in the world. Of course all these experiences you're gaining, playing in

the IPL is going to help you going forward. "Obviously there's a big World Cup in a few months but at this stage, I'm focusing on KKR and trying to assist them, get some more wins."

Rasikh Salam is going to be special in next 2-3 years: Yuvraj

PTI ■ BENGALURU

Impressed with his composure and Control Over his swing, former India batsman Yuvraj Singh said J&K young fast bowler Rasikh Salam is going to emerge as a special player in the next two to three years.

"Rasikh swung the ball in the nets, that is why the boys wanted to play him. He got hit for a six and four in the last two balls. Other than that, he bowled well," Yuvraj, who scored a half-century on his debut match for the Mumbai Indians against Delhi Capitals,

"I think he did fantastic for his first match in terms of handling the pressure. Pretty much like an international game. I feel he is going to be special in the next 2-3 years," he said in an interview with MITV.

Salam started off with a no-ball against Delhi Captains but responded with a brave bouncer on the free-hit that was pulled towards deep midwick-

et straight into the palms of a fielder.



Shane Bond also praised Salam, saying he was one of better bowlers for the team during its IPL opener against

On another day, he would have had a

Mumbai Indians bowling coach

wicket on his debut.

"It was a challenging start but as I said in the pre-camp, things are going to go wrong at times. You are going to bowl a no-ball but the easy thing for Rasikh to do would have been to go to pieces but he certainly didn't. I thought he showed great composure and was one of our better bowlers," said the

Bond also said Salam has the hunger to learn.

Zaheer Khan, who is Mumbai's Director of Cricket Operations, said Salam is an exciting young prospect who has great temperament.

"Even Rohit Sharma is impressed with Rasikh. He was thinking of giving him an opportunity as early in the season as possible, so exciting times ahead," said Zaheer.



Raheem Sterling reacts after winning the match 5-1

RACIST ABUSE OVERSHADOWS 5-STAR ENGLAND Danny Rose suffers racial abuse as Three Lions romp Montenegro 5-1 to continue excellent run

AFP ■ PODGORICA

Raheem Sterling believes UEFA should punish alleged racist chanting aimed at England players in Monday's 5-1 win over Montenegro in Podgorica with a stadium closure.

Manchester City's Sterling celebrated the visitors' fifth goal by cupping his ears towards the home fans on a night when another impressive performance to start Euro 2020 qualifying by the Three Lions was overshadowed.

"I just want to show them you need more than that to upset us and stop us," Sterling told Sky Sports.

"It's 2019 now, I keep saying it. It's a shame to see this going on and we can only bring awareness to the situa-

'It's now time for the people in charge to put a real stamp on it because you can fine someone, but what is that going to do?

You've got to make it a bit harder, punish fans that can't come to games. Do something that's going to make them think twice. If their team can't play with fans, it's going to be Sterling also tweeted a photo of his celebration with

the message: "Best way to silence the haters (and yeah I mean racists)." England manager Gareth Southgate said he heard racist

chants aimed at Danny Rose and promised to report the issue to UEFA. There is no doubt in my mind it happened. We will make sure that is reported to

able," said Southgate. "We've start got to make sure we support our players.

ENG AMONG

FAVOURITES On the field, the World Cup semi-finalists showed why they are among the favourites to European champions next year.

Southgate's

trust in youth was again rewarded as 18 - year - old Callum Hudson-Odoi, who is vet to start a Premier League game for Chelsea, shone on his full international debut, while Declan Rice, 20, was also handed his first England UEFA because it's not accept-

"Fabulous performance," said Southgate on Hudson-

Odoi. "With young players it is always up to them. You can see the talent, his application has been excellent. He's got to contin-

ue that." England are not used to falling behind these days, but showed a resilience to bounce back after Marko Vesovic turned

inside Michael Keane and curled past Jordan Pickford on 17 minutes.

Keane made amends for his earlier error with a commanding header from Ross Barkley's free-kick on the half

hour mark to settle England's nerves.

Nine minutes later, Barkley applied the finishing touch after Hudson-Odoi's positive run into the box and shot which his club teammate turned in from close range.

Further goals from Barkley, Harry Kane and Sterling rounded off an excellent start to qualifying for England after a 5-0 thrashing of Czech Republic

Sterling scored a hattrick against the Czechs at Wembley, but also played provider here as his cutback broke perfectly for Barkley to coolly side-foot

The Manchester City winger then led a rapid counter-attack with only Kane for company and squared for the England captain to tap home his 22nd international goal.

And after scoring just twice in his first 45 caps, Sterling now has six goals in his last four England games as he raced onto Jordan Henderson's through ball before slotting low past the goalkeeper.



Ronaldo injured as Portugal held by Serbia

AFP ■ LISBON

Captain Cristiano Ronaldo left the field with a thigh injury as Portugal drew 1-1 against Serbia in an Euro 2020 qualifier on Monday.

Ronaldo was replaced after 30 minutes in Lisbon as Fernando Santos' reigning European champions drew for a second time in their opening two games of the campaign after they were held by Ukraine on Friday.

There was no word whether the five-time Ballon d'Or winner would be fit for to play for his club Juventus in the first leg of their Champions League quarter-final at Ajax on April 10.

William Carvalho wasted the best of the early chances at Benfica's twothirds empty Estadio da

Serbia failed to clear the ball in the box before it fell to the unmarked Real Betis midfielder who's sidefooted shot glanced past the post after five minutes.

as his effort was very well

Ronaldo was denied an equaliser two minutes later

saved Marko Dmitrovic.

The 156-time international left the field on the half hour mark after he pulled up chasing a ball on the left wing.

He received quick treatment from members of the medical team before returning to action but was replaced by Pizzi minutes later as Pepe took over the skipper's armband.

The visitors were level with three minutes of the first half to play. Porto's Danilo Pereira hammered his shot from outside the box into the top corner past a helpless Dmitrovic.

Carvalho should have put his side into the lead 25 minutes into the second half. Guerreiro chipped a cross to the back post, Bernardo Silva then played it into the middle of the box but Carvalho couldn't make a solid enough contact with the ball to challenge Dmitrovic.

Fernando Santos' outfit were denied a second penalty on 73 minutes after the linesman overruled referee Szymon Marciniak's original decision for off-side.



France cruise past Iceland

AFP PARIS

Kylian Mbappe scored one and set up two more as France routed Iceland 4-0 at the Stade de France on Monday night to move to the top of Group H in Euro 2020 qualify-The result gives France six

points from their first two matches and puts them ahead Turkey, who also won 4-0 on Monday, on goal difference. "It was our objective to take

six points but the manner was good as well," France manager Didier Deschamps told the post-match press conference. Deschamps praised his

team's "offensive efficiency" against a "dense" Icelandic defence.

"When the opponent plays very defensively it can be very difficult to find a way through so that was a good sign," said Deschamps, although he acknowledged that Icelandic fatigue near the end played a

He added that he was pleased that all three strikers — Mbappe, Antoine Griezmann

and Oivier Giroud — scored. "They are the champions of the world and you saw that today," acknowledged Iceland manager Erik Hamren.
"Five shots on goal and they

scored four. That's top class" From the start Mbappe's movement mesmerised the Icelanders, though his contribution to the opening goal after 11

ner only as far as Benjamin Pavard. The right back switched the ball to Mbappe, alone on the left. The young star had time to aim his cross which Samuel Umititi met at the near post with a header that glanced off the inside of the far post and into the goal.

almost headed another, from a cross by Pavard, but Hannes Halldorsson leapt and stretched to palm the ball over. For the next 45 minutes,

France, who have never lost to Iceland, gave the impression that they had slipped down a couple of gears and were content to take the long-range shooting opportunities the packed Iceland defence was

Iceland meanwhile worked courageously and managed to force the occasional small

After 68 minutes, Iceland were again punished for failing

to put distance on a clearance. France moved the ball to Pavard who swerved a cross in

Halldorsson into a desperate dive for a ball he could not Giroud kneed the ball into minutes was straightforward. the empty net for his 35th The visitors cleared a cor-France goal. That moved him into third on the all-time list of France scorers, breaking a tie

Chelsea striker trails only Michel Platini, on 41, and Thierry Henry, the all-time leader on 51. Mbappe added a third after 78 minutes. Griezmann slipped Four minutes later, Giroud a pass between two defenders to the advancing Mbappe who shrugged off a timid challenge and slid the ball past

Halldorson.

Six minutes later, Mbappe returned the assist with a neat backheel that sent Griezmann scampering through the frozen Icelandic backline to poke the ball into the corner of the goal.

from the right that lured

with David Trezeguet. The

'We've started well with two nice team performances" Paul Pogba told French broadcster M6.

"We knew what we were up against. They are a team that doesn't let in a lot of goals but today we did our job

Federer wary of Medvedev after Miami victory

AFP ■ MIAMI

 $R^{
m oger}$ Federer admits he faces a real battle to land the 101st title of his career with the in-form Daniel Medvedev next up after Serbian Filip Krajinovic was dispatched 7-5, 6-3 on Monday at the ATP and WTA Miami Open.

The Swiss superstar produced an excellent all-round performance despite being tested by the world number 103 who belied his lowly ranking by producing some excellent tennis during an exciting first set.

Federer, however, stylishly weathered the storm to seal the win — the 52nd of his career in Miami — and set up an intriguing last eight match with the highly-rated Medvedev.

The Russian, who is at a career high ranking of 15, saw off American Reilly Opelka 7-6 (7/5), 6-7 (5/7), 7-6 (7/0), and has won four ATP hard-court titles, including three since last August. Federer beat him twice

last year but is already a fan. "He's clever how he plays the court because he can play it up and down, and he's unusual when he plays from back," said the Swiss, who hit

14 aces and won an impres-

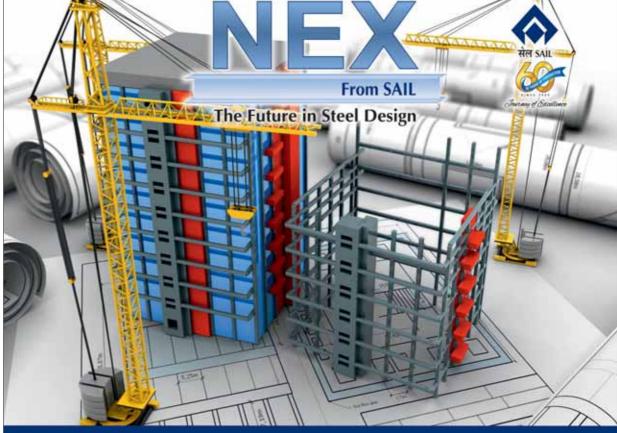
sive 74% of points on his first

"It's a bit of a different approach.Thankfully I played him last year twice in Basel and Shanghai.

I'm very impressed about his progress.

I must say the last year has been unbelievable for

Krajinovic struggled with injury last year as problems with his ankle, left foot and hand restricted him to just seven tournaments in the first seven months of 2018.





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