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BJP pits Jaya Prada against Azam

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

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 $N^{
m oted}$ 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), Ravindra Kushwaha Ravindra Kushwaha (Salempur), Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti (Fatehpur), Lallu Singh (Faizabad), Daddan Mishra (Shawasti), and Brijbhushan 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.



Veteran actor and former MP Jaya Prada touches the floor before stepping on the dais as she arrives to join the BJP, ahead of the Lok Sabha elections, in New Delhi, on Tuesday

Rampur has the highest 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

Rajya Sabha member Amar Singh, who was expelled from the SP and has since come close

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

Noting that she started her

Mahendra Nath Pandey for Chandauli, Jagdambika Pal for Doomariyaganj Lok Sabha seats The ninth list, which has 29 candidates from Uttar Pradesh (and 10

BJP chooses Rita Bahuguna for Allahabad, State BJP president

from West Bengal) repeats many of the sitting MPs

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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eteran 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.

In a statement, Joshi said the party general secretary (organisation) Ram Lal has d him not to contest the LS poll. 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, recent-

2019 Elections

embarrassed the Union overnment.

Earlier, another senior party leader from UP Kalraj Mishra had announced not to contest the elections from his Deoria seat.

Later in the day, the BJP released the list declaring Pachauri as party's candidate from Kanpur

Defending the party's decision of denying ticket to Joshi, UP Minister Sidharthanath Singh said, "He is our founder member and the party respects him in the team of mardarshak

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 conference at the SP office in Lucknow on Tuesday

VIRENDRA NATH BHATT ■ LUCKNOW

With an attempt to counter the influence of the BJP, the Samajawadi Party on Tuesday inducted three more OBC-dominated political out-fits in the SP-BSP-RLD alliance. The three OBC political parties are Janwadi Party (Socialist), Rashtriva Samanta Dal and the Nishad Party. These small par-ties have pockets of influence among their respective com-munities 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 included Ajit Singh's Rashtriya Lok Dal.

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backward communities.

Headed by Sanjay Singh Chauhan, the Janwadi Party Socialist Party has a strong hold among the Chauhan commu-nity, an extremely backward caste of the OBC category, which has a considerable presence across eastern UP.

The Nishad Party had played a key role in the Opposition's success in the Gorakhpur by-elections in March 2018 which became the template for Opposition unity and eventually persuaded two rivals, Akhilesh Yadav and Mayawati, to team up. Praveen Kumar Nishad, the Opposition candidate who defeated the BJP in Gorakhpur, is the son of Nishad Party chief.

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

CHANDAN PRAKASH

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 (Nyay) announcement as an "extraordinary step", Sheila said this is the biggest scheme announced ever for the poor after the highly successful MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural 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



Delhi Pradesh Congress Committee president Sheila Dikshit during a Press conference at DPCC office in New Delhi on Ranjan Dimri I Pioneer

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. Brushing aside accusations of the BJP that the scheme will put a heavy burden on the

economy of the country and it implement the scheme, Sheila said, "The party has taken all possib lities into consideration for the successful implementation of the scheme, it would be implemented without delay' Continued on Page 4

and was its Rajya Sabha mem-

ber before joining the SP and being elected to Lok Sabha

from Rampur, Jaya Prada told reporters that joining the BJP is

life and she would now work dedicatedly for the saffron party.

'significant" moment in her

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howkidar 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 problems), said Union Home Minister Raj Nath Singh while addressing an election rally titled "Vijay Sankalp Sabha" in Delhi's Yamuna Vihar on Tuesday.

Singh's response was aimed at blunting the often repeated allegations of Congress presi-dent Rahul Gandhi dent 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



Union Home Minister Bainath Singh being felicitated by Delhi BJP chief Manoi Tiwari after the inauguration of BJP North-East District office in New Delhi on

Chowkidar pure hai, dobara **Ravi Shankar** shown black flags by RK **Sinha loyalists**

On his first visit to the city after being declared the BJP candidate from Patna Sahib, Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad was on Tuesday shown black flags by supporters of RK Sinha, a Rajya Sabha MP, leading to a clash with party workers who had gathered at the airport to wel-

come Prasad. RK Sinha was hopeful of BJP ticket for the seat. Prasad drove away while telling the media, "I thank my party for considering me for this great responsibility. I will be giving my best shot. Good will help governance Narendra Modi return to power.

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CAPSULE

2 CHILDREN DIE IN SHOP BLAZE IN JAMIA NAGAR

New Delhi: Two minors died in fire which broke out in a furniture shop at Jamia Nagar's Abu Fazal Enclave in southeast Delhi, police said on Tuesday, A six-year-old boy and seven-year old girl died in the blaze.



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cr narcotics on way to buy votes seize RAJESH KUMAR | NEW DELHI

As the countdown for 2019 Lok Sabha polls begin, a highly disturbing trend of the use of drugs and narcotics, besides liquor, to woo voters has come to light. The Election Commission (EC) has seized 2,420.15 kg of narcotics worth ₹133 crore across the country.

The EC has seized cash illegal liquor, drugs, gold and freebies worth about ₹562.39 crore across the country since the poll schedule was announced a fortnight ago. The biggest haul of the

EC's seizure of drugs and narcotics stood at 1,160 kg in Uttar Pradesh, followed by Pradesh, followed by Jharkhand at 657.7 kg, and Madhya Pradesh 282.406 kg. According to EC, it has seized 172 kg of narcotics from Karnataka, 84.30 kg from Punjab, 36.06 kg from Maharashtra, and 21 kg from

As per reports, from hero-in, opium, to brown sugar and anti-depressants drugs and narcotic substances are being supplied to influence voters. During the election to five State Assemblies last year, the EC had seized drugs and narcotics worth ₹17 crore which include brown sugar, smack, opium, ganja, cocaine, denato-nium benzoate, methamphetamine, heroin, tablets of antidepressants Alprazolam and

Tramadol. As per data updated till March 25, a total of ₹157.37 crore cash, ₹93.64 crore worth of liquor, ₹133.86 crore drugs, gold and other precious metals

worth drugs 169.36 crore, and other freebies worth drugs 12.70 crore have been seized. dreds of general observers, expenditure observers and sta-

tic and mobile surveillance

fication so that the level play

Tamil Nadu recorded the Punjab has had seizure worth ₹92.8 crore.

Karnataka saw the total seizure of inducements and cash worth ₹26.53 crore, Maharashtra ₹19.11 crore and Telangana ₹8.2 crore.

teams in the country to keep watch on the flow of black money and other illegal gratiing field of holding fair polls is not disturbed.

maximum seizure of these illegal inducements, suspected to have been routed and used to bribe voters, worth ₹107.24 crore, followed by Uttar Pradesh ₹104.53 crore and Andhra Pradesh ₹103.4 crore. In Punjab, for instance, during the Assembly polls in 2017, the State had recorded total seizures worth ₹89.64 crore. Since March 10, when the Model Code of Conduct for Lok Sabha elections kicked in,

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Interestingly, in Gujarat, a dry State, EC has confiscated 1.74 lakh litre of liquor worth ₹4.77 crore till date. Compare this to Bihar, another State with alcohol prohibition, where liquor worth ₹20 lakh has been seized. Jharkhand, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Sikkim have

recorded lowest seizures (less than ₹1 crore) till date. In North-East region, the enforcement team has seized more than ₹1.50 crore in cash on Tuesday. The seven phase polls will

begin from April 11 and the counting of votes will take place on May 23.



Minister, others booked for attacking cop

Irate crowd allegedly manhandles police officer

PNS ■ KASHIPUR

 $T_{\text{against State Education}}^{\text{he police lodged a case}}$ and Sports Minister Arvind Pandey and 18 other persons named in the case besides more than 100 unnamed persons after the Kundeshwari

post police post in-charge was allegedly man-handled. The incident occurred in presence of the Cabinet Minister when those involved in the mining and transport business protested against the police after four vehicles transporting quarried materials were seized.

According to sources, a large crowd of people aggravated after the police seized the valed after the police screen which is congregated at the Kundeshwari police post. Some of them reportedly not only verbally abused the police post in-charge but also manhandled him. The police offi-cer had to lock himself in a room for protection from the crowd. The situation improved after senior police officers reached the site. The high voltage drama of those involved in the mining busi-ness in the presence of the cab-

hour. It is pertinent to men-tion here that some time ago, on allegations of illegal col-lection, the senior super-intendent of reverted the t h e n t h e n Kundeshwari police post in-charge to the police line.

Ariun Giri Goswami was then posted as the in-charge of this police post. However, those involved in the mining business have been alleging that the police have been act-

ing autocratically in the area. Vehicles are being seized without proper grounds and people are being maphan people are being manhan-dled, they further alleged. Irked at this, the members of the mining business fraterni-ty congregated on Tuesday and held a meeting in which they expressed their objection to the functioning of the police.

From here, they along with



walked to the Kundeshwari police post. They reportedly became angry on sighting Goswami and in the presence of the cabinet minister also resorted to manhan-dling the police officer. The sub-inspector managed to lock himself up in a small room to protect himself from the irate

crowd. He did not come out of

the room until senior police

While the education minister expressed dissatisfaction at the functioning of the police post in-charge, the senior officers assured that this would be

probed into.

Talking to this correspondent on the phone, the additional superintendent of police, Jagdish Chandra said that based on CCTV footage, a case had been registered against 19 persons including

the cabinet minister and 100 other unnamed persons for obstructing government work, violating model code of conduct and section 144. Four persons have also been arrested under various sec-

tions by the police. Meanwhile, those involved in the mining and transport business are planning to protest against the police on Wednesday.

HC gives State time in PIL on industrial pollution

Hearing on a public interest litigation against factories in the State not meeting standards of the Central Pollution ing standards of the Central Pollution Control Board, the High Court of Uttarakhand set April 3 as the next date for hearing the case. The case came up for hearing before the division bench of chief justice Ramesh Ranganathan and justice NS Dhanik on Tuesday. During the hearing, it was stated on behalf of the gov-ernment that the Pollution Control Board had so far identified 130 factories not fol lowing the standards and had also issued notices for closure of the said factories.

However, due to the state adminis-tration presently being busy with the Lok Sabha election, further action could not be taken in this case. On this ground, time was sought by the state. In the past, the court had asked the central pollution control board to provide a list of all factories in the state in which it was also stated that a number of factories in the state were not meeting the standards set by the pollution control board. Based on this report, the state government had been directed to take

It is pertinent to mention here that Udham Singh Nagar district resident Himanshu Chandola had filed a public interest litigation in the high court stating that there were about 27 such industrial units in Udham Singh Nagar that were causing air and water pollution which had also caused the death of some persons from serious ailment in the area. It had also been stated in the petition that due to the pollution being spread by the industrial units, agricultural land in the affected area

HC issues notice to **Doon Uni V-C**

PNS NAINITAL

Hearing on a petition challenging appointment of CS Nautiyal to the post of Doon University vice-chancellor, the High Court has issued a notice to him and also directed the State Government, University

Grants Commission and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research to respond in three weeks.

According to the case details, retired lecturer Yagyadatt Sharma had filed a petition in the high court challenging the appointment of Nautiyal to the post of the university vice chancellor. The petition-er has alleged that Nautiyal had secured the post on

It has been contended in the petition that Nautiyal does not have 10 years teaching experience, is not eligible for the post of vice chancellor and that ACCIVITATION CONTRACTOR TO THE POST OF THE PO the CSIR had not passed any order in his favour. The committee that had selected Nautiyal for the post itself does not fulfill the regulations, the petitioner

After hearing on the petition, the division bench headed by the chief justice Ramesh Ranganathan issued a notice to the Doon University vice chancellor while also directing the state gov-ernment, UGC and CSIR to respond within three weeks. The petition will be taken up for hearing next after three weeks.

Guv flags off **Everest mission** of Amisha



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 $T^{
m he}$ Uttarakhand Governor Baby Rani Maurya flagged off the mountaineer Amisha Chauhan on her Mount Everest mission on Tuesday from the Raj Bhawan here.

Amisha Chauhan is slated to start on her mission to scale the Mount Everest on March 28. Extending her best

wishes to Amisha Chauhan, the governor said that her efforts would inspire the youths of the state specially girls to participate in adven-turous activities. It should be mentioned here that Amisha mentoned here that Amisha Chauhan has successfully scaled the highest peak of Africa, Mount Kilimanjaro and highest peak of Europe, Mount

Absconding scholarship scam accused surrenders in court

The long absconding accused in SC ST scholarship scam, Vivek Sharma, has finally surrendered before the court of chief judicial magistrate. The court has sent the accused to judicial custody for 14 days. Sharma was the manager of Institute of Professional Studies in Roorkee when the irregularities were allegedly orchestrated. His brother Ankur Sharma had been arrested by the police in the past.

In this scholarship scam,

many managers of colleges are on the radar of the special investigation team (SIT). Notably, the Institute of Professional Studies under lens

of the SIT is the one which was constructed in the year 2005 on the banks of Gang Nehar. It could not run properly but the proprietors of the college allegedly siphoned off the funds received for scholarship from the social welfare department by purportedly submitting a fake list of students. It has been revealed that the Manglaur leg-islator Qazi Nizamuddin's brother Norwidin and his brother Nooruddin and his partners had closed the institu-



tion in the year 2014 due to non accreditation by the education council but scholarship amount was taken despite the closure of the college and its website.

The four officials of social welfare department who had come on the radar of SIT include deputy director and nodal officer Sail Anurag Shankhdhar, the then social welfare officer of Haridwar, Munish Tyagi, social welfare officer, Khanpur, Vinod Kumar Naithani and social welfare officer, Bhagwanpur,

Somprakash.
The said college had received the scholarship for the students from the year 2012 to 2015 while students had stopped coming to the college in the year 2011 itself. It is being stated that at one point of time there were only 50 students studying in the college. The SIT probing the scam worth Rs 2.5 crore had arrested five people in the matter including Qazi Nooruddin, Pradip Agarwal, Sanjay Bansal, Ankur Sharma and Om Tyagi. While Nooruddin is the brother of Manglaur MLA, Pradip

Mahima' to the san-gats on the occasion.

The Nagar Parikramma'

Ensure your contribution to nation building: Mahant

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DEHRADUN

Mahant Devendra Dass of Udasin sect has ensure his role in the nation building for being an ideal per-son. He was address-ing devotees on the second of the world famous Jhanda fair at Darbar sahab on Tuesday. Hedelivered the 'Guru Mantra' and told the signifi-cance of 'Guru

He urged the devotes to come forward for leading an ideal life, caring for the envi-ronment, de-addiction and get-ting rid of the social evils. One of the most awaited event of the Jhanda fair, the Nagar Parikrama would be carried out on Wednesday. Mahant Devendra Dass would lead the Sangats during Nagar Parikrama and the residents of the city would welcome the



would begin at 9.30 AM and more than 25,000 'devotees are

expected to participate in it.

The senior Public Relations
Officer (PRO) of Shri Darbar Sahib, Bhupender Raturi said that that as per tradition, 'Nagar Parikramma' is carried out on the third day of the raising of the holy flag mast. He said that 'Nagar Parikramma' will get initiated from Shri Darbar Sahib Premises from where it will reach Shri Guru Ram Rai Public School, Bindal via Saharanpur

the 'Sangat' will be distributed the 'prasad' of 'Chana, murmura and Gur'. From there the 'Nagar Parikramma' will reach Saharanpur Chowk via Tilak Road, Tagore Villa, Clock-tower then Paltan Bazar and from there will reach Lakhi Bagh. After that the 'Nagar Parikramma' will pay its obei-sance at 'Samadhi Sthal Shri Mahant Sahiban' and then will end at Shri Darbar Sahib at 1:30

Platinum Jubilee celebration held at Ordnance factory

I brate 75 years of its existence, the Ordnance Factory Dehradun is holding plat-inum jubilee programmes. As part of the celebration, a cultural programme was organised on Tu e s d a y. Speaking on the occasion chief guest, the

member of ordnance factory board Chandra Shekhar Vishwakarma said that the ordnance factories are the power of the armed forces and it is matter of great pride that Ordnance factor of Jabalpur has handed over Dhanush howitzer to the Indian Army on today

He said that the sighting system of this big gun have



Speaking on the occasion the senior general manager of the ordnance factory, D M Puri said that Dehradun factory has capability to develop every type of the equipment needed r the armed forces.

He said that optical instru-

ments made in Dehradun act like eyes of the Indian army. He claimed that all the

employees of the factory are highly efficient as a result of which all projects are com

Earlier the chief guest lighted the ceremonial lamp to inaugurate the programme. An message of saving environment was also organised on the occasion. This march was flagged off by Puri.

Villagers mark Chipko anniversary in jungle

Agarwal is the son of a reput-ed businessman from Manglaur and Sanjay Bansal is

a resident of Dehradun.

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I in Uttarkashi district reiterated their commitment to protecting the forests and enviconment on the anniversary of Chipko movement on Tuesday.

Headed by the village Pradhan Rajni Nath, Van Panchayat Sarpanch Sulochana Kaluda and Mahila Mangal Dal head Kusum Gusain, the women of Dang went to the village jungle and tied rakhis on the trees there, reiterating their commitment to protect the forests, wildlife and environment.

It is pertinent to mention here that every year on March 26 to mark the anniversary of Chipko movement and on Rakshabandhan, Republic Day, Independence Day and other important festivals and occasions, the villagers of Dang congregate in the jungle and reiterate their commitment to protect the environment.

During 1977-78, environmentalist Sunderlal Bahuguna had joined the villagers of Dang in Chipko movement to protect their jun-



gle from being felled. The residents of Dang have been pro-

tecting the maintaining the forest as their heritage.

Police issue prohibition order against habitual offender for LS polls

SSP Dehradun, **Nivedita Kukreti** directed police force to take appropriate steps to ensure free and fair elections of Lok Sabha

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In view of the upcoming Lok Sabha polls the Dehradun police have issued prohibition orders to 3311 habitual offenders in the district. The Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Dehradun, Nivedita Kukreti has directed the police force to take appropriate steps to ensure free and fair elections

of Lok Sabha. After enforcement of model code of conduct, 6378 people having arms licenses have deposited their arms with the Dehradun police. A total of 9618 licensed arms are there in Dehradun. The district police have filed Challans

cases so far in the district. Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL), 1282 bottles of country liquor and 132 litres of home brewed and 141 canes of beers have been confiscated under excise act.

The police have also appre-hended 113 people for sale of illegal liquor so far. Under the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act the police have so far confiscated 2.30 kg hasish, 5 kg of Bhang, 84 injections, 1650 capsules and 525 tablets apart from arresting 37 culprits. Under the arms act 14 khukri. four knives, one country made pistol and 40 cartridges have

been confiscated by the police.
The police has taken against 46 people under Goonda act and arrested 93 people against whom Non Bailable warrants were issued. Similarly in this period eight offenders have been barred from entry in the district. The police teams have also recovered cash amounting to Rs 3048000 so far

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BJP confident of victory with issue-based campaign

Contesting the Parliamentary polls in Uttarakhand on the issues of assistance provided by the Central Government to Uttarakhand for development, the performance of the State Government and nationalism. the Bharatiya Janata Party is confident of winning from all the five constituencies in the State. The party's national vice presi-

dent and State in-charge Shyam Jaju said this while addressing

the media here on Tuesday.

Jaju said that the BJP had won from all the five seats in Uttarakhand in the 2014 Lok Sabha elections and this time it is aiming to increase its vote margin of victory. He said, "All of our five candidates are popular among the public and consider-ing the enthusiastic response from the public during their fil-

Bansal made acting BJP State Prez

PNS DEHRADUN

With the BJP State president Ajay Bhatt contesting the Parliamentary election from Nainital-Udham Singh Nagar constituency, the party's State general secretary Naresh

Bansal has been made the acting president of the party's State unit. Further, State Minister Dhan Singh Rawat has been made the coordinator of the party's state election management committee.

al president Amit Shah. The BJP state media in-charge Devendra Bhasin informed that Bansal and Rawat had been appointed to the posts on the directions of the party's

BJP state president on the direction of the party's nation-national general secretary Arun Singh's letter to this effect has been received by the party's state unit. Bansal will officially assume this charge on Wednesday morning and address the media after that.

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ing of nomination, we are confident that the party candidates will win from all the five constituencies this time too. The assistance provided by the Centre to Uttarakhand in the past five years, the performance of the State government and nationalism are the main issues on which we are contesting this election here. There has been a rise in expression of nationalism following the decisive actions taken by the Centre after the Pulwama terrorist attack and Uttarakhand is a border state with a sizeable proportion of serving and retired servicemen. However, the Congress has been playing cheap politics on this issue and I would exhort the Congress to stop

doing so," said Jaju. He further said that during its term so far, the BJP state government had proved its zero-tolerance for corruption. The people were appreciative of the works done by the state government, he added. Referring to the minimum

income guarantee proposed by the Congress national president Rahul Gandhi, Jaju questioned what had stopped the Congress from doing so during the 55 years when it was in office. "During 1971 Indira Gandhi had come up with the Garibi Hatao theme. However, in its 55 years in power, the Congress has failed to deliver on this claim. Having failed to act effectively against poverty during its decades in power, the Congress is now again resorting to lying to the people. The promises of farmers loan waiver made by the Congress dur-ing assembly elections and the action taken after it was elected in states like Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh is

known to the people."

BJP state vice president
Jyoti Gairola, State minister Dhan Singh Rawat, party's state media in charge Devendra Bhasin and other office bearers were also present at the Press

PM to fulfill promise, will address public in Rudrapur

 $P_{\text{Modi will fulfill the promise}}^{\text{rime minister Narendra}}$ he had made to the people by addressing a large public rally at Rudrapur on March 28. The BJP state in-charge Shyam Jaju said this while addressing the media here on Tuesday. Modi was slated to address a public rally at Rudrapur in Udham Singh Nagar earlier on February 14 but was unable to the venue due to

The BJP state media in-



minister addressing a pub-lic rally at 11 AM in

Rudrapur on March 28. During his previous visit to the state he was slated to address the public at Rudrapur but was unable to reach the venue due to

c h a r g e inclement weather. He had Devendra addressed the public through the mobile phone and promised that he would visit Rudrapur again to address the public. Senior party leaders from the Centre and State would also be among those slated to be present in the public gathering to be addressed by the prime minister. After Modi's rally, the chief minister Trivendra Singh Rawat would go to Dwarahat Chaukhutia where he would address a public gathering, informed Bhasin.

Will implement income scheme immediately after coming to power: Cong

n-charge of Uttarakhand Congress party, Anugrah Narayan Singh, has claimed that the party if voted to power would make a provision of ₹1.80 Lakh crore in its first Budget to finance the Minimum Income Guarantee

The scheme being viewed as a game-changer for the Congress party was proposed by its President Rahul Gandhi on Monday.

sons at Rajiv Bhawan, the state party office of Congress



party here on Tuesday, Singh said that about 20 percent of the population and five Crore families living below the poverty line would get benefited by the scheme.

" An amount up to ₹72000 per year would be transferred to the bank account of the female mem-ber of the family under the scheme designed to provide social security," he said.

While making a claim at the announcement should not be viewed as mere electoral promise, he said that the congress party believes in

the society.
Singh further claimed that the scheme would be implemented immediately after congress comes to power at

"We will make budgetary provision for the scheme and implement it like we waived off the farm loans immediately after coming to power in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan," he said.

Refusing to label the scheme as a game changer, Singh said that congress has always been a well wisher of

Attacking the ruling BJP

for attempting to fool the people in the name of the nationalism, he claimed that people have understood the ploy of BJP and they are determined to teach the party a lesson in the upcoming

Singh charged the BJP leadership for insulting leaders like Major General B C Khanduri (Rtd) and Murli Manohar Joshi.

"People of Uttarakhand are very angry with the BJP for insulting a very senior, honest and upright leader like General Khanduri.

The ex servicemen in par-

ticular are peeved at his removal from the post of chairmanship of parliamentary committee on defence,

The Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) chief Pritam Singh said that the double engine government has proved to be a failure and the people are eager to change the government at centre in the upcoming elections.

Former minister Dinesh Agarwal, Co in-charge Rajesh Dharmani and spokesperson Dasauni were present on the

No Army-background candidates in contention this election

Rough estimate puts the number of exservicemen and Veer Naris voters at 1.70 **Lakh in Uttarakhand**

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Surprising as it may appear that Uttarakhand, the land where joining armed forces is more like a family tradition and which has substantial population of armed forces personnel, ex servicemen and Veer Naris, the major political parties have refrained from fielding any candidate with armed forces background in the ensuing Lok Sabha elections.

According to a rough estimate there are more than 170000 ex servicemen and Veer Naris (widows of armed forces personnel) voters in Uttarakhand, Similarly the number of serving armed forces personnel is estimated at 2 lakh which means that there are at least 15 lakh voters in the state which belong to the families with armed forces background.

Understanding this, both Congress

had in past fielded armed forces veterans in the electoral battle of Uttarakhand.

This time however no political party has given ticket to ex servicemen. It was widely believed that BJP in an attempt to strike chord with families with army and paramilitary background after the Pulwama incident and the unprecedented punitive aerial strikes by İndian Air Forces fighter planes deep inside Pakistan territory to neutralise terrorists would field someone with army background from Garhwal Lok Sabha to cash on the wave of nationalism sweeping across the coun-

However, the saffron party reposed faith in an old timer like Teerath Singh Rawat from this constituency which has a sizeable population of ex servicemen and Veer Naris. Congress, however seized the initiative from BJP by roping in Manish Khanduri the son of the Major General B C Khanduri (retd) in order to cash the popularity of the senior Khanduri but even it did not fielded any ex servicemen from any constituency.

The experiment of fielding a retired army officer from Garhwal was first of all done by BJP in the year 1991 when Maj Gen (retd) Khanduri contested as its

This constituency till then was considered as a citadel of Congress party.

The experiment of BJP proved suc-

cessful as Khanduri won from here and represented the constituency a record five

times.

The congress too played this card when it fielded Lieutenant General (retd) TPS Rawat from Dhumakot assembly constituency in the year 2002.

The general was made a minister in

Congress government and the elections of 2007 he was re –elected from Dhumakot. He however switched sides and vacated the seat for Khanduri, who then was MP from Garhwal, contested the bye election from Dhumakot and won.

Khanduri who became the Chief

Minister reciprocated the gesture by fielding TPS Rawat as BJP candidate from Garhwal Lok Sabha seat vacated by him This time around the former Principal of Nehru Institute of Mountaineering (NIM) Colonel Ajay Kothiyal (retd) and Rear Admiral OPS Rana (retd) were in contention from Garhwal seat after Khanduri was denied ticket by the BJP.

However the party decided to field Teerath Singh Rawat from here. The contest in Garhwal is now between son and





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With the focus of the authorities on elections, traffic congestion has continued to worsen in many areas of Dehradun as seen here outside the government Doon medical

After leaving Congress, former MLA to join BJP

Choudhary Yashveer Singh Who bid goodbye to the Congress last week, is now Janata Party soon. It is being stated that he is preparing to become a member of the BJP along with his son Gaurav Choudhary. Two-time legislator from Jhabreda constituency, Singh had left Congress on March 18. He had accused the Congress of insulting him while also pointing at purported mismanagement in the

party.
His recent meeting with BJP MLA from Khanpur, Pranav Singh 'Champion' has fuelled speculation about him joining the BJP. Soon after the meeting, messages about him joining the BJP began to spread through the social media. Speaking to The Pioneer, Singh said that most of his supporters have reached a conon his joining the BJP. He Congress on March 18. He had accused the Congress of insulting him

Speaking to The Pioneer, Singh said that most of his supporters have reached a consensus on his joining the BJF

Notably the two-time legislator Choudhary Yashyeer Singh had contested the assembly election on the Bahujan Samaj Party ticket in the years 2002 and 2007 and his son Gaurav had contested from Manglaur seat in 2012, though he lost the election

would be formally joining the party in the presence of the party's state president and the chief minister. Singh also confirmed that he had received the proposal to join the BJP from the Khanpur MLA.

Notably the two-time leg-islator Choudhary Yashveer Singh had contested the assem-bly election on the Bahujan Samaj Party ticket in the years 2002 and 2007 and his son Gaurav had contested from Manglaur seat in 2012, though he lost the election. Following this, Singh had joined Congress. In the year 2017, he

fought as the Congress candidate from the Khanpur constituency but was not able to win the election.

The party insiders are con-

sidering this move by the Khanpur MLA from BJP of getting Singh to agree upon join-ing the BJP as a strategic move since 'Champion' himself had elicited some criticism when he had sought the Haridwar parliamentary constituency ticket for his wife while criticising the party MP Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' as a "migratory bird" who came to his constituency only during elections.

Objections raised on 'Nishank's' nomination paper

PNS ■ HARIDWAR

Serious objections have been raised by an Manish Verma, an independent candidate from the Haridwar parliamentary constituency against the nom-ination paper of Bharatiya Janata Party candidate from Haridwar Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'. Till the filing of this report the decision of the

returning officer was pending. Verma filed an affidavit raising objections to the return-ing officer asking that 'Nishank's' nomination paper be rejected. Following this an argument ensued between the lawyers of the BJP candidate and the complainant. The district election officer has asked for written justification from the lawyers

One of the objections listed in the affidavit said that bank account of Vidushi Nishank, the daughter of the

ed with existing balance amount. Another objection is that the no dues from his residence of Delhi as Parliamentarian were provisional. It is also stated that Shreyanshi Nishank, another daughter of his has left service in foreign country and joined Indian defence services during the past one year but her income and bank balance has not been shown in the nomination papers. The complainant has also objected to details regarding payment due

Meanwhile the nomination of Shiv Kumar Kashvap of Manav Hit Party, Krishna Dhar Pandey of Pyramid Party of India and Manoj Jain were cancelled by the district election officer.

Clash between BJP MLAs may create problems for party

The infighting between two legislators of the Bharatiya Janata Party in Haridwar district might create problems for the party. The supporters of both the legislators are at loggerheads. A couple of times, war of words has ensued between the two and use of unconstitutional language quite often in their public meetings. A fortnight ago, verbal war

began between the legislator from Khanpur, Pranav Singh Champion' and legislator from Jhabreda, Deshraj Karnwal. Champion targeted the sitting MP from Haridwar, Ramesh Pokhariyal 'Nishank' and against possession of the offi-cial residence in Dehradun Deshraj Karnwal opposed this with his full might. Champion had projected his wife Devyani Singh as a contender for the and how much had been paid. party ticket from Haridwar parliamentary constituency. Following this, a war of words began between the two. On March 21 in a public rally in Roorkee, both the legislators used unconstitutional language



against each other. At the time of election, this is creating trouble for the party members in this area. Since Haridwar Lok Sabha seat is also a matter of prestige for the Bharatiya Janata party, the legislators' infighting might create trouble for the party say the party insiders. However the

function, they start criticising each other and raising slogans

over the issue. Speaking to The Pioneer, the BJP district president Jaipal Singh Chauhan said, "The party is aware of the talks between the two legislators. Both the legislators have been

party leaders are keeping mum

asked to keep their supporters under control. It is election time and the whole organisation is mobilising its resources. Whatever the legislator is saying goes against the party discipline. We shall be raising this matter with the party high

Meanwhile, some of BJP workers who were miffed at the party in the past have made a comeback to the party. During election of Shivalik Nagar municipal council, Upendra Sharma from Ranipur Mandal who did not get ticket had worked against the BJP contestant Rajeev Sharma. In the election rally by state CM Trivendra Singh Rawat and Nishank recently, Upendra Sharma rejoined the party.

Training programme held on waste management rules & amendments

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Uttarakhand State Council with its Centre of Excellence CESD (CII - ITC he Confederation of Indian Center for Excellence and Sustainable Development) organised a day long training programme on waste manage ment rules and their amendments at Haridwar on Tuesday.

The programme focused on the importance of waste management, various Acts and rules along with the amend ments therein, being notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (MoEFCC) for better understanding of

the compliance obligations required by the industry. Satyavir Singh from Mahindra and Mahindra Limited, Haridwar while addressing the participants averred that industries at large nowadays are committed towards appropriate disposal of waste generated without impacting the environment.



In addition to this, they also focus on how the waste can be converted to wealth and are also seeing this as a new busi-

ness opportunity. He apprised that Mahindra is striving for the same and is committed to 'zero waste to landfill' and 'waste to wealth' practices to reduce the impact of waste on the com-

Excellence for Sustainable Development said that waste is a global issue. If it is not prop-

Shikhar Jain, principal to public health and the envi-counsellor, CII-ITC Centre of ronment. Waste disposal is a growing issue linked directly to the way society produces and consumes. It concerns everyin the 21st century, particularly in urban areas. Later during the day, Jain emphasised on the effective implementation of Water Act, 1974, Air Act, 1981, Environment Protection Act, 1986 and Waste Management Rules notified therein, online system for monitoring of emis-

sion/effluent, revised CEPI score and CREP. Divya Aggarwal, counsellor at CII-ITC Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development, said that larger industries these days are cautious towards their waste dis-posal. Industry recognises to take into account the environ-mental impact of its operations as well as the health and safety of the workers and commu nity in which they operate. She shared insights on strengthening of waste management in companies and corporate responsibilities for environmental protection. The training programme was attended by over 35 representatives from 15

Sheila...

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Former Minister and four times MLA Haroon Yusuf said the Congress has taken a big initiative to address the demand of "Roti, Kapada and Makan" by announcing the move. Congress working president Rajesh Lilothia also hit back at Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) which termed Gandhi's announcement as a "Jumla", saying that what happened to the ruling party promise of installing CCTV cameras in the Capital. Pointing out the report of 'Economic Survey 2016-17', Lilothia said according to it India under the Congress rule had reduced poverty drastically. He claimed by citing the report that poverty came down to 22 per cent in 2011-12 which was 70 per cent during Independence. With the path-breaking

scheme, the Congress will eradicate the remaining 20 per cent poverty from the country. In place of "Chai Pe Charcha", a new programme "Aay Pe Charcha" will be launched which has been appreciated by all," he said.

Rahul on Monday in a lucrative poll promise announced that Rs 72,000 per year will be given as minimum year will be given as minimum income to poor families if his party is voted to power in Lok Sabha polls. Rahul also said it will be the "final assault" on poverty as 20 per cent or five crore families belonging to the poorest category with monthly income less than Rs 12,000 would come under the scheme.

BJP pits Jaya Prada against Azam

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Maneka has shifted to Sultanpur making way for Varun, his son and sitting MP from Sultanpur, from her current constituency of Pilibhit. Pilibhit is a pocket borough of Maneka from where she has won six times.

The Lok Sabha candidates announced on Tuesday include names of UP Ministers including Pachuri and Bahuguna

Ravi Shankar shown black...

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As supporters of Prasad and Sinha shoved each other and exchanged blows, they were quelled by security per-sonnel deployed at the air-port, though it was not known if any of them were detained. Sinha is the founder of a

prominent private security provider in the country and belongs to Kayastha community, to which Prasad and Shatrughan Sinha also belong.

An office-bearer of the Akhil Bharatiya Kayastha

Nishad...

From Page 1 Akhilesh said, "Nishad party

and Janvadi party (Socialist) are now a part of Samajwadi

Party-Bahujan Samaj Party-Rashtriya Lok Dal alliance in UP.

Whenever Samaiwadi party had

tions, these two parties and their leaders have always helped

us. With their support, our

Mahasabha had recently come out with a statement saying that the community which has remained steadfast with the BJP post-Mandal would not vote for Prasad and that only R K Sinha was acceptable to it as a candidate

Shatrughan Sinha, who is completing his second consecutive Lok Sabha term, is expected to be fielded as a candidate of the opposition "Mahagathbandhan" comprising RJD, Congress and other smaller parties.

MINIMUM INCOME SCHEME

Consulted 'big economists' including ex-RBI Guv: Rahul

Jaipur: Congress president Rahul consulted "big economists" includ-ing former RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan before it came up with the idea of minimum guar-anteed income to the poorest 20 per cent households in the country.

Addressing a meeting of his party workers at the Ramlila ground here, Gandhi said Prime Minister Narendra Modi promised to transfer ₹15 lakh to every bank account but did not keep the

"We thought it was a good idea...₹15 lakh in bank accounts. But the promise was not fulfilled months back to make such a thing reality," he said.

He went on to say that his party consulted "all big economists, without telling anyone, without giving any speeches" on the Nyuntam Aay Yojana or Nyay.

"We were engaged in this work for six months. Take the list of all big economists of the world, we



consulted them...Raghuram Rajan...One by one," he said.

"First thing, we came to know was that there should be a minimum income line. We calculated and the result was that the minimum income line should be

He attacked the BIP, saying it wants a Congress-free India but the Congress will fight it with love and defeat it. "Ek baar tukka lag gaya 2014 mein, wo alag baat hai (By chance they won in 2014. That was fluke). Look at Indian history. Whoever spreads hate loses and one who spreads love wins," he

Gandhi said his party will fulfil the promise of minimum guar anteed income to the poor.

On Monday, Gandhi had 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 polls, and asserted it will be

the "final assault" on poverty.

Gandhi had said 20 per cent or five crore families belonging to the poorest category with monthly income less than ₹12,000 would come under the scheme.

On Tuesday, he said that if his party comes to power, young entrepreneurs will not require any permission for first the covers for running a business, unlike under the Modi Government, which he alleged, mandates various permissions and bribe is demanded for granting them.

"Just start vour business and after three years, take whatever permission is required," he said. Gandhi said truth is the weapon for Congress workers. Congress workers.

Jobs, healthcare, drinking water top priorities for voters: Survey

New Delhi: Better employment opportunities, better healthcare and drinking water are the top priorities for the voters at the all-India level, as per a survey by the Association of Democratic Reforms

According to the All India Survey 2018, in all the 10 areas that were the priority for the voters, the Government's rating was "below average"

"The significance of better employment opportunities as voters' highest priority has increased by 56.67 per cent from 30 per cent in 2017 to 47 per cent in 2018. At the same time, the performance of the Government on this issue declined from 3.17 to 2.15 on a scale of five," the ADR survey noted.

The three main objectives of the ADR

survey were to identify voters' priorities on specific governance issues, voters ratings of the Government's performance on those issues, and factors affecting the voting behaviour.

employment opportunities (46.80 per cent), better healthcare (34.60 per cent) and drinking water (30.50 per cent) were the top three priorities of the voters at the all-

India level, It is followed by better roads (28.34 per cent) and better public transport (27.35 per cent) at the fourth and the fifth place,

also featured predominantly in the top 10 voters' priorities at a time several parts of the country have been witnessing farm dis-

For instance, availability of water for agriculture (26.40 per cent) was ranked sixth, agriculture loan availability (25.62 per cent) ranked seventh, higher price realisation for farm products (25.41 per cent) ranked eighth, and agriculture subsidy for seeds/fertilisers (25.06 per cent) ranked ninth. Better law-and-order situation was the 10th governance-related issue in the

The survey was conducted between October -December last year, covering 534 Lok Sabha constituencies with 2,73,487

voters, spread among various demo-graphics, participating in the exercise.

"Amongst the 32 States and UTs (Union Territories) that were surveyed, in 29 of them, voters have given below average ratings to the Government for its performance on all top 3 voters' priorities at of Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu, and Puducherry," the findings of the survey noted.

As per All India Survey 2018, 75.11 per cent voters disclosed that the Chief Ministerial candidate was the most important reason behind voting for a particular candidate, followed by candidate's party respectively. (71.32 per cent) and the candidate (68.03 per cent) himself/herself. *PTI*

alliance will be further strengthened in the State." Sanjay Nishad of Nishad Party and Sanjay Chauhan of Janvadi Party (Socialist) were also present during the interac-

tion with the media.

Earlier in the day, Janvadi Party (Socialist) and Nishad Party hoardings were spotted at the SP office, along side hoardings of BSP and RLD, fueling speculation of new alliances being forged in Uttar Pradesh for

BJP will win all 10 LS seats in Haryana: Khattar

Panipat: Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar held a roadshow here on that the ruling BJP will win all the 10 Lok Sabha seats from the state.

Khattar said the BIP will seek votes on the basis of development work undertaken by both the state and the central government.

"People have time and again put their stamp of approval on our policies and programmes," he said. At present, the BJP has seven Lok Sabha MPs from Haryana. Khattar rode a flowerbedecked open-top jeep. A large number of people had lined up on both sides of the roads in the

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IAF pilot Abhinandan returns to his squadron in Srinagar

New Delhi: Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman, who was captured by Pakistan last month and returned to India two days later, has gone back to his squadron in Srinagar though he is on a four-week sick leave, official sources said on Tuesday. They said Varthaman preferred to stay with his squadron in Srinagar than going to his family home in Chennai while on le

The IAF pilot went on leave around 12 days ago after security agencies completed a nearly two-week debriefing after his return from Pakistan. Varthaman could have gone to his family home in Chennai to spend time with his parents. But he chose to go to Srinagar where his squadron is based," the sources said.

After his four-week sick leave period, a medical board will review his fitness to help the IAF top brass decide whether he can return to fighter cockpit as desired by him. However, the IAF thwarted their plans. *PTI*

He was captured by the Pakistani Army on February 27 after his MiG-21 Bison jet was shot down in a dogfight with Pakistani jets during an aerial combat. He downed an F-16 fighter of Pakistan before his plane was hit. Varthaman was released on the night of

March 1 by Pakistan. After he was captured, Varthaman showed courage and grace in handling the most difficult circumstances for which he was praised by politicians, strategic affairs experts, ex-service-

men, celebrities and people in general. Tensions between India and Pakistan esca lated after Indian fighters bombed terror group Jaish-e-Mohammed's biggest training camp near Balakot, deep inside Pakistan on February 26. Pakistan retaliated by attempting to target Indian military installations the next day.

BJP MP Gavit joins Sena, to contest from Palghar

In an unusual development, the ruling Shiv Sena on Tuesday brought sitting BJP MP Rajendra Gavit to its fold and nominated him as its can-didate in Palghar Lok Sabha

constituency.

In what can be termed candidate swapping arrangement between the two saffron parties, Gavit — who had won the May 2018 Palghar by-polls on a BJP ticket — joined the Shiv Sena. Minutes after Gavit's entry to his party, Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray nominated the Lok Sabha polls from Palghar. The Sena's decision to nominate Gavit as the Sena's candidate from Palghar came after Shriniwas Vanaga — who had unsuccessfully contested the Lok Sabha by-election held

in May last year against BJP's
Gavit — stepped aside and
agreed to contest the
Maharashtra assembly polls scheduled to be held in October this year. "I have not forgotten promise made to Vanaga last year. Sending Vanaga to Lok Sabha is my responsibility. First we will get him elected to the

send him to Lok Sabha," Uddhav said. Vanaga said he

his family members had decided against contesting the Lok Sabha this time round and would instead concentrate on the Palghar Assembly seat. "I will continue to work in Palghar district. I will contest the Assembly polls later year," Vanaga said. It may be recalled that last year's Palghar bypoll had been necessitated by the untimely death of its sitting MP Chintaman Vanga in January 2018.

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 let-ter issued on Monday to the Joint Secretary (Police-I) of Home Ministry Amitabh Kharkwal and Joint Director (Estt/GC), Railway Board, Joshi said, ..MHA/Ministry of Railways requested to move a proposal for grant of organised status for implementation of the order of

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

The procedure for granting 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 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 was directed to simply issue a notification to the effect.

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Aday after Congress president Rahul Gandhi

announced his ambitious min-

imum 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

petition is pending before the Delhi High Court and the next date of hearing is March 28. The contempt petition was moved by the National Coordination Committee as the Government has sought proposals for grant-ing organised service status

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them to form associations on the lines of the All India ly before the Central Pav Commission besides giving them a collective bargaining power for better service conditions, Panwar added.

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year will be given as minimum income to poor families if his

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be the final assault on poverty, he said the scheme would ben-efit 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

Government think tank NITI

Aayog vice chairman Rajiv Kumar dubbing the body he

headed as "Rajneeti Ayog" and

asked him to run the organi-

sation from the BJP office and

Actor-politician 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 "mas-

ter of situation" and his proposed scheme a "masterstroke".

contest elections instead.

werty. Surjewala also attacked

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 applica-tion. 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 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 giv ing 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.

All Lokpal members to take oath today

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

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

of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) Archana Ramasundaram, exare the Lokpal's non-judicial

All these eight members will be administered the oath of office on Wednesday, the



"File an application or an

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

President Ram Nath

in the Lokpal.

Former first woman chief Maharashtra chief secretary IRS officer Mahender Singh and Gujarat cadre ex-IAS offi-cer Indrajeet Prasad Gautam

officials said.

Defer Modi biopic: Left parties to EC

delegation of the Left par-A delegation of the Left parties 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 with-holding the release of such propaganda materials during the ndency 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 of the EVM for randomly chosen 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 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

party goons are particularly targeting the Left Front and its

Kolkata airport incident involving the wife of Abhishek 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

The Congress too had moved the poll body to get the release of the biopic, with Bollywood actor Vivek Oberoi

on free and fair polls.

playing Modi, deferred till the final phase voting in the Lok Sabha polls on May 19. Earlier, the DMK, NCP and the NDA ally RPI(A) have approached the poll body seeking defer ment of the Modi's biopic till the Lok Sabha polls is over.

candidates," the statement said.
They also raised the Banerjee, MP and Trinamool Congress candidate in Diamond Harbour and the





Surjewala said the

Priyanka Gandhi took to Twitter to applaud Rahul

Nyunatam Aay Yojana (Nyay) is not a "top-up

Party general secretary

Battle ground Lok SABHA

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 exclu sively for the upcoming Lok Sabha and Assembly by-elec-tions, 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 Nadu 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 candidates fielded by Dhinakaran-led group win the elections, "they will be treated as Independent candidates".

"The claim of the appellant 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



A Bench of Chief Justice Ranian Godoi and Justices Deenak Gunta and Saniiv Khanna also made it clear that if candidates fielded by Dhinakaran-led group win the elections, "they will be treated as Independent

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

"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

'The EC on due and prop dates 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 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 "unreg 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 is to be elected, such candidate will be counted as an independent candidate and not belong ing 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.

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

Scheme women centric: Cong

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

women centric".
Surjewala said the Nyunatam Aay Yojana (Nyay) is not a "top-up scheme" and is a women-centric scheme where-by 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 Nvav is it will provide women with steady money. "What's making me



year in the bank accounts of women," she tweeted "The Congress will get this amount credited to the bank accounts of the women of ben-

eficiary 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.



ent Ram Nath Kovind with his Croatian counterpart Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic during a delegation level talks at Zagreb in Croatia on Tuesday

Ensure justice to 2 Hindu girls: Sushma to Pak

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Foreign Minister Sushma Swaraj on Tuesday asked Pakistan to ensure the immediate release of the two Hindu girls who were allegedly kid-napped and forcefully converted to Islam in Sindh

"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 can voluntarily decide about their conversion to another religion and marriage,"

she said.

verted and married.

On Sunday, Swaraj tweet-

and marriage

Minister on Naya

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A Pakistani high court on Tuesday ordered official protection for the two girls due to authorities widened a probe to ascertain if the teenage sisters were abducted, forcibly con-

ed that she asked the Indian

envoy in Islamabad to send a report on the incident.

Hours later, India issued a note verbale to Pakistan on the issue, sharing its concerns over the incident and called for suitable 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

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 granted to CBI to file an application against Kumar. "While considering the

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 found in them.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, also appearing for CBI, said that there has been serious breach of the apex court order asking State police to cooperate in the investigation. *PTI*

INSHORT



HEAR PLEAS ON APRIL 2 New Delhi: The Supreme Court Tuesday said it will hear on Apri 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 Avodhva Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masiid 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 ause 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 vear after the Panchayat election in the State

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 confi-dence 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 dissi-dence may hamper their prospects.

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



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 spoken to both 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

the Congress-JD(S) coalition worries as the alliance is facing backlash at several places including Mandya and Hassan, with party workers unhappy 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 some thing that the workers of both parties at the booth level, who have been fighting each other, agree with.

Deve Gowda's grandsons Praiaval 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

NOBODY Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday termed his party's promise of SHOULD BE minimum guaranteed income to the poorest 20 per cent households a "surgical strike on poverty" and said nobody should be poor in 21st centural to the poorest 20 per cent when the said nobody should be poor in 21st centural to the said nobody should be poor in 2 POOR IN THE **COUNTRY IN 21ST**

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 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 big bang".

"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 min-

be ₹12,000 per month."

The name of the proposed scheme is 'Nyuntam Aay Yojana' or Nyay. The word 'Nyay' stands for justice in

CENTURY

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

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

Finance Minister Arun

Congress promise of mini-mum 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

promise". 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 securi-ty 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 ₹3.5 lakh were written off, but farm loans were not.

The Congress chief continued his "chowkidar" barb at

Shatrughan to join Conq in New Delhi on March 28

Patna: Bollywoodactor-turnedpolitician Shatrughan Sinha, who has been associated with BIP for about three decades. will join 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 Sahib", chairman for the state Congress election campaign committee Akhilesh Prasad Singh told newsmen here.

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 president 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 hone 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 tradi-tional seat. We have won it many times. Even in the 2014polls, 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 be made shortly," RJD MLA and chief state spokesman Bhai into the fight."

Virendra said here.

Siddiqui had fought the

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 put my heart, mind and soul

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 supporters of his party. PTI Kashmiri women walk inside an orchard with almond trees in full bloom in Srinagar on Tuesday

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

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

SAUGAR SENGUPTA III 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

Pramanik has been booked for murder, attempt to murder, dacoity, human trafficking, 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 allega-tion 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 turn-coat to be fielded by the Bengal saffron outfit, Pramanik had earlier left the Trinamool Congress to join the BJP.

party some problem in Coochbehar constituency bordering Assam and Bangladesh. that the BIP has fast come up to gain the second position displacing the Left Front in this district. In the last Assembly elec-tions 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 at the legs but directly through 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, 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 Contai.

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 asked why the party didn't do anything to uplift the poor dur-ing 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 fiting around 25 crore people, if his party is voted to power in the Lok Sabha polls beginning next

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

led Government at the Centre for introducing various welfare

unlike the Congress, is sensitive towards the needs of the poor.

lives of poor people during its 10-year term from 2004 to He also heaped praises on Prime Minister Narendra Modi-

schemes to benefit the poor.

He claimed that Modi,

Aditvanath accused off Government funds meant

'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.

Moradabad (UP): BJP president 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 Moradahad district

The Bharatiya Janata Party chief alleged that 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



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

He asserted that the BIPstate'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 "ene mies" 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 Yadav, alleging that all miscreants were here 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 jail or fled the state. lence and land-grabbing inci-

mal during the previous dis-pensation, 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 feeling that they have their own government at the Centre. BJP media head Anil Baluni said in a statement that the party organised over 250 'Vijay Sankalp' (pledge for vic-

tory) rallies across the country

deprived sections had been

on Tuesday with its tops leaders addressing them.
While Shah spoke in
Moradabad, Union Ministers Rajnath Singh, Sushma Swaraj, Nirmala Sitharaman, Piyush Goyal and Uma Bharti spoke in New Delhi, Ghaziabad, Udupi, Vijaywada and Sonipat respec-

Uttar Pradesh Chief 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 Chouhan in Puri.

His organsational capabili-ties apart, Pramanik's alleged

criminal records could pose his

BJP pays no respect to

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

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



Vice President Venkiah Naidu is flanked by Director IGIDR Mahendra Dev as he felicitates gold medal winner student Madhulika Ganguly during the 16th convocation of Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research in Mumbai on Tuesday

"Education is not only for

employment. It should empower the individual with knowledge and wisdom to sift the wheat from the chaff. Access to quality education for all and at all levels 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 pursuit." 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.

its elders, says Mamata PNS ■ KOLKATA

 $B_{\text{Mamata Banerjee on}}^{\text{engal Chief Minister}}$ Tuesday questioned the present culture inside the BJP which was far different from what was preached by its founding fathers.

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



Hitting out at the BJP for gnoring Advani who made the BIP 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."

She remembered how "I have worked under Vajpayee and Advani," when the former was the Prime Minister India. 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 BJP and it is alleged that they were 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.



6 people die of asphyxiation near Chennai



Chennai: Six people, including three of a family, died of asphyxiation at Sriperumbudur near here Tuesday while they were cleaning a septic tank, police said.

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

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.

The bodies have been 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.

A case has been registered and an investigation on. *PTI*

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

legislative affairs of the party,'

Dhavalikar said. He said his party was the

state's oldest regional outfit but some sections were

opposed to its growth.

Mamlatdar had last week written a letter to the governor

and Assembly speaker stating he was the sole authority in the

MGP to communicate party

Following the letter, the 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

He alleged moves were afoot by his rivals to wean away

MGP MLAs Manohar Ajgaonkar and Dipak

isolate Deputy Chief Minister

led by Pramod Sawant."

Pawaskar, and in the pro-

Talking about Wednesday's

decisions to them.

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 which he stated that he was taking over the entire authority on

the manufacture of aircraft?," 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 con-fidence 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 coali-tion 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 cen-

tral 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 viti-ate the poll atmosphere by making such provocative state-ments. The EC should take action against him," Mullick

'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 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 Samaiwadi pension to females of the fam-



We always lead by exam ple," Akhilesh said.

The SP party president

informed the media that their team will assess the details of the scheme and then decide the party's stand.

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 green as minimum mone 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 people.

AGENCIES

Pawar slams PM over stolen Rafale papers

argetting Prime Minister Targetting Finite Marendra 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 in the Government "safe".

Addressing an election 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 protect the country?".

Pawar was referring to the submission about the theft of classified documents relating to the Rafale aircraft purchase made by Attorney General KK Venugopal before the Supreme

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 secret by the Government).

Pawar also charged Prime 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

Coming down heavily on the Modi Government for "politicising" Pulwama terror attack and subsequent IAF air

strikes on terror camps in Pakistan, Pawar said: "All political parties supported the Government over the stand taken by it in the wake of Pulwama terror attack. Following international pressure, Pakistan released Wing 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 Jadhav?

Slamming the Modi government for its failure on various fronts, Pawar said that

people lost their jobs. "After the demonetisation, only Mod knows where has the black money gone. We know that more than 15 lakh people lost their jobs. After the introduc-tion of GST, lakhs of traders suffered. ... The Modi govern-ment 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".

Candidate turns up drunk to file nomination in dry Bihar, held

Purnea (Bihar): A candidate who appeared to file nominations for Purnea Lok Sabha seat on Tuesday ended up behind bars as he was found to be drunk, in violation of the ban on sale and consumption of alcohol in Bihar.

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

alcohol and, subsequently, sent to jail after being booked for violating the prohibition law, Shailendran said.

In April, 2016 the Nitish 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 disap-proval 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 date on Tuesday. PTI

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 unity. Several other opposition The begoing to

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

Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister and TMC supremo for N Chandrababu Naidu. It is part of of Opposition unity that 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

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

BJP made offers to me, my daughter: Sushil Kumar

TN RAGHUNATHA II 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-

Interacting with a television channel, Shinde — who has been re-nominated by the Congress to contest the Lok Sabha polls from his home constituency of Solapur in western

Maharashtra — said that a 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-

ination to contest the 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 last breath".

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

SEARCH FOR MISSING

Mamata to campaign for

TDP in Andhra Pradesh



General public is hereby informed that one girl namely Pooja, D/o: Nanak, R/o H.No. B-107, Gali No. 15, Jeewar 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

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Jawalapuri Camp No. 4

SHO - P.S. Paschim Vihar West, Delhi.

Tel. No. 011-25268394, 25280979

missing/kidnapped from the area of P.S. Samaipur Badli since 19.11.2018. In this regard a DD 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 Ph. No.: 011-24368638, 24368641 P.S. Samaipur Badli, Delhi Ph.: 011-27854757, 27854799

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

A-Block Park near Barat Ghar, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 44-A dated 17.03.2019 has been lodged at

Any person having any information or clue about

the deceased may kindly inform to the

undersigned on the following address or telephone

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PS Paschim Vihar West, Delhi.

BJP MP Hema Malini a billionaire,

discloses her affidavit

Mathura: Fighting for the 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 gen-eral elections, her total assets had been valued at nearly ₹66

crore.
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-The affidavit, accompa-

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

nied by her income tax returns for the last five years, reveals that the couple earned ₹10 crore each during the last five In her IT returns, Hema

Malini has shown an income of ₹15.93 lakh in 2013-14 against that of over ₹1.19 crore in 2017-18. The affidavit shows her

income to be ₹3.12 crore in 2014-15, ₹1.19 crore in 2015-16 and ₹4.30 crore in 2016-17. Thus, as per the affidavit, the yesteryears' 'Dream Girl' earned over ₹9.87 crore, and her 'he-man' husband nearly

₹9.73 crore in last five years 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

Farooq Abdullah files nomination papers for Srinagar Lok Sabha seat

Says no idea of his wife's assets

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

At 83 years of age, National Conference president and former Member of Parliament, Dr Farooq Abdullah, is 'appar-ently' taking Election Commission of India (ECI) for a ride by repeatedly doing 'cut, copy, paste job and getting away easily too while hiding factual details of movable/immovable

assets of his wife. On Monday, when Dr Abdullah filed his nomination papers ahead of contesting Srinagar-Budgam 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).

from Srinagar Lok Sabha seat since 2009.
Since it is mandatory for

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 following the practice. In his latest affidavit, Dr

Abdullah declared, " he owns movable assets to the tune of ₹10.6 crore and total worth of his immovable assets is ₹10.68 crore. According to the affidavit, "charges in the case related to criminal conspiracy for misappropriation of JKCA funds are yet to be framed".

But close scrutiny of affi-davits submitted by him since 2008 clearly reveals he is 'apparently' misleading the election commission of India by giving a standard reply that assets in London (U.K). his wife is away in London J&K (India)". his wife is away in London from April 1990. I have no knowledge about her assets in London (U.K).

Government of Maharashtra Department of Animal Husbandry

Corrigendum

e-TENDER FOR 'Creation of Bio-safety Level-II & Bio-safety Level-III Laboratory For Avian Influenza and Other Zoonotic pathogens at Disease investigation Section, Aundh, Pune-67 on Turnkey Basis'. UNDER RASHTRIYA KRISHI VIKAS YOJANA For Commissioner of Animal Husbandry, Maharashtra State, Pune-67 was invited on 01.03.2019. The corrigendum for the above tender with context to the pre bid meeting held on 12.03.2019 at Commissionerate of Animal Husbandry Pune is

uploaded on the site https://mahatenders.gov.in. The date of submission of tender is extended up to 25th April, 2019.

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

Professor,

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

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numbers

General Public is hereby informed that one girl Namely: Jully, D/o Gulab Chand, R/o: J-95/34, Gali No. 01, Bhagwanpura, Samaipur Badli, Delhi, Age: 16 Years, Height: 5'3" Complexion: Shallow, Face: Oval, Wearing: Black Colour Suit, Salwar & White Colour Sleeper in feet has been missing/kidnapped from the area of

PS. Samaipur Badli, Delhi since 28.11.2018. In this regard FIR No. 920/18 u/s 363 IPC, dated 07.12.2018 has been lodged at PS. Samaipur Badli. Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing girl but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information

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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



rty 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-tetched 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



ASHOK K MEHTA

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 self-praise 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, SabkaVikas 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 ecurity. 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 elec-tions in Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka, to tions in Uttar Pradesn and Karnataka, to name just a few. Banners and posters using serving Army officers' pictures alongside Government leaders politicised the military. Surgical strikes were liber-ally replayed to deify the BJP leadership, principally Prime Minister Modi. The Army's resolute stand at Doklam was also Army's resolute stand at Doklam was also appropriated by the Government as its own dogged action of thwarting China 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 minus-cule 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. The Doval empire is enviable.

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 lit-tle is allotted. The following year, Jaitley changed tack, saying that actually, he did

ital 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, tank, artillery and night-fighting equipment 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 civil-military relations. Service chiefs have not taken an issue-based stand individually

A professional, secular and apolitical military is being progressively politicised and utilised for advancing electoral three did advanting establishment in the guise of promoting nationalism. Questioning the military and the Government on this is kosher.

(The writer is a retired Major General of the Indian Army and founder member of the Defence Planning Staff, currently the revamped Integrated Defence Staff)

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



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



The danger is not over. The situation will remain tense till forthcoming elections in avert any aggression.



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



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 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 pascent market for Tier II and III connectivity under Udan, uncertain fuel pricing and unsteady global economy, airlines had to nec-essarily 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

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 cies and programmes of parties.

In other words, fake news is posted in order to dis-



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 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

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 eligibility in terms of the party's

vote share or potential to win the seats. It is unfortunate that in the forthcoming crucial elections to the Lok Sabha, too, the grand old party has taken 10 seats from the DMK, representing 25 per cent of the total constituencies.

There are reports that there is a lot of resentment in the selection of Karti Chidambaram against whom many criminal cases are pending, as the

Congress candidate to contest the Sivaganga constituency.

Sudarshana Nachiappan, one of the most deserving candidates who was assured of his candidacy by the high command till late last night, has accused P Chidambaram for this last minute change in favour

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 Goval 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 alter-

native 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 diffi-culty 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 can-

cers. 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 quidelines for expert centres and a majority of them land up have ing inadequate or inadvertent treatment in non-expert cen ters. 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 guide-lines, 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 coun-

tries have similar epidemiology for cancer.

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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

analysis

POINTCOUNTERPOINT

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



HIMA BINDU KOTA

The 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 infrastruc-ture 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

A nostile 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 carried to a merger or acquisition by another firm. agree to a merger or acquisition by another firm. Since liberalisation, India has seen numerous friendly takeovers but hostile acquisitions have been few and far between.

In the 1980s, London-based NRI, Swaraj Paul,

sought to control the management of two Indian 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 exerticing. cising managerial control over large corporate enti-ties 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 Shri Vishnu Cement to a group of nine investment 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 THAT ARE FOLLOWED BY THE ACQUIRING COMPANIES FOR TAKEOVER: TOFHOLD **ACQUISITION** WHICH IS A PURCHASE OF THE TARGET'S SHARES ON AN OPEN MARKET TENDER OFFER WHERE AN

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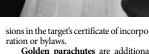
company's operations for years, also parted with 20 per cent stake after trying to save the firm for four months. Emami paid ₹750 crore to acquire 72 per cent stake in

> 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

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. **Poison pill** is a distribution to the tar-

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

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 jority shareholder. This defence also includes other takeover deterrent provi-



Golden parachutes are additional compensation to the target's top management in case of termination of its employ-ment 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 not to pursue obtaining control of the target in the near future.

Standstill agreement is an undertak-

ing 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 its market value.

White knight is a strategic merger that does not involve a change of contr and relieves the target's management of the 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

third parties that burden the target in the case of a change in its control.

Finally, 'Just say no' is a simple 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 get but it may not necessarily stop the hostile acquisition.

On the other hand, a poison pill can asily lose its effect if the acquire wins a 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



KALYANI SHANKAR

ith elections round the corner, the Opposition still seems to the Opposition still seems to be groping for a solid and cohesive poll narrative against the Modi Government, while the ruling BJP has identified terror and national materials. ism 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



the twin planks of 'nationalism' and '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 bat-tle 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-

fully projected itself as the party best suited to guard the country against ter-rorism, sponsored by Pakistan. On the ground, each Opposition party has been 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 BIP must be removed because of its failure on various fronts, including unemploy-ment 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 focus-

ing 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 president tial 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. (The writer is a senior political commentator and syndicated columnist)





RELEASE IT 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 | Rajan raises doubts | Rupee rises 10 paise to SBI, seek salary dues

et 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-

tury ago.

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 the revival roadmap was not provided by March 31. After lots of dilly-dallying, founder chairman

Naresh Goval 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 state-run 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 fur-ther 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 behind us.

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.

Jet Airways shares rally further; close 6.5% higher as Naresh Goyal

steps down

hares of Jet Airways continued to rise Chares 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

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

regulatory filing Monday. The decision was taken at the airline's oard meeting held in Mumbai Monday. In the filing to the stock exchanges, Jet Airways on Monday said Naresh Goyal, Anita Goyal and one nominee of Etihad

Airways PJSC would step down from the Abu Dhabi-based Etihad is a strategic partner with 24 per cent stake in Jet

Airways.

Naresh Goyal would also cease to be the chairman, the filing had said.

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 added

on 7% growth

Former RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan on Tuesday expressed doubts 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 the Narendra Modi 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 Iaitley 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 "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 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,

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 political considerations.

to 68.86 vs USD



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The rupee appreciated by 10 paise to end at 68.86 against the US dollar on Tuesday following a robust response to RBI's maiden rupee-dollar

swap auction.
Sustained foreign fund inflows and heavy buying in domestic equities also propped up the local unit, forex traders

Under the rupee-dollar swap auction conducted Tuesday, the Reserve Bank received bids for \$16.31 billion, against the notified amount of \$5 billion.

At the Interbank Foreign Exchange (forex) market, the rupee opened strong at 68.88 against the greenback but surrendered the gains to slip to a

However, it clawed back

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. "The rupee appreciated further as foreign institutional flows continue to find their way into Indian markets," said Sunil Sharma, Chief Investment Officer, Sanctum

Wealth Management.
Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) pumped in Rs 150.40 crore on a net basis Monday, provisional data showed.

The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength

against a basket of six currencies, fell 0.07 per cent to 96.50. Meanwhile, global crude

prices were trading higher and this restricted the rupee's

Brent crude futures, the global 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 or rupee/100 Japanese yen at

Govt refuses to disclose details on RBI Governor Das appointment

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre has related to the the Centre has refused to appointment of RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das citing a clause in the transparency law which bars disclosure of information, including "records of delibera-tions of the council of ministers,

secretaries and other officers".

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

Das was on December 11,

2018 named as the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet headed by Prime Minister

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 Government on appointment of RBI Governor, names of all applicants who had applied for the post and those short-listed for the top post.

The DFS was also asked to provide details on composition

of search committee to short-list 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 Ministry has sought the Election Commission's

approval for announcing the Government's borrowing pro-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 lakh crore in the current

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 Commission's approval and will announce the borrowing schedule after receiving its nod," the official said.

The Government borrows 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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¬V viewers may be able to 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 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 reporters at an event here

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

on open source software except biometric de-duplication system," Sharma said. The Telecom Regulatory

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 interoper-

ability 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 near ly 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 years with more and more Indians, moving to consuming content especially videos on 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 Technologies said.

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed General public is hereby informed that two girls namely (1) Divya, Do Raju, Rio 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, Rio C/7/354/355, Sultan Puri, Delhi, Age: 20 years 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 Website : http://cbi.nic.in E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in Fax: 011-24368639

: 011-24368638, 24368641 P.S. Sultan Puri, Delhi Ph.: 011-25472410, 25472166 DP/2019/OD/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



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 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,

Chhote Lal is as under:

Name: Chhote Lal, Father's Name: Babu Ram, Age: 45 rears, Height: 5'4", Face: Round, Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: White Pant and Blue Colour Shirt and Hawai Chappa

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

Website : http://cbi.nic.in P.S., Samaipur Badli, Delhi e-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in Fax : 011-24368639 Ph: 011-27854757 011-24368638, 24368641 27854799 DP/2635/RD/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a

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

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Feet, has been missing / kidnapped since

20.01.2019 from the area

Kanjhawala. In this regard a case FIR No. 16/19 dated 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

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

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

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



SHO, Shahbad Dairy, Delhi Tel.: 011-27821047, 27822207



General Public is hereby informed that one boy Namely: Puneet, S/o: Bhopal Singh

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

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

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

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

Replacement of 118 sets of the existing 60/52kg Points & Crossings with 60kg Thic

in 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 ne

banking or payment gateway Only. Note: FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on as per Railway Boards letter No. 2015/CE-I/CT/5/1 dated

post: 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 Railwa

Note: - FLA will not be accepted as Earth for enduel invited on Inter-s random 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 up 15:00 hrs Opening of tender 23.04.2019 at 15:00 hrs. on. 7. Similar Nature of Work: CTRYTRRYTER/TTR including raising of track, deeping screening.

distressing of track, pre & post works for track maintenance machine, TRT/PORS

obsressing on user, pre a post works for later manner ance machine, in Pre-curs ballast, screening/regulating machines & TTR by T-28. 8. Website particular notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address o

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

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veb switches/ curved switches and WCMS crossing under SE/P.Wav/MTC & MO web switches/curved switches and woulds crossing under SelP way/MI C & MOZ and replacement of turnout fittings in MTC Subdivision under ADEN/MUT an replacement laid on wooden/ST/PRC sleepers with PRC fan shaped turnout

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

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

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 this regard a FIR No. 227/19, u/s 363 IPC, Dated 08.03.2019 has been registered at Police Station - Raj Park 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.

P.S. Raj Park, Delhi Ph.: 011-27910070, 27910071 DP/2035/OD/19

DP/2637/RD/19.

has come to light so far.

PS. Kanihawala, Delhi

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



R/o: H.No.- 67, Nehru Enclave, 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 description of the missing boy are as under Age: 22 years, Height: 5' 5", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Long,

following.

Sensex zooms 425 pts amid global rebound

Benchmark Sensex rebound-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 glob al 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

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.

NIFTY 50

investors (FIIs) remained net buyers, pumping in Rs 150.40 crore, while domestic institu-tional investors (DIIs) sold shares worth ₹12.52 crore Monday, provisional data

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. State-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

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, AUDIC Ltd b.d 0.01 cent and HDFC Ltd shed 0.01 per cent.

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,

coming to sectoral marces, bankex gained 2.19 per cent, 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

Profitability of state-owned refiners Psuch 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

basis.
"Given India's upcoming general election in April-May, we expect the refiners' profitability may come under pressure if they are asked by the gov ernment 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-

"A change in government may expose the oil companies to a new set of challenges that are harder to antici-

pate because the oil and gas sector polcy of other parties contesting in the elections is not yet clear.

State-owned IOC, Bharat 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 Gujarat 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 stateowned 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

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 earch 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 popula tion in most of the metro cities 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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BUSINESS CORNER

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 way guests describe their Oberol experience and form the central plinar of the brand strategy and communication programme," the statement said. The Oberol Group Executive Chairman P R S Oberol 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 John 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 trade-marks 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 en 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 apparel brand from ITC.

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 ₹27, 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.

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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
ISWSTEEL	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

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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
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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
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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
GODREICP	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	-2.65
PGHH	10348.00	10550.00	10323.75	10354.05	-44.95
SBILIFE	612.00	617.90	606.80	607.45	-3.60
CONCOR	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
ASHOKLEY	87.60	88.10	85.35	86.70	-0.80
IDEA	30.25	30.45	29.35	29.50	-0.75

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RECLTD	157.00	159.30	150.35
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RELINFRA	129.00	136.70	128.60
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DHFL	130.50	136.70	129.60
IOC	165.00	169.50	161.10
TCS	1985.00	1994.00	1959.00
PFC	119.65	122.50	117.00
ASHOKLEY	88.20	88.20	85.40
GMRINFRA	17.10	19.75	17.10
IDEA	30.45	30.45	29.35
ICICIPRULI	311.60	328.00	311.60
MINDTREE	948.85	961.95	936.65
INDIGO	1378.00	1430.20	1352.35
IBULHSGFIN	720.00	734.80	716.25
IDBI	42.00	42.90	41.60
NCC	109.50	112.00	109.10
TECHM	790.05	790.05	769.50
ICICIBANK	384.25	395.15	383.65
JUSTDIAL	607.90	621.10	601.10
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ONGC	159.10	163.00	158.15
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BAJFINANCE	2856.30	2939.00	2856.30
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IBREALEST	87.80	90.85	86.30
COALINDIA	236.10	242.30	234.80
HINDPETRO	276.00	279.95	272.40
HDFCBANK	2281.90	2315.00	2272.65
BOMDYEING	137.00	139.70	134.70
AXISBANK	749.60	761.70	742.00
NTPC	136.50	141.25	136.35
HINDUNILVR	1682.00	1689.90	1674.50
KOTAKBANK	1319.75	1349.90	1311.95
BALKRISIND	934.55	970.80	928.00
JSWENERGY	64.80	66.00	64.10
UNIONBANK	87.65	92.00	87.50
MOTHERSUMI	145.00	148.80	144.50
PIDILITIND	1178.25	1238.50	1178.00
HDFCLIFE	361.95	370.00	361.00
MEGH	63.40	64.35	59.00
SUNPHARMA VEDL	465.20	470.95	462.40
TAKE	169.60 126.00	174.40	169.00
GRAPHITE	422.00	137.90 431.80	125.75 417.70
UPL	912.00	915.50	892.50
FEDERALBNK	89.00	91.30	88.95
CANFINHOME	331.90	337.00	330.40
WELCORP	120.00	128.00	119.00
HDFC	1948.00	1958.60	1931.00
TV18BRDCST	34.85	35.20	34.50
CANBK	271.30	284.00	270.45
TATASTEEL	515.70	520.50	514.30
ABCAPITAL	99.50	102.90	99.50
RAIN	97.45	99.75	95.20
JUBLFOOD	1467.50	1467.50	1443.30
ASIANPAINT	1465.95	1491.25	1458.00
ESCORTS	792.00	809.85	781.15
ICICIGI	1000.00	1033.90	988.50
IDFCFIRSTB	52.00	52.75	51.90
JINDALSTEL	162.85	164.50	160.85
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UK MPs seize control of Brexit process from May

 $B^{\text{ritish MPs have inflicted a}}_{\text{fresh humiliating defeat on}}$ 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



with the lives and livelihoods of the vast majority of people in

In a series of so-called indicative votes, MPs will be able to vote on a number of with the EU and another referendum -- designed to test the will of Parliament to see what,

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 post-poning the Brexit date from March 29.

votes, opposition Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn con-gratulated Parliament for "tak ing 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

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

opment, the European

Commission said it has prepared for an "increasingly likely" no-deal scenario.

ioint press conference. "No one is naive but we

Xi says EU, China 'advancing together' despite 'suspicions' while adding that EU leaders "naturally expect our major

the world."

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partners to respect the unity of the European Union and the

values that it has and carries in

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

be a bit of reciprocity on either side and we have a bit of diffi-

culty 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

relationship.

hinese President Xi Jinping Csaid 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 dom-inated 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 "exem-plant relationship" between plary relationship" between Europe and China during the

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

Pakistani court on Tuesday Aordered 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

access as it afforded Chinese companies.

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 been indicted along with nine others in the Ashiana Iqbal Housing scam case.
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 the 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.

Washington: In the first major policy proposal of her Democratic presidential campaign, California Sen. Kamala Harris is focused on teachers. Harris' campaign says her plan is an unprecedented

NETANYAHU BACK, CONSULTS WITH ARMY

Jerusalem: Israeli PM Benjamir 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

Prime Minister Imran Khan 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 neighbour.

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-

Name of Borrower/ Account/ Financial Asset#

A2Z Infra Engineering Limited

basis" and "Without recourse basis".

Parties will be required to execute a nor

shall be intimated to the Parties separately by ICICI Bank.

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

person under or in connection with the Financial Asset; and

connection with the Financial Asset

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

were still hovering over Pakistan and India as Prime Minister Narendra Modi's administration could go for "another misadventure" before

the general elections.

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 Asse Reconstruction Companies ("ARCs") /Banks/ Non-Banking Financial Companies ("NBFCs")/Financia

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

#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 ICIC

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TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR SALE OF THE FINANCIAL ASSET:

1. The sale of the aforesaid Financial Asset is on "As is where is basis", "As is what is basis", "Whatever there is the sale of the aforesaid Financial Asset is on "As is where is basis", "As is what is basis", "Whatever there is the sale of the aforesaid Financial Asset is on "As is where is basis", "As is what is basis", "Whatever there is the sale of the aforesaid Financial Asset is on "As is where is basis", "As is what is basis", "Whatever there is the sale of the aforesaid Financial Asset is on "As is where is basis", "As is what is basis", "Whatever there is basis", "As is what is basis", "Whatever there is basis", "As is what is basis", "As is what is basis", "Whatever there is basis", "As is what is basis", "As is what is basis", "As is what is basis", "Whatever there is basis", "As is what is basis", "Whatever the is basis", "As is what is what is what is what is what is wh

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

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

Inducer in suscession;
That the Party is eligible (under applicable laws and regulations) and has the capacity to enter into an 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 no

Names of the Authorized Official (s) along with their contact details (mobile number, e-mail IDs, etc.) ICICI Bank reserves the right to ask for information relating to the financial standing of the interested Partie

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 o

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.

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

Subject to the applicable laws and regulations, ICICI Bank reserves the right to add, remove or modify the

Subject to the applications and safety and the state of the state of the state of the state of the Financial Asset at any stage without assigning any reason and without incurring an 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. Additionall ICICI Bank also reserves its rights to reject any EoI received after the stipulated timeline mentioned in th

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 othe

agreement, an application of the connection with the Financial Asset; (c) whether that Party has recourse, and the nature and extent of that recourse, against the Borrower or othe

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

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 or
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

ent, arrangement or document entered into, made or executed in anticipation of, under or in

All ArCs ballish Nor-Csr ins (telered illustrough as "Party" and collectively as "Partues") are line 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/s

Bank etc. will be available in the Preliminary Information Memorandum ("PIM")

related, directly or indirectly, either with ICICI Bank or with the Borrower

ing with the Taliban in Islamabad due to "concerns" month said that its representatives would visit Islamabad to meet Prime Minister Khan on

Iran accuses Trump | F-16s escort Mumbai-Singapore of 'colonialism' over | flight after bomb threat Golan move

AFP ■ TEHRAN

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 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.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

CORRIGENDUM

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 Dehin Rallway 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 lareas 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 ha been added.

concerning SQ423 operating from Mumbai to Singapore. ISIS jihadists

The Islamic State group on Tuesday claimed an attack on US-backed forces in the northern Syrian city of Manbii. days after their "caliphate" was

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 statemedia channels on Tuesday.

"After the victory over IS, we have entered the phase of

"caliphate" last week Observatory head Rami Abdel Rahman said it was also the bloodiest attack in Manbij since January 16, when 19 people -- including four US service personnel -- were killed

Notice is hereby given to public that registered office of the company has changed within local limits of Gurugram city from 42nd Milestone, in a suicide bombing claimed IS has vowed to carry out revenge attacks against the SDF over the six-month

Delhi Jaipur Highway, Kherki Daula, Gurgaon-122001 (Haryana) to Unit No 412, Fourth Floor, Bestech Orient Business Park, Khandsa, Sector-34, Business Park, Khandsa, Sector-34,
Gurugram-122004, (Haryana) with
effect from 22rd March, 2019.
For Meyer Apparel Limited
Place: Gurugram Sd/
Date: 26th March, 2019 R.K. Sharma
CFO & Company Secretary

Place: 18.03.2019

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 International Airport on Tuesday around 8 am (local time), the airline added.

"Singapore Airlines confirms there was a bomb threat The 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, disem-

barked safely and had to undergo screening.

The woman and the child were held back for questioning

by the police, who are investi-gating 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

kill seven **US-backed** fighters in Syria

declared defeated.

Manbij is a former IS

"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. sleeper cells," Darwish told AFP.

"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

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

China has destroyed 30,000 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 north-

eastern Indian state of

Public Notice

Subodh Kumar (Advocate) Ch.No.110, Lawyers Block, Saket Court Enrol No: D/946/2018

Public Notice

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To be known to all that Liachiman Dass
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documents may write/contact with above
named person at above address/Phone
7475875464 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.
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Floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE OF REGISTERED OFFICE

Arunachal Pradesh as part of South Tibet. China routinely objects to Indian leaders visiting Arunachal Pradesh to highlight its stand.

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

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In Public Notice published in this newspaper edition dated
25.03.2019 regarding Letter of Intent granted by DTCP in
favour of AnsaP Properties & Infractructure Litton land
measuring 11.46252 acres (not of 2005 land for
developing Alfordshe Residential platted Colony under
group housing license no. 1125-1126 of 2006) land for
developing Alfordshe Residential platted Colony under
Dendlayalan Awasfopina DDDAYI, under the Migration
Policy dated 18.02.2018 and amendment dated
24.01.2018 of Town & Country Planning
Department, Duding plan approved date for the above
license remotioned as "...approved vide DTCP memo no.
18783 dated 20.7.2070." "may be read as "...approved
18783 dated 20.7.2070." "may be read as "...approved". Place: Senipat For ANSAL PROPERTIES & INFRASTRUCTURE LTD.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Form No. INC 26

[Pursuant to Rule 30 of the Companies
(Incorporation) Rules, 2014]

Advertisement for change of registered office
of the company from one state to another
Before the Central Government (Regional
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 Companies
(Incorporation) Rules, 2014 (Incorporation) Rules, 2014

to the Regional Director. Northern Region at the address B-2 WING, 2nd Floor Paryavaran Bhawa 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-6t
For and on behalf of
GREENFIVE POWER PRIVATE LIMITED

YASHASVI MOHANRAM (Director) DIN: 00110328

This notice and contents hereof are subject to any prevailing laws, rules and regulations of India. Disclaimer: The particulars in respect of the aforesaid process /financial asset specified herein above have been stated to the best of the information and knowledge of the undersigned, who shall however not be esponsible for any error, misstatement or omission in the said particulars

this country" in his resignation options -- likely to include a "softer Brexit", a Customs union

if anything, commands a majority, the BBC said.

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

Khan said shadows of war

"The danger is not over. The situation will remain tense till forthcoming general elec-tions in India. We are already prepared to avert any aggres n from India," Dawn quot-

ed Khan as saying.

Khan also claimed that he cancelled his scheduled meetexpressed by the Afghan gov-ernment. The Taliban last

CICI Bank Tower, NBCC Place, Pragati Vihar, Bhisma Pitamah Marg, Delhi 110003

Regd. Office: ICICI Bank Tower, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara, Gujarat -390 007

Corporate Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra- Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai – 400 051

Bid No. 23AC/393/New Proposal Parking /2018

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Appeal for Identification General public is hereby informed that one male dead body Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: 45 Years, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Shallow, Sex: Male, Wearing: Black Colour Jacket, Grey Colour Shirt, Dark,

Grey Colour Pant & Bare Footed. 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.

DP/9809/N/19

Ph.: 011-23953442 1529 & 1532, Church Road, Kashmeere Gate. Delhi-110006 Ph. No.s. (0) 23861646, (G) 23863993 E-mail : br.9032@syndicatebank.co.in

PS. Kotwali, Delhi

POSSESSION NOTICE

[Appendix IV under the Act -rule-8(1)] The undersigned being the authorised officer of the Syndicate Bank under the Securitisation ruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54o) and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 131(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 04.12.2018 calling upon the borrover/surety/owner of the property Sri./Smt SDMWATI, Ashok Kumar to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 46, 20,868.85/. (Rupees Forty Six Lass Twenty Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Eight and Paisa Eighty Five only) within 60 days from the date of receipted the said notice.

In 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 31(4) of the Act read with rule 8 of the said rules on this 20th Day of March of the power 2019. March of the year 2019
The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
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 the charge 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

PROPERTY BOUNDED AS: ON THE NORTH BY 20 FEET WIDE ROAD/RASTA ON THE SOUTH BY PROPERTY OF MR. JAIPAL

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

ON THE EAST BY PROPERTY OF MR. RAJ SINGH ON THE WEST BY PROPERTY OF MR. NARENDER ate: 20.03.2019



n its early days agriculture was regarded as just cultivating and growing crops. Fertile land had one purpose only — the yield it could propurpose only — the yield it could pro-duce for consumption. Over time the approach towards agriculture pro-gressively shifted to a business-ori-ented 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 agri-culture 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 agri-culture 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 mar-keting. It has a tremendous influence on other big industries. The service and manufacturing sectors have

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 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

MANAGERS HELP

OPTIMISE OUR FOOD DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WHICH HAS A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE LIVELIHOODS AND HEALTH OF PEOPLE NATIONWIDE.

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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

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

omy.

Today the management of agriculture 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 environment-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

CQUOTE OF THE DAY

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 sector of industry established manufacturing engineers, designers and managers working in the industry who are facing new challenges and increased areas of responsi-

bility.

Eligibility: Candidates having first or second class Honours degree, or equiva-lent, in a relevant engineering, technology or science disci-

pline. **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

15, 2019.

How to Apply: log on to http://www.insd.edu.in/applyonline.html.

LAW PROGRAMME

Manav Rachna University

Manav Rachna University (MRU) is inviting applications for its Law Programmes.

Eligibility: For LLB programmes, candidates having passed Class XII with 50 percent 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 Integrated Law course with 50 per cent or more marks in

aggregate.

How to apply: Log on to

Admissions

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 17, 2019.

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 medicing This program of the program of th cine. This course offers challenging career in a hospital, minor emergency centers, pri-vate laboratory, blood donor centers, doctor's office or clin-

Eligibility: Class XII pass from any recognised board.

Last date to apply: April

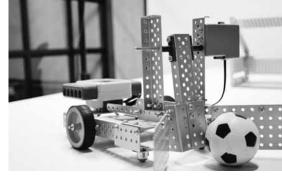
Robots show the way

Robotics is growing and offering lucrative options. TARUN BHALLA tells you how

 $T^{\text{he field of robotics is rife with}} \\ \text{opportunity as it makes headway} \\ \text{right into the heart of India. Slowly}$ 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 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, surveil-

lance, defense or entertainment. Think of robots cooking complex meals on demand. Too outlandish? Well, you'd be surprised to



ic-powered restaurant which pre-Some restaurants are using selfordering tablets for taking customer orders. Hospitals are increasingly making use of surgical robots to per form 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

know that Spyce, a restaurant based in Boston, Massachusetts is a robot-opportunities in the robotics sector in India between May 2015 and May And during the 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 construc-tion leading the demand for robot-ics 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 ch 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 benefit from the success of entrepre-

neurs and growing businesses.

Create jobs: Entrepreneurs are by nature and definition iob creators. as opposed to job seekers. The simple 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 ends up i structure enhancement 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 The combined disbursement by all the new workers of the new

businesses and therefore the supporting jobs in different business-es adds to the native and regional

es 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 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 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.

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CS Foundation Programme

 $\begin{array}{ccc} T_{\text{Company Secretaries}}^{\text{he Admission to}} \\ \text{(CS)} & \text{Foundation} \end{array}$ 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

With the aim to provide better facilities to the students, 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, CS (Dr) Shyam Agrawal said, "Opening of Study Centre in cities where ICSI do not have offices 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, Sanskriti College said that this



step will open the door to professional education in Tonk and surrounding areas.

ICSI opens its 100th study centre at Tonk

gave detailed information to the students and their parents about CS Rahul Sharma, Chairman nities available. Jaipur chapter of The Institute of Company Secretaries of India,

the Company Secretary Course, profession and career opportu-

The ICSI is a premier pro-

56,000 members and about 3.5 lakh students on its roll.

regulation and development of the profession of Company Secretaries in India. It functions under the jurisdiction of Ministry of 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

fessional body set up under an Act of Parliament, i.e., Company Secretaries Act, 1980, for the

he International School 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

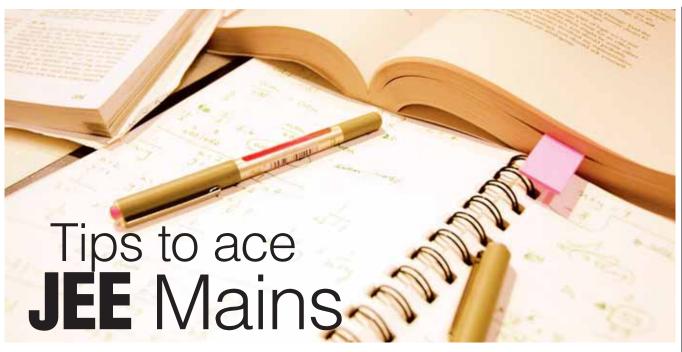
who were interested in knowing more about interior and fashion designing courses at their Main campus Gujranwala Town part 1.

The purpose of the event was also to announce the newly launched Study tour to

Workshop on designing

Paris, programme where 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 aspir-ing students looking forward step in the design industry, The open house session

also provided information related to latest developments in block printing, screen rinting, tie and dye printing, fabric painting, and embroi-



JEE expert RAMESH BATLISH shares last minute tips with aspirants to crack the exam

f a student is dreaming to secure a seat in one of the IITs Lit is mandatory to crack both JEE Main and Advanced. The National Testing Agency is organ-ising JEE Main twice in 2019. The JEE Main 2019 (January session) has been conducted. The April session will be conducted from 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 trou-

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 leve questions. Focus on speed and accuracy. Believe in yourself, you will surely crack JEE Main 2019.

I left couple of topics. Should

start them now?

Don't start any fresh topic that you haven't read in the last one vear 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

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

■Focus on your health, eat

healthy and home-made food.

Stay away from the students who revise topics a few minutes before the exam at the examina-

■Just go and do your best in

■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 to expect.

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 ques-tions than the ones which require

PREP CHECKS ■Thorough with exam pattern and syllabus

Self -confidence is the key achieve success in the exam ■Speed and accuracy when

 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

nurtured, says AJAY KAVISHWAR f we consider today's children the flagbearers 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

'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

mid-say meal programme that anutri-tious meal can go a long way in sup-porting the health and education of chil-dren. 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 prima-

ry objectives is to improve the nutritional status of children, the integration of millets in mid-day meals through a collab-oration 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 contribut-ing 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 deserv ing constituents of their regular diet. Going beyond 'food for education' to

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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 enhance the physical and psychological development of children, thus fuelling their aspirations and putting them on a path to a bright future.

In incentivising education and bring-ing more children to schools, the pro-gramme has created a large pool of talent that needs to be harnessed and nur-tured. 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

untapped.
In developing countries, when the talent pool is large, it may remain unde-veloped 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 infra-structure, expertise, and resources, it can be a massive step towards providing chil-dren 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

Stress can be caused by pleasant and

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 vaque and more like something you can handle.[1]If

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 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

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or January 2020.

Eligibility: EU and non-EU students have at least

(Grade 1) or equivalent in their undergraduate or post-graduate degree and must

have already applied for their

chosen postgraduate course are eligible to apply.

Requirements: Before apply-

ing for the scholarship, appli-cants must apply in the uni-

Language Requirement:

English language require-ments for candidates who do

not speak English as their first language.

How to apply: To participate in this scholarship,

applicants must download the application form and

email the completed applica

tion form (one Word or PDF

document) plus an academic

transcript (one pdf docu-ment) to graduateschool.cac-

As a part of the application applicants must submit an

academic transcript.

Application deadline:

The last date to apply is May

Supporting documents:

sss@ucc.ie

versity for their chosen

Admission

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The Faculty of Science Strathclyde, Glasgow is towards course tuition fees in each year of study of a fulltime undergraduate pro-

Eligible students must have excellent grades from High School and strong English test results.

Value — £2000 per year

Eligibility: To apply for a

Science Elite scholarship, candidates must: Be available to commence their academic studies in the UK by the start of the academic year in September/October 2019

Hold an offer of study on an Undergraduate course in the Faculty of Science, University of Strathclyde.

Be paying full international fees. Subjects: Chemistry,

Computer and Information Sciences, Mathematics and Statistics, Pharmacy and Biomedical Sciences, Physics, Forensic Science. For more information:

scienceenquiries@strath.ac.uk

Application deadline: The last date to apply is September 16, 2019

The University College Cork has announced 11 excellence scholarships for

STUDY CENTRES

peech pathology and audiology are allied health careers. The professionals are qualified by special training, education, skills and experience to provide healthcare service. However, the practitioners are not physicians but are called speech pathologists and audiologists and work with people who have speech disorders due to problems like cleft palate or other medical conditions.

The job involves examining and cleaning the ear canal, fitting hearing aids, counseling on adjusting to hearing loss and training on the use of hearing instruments. To practice one need to have Bachelors/Masters degree in Audiology and be registered with Indian Speech and Hearing Association or Rehabilitation Council of India. A few more colleges to study:

■Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli. Courses: B.Sc. Audiology and Speech Rehabilitation and

■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

Dr MV Shetty College of Speech and Hearing, Mangalore, Course: Bachelor in Audiology and Speech Language Pathology ■Dr Chandrashekhar Institute of Speech and Hearing, Bengalury, Course: Bachelor in Audiology and Speech Language Pathology Language and Speech

Helen Kellers institute of Research and Rehabilitation for the disabled children,



TELECALLING& COUNSELLING AT WHIZDOMEDUCARE Location: Delhi

Stipend: ₹8,000 per month Link: internshala.com/i/379944 Application deadline: March 30, 2019

SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING AT PSA Location: Delhi, Gurgaon, Pune,

Mumbai, Bengaluru Stipend: ₹8,000 per month Link: internshala.com/i/379945 April 5, 2019

WANTED **DATA ANALYTICS** AT CAPITAL INTERNS! FLOAT Location:

Bengaluru Stipend: ₹24,000 per month internshala com/i/379946 Application deadline:

April 4, 2019

DIGITAL MARKETING AT LIFE CHANGING GROUPS Location: Bhubaneswar Stipend: ₹6.000 per month

Link: internshala.com/i/379941 Application deadline: April 5, 2019 **OPERATIONS AT HIGH MOUNTAINS**

Location: Chandigarh Stipend: ₹3,000-₹5,000 per month Link: internshala.com/i/379942 Application deadline: April 5, 2019

ANDROID APP DEVELOPMENT AT **OMNINOS SOLUTIONS** Location: Mohali, Panchkula,

Chandigarh Stipend: ₹8,000-₹10,000 per month Link: internshala.com/i/379943 Application deadline: April 5, 2019

IN BRIEF

LPU SIGNS MOU WITH PEGASYSTEMS

ovely Professional University (LPÚ) 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 Compute 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 alltime high today.
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 after in the industry today.

NU ANNOUNCES EARLY ADMISSIONS

not-forprofit NIIT University (NU) announces early admissions for its four-year Integrated MBA programme. The last date to apply for early Admissions is

April 10, 2019. The

programme is innovatively designed managerial and Students can

apply online at www.niituniversity.in Students applying for early admissions will get a Provisional

programme of their choice before their Class XII exam result

disciplinary programme is aimed at the holistic development and offers specialisation in cutting-edge areas.

ONLINE FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS PROGRAMME

rc Skills, a global skill provider for schools, universities, and corporates, launched Soar, an integrated pathway for schoolstudent to learn newage and socio emotional skills to make the child conversant in specific foundational literacies. This will help children to identify and build on their strengths.

This is a progressive online learning programme through student-led online learning path together with integrated assessment platform, for students to learn specific foundational literacies helping them to further identify and build on their The fcourses of will educate

the iGENs with aspects like business reports and impact of social media on business future ready for higher education. Financial literacy, is to help secondary school students navigate the intricacies of personal finance and will also aid students to recognise the new face of banking.

FREE MOCK CLAT EXAM

he Triumphant Institute of Management Education (TIME)
Pvt Ltd, India's leading testprep institute is conducting Free All India Mock CLAT exam (AIMCLAT) on March 31, 2019 (Sunday). The AIMCLAT will be available

in the same paper and pencil mode as the actual CLAT is. This test will be conducted at numerous locations across the country and will be written by a very wide cross-section of students.

Based on the performance in the free mock CLAT, a student can get attractive scholarships from TIME for classroom programs for CLAT 2019-2020.

For registration and more information, visit https://www.time4education.com/local/articlecms/page.php?id=1030

WORKSHOP AT IMS

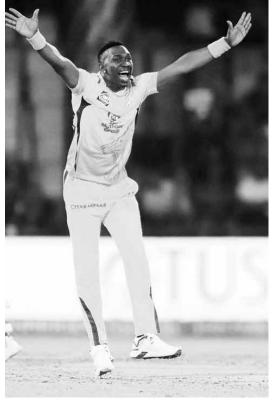
he Institute of Management Studies organised a workshop on forensic science at institute campus in which Dr VC Mishra a forensic scientist give a lecture to the students on different key factors of forensic science. The aim of and guery of the students about forensic science. Programme was attended by 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 finger 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 layed 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)

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balls.

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 to ver long off for a six. In the next over, his short arm pull off Dwayne Bravo was taken by Shardul Thakur at deep square

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 log of grantility.

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



PTI ■ KOLKATA

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

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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 attack.

Russell will be KKR's answer to Gayle as the KKR star also fashioned a sensational win, smashing an unbeat-en 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 time.

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 Mankading in IPL

 $R^{\text{ajasthan Royals opener Jos Buttler}} \\ R^{\text{ajasthan Royals opener Jos Buttler}}$ 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 IPI. 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

Unapologetic about '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 per-

missible 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 earlier times.



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 every-one else?" he asked.

There has been a debate whether Ashwin deliberately delayed while loading up on his delivery stride having apprehend-ed 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

Watching 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 person-ally. 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 our 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 noping to make the most of the 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

Impressed with his composure and Acontrol 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 Markhi Liking and Dalli Control. Mumbai Indians against Delhi Capitals,

said.
"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 midwicket straight into the palms of a fielder.



Yuvraj Singh speaks during a press conference

wicket on his debut.

Mumbai Indians bowling coach Shane Bond also praised Salam, saying he was one of better bowlers for the team during its IPL opener against

"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

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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 situation. "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 You've got to make it a bit harder. Do something that's going to make them think twice. If their team can't play with fans, it's going to be difficult." 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 omised to report the issue to UEFA. "There is no doubt in

my mind it happened. **EURO**2020 We will make sure that is reported to UEFA because it's not acceptable," said Southgate. We've got to make sure we support our

ENG AMONG FAVOURITES

On the field, the World Cup semifinalists showed why they are among the favourites to be European champi

Southgate's trust in youth was again rewarded as 18-year-old Callum Hudson-Odoi, who is yet to start a Premier League game for Chelsea,

shone on his full international debut, while Declan Rice, 20, was also handed his first "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 continue 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 Nine minutes later, Barkley applied the finishing touch after Hudson-Odoi's positive run into the box and shot which his club teammate turned

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 on Friday.

Sterling scored a hat-trick against

the Czechs at Wembley, but also played provider here as his cut-back 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 goal-



Ronaldo injured as Serbia hold **Portugal**

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

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 two-thirds empty Estadio da Luz. da Luz. Serbia failed to clear

the ball in the box before it fell to the unmarked Real Betis midfielder who's side-footed shot glanced past the post after five minutes.

Ajax playmaker Tadic opened the scoring from the penalty spot two min-utes later. Wolves goal-keeper Rui Patricio collided with an advancing Mijat Gacinovic in the box and Tadic tucked the

to take a shock lead over the Euro 2016 winners.

Ronaldo was denied an equaliser two minutes later as his effort was very well 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 arm-

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 sec-ond 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 deci-



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-

ing.

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 Icelanders, though his contribution to the opening goal after 11 minutes was straightforward.

The visitors cleared a corner 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.

Four minutes later, Giroud almost headed another, from a cross by Payard, 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 from the right that lured Halldorsson into a desperate

> Giroud kneed the ball into the empty net for his 35th France goal. That moved him into third on the all-time list of France scorers, breaking a tie with David Trezeguet. The Chelsea striker trails only Michel Platini, on 41, and Thierry Henry, the all-time

dive for a ball he could not

Mbappe added a third after 78 minutes. Griezmann slipped a pass between two defenders to the advancing Mbappe who shrugged off a timid challenge and slid the ball past Halldorson.

leader on 51.

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.

"We've started well with two nice team performances'
Paul Pogba told French broad-

it up and down, and he's unusual when he plays from "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

India beat Malaysia 4-2

PTI IPOH

India struck four times after a goal-less first quarter to tame Agoar-less Malaysia 4-2, climbing to the second spot in the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup hockey tourna-ment, here Tuesday. Sumit Kumar (17th min),

Sumit Kumar junior (27th min), drag flicker Varun Kumar and Mandeep Singh (58th min) found the net for India.

Razie Rahim (27th min) and Firhan Ashari (57th min) scored for the hosts.

With two wins and a draw India moved up to the second position in the table with seven points behind Korea (7).

India had beaten Japan 2-0 in the first match before playing

 $R_{
m faces}$ 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

The Swiss superstar produced an excellent all-round

performance despite being test-ed by the world number 103

who belied his lowly ranking by

producing some excellent ten-

nis 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 intrigu-

ing last eight match with the highly-rated Medvedev.

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

last year but is already a fan.

"He's clever how he plays the court because he can play

back," said the Swiss, who hit

14 aces and won an impressive

74% of points on his first

Federer beat him twice

August.

The Russian, who is at a

AFP MIAMI

Miami Open.



a 1-1 draw against Korea. Five minutes into the game, Malaysia won their first penalty corner but Krishan B Pathak, guarding India's post brilliant-

Varun Kumar's pass into the

top of the circle saw Hardik Singh work in tandem with Mandeep Singh to set up a shot

It was eventually Sumit who got the right deflection helping India take an important 1-0 lead

first PC but after several re-takes India could not extend their Soon Malaysia won their

in the 17th minute. Later, Mandeep helped India win their

second PC of the match and Razie Rahim did not disappoint the home crowd as he struck low to give Malaysia an equaliser in the 21st minute.

The third quarter was intense with both teams rallying on counter attacks but India remained determined. They challenged the Malaysian defence with solid circle entries. Mandeep Singh worked his magic yet again winning India another important PC.

Taken by dragflicker Varun Kumar, he scored on a re-take

with a powerful flick, keeping the ball low to the left. The 3-1

lead put pressure on the hosts.
The fourth quarter, though saw Malaysia score a field goal through Firhan Ashari in the 57th minute who did well to beat Sreejesh at post after he had made two great saves earlier in the quarter.
In the 58th minute, a bril-

liant circle entry and assist by Sumit Kumar Jr to Mandeep Singh helped him score India's fourth goal ending the match on

India's defence did not make any last-minute minute to take home three points. Birendra Lakra was named the man-ofthe-match for his efforts in

helping India defend their lead. Romanian made light work of

Federer wary of Medvedev after Miami victory





Roger Federer returns a shot to his opponent (right) Simona Halep in action during the match

"It's a bit of a different approach.Thankfully I played him last year twice in Basel and Shanghai and I'm verv impressed about his progress I must say the last year has been unbélievable for him. Krajinovic struggled with

with his ankle, left foot and hand restricted him to just seven tournaments in the first seven months of 2018.

HALEP DOWNS VENUS

Elsewhere, number 24 seed Grigor Dimitrov was injury last year as problems beaten by world number 77

Jordan Thompson in straight sets ensuring the Australian will meet 2018 Wimbledon finalist Kevin Anderson who beat Portugal's Joao Sousa 6-4, 7-6 (8/6).

Simona Halep, meanwhile, got the better of Venus Williams once again as the

book a place in the quarterfinals with a 6-3, 6-3 win.

"I was pretty strong with my serve and knew where to bother her," said the reigning French Open champion who will meet China's Wang Qiang in the last eight.

"When I saw I can win easy games with my serve, it gave me great confidence," she added.

Bianca Andreescu, the 18year-old Canadian sensation who won the title in Indian Wells, was forced to withdraw in the second set of her fourth round match with Anett

Kontaveit. Andreescu was 1-6, 0-2 down before a shoulder injury ruined her chances of anoth-

er run to the finals.

The Estonian will meet Taiwan's Hsieh Su-Wei who continued her excellent form with a 6-3, 6-7 (0/7), 6-2 win over Caroline Wozniacki.

Petra Kvitova, the world number 3, booked her place in the last eight, beating Caroline Garcia 6-3, 6-3 in a match which was held up for one hour and 40 minutes because of rain in South Florida. Kvitova plays Australian Ashleigh Barty for a place in the semi-finals.