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# Opp, BJP fight pitched battle on Balakot

### IAF chief says Pak mission achieved, forces don't count toll; Cong seeks proof, BJP flays opp canards

n all-out war has broken An all-out war has broken of the February 26 air raid on Balakot in Pakistan with two top Congress leaders Digvijay Singh and Kapil Sibal seeking proof of Indian Air Force's strike destroying the biggest camp of Jaish-e-Mohammad in Pakistan.

They accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of politicising terror. Also, the Congress asked the PM to clear the doubt after one of the Union Ministers denied TV reports that 300 terrorists were

Reacting to the Opposition's charge, the BJP accused the Congress of "misleading" the country by its

"fake and fabricated" narratives. While Air Chief Marshal B S Dhanoa on Monday asserted the Indian fighter planes hit the desired target but it is not their job to count the dead.

we hit the target. The Indian Air Force does not count the number of dead and the casu-alty figure of the air strike. Death toll depends on the number of people present at the target," said the Air Chief Marshal while addressing a Press conference at Coimbatore after attending a function in which two units of the IAF were honoured with the President's Colours by President Ram Nath Kovind.

Dhanoa said, "If we plan to hit the target, we hit the target. Why would he (Pakistan PM) have responded if we dropped bombs in the jungles... The tar-get was hit, it has been clearly amplified by the Foreign Secretary in his statement."

This was the first official reaction of the Air Chief after the Balakot operation which triggered a war of words between the Government and

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Air Chief Marshal BS Dhanoa addresses a Press conference at Sulur Air Force

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**Air Chief Marshal BS Dhanoa** 

dropped away from the target, Dhanoa said, "Our report says

He also set at rest all doubts about the denial of Pakistan that they lost F-16 aircraft. India has in its possession pieces of the AMRAAM mis-sile. "Obviously, I think they have lost F-16 aircraft in that combat. So, obviously, they have been using that aircraft

against us," he added. The Air chief also revealed that the first Rafale jet would join the IAF fleet in September

Meanwhile, holding the Government guilty of politicising terror, Sibal tweeted, "Modi ji must answer as the international media like New York Times, Washington Post, London-based Jane Information group, Daily Telegraph, the Guardian and Reuters are reporting that there is no proof of militant losses at Balakot in Pakistan."

Senior Congress leader Digvijaya Singh too questioned the air strike in Pakistan and demanded proof.

The Congress reactions came in the wake of Union Minister SS Ahluwalia's statement that neither Modi nor any Government spokesperson had given any figure on the casual-ty of air strikes. "Rather, the Indian media and social media users were circulating an unconfirmed figure of terror-

ists killed," he said.
"Modi ji, Your Central
Minister is denying TV news
that the Prime Minister ever confirmed the killing of 300 terrorists in IAF air strikes in Pakistan. Is it true? If not, the PM should tell the truth to the country," Sibal said on Twitter.

Congress chief spokesman Randeep Surjewala also put out a news report about Ahluwalia in this regard.
Punjab Minister and

Congress leader Navjot Singh Sidhu said, "300 terrorist dead, Yes or No? What was the purpose then? Were you uprooting terrorist or trees? Was it an election gimmick? Deceit pos-sesses our land in guise of fighting a foreign enemy. Stop politicising the Army, it is as sacred as the State."

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee too demanded evidence of the pre-emptive strike on Jaish-e-Mohammed training camps in Pakistan by said the Opposition parties anti-terrorist operation carried out by IAF in Pakistan.

Taking a dig at the Opposition party, BJP leader and Union Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi said Congress and its allies are "crying" while terrorists and their sponsors are

being hit.
"Is this a coincidence or a partnership? It is unfortunate when the entire country is speaking in one voice to salute our armed forces' valour, the Congress and its allies are raising such questions," he said.

Naqvi accused the Congress and its allies of "irresponsible behaviour", saying these comments show their mindset on a sensitive issue like national security.

"The country no longer expect the Congress and its allies to welcome security forces' action to end terrorism but they should at least not mislead the nation and insult Armed forces with fake and fabricated stories," he said.

## Brace up for scorching summer as trend intact

IMD predicts north. northeast, northwest. west coast to witness above-normal temp

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Get ready to face a harsh Summer this year. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted the average temperature in most parts of north India northeast regions, northwest India and southern parts of west coast to remain above nor-mal during March, April, May

The rest part of the country is expected to see normal

temperature during summer.
The past four years, from 2015 to 2018, were the warmest ever recorded years. In fact, the 20 warmest years on record have occurred in the last 22 years. This trend also sits in perfectly with the emission rates of greenhouse gases (GHGs), which were at a record high in 2018 according to the World Meteorological

Organisation (WMO).
According to IMD predicins, the season average maximum temperatures in Himachal Pradesh, west Rajasthan, Konkan, Goa, Coastal Karnataka, Kerala, Saurashtra, Tamil Nadu, coastal Andhra Pradesh and



Arunachal Pradesh are likely to be higher than normal by 0.5-1.0 degree Celsius. Rest of the country is likely to experience near normal minimum tem-

It also said there is 37 per cent probability of the maximum temperatures in 2019 being above normal in the core heat wave zones of Punjab, Uttarakhand, Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Odisha and Telengana. The IMD does not con-

sider March as part of summer season — April to June is considered the actual summer.

IMD sources said the mbined effect of climate

change will lead to hotter summer this year.

'The heat wave is expect ed to hit 16 States due to various reasons. However, normal heat wave — like conditions will prevail over the country's core heat wave zone. Central and northern India are generally considered the core heat

wave zones," officials said.

The regions falling under the core heat wave zone are Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Orissa and Telangana, and meteorological subdivisions of Marathwada, Vidarbha, central

Maharashtra and coastal Andhra Pradesh.

#### **Jay Panda joins BJP**, gives party impetus in Odisha

PNS NEW DELHI

Former Biju Janata Dal (BJD) member of Parliament Baijyant Jay Panda joined the BJP on Monday, giving the saf-fron party an articulate leader in Odisha, where Assembly polls will be held together with the Lok Sabha elections. Panda met BIP chief Amit Shah and joined the party at its head-

quarters in the national Capital Panda was suspended by the BJD for alleged anti-party activities early last year prompting him to resign from the party and his Lok Sabha seat Kendrapara from where he was elected twice on the BJD ticket. The BJP hopes that senior leader's presence could expand its influence along the coastal belt in the State.

Odisha is a priority state for the BJP, where it is seeking to give a tough fight to the BJD which is facing anti-incumbency under the two-decade rule of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik. The BJP has already made inroads during the panchayat and local level elections and gained second position in the State by relegating the Congress to the third slot.

Panda, who owns an influ-ential media empire in Odisha, had been close to Naveen Patnaik and often articulated BJD's viewpoint at the national level before he fell out with him. The BJD had accused him of money laundering and demanded a probe.

## PIB OK's phase IV corridors but puts loss onus on Delhi Metro

Public Investment Board (PIB), a wing of the Finance Ministry, has approved three corridors of phase IV of Delhi Metro with certain conditions that include Delhi Metro will have to bear operational loss-es of phase IV.

After the PIB nod, the proposal is likely to be cleared by the Narendra Modi Government's last Cabinet meeting before the Lok Sabha elections. The Centre is keen to remove all hurdles for starting Metro phase IV construction as early as possible. And Delhi Metro has said it is ready to start the work soon after getting the Government's nod.

Sources in the Finance Ministry said the Centre will keep its stake at 20 per cent and would not fund Delhi Metro phase IV project if Delhi Metro fails to bear operational losses or cost escalation due to any reasons. In case Delhi Metro fails to bear the loss, if any, the Delhi Government will have to do it, said the sources. The Ministry has also made it clear that Delhi Metro will have to service the interest payment during the construction period. Delhi Metro has also been advised to generate funds from other resources, including issuance of metro bonds.

Sources said the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has reduced soft oan amount for the six corri-



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dors of Delhi Metro phase IV projects. The Delhi Government has proposed that Delhi and Centre should bear 50-50 share of the operational

In foreign loans, there is a risk of currency loss due to fluc-tuations in foreign exchange market. Till now the Centre and the State Government have been sharing the currency loss-es equally. The 50-50 opera-tional losses was the norm for Delhi Metro's first and second phases but it was changed for the third phase.

According to sources, three corridors of Delhi Metro phase IV include Aerocity to

Tuglaqabad (20.20 km); RK Ashram to Janakpur (28.93 km) and Mukundpur to Maujpur (12.54 km). The total cost of three corridor is expected to be around ₹30,000 crore. There are six corridors in phase IV with estimated cost of

around ₹46,845 crore. The Delhi Metro had sub-mitted the first detailed project report (DPR) of Phase IV in 2014. However, approval from the Government was pending for over four years due to various issues, including finances The Delhi Metro's Phase-IV is also slated to connect Uttar Pradesh and Haryana with the main hubs of Delhi.

## **CAPSULE**

EYEWASH: PAK YET TO BAN SAEED'S Jud DESPITE VOW New Delhi: Mumbai terror attack mastermind Hafiz Saeed-led Jamaat-ud-Dawa and its wing Falah-e-Insaniat Foundation have not been banned by Pakistan despite its announcement a fortnight ago and the two organisations continue to be only in the list of

OVER 1 CR DEVOTEES TAKE HOLY DIP IN SANGAM

Prayagraj: Even before midnight, devotees from different walks of life and parts of the country began to pour into Sangam city to take holy dip on Mahashivratri, the great night of Lord Shiva and the last bathing day in the one-and-a-half-month ong Kumbh Mela. Till Monday evening, more than 1 crore devotees had taken a holy dip in the Sangam area.

DELHI TOPS LIST OF MOST POLLUTED CITIES New Delhi: The national Capital has topped the list of the most polluted cities in the world in a recent study conducted by environment NGO Greenpeace India. New Delhi was ranked first among 62 polluted cities in the report, Global Air Pollution 2018,

organisation said. CONG MLA RESIGNS FROM K'TAKA HOUSE Bengaluru: Dealing a blow to the ruling coalition in Karnataka. rebel Congress MLA Umesh Jadhav on Monday submitted his resignation from the State Assembly to Speaker Ramesh Kumar, amid reports that he might join the BJP.

## Hindu Kush takes heat, loses 80% biodiversity

Himalayan region bears brunt of urban dev. hydro dams, exploitation of resources, climate change

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

Driven by lopsided urban development, strings of hydro dams, over exploitation of resources, and climate change impacts, around 70-80 per cent of the Hindu Kush Himalayan region's original habitat has been lost.

The degradation may further deepen by 2100, a recent assessment report of the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) has

The report authored by scientists from Dehradun based Wildlife Institute of India (WII) among others, paints a grim scenario of the biodiversity hotspot and warns that a quarter of endemic fauna and flora such as Tibetan antelope and Giant Panda and Rhododendrons, orchids, rare medicinal and wild edible plants in the Indian Himalayas alone could be wiped out by

Based in Kathmandu, the

The research agency notes that the region, one of the world's richest biodiversity hotspots, is source of Asia's 10 major rivers and provides water, food, energy and carbon storage for almost two billion

Its findings echoes earlier lands, alpine meadows, wet-lands and permafrost will dis-appear on the Tibetan plateau

Based in Kathmandul, the ICIMOD is a regional inter-governmental learning and knowledge sharing centre serv-ing the eight regional member countries of the Hindu Kush Himalaya — Afghanistan, Himalaya — Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Myanmar, Nepal, and

studies showing that as temperatures rise with climate change, large areas of grass-

2050. The Himalayas and Tibetan plateau are warming at up to three times the global average, according to recent

genetic diversity of the HKH also has global significance, as per the new report. "There have been 2,500

species of rice identified in Nepal alone, and 100 types of basmati in the Western Himalayas. The variety of crops grown by farmers could serve as potential genetic resource for improving crop yield and pest resistance. This will be essen-

tial to support global food

shrinking crop diversity has left us vulnerable to climate change. little research so far on the

researchers.

'However, there has been genetic diversity as well as numerous medicinal plants

found in the region," point out

security in a world of where

Ringing alarm bell, the authors of the report have also warned that if corrective steps are not taken, it will have huge impacts, particularly for the 240 million people in mountain regions, who still live in pover ty and depend on natural resources for their daily food and livelihood. Also, the role of Himalayan

biodiversity in health has been overlooked, the report points out. "The area has been known for millennia as the home of numerous medicinal plants. But as these have been ignored, these will be lost before utili-

sation.

This will have adverse the large pharmaimpact on the large pharmaceutical corporations, since the discovery and development of medicines is linked to figuring out the effects of plants and herbs on the human body," the authors said as they called upon the countries in the region and donor governments and the private sector to step up financial commitments for conservation.

#### **Green polls! NGT asks** EC, Govt to mull ban on plastic materials synthetic plastic polymer and

The National Green Tribunal has directed the Election Commission, the Centre and the Central Pollution Control Board to convene a meeting to consider whether to ban the use of campaigning material made of plastic during elections.

A Bench headed by NGT

Chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel directed the Election Commission, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) and CPCB to convene a meeting at the earliest, preferably within one

The tribunal passed the directions on a petition seeking a direction to the ing a direction to the MoEF&CC and the states to prohibit the use of short-life PVC (polyvinyl chloride),

chlorinated plastic which includes banners, hoarding, etc for promotion and advertising during the poll cam-



## Kedarnath to be reopened | Light snow, rain for public on May 9



**Ceremony held at Omkareshwar to** finalise date for reopening of **Kedarnath** 

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The portals of Kedarnath shrine will be reopened to the public on May 9 at 5:35 AM. The date for reopening of the portals of Kedarnath was announced on the occasion of Mahashivratri on Monday Rituals and calculations based on the Hindu almanac were held at the Omkareshwar tem-

ple in Ukhimath-the winter lic seat of lord Kedarnath, to arrive at the date of reopening of the shrine. The ceremonial procession carrying the Panchmukhi (five-faced) idol of the lord will depart for Kedarnath on May 6.
The Badrinath Kedarnath

Temple Committee (BKTC) had organised the ceremony at Omkareshwar on the occasion of Mahashivratri. In the presence of Kedarnath Rawal (head priest) Bhimashankar Ling, other priests, Pundits and traditional right holders, the Panchang (Hindu almanac) was referred to for arriving at the date for reopening of the shrine to the pub-

sion of lord Kedarnath will start on May 6 and arrive at Fata on the same day, at Gaurikund on May 7 and at Kedarnath on May 8. During the ceremony held at Omkareshwar, the BKTC chairman Mohan Prasad Thapliyal, chief executive officer BD Singh, other office bearers of the temple committee, local public represen-tatives and devotees were also

The Chal Vigrah proces-

present in large numbers.

It will be recalled that the date of reopening of Badrinath shrine to the public- May 10-was announced earlier on the

## likely at isolated places of U'khand



Pedestrians on a city road during a spell of rain in Dehradun on Monday

PNS DEHRADUN

The State Meteorological Centre has forecast very light to light snowfall, rainfall and thunderstorm for some places across the State on Tuesday. Some places in Uttarkashi, Chamoli, Rudraprayag and Pithoragarh districts are likely to experience snow and rain on the day as per the forecast. The rest of the State would have mainly clear to partly cloudy climate and dry weather is likely to

Meanwhile, Dehradun received a good measure of hail and rain on Monday.

However, the weather is likely to clear here on Tuesday The maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to be around 25 degree Celsius and occasion of Vasant Panchami. 9 degree Celsius respectively.

The maximum and minimum temperatures recorded at various towns of the state on Monday were 24.2 degree Celsius and 10.4 degree Celsius in Dehradun, 25.2 degree Celsius and 9.8 degree Celsius in Pantnagar, 12.8 degree Celsius and 2.8 degree Celsius in Mukteshwar and 13.5 degree Celsius and 4.6 degree Celsius

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temperatures are likely to be around 25 degree Celsius and 9 degree **Celsius** respectively

## CM unveils logo of Young Uttarakhand programme

employment to the youth, special focus is being laid on skill development. The youth have also been linked with

schemes related to solar power from Pirul (pine nee-

dles). Tenders amounting to ₹800 crore and ₹ 50 crore

have been issued for solar power and generation of power from Pirul respective-ly. Regarding the Young

Uttarakhand programme, Rawat said that in addition to 10,000 youth attending the programme, students of 52 colleges will be connected

through video link.
Further, 50 prominent industrialists have also been

industrialists have also been invited to the event.

They will help link the youth to employment through counseling. The CM said that traditionally, it has been seen that the dependence of youth

is more on Government and

he Shiva temples of the holy

Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat and State Minister Dhan Singh Rawat, along with officials, unveiled the logo for the event 'Young event 'Young Uttarakhand-T o w a r d s Entrepreneurship and Employment here on Monday. The CM said

hat this event is being held on March 6 keeping the youth of the State at the center is a his-

toric initiative. "Our attempt is to ensure the participation of youth in the State's development. In a way, this endeavour is being started on March 6. Our youth are today's citizens and should also do their

The Young Uttarakhand programme is being held with this aim. By establishing communication with the youth, the event will also be helpful in linking them with employ ment," said the CM. An application is also being developed to link the youth with selfemployment and employ-ment. It will also enable the youth to give their sugges-tions while also ensuring their involvement in governmental

programmes.
The CM further said that to provide better opportunities for self-employment and

salaried jobs.

Due to technological developments, opportunities are becoming limited in these spheres while new possibilities are rising in the sphere of

entrepreneurship.

This is why, the State
Government is stressing on
entrepreneurship and skill
development for youth for which various programmes are being run by different departments. Youth knowing about the available opportuni-ties will boost the state's development. The Young Uttarakhand-Towards Entrepreneurship and Employment programme is being held with this in view. Principal secretary Manisha Panwar, secretaries Radhika Jha, R Meenakshi Sundaram and Information director general Deependra Kumar Chaudhari were also present at

the unveiling of the logo.

### WECDD set to award some accomplished women on March 8

The Women
Empowerment
and Child
Development
Department
(WECDD) of
Uttarakhand is all
set to conduct an set to conduct an award-giving pro-gramme on the

occasion of International Women's Day slated on March 8. For the programme, the women are being nominated who have done exemplary work in any field.

Informing, the state women commission chairper-son Vijaya Bathwal said, "WECDD is conducting a programme to mark the International Women's Day.



Women who have done exem plary work in various fields would be nominated and

"The schedule and number of the nominees is being pre-pared. Things would be firmed up soon. The programme is meant to spread awareness about the rights among women. Things are now progressing satisfactorily," she added.

### BHEL Haridwar bags first prize at NCM

PNS ■ HARIDWAR

Anational competition for managers (NCM) on the theme Innovative Organisation in the Face of Digitalisation and Disruption' was organised by All India Management Association (AIMA) during which a team of managers from BHEL Haridwar comprising Anjali Sharma and Tuhin Mitra won the first runners-up prize in the finals of the

prestigious event.

The national level managerial combat is a symbolic event of AIMA being conduct-ed on yearly basis for which teams from many technological giants compete. The finale which was attended by many high-level corporate executives across the nation consisted of 12 teams from both the public and the private sector companies. It is noteworthy that the team

from BHEL Haridwar clinched the first position in the region-al level competition held in New Delhi.

BHEL Haridwar sources said that the fiercely contested finale was adjudged by Vivek Mehta, CEO and MD, Sage Publications India, Prabhu Aggarwal, former chief learning Officer, JSPL and Jaskiran Arora of BML Munjal University. The event was attended by many officials and dignitaries who were also encouraging their respective teams to perform at the event, the BHEL sources added.

Executive director, BHEL Haridwar from HEEP unit Sanjay Gulati congratulated the team on its achievement This team was initially select-ed by Haridwar Management Association by conducting local level competitions, he

#### Guiaratis based in Haridwar meet Gujarat CM, deputy CM on NRG benefits

PNS M HARIDWAR

delegation of a Adelegation of a little over 200 families hailing from Gujarat which have been residing in Haridwar for the past many decades has met the Gujarat chief minister and the deputy chief

minister recently and demand-ed non-resident Gujarati (NRG) benefits. Notably, they have been running a number of pharmaceutical and other

companies in the state.
On returning from Gujarat,
members of the delegation Pawan Dave and Rajesh Pathak said on Monday that NRG cards would be made available for all the Gujarati residents of Haridwar soon. Notably, NRG Foundation issues such cards which help the people of Gujarati origin now settled outside the state to remain connected with their original state and the people living

there.

It is learnt that there are some special privileges extended to the non-resident Gujaratis



discounts at hotels, garments stores, jewelry shops and hos-

Speaking to The Pioneer on the visit, Kirtan Desai said, "We met the CM Vijay Rupani and the deputy CM Nitin Patel there. The chief minister appreciated our role in the progress of the state and asked us to be associated with the foundation to avail the benefits."

He further said that the

Uttarakhand government should take cue from the initiative. "It would give a sense of security to the natives of Uttarakhand who are settled outside the state. Besides, it would help them to maintain their emotional connection to the state they hail from."

#### Maha Shivaratri celebrated with devotion and fervour in Haridwar

PNS ■ HARIDWAR

L city were decked up for the Maha Shivaratri which was celebrated with devotion and fervour on Monday. Devotees thronged the legendary temples of Daksh, Bilwakeshwar, Shankar Ashram and Pardeshwar in their thousands since early morning. No temple, big or small, was left out of the celebration. Ganga water was offered on the Shivalingas everywhere. The celebration also marked the end of the fortnight- long Kanwad pilgrim-age. Most of the devotees fast-ed on Monday by way of pay-ing obeisance to the Lord.

"The auspicious period lasted till the evening on Monday. The whole day was thus left for the devotees to visit the temples and offer holy water on the Shivalingas," said a city- based astrologer Prateek Mishrapuri. Meanwhile, elaborate security measures were made by Haridwar police at the prominent temples of the city for Shivaratri.

Speaking to *The Pioneer*, SSP Janmejay Khanduri said,

"Appropriate security arrange ments have been put into place to ensure a glitch-free the Shivaratri snan. A per our report, thousands of devotees took the holy dip on the spe-cial day. A drone camera was deployed in the mela zone for vigilance. No person was allowed to enter any Shiva temple without passing through the metal detector."

As per Hindu mythology, Ganga had the boon from Lord Prajapati that every stone found on her banks would be worshipped in the form of Shivalinga by 'Shaiv' devotees.
"Thus every stone turned into Shivalinga reflects the glory of the Lord in equal measure," said a priest of a Shiva temple.

Since early morning, the devotees thronged Har Ki Paidi and other ghats on the Ganga to have a holy dip and then they offered milk to the mother Ganga and did 'abhishek' of Shivalingas with panchmarit (drink made of five derivatives from cow's milk), 'Bam Bam Bhole' and Har Har Mahadev reverberated through the air of the holy city throughout the day.

#### **CHIEF JUSTICE OF INDIA** AT PARMARTH NIKETAN

PNS RISHIKESH

Chief justice of India Ranjan Gogoi along with his wife and other judges participated in Ganga poojan at Parmarth Niketan here on Monday. He also had discussion with the head of Parmarth Niketan Swami Chidanand Saraswati on the green technologies for conservation of natural resources

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With reference to our Sale Notice of "PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE" published on 03.03.2019 in Pioneer (English) newspaper, Dehradun Edition, the sale of the property mentioned in Sr. No. 3 Borrower's namera—Srmt. Seema Tyagi Wo Sh. Suresh Chand Tyagi was wrongly published so now read as Borrower's name Srmt. Seema Tyagi Wo Sh. Tyagi Instead of Srmt. Seema Tyagi Wo Sh. Suresh Chand Tyagi, All other terms & conditions will remain the same. will remain the same.

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Place: Dehradun Uttarakhand Gramin Bank

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2 Renovation work of Uttarakashi-Ghansali-Tiwada motor road (S.H-15) from KM 03 to 18 by SDBC in Dist Uttarakashi under

## Doon scientist receives national award

Firm/Contractors Registration Category

Category "A" or higher in Road Construction Work Registered in Central/State Govt

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

6TH CIRCLE, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, UTTARAKASHI

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE (E-TENDERING) On behalf of Governor of Uttarakhand Superintending Engineer 6th Circle Public Works

Department, Uttarakashi invites online (Two-bid System) tender for the following work. Tender related all information can be seen on website http://www.uktenders.gov.in from05:00PM onwards

Scientist and secretary of Society of Pollution and Environmental Conservation Scientists (SPECS) Brij Mohan Sharma received a national award for innovation and communication of scichnology through tradi medium. Sharma recently received the Department of Science and Technology (DST) award from principal scientific adviser to Government of India, professor K Vijay Raghavan and DST secretary professor Ashutosh Sharma at a function held in the national Capital.

Through his work, the SPECS secretary has taken up various public interest issues. He has been instrumental in con-



ducting water quality and food adulteration tests by SPECS in Uttarakhand. The soci-

ety had started a campaign in 2000 for testing water purity in Dehradun and since then this campaign has been conducted regularly.

A report on the quality of drinking water in Dehradun is published every year by the society. In 2005, Sharma also initiated a campaign to check food adulteration on the Char Dham Yatra route. This sample survey and testing has been conducted annually along with publication of report by the society, SPECS also developed low cost LED lights, trained people in the same following which seven Watt LED bulbs were installed in 327 villages in

## Devotees celebrate Shivaratri

On the occasion of Maha Shivaratri on Monday, thousands of devotes visited the city. People of all ages looked equally enthusiastic about the auspicious occa-Chants of 'Har Har Mahadev' were heard throughout the day. A big crowd of devotees gathered at the oldest temple of the city known as Tapkeshwar temple. The fabled temple witnessed a long queue of devotees since early morning. They queued up in the serpentine lines to offer prayers to Lord Shiva. A large number of youngsters was seen flocking to the temples throughout the day.

Rahul Kamal, a resident of Patelnagar, said, "I keep the fast every year on the day and reach Tapkeshwar temple to offer my prayer to the Lord. The queue seems to be a long one this time. But we must keep patience and must reach the Lord.

Those present at the temple said that nearly 9000 devotees had come to the temple to pay their obeisance to Lord Shiva. "The queue started



Sunday afternoon. around The number is swelling with said one of them.

Rekha, a resident from Rajpur Road, said, "We keep standing in the line here since 7 o clock in the morning. It is advancing very slowly. But we do not mind. We all have come to seek blessing from the Lord.

our gratitude to the Lord who has given us everything we

Many said that the enthusiastic participation of the youth in the city in the celebration is a noticeable feature of the day. "We are particularly devoted to Lord Shiva. He embodies power and simplic-

young girl found waiting in the queue of the devotees at a temple patiently. Amita Mehra, a devotee, said, "My family celebrates this day with special devotion. However, we celebrate all other festivals. This is the first time that I am doing fast. I am happy being on fast on this auspicious day," she said.

Superintending Engineer, 6th Circle, P.W.D. Uttarakashi RO 7488 It is an occasion too to show ity mingled together," said a Although every possible care and caution has been taken to avoid errors or omissions, this publication is being sold on the condition and understanding that information given in this publication is merely for reference and must not be taken as having authority of or binding in any way on the writers, editors, publishers, and printers and sellers who do not owe any responsibility for any damage or loss to any person, a purchaser of this publication or not for the result of any action taken on the basis of this work. All disputes are subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of competent court and forums in DeliviNew Delhi only. Readers are advised and requested to verify and seek appropriate advice to satisfy themselves about the veracity of any kind of advertisement befor responding to any contents published in this newspaper. The printer, publisher, editor and any employee of the Proneer Group's will not be held responsible for any kind of claim made by the advertisers of the products & services and shall not be made responsible for any kind of loss, consequences and further product-related damages on such advertisements.

**Review of OROP this year** 

## **Ex-servicemen to benefit: Defence Minister**



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The Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that the first review of the One Rank One Pension (OROP) scheme would be done later this year. She said this while addressing a programme organised to felicitate the family members of the martyrs at Survey of India auditorium here on Monday. Notably, at the time of implementing OROP, the Centre had announced that it would be reviewed every third year.
The announcement of the

Defence Minister on review of OROP is, thus, significant in view of the fact that it would result in an increase in the pen-

sions of the ex-servicemen among whom the BJP enjoys a groundswell of electoral support.

Sitharaman claimed that a major part of OROP has already been implemented by the Government. Comparing the UPA Government's decision on OROP with that of NDA, the Minister said that UPA had shown just tokenism on OROP as a meager ₹500 crore was provided on the count while the NDA Government has so far transferred a sum of ₹35,000 crore to the ex-servicemen under OROP. "We have given four installments to the ex-servicemen in two years and now, no arrear is left pending," she

Sitharaman added that the

Nirmala strikes a chord, touches feet of Veer Naris

The Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman received appreciation of those who had assembled at Survey of India auditorium when as a mark of her respect and gratitude for the sacrifice of the families of the martyrs, she touched feet of the war widows. The programme was organised by Musssoorie MLA Ganesh Joshi. When the Defence

Minister arrived on the stage, the organisers announced that the mother of the martyr

country had had no war memorial in the last 70 years. "But now, a magnificent National War Memorial in New Delhi has been dedicated to the nation," she said. Requesting the ex-ser-vicemen and Veer Nari not to believe in the mischievous messages being circulated on the social media, she said that the Union Government has decided not to appeal against the ruling of Armed Forces Tribunal (AFT) on disability pensions of the armed forces personnel and has withdrawn the notification

Hem Kumari would welcome the Minister by offering a bouquet and a shawl. When the mother of the martyr came to the stage, the Defence Minister surprised everyone by refusing to accept the bouquet and said instead that she had come here to honour the family

members of the martyrs.

Then, she touched the feet of Hem Kumari and wrapped the shawl round her shoulders. Later in the pro-gramme too when the Veer Naris were being honoured,

on equivalence in 2016.

Inviting the girl cadets of NCC who were present at the auditorium to join the armed forces, Sitharaman said the women officers would now be provided with permanent commission in the army.

At present, the women officers at end of 14 years of service are retired.
She said that the Prime

Minister has announced that three super-speciality ECHS hospitals on the lines of AIIMS with capacity of 200 beds each she made it a point to touch won the heart of all present.

their feet, a gesture which

would be set up. She assured the gathering that the Narendra Modi Government is sensitive towards the issues of the armed forces personnel.

In his address, the Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat declared that the State would soon have a directorate for the para-military forces. Attacking those who had cast question on the visits of PM Modi to foreign countries, Rawat said that the whole nation has now seen the effect of these visits when Pakistan found itself isolated in

the world community following the Pulwama attack. He said that the country is

in safe hands today and the Prime Minister has given a clear message that India would not tolerate terrorism any longer.

Haridwar MP Ramesh Pokhariyal 'Nishank' said that apart from being the land of the gods, Uttarakhand is a land of warriors too. Lt General O P Kaushik (Rtd) said that history shows that every sixth martyr hails from Uttarakhand.

Waiver of ₹ 847 crore by U'khand Government uncalled for: Congress

The State Cabinet on Sunday decided to waive off the forest land transfer money it was to receive from the Centre

PNS DEHRADUN

Congress has questioned the State Government's 'largesse' on waiving off compensation to the tune of ₹847 crore it was entitled to receive from the Centre in lieu of the transfer of forest land for the all-weather road project.

Speaking of the matter while addressing the media persons at the State party office here on Monday, the state Congress vice-president Surya Kant Dhasmana said that the State Government's waiver has exhibited its mental bankruptcy and lack of commitment to

the State. Notably, the State Cabinet on Sunday had decided to waive off the forest land transfer money it was entitled to receive from the Central Government regarding the much-hyped alleather road project.

While on one hand, the

State Government is regularly seeking loan even for paying salaries of its employees, it is on the other hand showing misplaced largesse on the money it is entitled to get from the Centre. This is queer and detrimental to the interests of the State," he said.

The Congress leader further recalled that the State Government had also waived off ₹75 crore it was entitled to get under Tehri dam displace-ment head. "The people here expect that funds in a good measure would flow into the State coffer from the Centre thanks to BJP running the Government both at the Centre and in the State.

But what is happening is that the funds are flowing into the Centre from the State. The Centre is, thus, getting richer at the expense of the State. This is ludicrous and also against the interest of the State," the Congress leader said.

### CM inaugurates Ajabpur Railway overbridge

#### 'Focusing on high-end tourists visiting Uttarakhand'

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The State Government is focusing on the rise in the number of the high-end tourists visiting Uttarakhand as such tourists have more capacity to spend money, said the Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat while speaking at the inaugural ceremony of a fourlane Railway Over Bridge (

ROB) at Ajabpur on Monday. He said that that over the

past three years, the number of tourists, visiting the State, is showing a steadily upward trend. He said that in 2018, six lakh more tourists had arrived in Uttarakhand as compared with 2017. He further said that the State is becoming fast a destination of film-making which would help the economy great-

Reiterating the commitment of his Government to the all-round development of the State, Rawat said that orders for construction of roads worth ₹15,000 crore have been issued. He further said that the State has achieved a good progress in the construction of rural roads. "It has also received an award from the Government of India in recognition," he said. He listed implementation of NCERT syllabus in all the schools, appointment of permanent faculty members in the medical colleges and the Government colleges and starting of classes in Central institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology (CIPET) as some of the achievements of his Government.

Heaping praise on the Prime Minister Narendra Modi

cible political will which resulted in air strikes of Indian Air Force (IAF) inside Pakistan, Rawat said that the message of India being ready to go to any extent to deal with terrorism has gone forth to the world. He added that the feat of

He added that the feat of Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman of shooting down a much advanced plane F-16 from his Mig-21 is unmatched and it shows the calibre of the IAF pilots to brave risks.

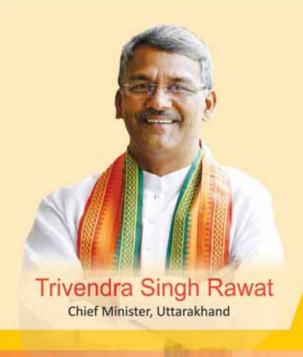
unveiled foundation stones of

some other projects on the

occasion. Tehri MP, Mala Rajya Laxmi Shah and MLAs-Harbans Kapur and Umesh Sharma Kau-were among others present on the occasion

The Chief **Minister also** unveiled foundation stones of some other projects on the occasion







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## Akali MP Ghubaya deserts party on eve of LS polls

 $F_{
m Ghubaya}^{
m erozepur\ MP\ Sher\ Singh}$ member of the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD). But it is not clear whether he was the first one to resign from the party, or the Akali Dal made the first move to expel its sitting par liamentarian.

However, with Ghubaya finally parting ways with the SAD after more than two years of his hostility with the party, he is expected to join the Congress soon. Sources said Ghubaya may join the Congress on March 7 during party's national president Rahul Gandhi's rally at Moga. Notably, Ghubaya's son —

Devinder Singh Ghubaya — is

after he held the "hand" just before 2017 state assembly polls. Sitting MP Ghubaya is being considered by the Congress party for Ferozepur Lok Sabha constituency considering his stronghold over the

Ghubaya has already made it clear that he would contest the Lok Sabha polls but not under Sukhbir Badal's leader-

ship.
Two-time MP, Ghubaya hails from the Rai Sikh com-munity which is a dominant vote bank in Ferozepur con-stituency. He is a two-time MP from Ferozepur parliamentary seat — first in 2009 and then in 2014. He has also been elected MLA twice from

interlinking of employment exchanges at National Career

Service portal with an aim to

provide more opportunities to Haryana's youth, alongwith career counseling to registered

later left the seat for Sukhbir Badal, now SAD president.
On the other hand, the old

guard and senior party leaders are not in favour of fielding a "turncoat" or anyone who had opposed the party in the past as its candidate while ignoring the workers.

It has also been learnt that in case Ghubaya failed to get Congress ticket, he may join SAD (Taksali) — the Badals' led SAD's faction led by traditional Akali leaders and sitting MP from Khadoor Sahib Ranjit Singh Brahmpura, with former MP Ratan Singh Ajnala, former Minister Sewa Singh Sekhwan,

Ghubaya, on Monday, held a press briefing at Jalalabad to made public his resignation

from the Shiromani Akali Dal

press note from its headquarfrom the primary member-

his purported video clip

appeared before the 2017

Bureau under previous SAD-

Battle ground

while blaming the party president Sukhbir Badal's "wrong policies" for resigning from the primary membership and all posts of the party.

In his resignation letter, Ghubaya has appealed to Sukhbir to accept his resigna-

engineering college owned by ters at Chandigarh saying that Sukbir has "expelled" Ghubaya his family over complaints of embezzlement. Ghubaya had reportedly even accused the Badal family of "humiliating"

with caution, the Congress is in double dilemma over fielding Ghubaya, One, because of Ghubaya's sleazy video that went viral ahead 2017 elections, and secondly, because he is yet to join the Congress while ship of the party for his "antithere are many other party con-tenders who are eyeing the tickparty activities".

His relations with SAD had allegedly turned sour after

Moreover, Ghubaya had reportedly campaigned for the Akalis in the recently-held panchayat polls. Besides, he was also seen sharing stage with assembly elections. In December 2016, the Vigilance

Weighing all its options

(Taksali) - and even conducted door-to-door meetings with them in the constituency

While Punjab Congress president Sunil Jakhar — who was the party's candidate in 2014 elections and is now sitting MP from Gurdaspur ting MP from Gurdaspur— has already made clear his intention of seeking re-elec-tion from Gurdaspur, the state Cabinet Minister Rana Gurmit Singh Sodhi had claimed the party ticket from Ferozepur either for himself or his son Anumit Singh 'Hira' Sodhi.

Sodhi, who is MLA from Guru Har Sahai constituency which is a part of Ferozepur Lok Sabha seat, was also in race for the party ticket durbut lost to Jakhar, who was

given party ticket.

Up in arms against the decision, Sodhi had revolted against the party in 2014 even indicating crossing over to SAD, while his son Anumit had given enough indications of entering the electoral field as an "independent". But the party managed to pacify them

Rana Sodhi claims a vice-Rana Sodin claims a vice-like grip over around 2.5 lakh Rai Sikh community members in the constituency, which was classified under Scheduled Caste (SC) category in 2003 due to his persistent efforts during the Capt Amarinder Singh's previous

AAP-SAD Taksali tieup of no consequence,

says Capt Amarinder

Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder

Singh on Monday dismissed the AAP-SAD (Taksali) alliance for the upcoming Lok Sabha

polls in Punjab as "of no consequence".

Reiterating his stand on a tie-up in Punjab

for the general elections, Capt Amarinder said that Congress did not require any alliance for the Lok Sabha polls.

Asked to comment on the Aam Aadmi

Party (AAP) decision to ally with SAD (Taksali) for the Lok Sabha polls in Punjab, the Chief Minister said it was their prerogative, but as far

as the Congress was concerned, it did not need

He dismissed the AAP-SAD (Taksali)

PNS ■ AMRITSAR

#### Pak won't hesitate to nuke India if faced with defeat: Capt

PNS ■ AMRITSAR

NISHU MAHAJAN

State.

In an election year, the Manohar Lal Khattar Government in Haryana has

set a target to provide around

32,000 jobs to the youth of the

At a time when the oppo-sition has been repeatedly ridi-culing the BJP led Haryana

Government over its failure in

providing jobs in the state, the State Government has now

chalked out a plan to facilitate

and promote productive employment and decent work

for job seekers in fiscal 2019-

proposed to organize 84 district

level job fairs and 12 mega job fairs in Haryana with an

expected employment to 32000

youths in Haryana.

Besides, the government

also proposes operationaliza-tion of model career center at

Hissar, which will be a reservoir

of skilled talent pool. The

Centre aims to enhance

employability and entrepre-neurship in youth, upgradation

of skills of existing workforce

and meeting the emerging skill

needs of the industry.

Apart from this, the State

Government has proposed opment.

The State Government has

Even as he asserted that neither country could afford a full-scale war, Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Monday warned that Pakistan would not hesitate to use its nuclear arsenal if it felt it was losing out against India

in a conventional war.

Pointing out that both India and Pakistan were nuclear powers, Capt Amarinder said that it was not in either country's interest to use the weapons of destruction but Islamabad could indulge in such a misadventure if faced with defeat in other battles.

"The Indian Air Force (IAF) air strikes has proved India's resolve to deal with the problem in the wake of Pulwama attack on a CRPF convoy," said the Chief Minister in an informal chat with media

He, however, refused to comment on the number of terrorists killed in the strikes, saying, "whether it was one killed or 100, the message had gone out loud and

Haryana targets 32k jobs this yr

clear - that India will not let the killing of its innocent soldiers and citizens go unpunished".

Pointed out that Pakistan was in a huge economic mess and had been going around with a begging bowl and surviv-ing on doles from other Islamic nations. Capt Amarinder said that they could illa full-fledged war with India "And though both are nuke powered countries, Pakistan could act out of desperation to use its nuclear weapons if they found themselves cornered," he warned

### Capt performs kar sewa at Durgiana temple

PNS ■ AMRITSAR

Exhorting the people to celebrate Mahashivratri festival in the true spirit of brotherhood and religious har-mony, Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Monday per-formed kar sewa at the sacred pool

(sarovar) in the holy Durgiana Temple. Notably, this is the third kar sewa to clean the sarovar, in which lakhs of devotees from around the world are expected to participate. The earlier ones were held in 1975 and 1999. Capt Amarinder, addressing the

devotees who had gathered at the holy shrine to participate in the kar sewa, announced Rs one crore grant for the temple's development while assuring the management that their demand for additional land for expansion of the holv precincts would be looked into by the Government.

Expressing concern over the divi-

sive forces rearing their heads in a bid to destroy the state's hard-earned peace and harmony, the Chief Minister said that the Government would not allow such forces to be nurtured, but would continue to work towards universal brotherhood and tolerance.

Over bridge

expected to

solve traffic snarl



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tions of the society.

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## Capt launches ₹197.69 cr projects for Amritsar

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PNS ■ CHAWINDA KALAN

Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Monday laid the foundation stones of three Surface Water Supply Schemes, in addition to plant, worth a total of Rs 197.69 crores, for rural areas of Amritsar district.

Terming Punjab's water situation as precarious, the Chief Minister underlined the state's responsibility to save water for the coming generations. "When the SYL (Sutlej Yamuna Link) canal problem started, Puniab had 17 MAF water, which has depleted to 13 MAF in 30 years," he pointed out, adding that the greenhouse effect had reduced the glacier cover, causing even groundwater levels to drop.

The state currently has 14

lakh tubewells against the 50,000 which were estimated to be required after the construction of the Bhakra canal, he

The Chief Minister said



daughter's name from Srijee Sadhu to Srijee Naik for all Nikuni Naik & Deepmala

that the Government would take the help of all financial organisations to ensure that canal or river water is supplied to the people for drinking pur-

Capt Amarinder also announced upgradation of the sub-Tehsil of Lopoke and a Laboratory at Amritsar at a cost new degree college for Earlier, launching a canal-

based surface water supply projects to the tune of Rs 154.15 crores, the Chief Minister said that the schemes, with tapping point at Chiwindan Kalan, in block Chogawan on the Upper Bari Doab Canal (UBDC), would help mitigate the problem of groundwater for 1.5 lakh people spread over 112 villages in four blocks in the

would be executed with financial assistance from the World Bank on a design, build, operate and transfer (DBOT) basis. for which the tenders have already been floated.

after the successful demonin three villages, based on

developed by IIT Chennai. of Amritsar district, of which 60 Haryana. A total of 84 district level job fairs and 12 mega job fairs are proposed to be organized in 2019-20," said a senior official of State Government

Harvana has 10 Lok Sabha

seats and the general elections

are due to be held in April-May 2019 while the assembly polls

in Harvana are likely to be held

will be held this year to provide placement to around 25,000 unemployed youth of Haryana,

Notably, the opposition parties—Congress and Indian National Lok Dal—have time and again targeted the ruling BJP over the issue of unem-

cational qualification remains

The State Government has claimed to give jobs to over one lakh youth in the last four and a half years of its tenure. This included 54,610 employees selected by the Harvana Staff Selection Commission.

The government has also

claimed that from October 26, 2014 to January 31, 2019, 50180 youth have been given jobs at various places by the employ-

ment exchanges.
Recently, the Chief
Minister Manohar Lal had also claimed that 17,503 posts are under process by Haryana Staff Selection Commission and the court verdict is pending on

court verdict is pending on over 5,000 posts.

Under the "Educated Youth Allowance and Honorarium Scheme- 2016", popularly known as "Saksham Yuva" Scheme, as many as 69,336 (Post Graduate-40069 and Graduate 30,267) applies

#### Hry Govt to buy advanced lithotripsy machine from France: Vii

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Laryana Health Minister that an advanced lithotripsy machine of about Rs 3.50 crore would come from France which would be able to remove kidney stones without operation stone of facilities to the tune of about Rs 6 crore at Civil Hospital, Ambala

Vij said that a blood bank with 300 units capacity has been set up in the hospital to ensure to provide blood at the time of need.

The 815-metre-long Ajabpur Railway Over Bridge (ROB) built before the stipulated time and with less than the estimated cost might help in solving traffic jam problem on the busy Haridwar bye-pass road. The work on the project had started in February 2017 5 crore. The structure, was, however completed some days before the stipulated time limit ended and the cost involved in the project stands at ₹50 crore. chief engineer.

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

National Highway (NH), Public Works Department (PWD), Hari Om Sharma said that the ROB has four lanes and it is 19 metre in width. He added that the viaduct of the structure is 622 metre and it has 53 metre approach from the ISBT side Sharma further said that

the service roads on both sides are 5.50 metre and 4.25 metre wide. The ROB was constructed by M/s Brahmaputra Infrastructure Limited Mahipalpura New Delhi. Appreciating the engineers for completing the work on time, the Chief Minister Trivendra zeal is being witnessed in completion of other development projects now going on in the State. He said that the approval of Race Course-Bhandari Bagh Bridge has also been given.

He said that the approval of Race Course-Bhandari **Bagh Bridge has** also been given



with assistance from World Bank or NABARD benefitting The Mall Road in Nainital covered in hail after the weather took a turn on Monday



Pioneer photo

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A copy of the draft memorandum and articles of association of the proposed company may be inspected at the office at 61-B, Udyog Vihar, Surajpur Kasna Road, Greater Noida, Gautan Budh Nagar, Ultar Pradesh 201306.

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## The state-of-the-art project

The Chief Minister also laid the foundation stone of an Arsenic Removal Project for 102 villages of Amritsar district. involving a cost of Rs 21.97 crore, which have been arranged from NITI Aayog stration of a pilot project under-taken by the State Government

Of these 102 villages, 63 are 3, Shivalik Nagar, Ranipur of Amritsar district, of which 60 Range, Haridwar, Uttarakhand.

participants. planned to organize district level job fairs in all districts of far as skills enhance ment training is concerned, the government has planned to administer the training to 21027 trainees under Pradhan

Mantri Kausal Vikas Yojana and 35000 trainees under He said that the govern-ment expects to provide place-ment to 32000 youth through the jobs fair. 12 mega job fairs Haryana Skill Development Mission this year. According to the State Government's data, a total of 6,18,565 unemployed youth were registered with employ-

ment exchanges in the state as on December 2018. A maxithe officer added. mum of 57685 unemployed youth were registered in Bhiwani followed by 53553 in Jind, 49700 in Hisar, 46382 in Karnal and 41376 in

Yamunanagar.
The number of applicants currently receiving unemployment allowance in Haryana is Eyeing youth voters of the state, the BJP led State Government in its fifth and last budget for fiscal 2019-20 has also focused on the issue of employment and skill devel-

ployment in the state.

During the recently con-

in October this year. "The Government has

cluded budget session of Haryana Assembly, the oppo-sition parties had also lashed out at the State Government over the recruitments of overqualified youth for the posts of peons and gardeners even as the eligible youth, who fulfill the criteria of minimum edu-

and the remaining would be

commissioned within a month.
With an aim to counter

high prevalence of contami-nates like iron and other heavy

metals in groundwater, Capt Amarinder also launched an

of Rs six crore. "The work for

this project has already been awarded and it would be func-

tional by October 2019." he said

set up with technical assis-tance from Bhabha Atomic

Research Centre, Mumbai,

would cater to the districts of

Amritsar, Tarn Taran, Kapurthala, Gurdaspur and Pathankot. This would be the

second modern laboratory in

the state, after SAS Nagar

Mohali, to be accredited by the

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ernment's commitment to ensure safe drinking water for

all the Chief Minister informed

that the Water Supply and

Sanitation department has already proposed three more

surface water projects to the Centre, which would cover 259

villages benefitting 2.48 lakh res-

idents with a cost of Rs 385

The Department would also revitalize 127 new or exist-

ing water supply schemes to augment water supply with an

investment of Rs 10.87 crore

1.81 lakh residents.

Reiterating the state gov-

National Board

'The high-tech lab, being

and Graduate-29,267) applications were approved up to December 31, 2018 in the state. In all, 49,540 (Post Graduate-31,747 and Graduate-17,793) eligible applicants were given assignment with honorarium (Rs 9000 per month in lieu of 100 hours work) since the beginning of the scheme, the Chief Minister had informed.



## **ISI's support makes LeT more lethal**

Post-Pulwama, while India's P counter-terror offensive has been predominantly aimed at Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), the fact remains that it is the Lashkar-e-Tavveba (LeT) that is more lethal with a global footprint and direct support from Pakistan's covert agency Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) in planning, incubation and execution of terror attacks on

targets in the Indian hinterland. While the LeT had killed as many as 166 people at one go during the terror hit in Mumbai on 26/11 in 2008, the number of fatalities inflicted by the JeM during the last two decades is less than the casualty figure recorded by the former in just one incident in 2008.

ISI officers were directly involved in the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks and two of them are accused in the case. This is a clear pointer of the ISI's direct patronage of the LeT and its insidious plans against India. On the other hand, the Jaish's operations are largely inde-pendent with limited cooperation of the Pakistan military ISI combine in the execution of terror attacks by the group.

edly by China.

The combined death toll The Jaish has developed a mini industry of making inflicted by the JeM since the Parliament attack of 2001, attack on the Jammu & Kashmir Assembly (2001), Uri, weapons through reverse engi neering in Darra Adam Khel in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and buys Pathankot and Pulwama durorphans like the LeT from ing the NDA II regime at the areas hit by natural calamities Centre is a little over 100. like cyclone and tsunamis who tor Aiit Doval who is presentare subsequently trained as suicide bombers at various facilities in Pakistan, including ly the National Security Advisor was part of the Indian the one that was destroyed during the air strike by the team that escorted Masood Azhar along with Mushtaq Ahmad Zargar and Ahmad Omar Saeed Shaikh to

Indian Air Force at Balakot. While the JeM has presence in Jammu & Kashmir and certain areas of Pakistan, the LeT has a major footprint at one go during the terror hit in Mumbai on 26/11 in 2008

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cials pointed out as to why any action like a drone strike was not conducted

against LeT chief Hafiz Sayeed

who has travelled in the

Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (POK) over a dozen times dur-

a sustained and comprehensive counter-terror offensive against

the Pakistan-sponsored terror

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### NTRO surveillance of JeM camp in Balakot before strikes confirmed 300 active targets

New Delhi: Before Indian Air Force (IAF) jets struck the Jaish-e-Muhammad (JeM) terror camp in Balakot on February 26, technical surveillance by Indian Intelligence agencies had found 300 mobile phones active at the facility, giving a clear indication of the total number of inmates housed

there, sources said on Monday.
The National Technical Research Organisation (NTRO) had started surveillance of the facility after the IAF was given clearance to target the camp in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, sources said.
On February 26, 12 Mirage

2000 IAF jets penetrated deep inside the Pakistani air space and launched 1,000 kg Spice 2000 bombs at the camp in Balakot, which housed terrorists, including commanders and an ammunition dump.

"During technical surveil-lance, it emerged that there was presence of around 300 mobile phones with active signal strength inside the facility in the days leading up to the strike. The facility was destroyed by the IAF

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However, IAF chief BS Dhanoa, at a Press conference confirmed that the target had been destroyed by Indian fight-er jets and that exact casualty numbers was something that the government would release.

The Government gave approval for the airstrikes on the Jaish training camp after the Pakistan-based terror outfit carried out the deadly suicide bombing in Pulwama, killing 44 CRPF personnel.

Hours after the air raid,

foreign secretary Vijay Gokhale told the media that the IAF fighters hit the largest training camp of JeM in Balakot and eliminated "a large number" of JeM terrorists, trainers, senior

CPM's 'no mutual contest' with Cong for 6 LS seats in Bengal

## 61-km India-Bangla border smart fencing to begin today

India will operationalise the 61-kilometre-long electronic surveillance, known as Smart Fencing, in the Assam region of India-Bangladesh border on Tuesday to check illegal immigration and smuggling of arms, ammunition, drugs and cattle.

Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh will inaugurate the Smart Fencing in the 61-km riverine section of the international border in Dhubri district of Assam where the Brahmaputra River enters into Bangladesh, said the Home

Ministry.
The project, Border
Electronically Dominated QRT Interception Technique (BOLD-QIT), under the Comprehensive Integrated Border Management System (CIBMS) will cover the India-Bangladesh border in the area which consists of 'char' (sand islands) and innumerable river channels, which makes border guarding a daunting task, especially during the rainy season, a statement by the MHA said.

In January 2018, the information and technology wing of the BSF undertook project BOLD-QIT and completed it in record time with the technical support of various manufacturers and suppliers. BOLD-QIT is a project aimed to install technical systems under the CIBMS, enabling the BSF to equip the Indo-Bangla border in the unfenced riverine area of the Brahmaputra and its tributaries with various kind of

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The riverine section of Indo-Bangladesh border in Dhubri is considered to be highly porous where move-ment of illegal immigrants and smuggling of arms, ammuni-tion and other goods are very common. The smart fencing will solve the problem to a great extent," a Home Ministry official said. The BSF is responsi-ble for safeguarding the 4,096km-long international border with Bangladesh. At various places, it is not possible to erect border fences due to geographical barriers, the state-

The implementation of this project will not only help the BSF curb all types of cross-bor-der crimes, but also provide respite to the troops from round-the-clock human surveillance, it said. Two smart fencing pilot projects of five kilometers each were launched in September 2018 along the India-Pakistan international

### Rahul accuses Modi of lying on Amethi ordinance factory; Smriti hits back

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

ongress president Rahul Gandhi on Monday accused
Prime Minister Narendra Modi of speaking "a lie" about inau-gurating an ordnance unit in his parliamentary constituency Amethi, claiming he had himself laid the foundation stone of the factory in 2010.

His remark drew immediate reaction from Union min-ister Smriti Irani, who said Rahul Gandhi is "scared" and could not see that the new facility in Korwa area of Amethi was a joint venture between India and Russia which will manufacture AK-203 rifles for armed forces. Rahul Gandhi had claimed he laid the foundation stone in 2010 and that the factory has been producing small weapons for years.

"Prime minister ii, I had myself laid the foundation stone of the Ordinance factory in Amethi in 2010. In the last many years, small weapons are being manufactured there. You went to Amethi and spoke a lie, which you are used to doing. Are you not ashamed a bit," Rahul asked in a tweet.

Modi accused Rahul Gandhi of "lying" and ignoring the ordnance factory in Amethi, and had a dig at him, saying the rifles manufactured at the unit will be known as "Made in

Shortly after the Gandhi scion tweet, Irani, who had unsuccessfully contested from



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general election, responded in Hindi on Twitter. "You are

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scared to see development in Amethi that you did not see what was inaugurated in Korwa was a JV. Under this agreement between India and Russia, AKtured," she said, tagging Rahul

On Sunday, in Amethi, Modi said, "Some people go around giving speeches of 'made in Ujjain', 'made in Jaipur', 'made in Jaisalmer'... This is Modi. Now 'Made in Amethi' will be AK-203 rifles It will help our jawans." He did the constituency in the 2014 not name Rahul Gandhi.

The CPI(M) on Monday proposed "no mutual contest" for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections in six seats currently held by the Congress and the Left Front in West Bengal, indicating its willingness for an understanding between the two political blocks in the state to consolidate anti-BJP votes.

This comes against the backdrop of the State leadership of both the Congress and the CPI(M) in West Bengal pushing for a tactical tie-up, while the Left party's Kerala unit has been opposing any pact with the Congress.
"In West Bengal, the

Central Committee had earlier decided that the CPI(M) will

adopt suitable tactics to ensure the maximisation of the pooling of anti-BJP, anti-TMC votes," CPM General Secretary Sitaram Yechury said.

"In accordance with this, the CPI(M) proposes no mutual contest in the present six sit-ting Lok Sabha seats, currently held by the Congress and the Left Front," Yechury said. For rest of the seats, the Left Front in Bengal will decide on March 8, he added. The decision on these six seats was taken at a Central Committee meeting of the party on March 3 and

March 4.
While it was not clear whether the proposal has already got support of the Congress, sources said the party is unwilling to concede at

## Battle ground LOK SABHA

least in two seats at present held by the Left Front — Raiganj and Murshidabad — which were earlier known as traditional Congress bastions.

CPI leader Mohammad Salim won Raiganj seat by around 1,600 votes, while Badaruddoza Khan of CPI (M) had won in Murshidabad with a margin of around 18,000 votes in the 2014 general elections.
In April 2018, the Party

Congress, the CPI-M's highest decision-making body, had said that defeating the BJP and its allies was the party's main goal, but had also said this had to be achieved without a political alliance with the Congress.
However, it had kept that option open in Bengal to maximise pooling of anti-BJP and anti-TMC votes.

The two parties had a similar tactical understanding in the 2016 Assembly polls. In the last general election in 2014, the Left Front managed to win two seats — Raiganj and Murshidabad, both of which were earlier held by the Congress. Congress had won four seats — Uttar Maldaha, Maldaha Dakshin,

Maldaha Dakshin, Baharampur and Jangipur. Yechury added talks are being held in Bihar with the RJD for contesting Ujiarpur ceat in Samesting district seat in Samastipur district while seat-sharing discussions were underway in Tamil Nadu

with the DMK. In Odisha, where Assembly elections are likely to be held along with Lok Sabha polls, the CPI(M) will contest the Bhubaneswar Lok Sabha seat and a few Assembly seats including, its sitting seat Bonnai.

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Calling upon the people of Odisha to defeat the BJP, Yechury said, "The CPI(M), along with other Left forces, will be working out the details particularly in the background of various struggles it has launched against the State Government." Government.

In Maharashtra, discussions are on with the NCP for contesting Dindori or Palghar seats where the CPI(M) independently polls around a lakh of vote each, he said.

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#### **Contempt plea: Activists** move SC in Bhushan's support

New Delhi: Ten social activists have come out in support of lawyer Prashant Bhushan in the Supreme Court, contending that the contempt proceedings initiated against him appears to be an assault on freedom of speech and expression.

The activists have filed an application to intervene in the contempt plea filed by Attorney General KK Venugopal against he had said that the Government appeared to have misled the top court and perhaps submitted fabricated minutes of meeting of the high-powered selection committee headed by the Prime Minister, in the appointment of M Nageswara Rao as interim

The activists, including Aruna Roy, Arundhati Roy

and Shailesh Gandhi, have said in their application that they were "concerned" about initiation of the contempt proceeding against Bhushan for exercising his 'freedom of speech' without fear.

Besides, a separate application has also been filed in the top court by five senior jour-nalists, including former union minister Arun Shourie, seeking

Shourie and four others have said in their application that the court, while issuing notice to Bhushan on Februar 6 on the contempt plea, had said it would examine whether in sub-judice matters, advocates and litigants briefing the media would amount to interference in course of administration of justice.

#### **SC** dismisses review plea for a re-probe into Bapu's assassination

New Delhi: The Supreme Court has found "no grounds" to recall its judgement rejecting the recain its judgement rejecting the plea seeking reinvestigation into the alleged "larger conspiracy leading to" the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi. The apex court refused to take into account the plea in the review petition that claimed that "fresh" documents and evidence would clear the air in the matter.

through the review petition and the connected papers filed therewith. We do not find any ground, whatsoever, to enter tain the same. The review petition is, accordingly dismissed," a Bench comprising Justices SA Bobde and LN Rao said in a recent order.

Mumbai-based researcher

Pankai Phadnis had filed a

petition asking the apex court to peruse some books and a forensic report of the pho-tographs of wounds on the body of Gandhi to decide the need for fresh probe into his

killing.
The SC had rejected his earlier plea for re-investigation into the assassination on March 28. 2018. In the fresh plea, he had given reference from two book Lourenco de Salvador written in 1963 and "India Remembered' by Pamella Mountbatten, daugh ter of the then Governor General

Lord L Mountbatten. He had claimed examination of two books will lead to conclusion that the person/persons in the highest echelons of power were "complicit" in the murder of Gandhi.

## Hyderabad-based firm booked for criminal conspiracy against SBI

The CBI has booked promoters of a Hyderabadbased construction and leasing conspiracy and cheating in availing loans which turned into non-performing asset (NPA) causing a loss of Rs 8.20 crore to the State Bank of India, officials said on Monday

They said the agency has filed an FIR against the company, BNR Infra and Leasing Limited, its promoters B Narasimha Reddy, S Bindusagar Reddy, advocates Nellutla Jagan, V Narasinga Rao and D Prabhakara Reddy Reddy, and valuer N Datatreyudu and L Kishore Chand.

They have been booked under IPC sections related to criminal conspiracy, cheating,

forgery among others.

The FIR which has been registered on the basis of a of India in which it alleged that the company was given a cash credit facility of Rs 2 crore and bank guarantee limit of Rs 1 crore in 2011 on the basis of collateral security of land mea-suring 16,940 sq yards in the name of B Narasimha Reddy

who was the proprietor. The credit facilities were increased over the period

on the basis of several other collateral securities furnished by him. Meanwhile, the company

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was changed into a partnership firm with Bindusagar Reddy being added as a partner.

L Kishore Chand

In 2015, the loans taken by the company were declared as NPA with Rs 8.20 crore out-

During loan recovery proceedings under the SARFAESI Act, the bank realised that collateral security document mortgaged for the purpose by the borrower was not enforceable and bank could not recover its amount.

It is alleged that the promoters supplied forged documents to show that land was non-agriculture land.

The valuation report was

also forged assessing the value of property at Rs 4.66 crore. The bank valuers also allegedly submitted fraudulent reports to say that property submitted as collateral are non agriculture.

#### Centre for Disability Sports yet to become reality! To be set up at an estimated cost of Rs 170 crore in the next five

 $P_{\text{2015-16, the ambitious}}^{\text{roposed in the Budget}}$ Centre for Disability Sports' has inched a step further towards reality with the Government identifying Gwalior as the city where the first-of-its kind facility will be

set up.

To be set up at an estimated cost of Rs 170 crore in the next five years, it will have an advanced sports infrastructure to ensure effective participation of PwDs in sports activities and also enable them to compete at national and international levels.

Setting up of the Centre

will develop a sense of belonging in Divyangjan to facilitate their integration in society, said a senior official from the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

Taking April 1, 2019, as the zero date, the project is expected to be completed in two years' time, i.e. by March 31st, 2021. Thereafter, it will take another six months for the Centre to become operational.

"Once operational, this Centre will result in employment of 140 personnel. In addition, construction and allied activities will also generate considerable employment opportunities. Setting up of the Centre shall entail an estimated cost of Rs 170.99 crore (Non-recurring Rs 151.16 crore and recurring Rs 19.83 crore), spread over a period of 5 years. the official said. The Centre will have an

outdoor athletic stadium. indoor sports complex, basement parking facility; aquatic centre having two swimming pools, one covered pool and an outdoor pool; high performance centre with classrooms; medical facilities; sports science centre; hostel facilities for athletes, support facilities includ-ing accessible lockers, dining, recreational amenities and

Administrative Block. The facilities so developed would be multi-functional centres with provision for training, selection, sports academics and research, medical support, spectator galleries and suitable for holding national/international events. Sports facilities like

Integrated sports (Indoor) like Badminton, Basketball, Table Tennis, Volleyball, Judo Taekwondo, Fencing and Rugby, adapted sports (Indoor) like Boccia, Goalball, Football 5 a side, Para Dance Sport and Para Power Lifting and integrated sports (Outdoor) like Athletics, Archery, Football 7 a side and Tennis; and integrated sports (Indoor & Outdoor) like swimming will be provided at the Centre

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# J&K parties together agree

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m ainstream\ political\ parties}$ regions of the State on Monday put up a 'united' face in front of the Election Commission of holding simultaneous Lok Sabha and Assembly polls in Jammu & Kashmir.

Both the Kashmir based mainstream political parties

National Conference and Peoples Democratic Party supported holding of early polls to end political instability and paving way for the pop-ular Government in the State.

Leaders of the National parties and other regional players in the fray also supported simultaneous polls during their separate meetings with the ECI team.

The high level team of ECI led by Chief Election Commissioner (CEC), Sunil Arora earlier arrived in Srinagar on a two day visit to hold con-sultations with various political parties, State administration and other stakeholders.

Election Commissioners, Sushil Chandra and Ashok



secretary

Lavasa, Deputy Election Commissioner, Sandeep Saxena, Director General ECI, Dilip Kumar, ADG Sheyphali Sharan, Director Nikhil Kumar, Chief Electoral Officer J&K, Shailendra Kumar attended series of meetings.

During the meeting with representatives of political parties Jammu & Kashmir National Conference urged the ECI team to announce assembly elections along with forth-coming Lok Sabha elections in

A three member delegation led by party general secretary Ali Muhammad Sagar, State

Muhammad Ramzan and Munammad Ramzan and provincial president Nasir Aslam Wani reiterated party's resolve that there is no substi-tute to a democratically elect-

ed government in the state. "J&K National Conference is of the view that Assembly elections in the State should he held simultaneously with Lok Sabha elections," the delegation said.

Representatives of Peoples Democratic party too echoed similar view point during the meeting. "We are ready and our party will contest both elections with people's support. We told ation and the unpredictable sit-uation can only be handled by the elected Government in the State and that they should announce the dates as soon as possible and hold Lok Sahha nd Assembly polls together," PDP chief spokesperson Rafiq

Mir said in a statement.
Indian National Congress (INC) delegation led by senior party leader Taj Mohi-ul-Din, BharatiyaJanta Party (BJP) delegation was led by its State Vice-President, Dr Ali Mohammad Mir during the

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Senior Congress leader Taj
Mohiudin said that his party
has strongly pitched for holding parliamentary and
Assembly polls simultaneously. "It's for the security
amenics to create a conducive agencies to create a conducive atmosphere for polls. As for aumosphere for polis. As for as Congress is concerned, we are ready for both parliamen-tary and Assembly polls and these polls should be held together." Mohiudin told reporters after meeting ECI. BJP leader also demanded early announcement of poll schedule

## DMK inches closer to wrapping up seat sharing with allies

ising a seat sharing pact with Sabha elections by allotting two Lok Sabha constituencies each to the CPI and Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi and continued talks with others.

Days after finalising seat sharing with parties, including the Congress and the Indian Union Muslim League, the DMK today clinched electoral Jananayaga Katchi as well, besides the CPI and VCK. The IJK will contest from

one constituency in its "Rising sun" symbol, the DMK said in an official release here.

Formal electoral agreements were signed between the leaderships of the DMK and the CPI, VCK, and the

The IJK was part of the BJP-led front in Tamil Nadu in the 2014 Lok Sabha elections and its top leader Pari Vendhar had said on Saturday that his bine, since the PMK was part of it, which had allegedly troubled his party in the past.

While VCK was part of the DMK front in 2014, CPI faced polls in association with its ideological sibling the CPI(M). The two Communist parties together fought 18 constituencies in Tamil Nadu

and drew a blank.
The DMK, keen to post an electoral rebound in the wake of debacles since 2011, has already allotted nine seats to the Congress in Tamil Nadu and the lone seat in Puducherry. One segment each has been allocated to the IUML and the Kongunadu Makkal Desiya Katchi and the latter too would fight polls in the DMK's "Rising Sun" symbol.

The Stalin-led party is continuing talks with parties, including MDMK and the CPI(M) and seat sharing with them is expected to be cussion finalised in a few days. *PTI* stituency.

## LS polls: Cong, JD(S) hold second round of talks on seat sharing

Bengaluru: The Congress-JD(S) ruling coalition in Karnataka on Monday held the second round of talks on the tricky issue of seat sharing for the upcoming Lok Sabha polls, with Congress saying they were moving "in the right direction."

The two parties had begun formal talks last week with the JDS insisting that 12 of the total 28 Lok Sabha seats be conceded to it, but party supremo and former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda indicated Sunday that they were ready to compromise.

The two allies, who had formed the government after striking a post-poll alliance as the May 2018 assembly elections threw up a hung verdict, had announced earlier that they would fight the Lok Sabha elec-

tions together.
The Congress-JD(S) coalition coordination committee chairman and former chief minister Siddaramaiah told reporters they had a good detailed discussion about every con-

"We are moving in the right direction," Siddaramaiah said after the coordination commit-

Kumaraswamy, JD(S) secretary general Danish Ali, KPCC chief Dinesh Gundu Rao attended the

meeting.

JDS has put forth its demand with a list of candidates to contest for 12 seats.

"We have not given a final shape to it. We will give it in the coming days," Siddaramaiah

He added that the leaders were zeroing in on who can win and from where. Discussions have not been completed vet, but there was good progress, he said.

"I hope that we will give a final shape in three-four days before March 10," Siddaramaiah added.

The Mandya Lok Sabha seat has become a bone of con-tention between the two parties with JD(S) deciding to field Kumarasawmy's son and Deve Gowda's grand son Nikhil

## Cong MLA Umesh Jadhav resigns from K'taka Assembly

Bengaluru: Dealing a blow to the ruling coalition in Karnataka, rebel Congress MLA Umesh Jadhav on Monday submitted his resignation from the State Assembly amid reports that he might join the BJP.

Jadhav, who sided with the rebel faction led by Ramesh Jarkiholi which threatened to topple the JD(S)-Congress coalition government recently, is a two-time MLA from Chincholi in Kalburagi dis-trict, a bastion of senior Congress leader Mallikarjun

Kharge.
The MLA met the Speaker and submitted his resignation, secretariat sources said.

Sources close to Jadhav told PTI he intends to join the

BJP on Wednesday. Jadhav is reportedly being considered by the BJP to be fielded against Congress veteran Kharge from Kalaburgi constituency in the Lok Sabha

The MLA was reportedly unhappy with the "autocratic" style of Social Welfare Minister Priyank Kharge, son of Mallikarjun Kharge. Jadhav was among the four

MLAS — Ramesh Jarkiholi, B Nagendra and Mahesh Kumathali— who were reported to be in touch with the BJP, which was accused of trying to poach the MLAs to bring down the JDS-Congress Government

The four lawmakers, who had gone missing for several weeks amid political turmoil,

had surfaced here on February 13, two days after the party recommended their disquali-fication to the Assembly Speaker.

The four MLAs had kept the party on tenterhooks for several weeks, defying its whip twice to attend the Congress Legislative Party (CLP) meetings on January 18 and February 8 and had been skipping the assembly Budget Session.

After the MLAs refused to fall in line, the Congress had petitioned Speaker to disqual-ify them under the Anti-Defection Law.
Commenting on Jadhav's

resignation, Dinesh Gundu Rao said he was enacting a "drama" by promising to remain loyal to the party. *PTI* 

## Siddaramaiah hits out at PM for dyslexia jibe

**Bengaluru:** Former Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his purported political potshot at Congress president Rahul Gandhi while answering a ques-

Gandhi while answering a question by a student on dyslexia.

Targeting Modi, Siddaramaiah tweeted: "Just came across a video of our @narendramodi taking political potshots using the name of dyslexic people. Shame on you Modi!! You just can't go below this. Your insensitivity can't be washed away by dipping in any washed away by dipping in any river. They may be slow in learning but not heartless like

Karnataka Congress president Dinesh Gundu Rao also hit out at Modi for the reported

Posting a video of the prime minister making that comment, Rao tweeted Sunday, "If there was ever a classless crude Prime Minister India has seen, here's one. Yuck!"

During a video interaction, a girl Sunday sought to know from Modi the measures taken by the Government to benefit dyslexic children.

Before she even finished her question, the prime minister made a comment purported to be a political jibe at Congress president Rahul Gandhi. *PTI* 

## Why didn't you induct even one Rafale jet, Mayawati asks Modi

Lucknow: Attacking Prime Minister Narendra Modi for saying Rafale jets could have given better results for India in hitting a Jaish camp in Pakistan, BSP chief Mayawati on Monday asked the BJP Government at the Centre why not a single Rafale fighter was inducted in the IAF during its rule.

"Rafale fighter could have prove useful in fight against Pakistan, claims PM Modi in his rallies. Even then not a single Rafale inducted into IAF fleet during his Government. Better explain people why this kind of lapse and neglect even by the BJP on the issue of country's safety and security? Mayawati said in a tweet.

Last week after the Indian

"Rafale fighter could have prove useful in fight against Pakistan, claims PM Modi in his rallies.

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Mohammad camp in Balakot, about 80 km from the Line of Control in Jammu & Kashmir. Prime Minister Modi said, "Rafale fighters could have delivered even better results".

His reference was apparently to the stealth of Rafale, an air-dominance aircraft. The Indian Air Force had

deployed a dozen Mirage-2000 aircraft to hit the target.

A Jaish terrorist camp was destroyed and up to 350 ter-rorists were killed in the air strike on Feb 26, officials sources have said.

On Sunday, BJP president Amit Shah said "more than 250

terrorists" were killed.

Modi had also said the Rafale jet deal was not finalised by the previous Government "for vested interests and now an effort is on to hamper it for

political reasons."

The first of the 36 Rafale fighters purchased from France is expected to arrive in India by



### Modi Govt a 'national disaster', must be voted out, says Pawar

TN RAGHUNATHA III MUMBAI

Upping the ante against the Narendra Modi Government which he dubbed as a "national disaster", NCP chief Sharad Pawar on Monday once again rooted for Opposition unity to "exterminate" the BJP-led Government at the Centre in the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections.

Addressing a party work-ers' rally at Nashik in north Maharashtra, Pawar exhorted tions that the BJP-led State and Central Government might indulge in at the polling sta-

Pawar asked the local NCP workers to visit the various polling stations as early as 6.30 am on the polling day to check if the EVMs were functioning properly. "We have full faith in the Election Commission. But, we have strong reasons to suspect the motives of the BJP-led Governments in the State and

at the Centre," he said.

Pawar said that since he

anticipated the Election Commission to come out with a notification on the Lok Sabha poll schedule either on March 7 or 8, he wanted the NCP workers to begin preparations

Making a strong case for change in Governments at the Centre, Pawar charged that the apprehended that if the Modi Government returned to power in the country, the country could expect dictatorship" a situation where the people would lose all their democratic rights.

## Prabhu to inaugurate Chipi Airport today

TN RAGHUNATHA II MUMBAI

s part of an exercise to oper-As part of an exercise to oper-ationalise two airports in coastal Konkan region, Union Minister for Civil Aviation Suresh Prabhu will inaugurate the newly constructed terminal building at Chipi airport in Sindhudurg on Tuesday, while an MoU would be signed for acti-vating RCS-UDAN operations at

Ratnagiri Airport later in the day. Ahead of the twin developments, Prabhu said that the Government would opera-tionalise the Sindhudurg and

Ratnagiri airports at the earliest to boost tourism and economy of the Konkan Region.

On Tuesday, Prabhu will inaugurate the newly constructed terminal building and associated works of Chipi Airport in Sindhudurg in the presence of CM Fadnavis.

Constructed at a cost of ₹520 crore, the newly constructed Terminal Building at Chipi airport in Sindhudurg has a capacity to handle 400 passengers per hour and it has an annual passenger handling capacity of about 10 lakh.

## Border residents willing to help Army despite intense shelling

Despite facing the brunt of intense shelling from across the Line of Control (LoC), majority of border residents, living in the direct line of fire in Nowshera sector. continue to stay put inside their houses and willing to extend all possible help to the jawans of the Indian Army.

"We are not willing to shift to safer places. We want to stay back in our own houses. This land belongs to us why should we run away from here", vil-lagers in one of the forward villages located along the LoC told

visiting team of reporters.

"Our morale is very high, we are not terrorised. Our army is with us and we are standing behind our jawans to protect the frontiers of mother Nation", villagers in the area

Kailash Devi, despite receiving splinter injuries in recent shelling in the area told reporters, "We are witnessing border shelling for last over fifteen years but it was never so intense". Rooftop of my house was damaged after a mortar shell landed there. Pointing towards the destruction she added, "Pakistan army is behaving recklessly by targeting civilian pockets in the area.



They cannot be trusted, they only understand the language

Demanding firm response, Kailash Devi urged the Central Government to smash terror factories to teach Pakistan a befitting lesson. Another vil-lager Chandi Lal said, "Indian army should give strong response to Pakistan by crossthe LoC and destroying

their defence". Meanwhile, amid prevail-

ing tensions along the LoC, Pakistan Army Monday refused to throw open the gates to allow weekly peace bus service cross the Line of Control with stranded passengers on board.

According to official sources, only three passengers were returning to Pakistan occupied Kashmir via Karvane- Aman peace bus when Pakistan army refused to open

"I was going back, went to the border, bought tickets but was told that the Pakistan authorities did not open the gate, then we had to come back," Syed Bukhari, Resident of Mirpur in PoK told reporters

Late in the evening Pakistani troops Monday vio-lated ceasefire by targeting for-ward posts and villages along the Line of Control in Qasba

and Kerni sectors of Poonch.

response, Kailash Devi urged the Centre **Government to** smash terror factories to teach Pakistan a befitting lesson

Till the time of filing the report firing was going on in the area.
Early in the morning Ceasefire violation was also reported in Akhnoor sector.

'The firing from across the border started around 0300 hours and stopped at 0630 hours," a defence spokesman

He said Pakistan initiated the unprovoked ceasefire vio lation by firing mortar shells and small arms on forward posts and villages. "Indian Army retaliated strongly and effectively," the

spokesman said adding there was no report of any casualty on Indian side. Pakistan had violated ceasefire for over 50 times, killing three members of a family and injuring several

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**MAHASHIVRATRI** 

## More than 1 crore devotees take holy dip in Sangam

night, devotees from different walks of life and parts of the country began to pour into Sangam city to take holy dip on Mahashivratri, the great night of Lord Shiva and the last bathing day in the one-and-a-halfmonth-long Kumbh Mela.
Till Monday evening, more

than 1 crore devotees had taken a holy dip in the Sangam area, officials said.
The bathing ghats brimmed

with colour in the morning. Late-night showers in parts of the holy city failed to dampen the spirit of the pilgrims. As the sun came out, devotees enthusiastically greeted the sun, while some offered obeisance to the Sun God with traditional 'Yoga

"Till evening, as many as 1.10 crore devotees have taken a dip in the Sangam area. With Mahashivratri's snaan, so far more than 24.05 crore devotees have taken a dip during this year's Kumbh," Kumbh Mela Adhikari Vijay Kiran Anand

Till March 3, the number of devotees who had taken the dip during the Kumbh stood at 22.95 crore, an UP Government official said.

As the visitors were heading towards the ghats, chants of 'Har



Devotees offer prayer and take holy dip on the occasion of 'Maha Shivratri' festival during the ongoing Kumbh Mela in Prayagraj on Monday

Har Mahadev' rang through the air, albeit the occasional police

Apart from other information, the police told the crowds about the lost-and-found centre, which could also be seen from a distance by the installed, floating gas-balloon.

A delegation from West

Bengal kept all its members together by telling them to follow the large saffron-coloured

A group of visitors from Ajmer used rope barriers to

keep its members together.
"Despite showers, my friends and I walked towards the bathing ghats and took a dip, said Dhananjay Singh, who came from Lucknow, adding, "I consider it (the rain) to be a pro-

Content, smiling faces at the Kumbh nagris tell us we managed the last day crowds well, an official said.

With heavy rush on their minds, devotees began arriving at the makeshift kumbh nagris in Prayagraj even before mid-

Sugarcane Development and Sugar Mills Minister Suresh Rana took a dip in the 'sangam', and later visit-

Speaking to reporters, Rana said, "When I was taking a boat ride after the dip, a sudden shower of petals fell on boatman. His spontaneous reaction was 'waah Yogi ji' (UP Chief Minister Yogi

Adityanath). I was pleasantly overwhelmed by this."

A UP Government spokesperson said UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will participate in the 'Kumbh Samaroh Samapan Kaaryakram' (formal closing function of the mega event) tomorrow.

He will felicitate the officials who have done exemplary work during the festival. UP Governor Ram Naik and Urban Development Affairs Minister Suresh Khanna are also likely to

attend the programme.

According to Hindu
mythology, Mahashivratri symbolises the last holy bath of Kalpvasis, who spend the month of Magh — the period of aus-

terity — in minimal means.
Ashutosh Varshney, an astrologer who has set up a camp in Sector-6 of Kumbh

marks the culmination of the Kumbh and the prominent bathing days. This year, it fell on a Monday, the day dedicated to

Lord Shiva, after a long time."
"Also on this day, Lord Shiva got married," said Gunjan Varshney, who runs the Raam Naam Bank, where devotees deposit booklets after writing the name of Lord Ram.

Kumbh is one of the largest religious gatherings in the world. It is held once in every 12 years. This time it began on . January 15 on Makar Sankranti. There are six bathing dates. Of these, shahi snaans are held on Makar Sankranti, Mauni Amawasya and Basant Panchami. Parv snaans are held on Paush Poornima and Maghi Poornima.

Police and Central paramilitary personnel have been in charge of the movement of people and vehicles and guiding them towards the bathing ghats.

As the Kumbh approached its finale, the mega event etched its name into record books creating a hat-trick of world records, which were certified by the Guinness World Records, an UP government spokesperson said.

One of the records was most contributions made to a

hours.
The Guinness World Records certificate read, "The most contributions to a handprint painting in eight hours was achieved by Prayagraj Mela Authority, Government of Uttar Pradesh (India) in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh India on March

Another world record created was the largest parade of

"The largest parade of buses was achieved by Prayagraj Mela Authority, Government of Uttar Pradesh (India) in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, India on February 28, 2019," the certificate given by Guinness World Records read.

A UP Government official said, "The attempt in Prayagraj involving 500 buses covered more than 3.2 kilometres. It was held at NH-19 between Sahson toll plaza and Nawabganj toll plaza. This demonstrates the traffic plan, which worked very well during the mela with 20,000 police personnel being

On March 2, the most peo-ple sweeping the floor (multiple venues) was achieved by Prayagraj Mela Authority,

## Use common sense, Modi tells Oppn on his Rafale remarks

Cong demands apology from PM

Jamnagar: Asking Opposition parties to use common sense, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday slammed them for questioning his statement that the presence of Rafale fighter jets would have given greater firepower to the IAF during the February 27 aerial engagement with Pakistan.

As the political dogfight over Modi's remarks escalated with the Congress demanding an apology from him for trying to portray the Indian Air Force as being weaker without Rafale, IAF chief Air Chief Marshal BS Dhanoa declined to comment on the statement that the French jets would

"I said if Rafale was acquired in time it would have made a difference (during the February 27 dogfight), but they(Opposition parties) say



Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaks at the inauguration of the various development projects in Jamnagar, Gujarat on Monday

Modi is questioning our air force strike," Modi said, addressing a gathering in Jamnagar in Gujarat.

"Please use common sense. What I said was if we had Rafale at the time (of aerial dogfight), then none of our fighter jets would have gone down and none of theirs saved," he added. India lost one MiG 21 jet during the fierce dogfight in which one F-16 warplane of Pakistan Air Force(PAF) was also shot

"If they(Opposition) don't understand me what can I do. They have their own limitations," he told the audience during his 40-minute speech rendered in Gujarati.

Congress spokesperson RPN Singh accused the Prime Minister and BJP leadership of politicising the air strikes and said Modi should apologise to the country for trying to por-

#### TMC again questions outcome of airstrikes

**SAUGAR SENGUPTA** ■ KOLKATA

The Trinamool Congress has once again questioned the true outcome of the Indian true outcome of the Indian airstrike in Pakistan's Balakot where according to BJP presi-dent Amit Shah at least 250 Jaish-e-Muhammad terrorists were killed in a pre-dawn attack by the Indian fighter jets.

Questioning the domino effect of the air attack senior TMC MP Derek O'Brien said a senior Minister in the Narendra Modi Government had in fact planted the story in the media about the number of deaths in the JeM camp. "Who gave this news about the numbers ... whether it was 200 or 250?" the Rajya Sabha MP asked saying he was sure "a senior Minister in the Cabinet planted this news," specifying the number of terrorists who died in the air strike

"I don't blame the media for this news. I only say that this news was planted by a Minister," he said adding "this kind of statement is dangerous" in the political theatre. The senior partray the IAF as being weaker without Rafale.

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expressed her doubts about the exact figure of those getting killed in the air attack 'We don't want anyone to

play politics with the blood of our martyred jawans. We only want the truth to come out," Banerjee had said demanding the truth behind the air operation. "I have come to know from some foreign media that it was a miss. Some said that no one died while others said that only person lost his life," she said adding "we want to know how much truth is there in the claim of the Government," and ques-tioning why the Prime Minister avoided an all-party meeting to brief the Opposition parties about the success of the air raid.

With Bengal Governor Kesri Nath Tripathi subsequently using innuendos to attack those who were questioning the veracity of the air strikes, or for that matter its fallout, likening them to "snakes in the sleeves," Bengal TMC lead-ership on Monday went all guns blazing against Tripathi wondering how a man on a constitutional post could make such comments.

## Giriraj finds himself in soup over absence at Modi's rally

Minister Giriraj Singh realise, while asserting that the March 03 rally here of Prime Minister Narendra Modi would make it clear who stood with India and who with Pakistan, that he would end up explaining his own absence at the public meeting on Sunday. As the rally was underway

here, Singh hurriedly came up with a tweet stating that he had fallen ill while coming to the Bihar capital from his Lok Sabha constituency His absence at the rally

invited a flurry of sarcastic remarks by opposition parties in Bihar on Monday. Madhepura MP Rajesh

Ranjan alias Pappu Yadav, who has floated his own Jan Adhikar Party upon expulsion from the RJD and is married to Congress parliamentarian Ranjit Ranjan, took a swipe at the Union Minister of State (Independent charge) for MSME.

It was Giriraj Singh himself who had laid down the yardstick that those not attending the rally would be deemed anti-national. Hence, he himself becomes a traitor. He has been threatening those whom he considers deshdroh that they would be deported to Pakistan. Which countrys visa is he going to apply for, the JAP chief tweeted.

Yadav also peppered his tweet with hashtags #BiharRejectsModi which #DeshdrohiGiriaj.
While talking to reporters
here on the issue, senior RJD

leader Vijay Prakash said Giriraj Singh has proved that, by his own logic, he is antinational. In any case, the rally was rejected by the patriotic public of Bihar.

Fazal Imam Malik, national spokesperson of RLSP, issued a statement demanding a public apology from Singh and his expulsion from the BJP with the sarcas-

Maharashtra: Debt-ridden

farmer commits suicide

us who must be sent to Pakistan

Embarrassed over the development, BJP MLC Nawal Kishore Yadav said our party does not need a certificate of nationalism. Opposition parties are twisting Giriraj Singhs words out of context.

The JD(U), BJPs senior ally in the State, distanced itself from the controversy with its spokesman and MLC Neeraj Kumar stating it is for Giriraj Singh to explain under what circumstances he said this and offer a justification for the choice of words. Our party has nothing to do with this matter.

Known for shooting from

the hip, Singh had made the controversial remark last week in response to a charge by RJD MLA and chief state spokesman Bhai Virendra that the RSS, the BJPs parent body, had sided with the British colonialists during the strug-gle for Independence. *PTI* 

### IPC section on death penalty for rape legally right: HC told

Mumbai: The Indian Penal Code section that prescribes death penalty for repeat rape offenders was rightly introduced by the legislature to impose a deterrent against such crimes, the amicus curiae in the Shakti Mills gangrape case told sombay High Court on Monday.

However, the application of this Section 376 (E) in the present case could be questionable, the amicus told a bench of justices BP Dharamadhikari and Revati Mohite-Dere which was hearing a challenge to the constitutional validity of the provision through writ petitions filed by the three death row convicts in the Shakti Mills case.

Section 376 (E) of the IPC that provides for the death penalty for repeat rape offenders was introduced by the Centre through an amendment in existing laws in 2013 fol-lowing the December 2012 gangrape case in New Delhi. Advocate Abad Ponda,

appointed by the court as the amicus curiae to assist it in the case in 2014, told the HC that with all legal and constitutional principles.

However, the section's

application in the present case could be questionable, Ponda

Earlier, during the hearing, the bench had asked the Union government what was the purpose of introducing section 376 (E) of the IPC since another sub-section, sub-section A of section 376, already prescribed

the maximum punishment of death for offences of rape.

However, both the Union

government and the amicus curiae defended the new sec-

tion.

They told the HC while sub-section A dealt with a died, or was reduced to a veg-etative state, section 376 (E) provided that a person previously convicted under any subsection of section 376 was liable to be sentenced to the maximum punishment of death for the subsequent offence of rape,

if the court deemed fit. However, while the Centre has maintained that such repeat offence can occur anytime after the first offence. Ponda told the court the accused person could be termed a repeat offender only if the second offence was committed after he was convicted for rape for the first time.

The amended law has been challenged by Vijay Jadhav, Mohammad Kasim Bengali and Mohammad Salim Ansari who were sentenced to death by a sessions court in April 2014 for raping a photojournalist in Shakti Mills compound here on August 22, 2013. The sessions court had awarded them the death penalty as they were also convicted for having raped a

telephone operator in July 2013. The trials in both cases were held simultaneously and the conviction was handed out the same day. However, the sentences were awarded to the convicts within a period of two weeks from each other. *PTI* 

### Will take measures to eradicate poverty in State: Manipur CM

Minister N Biren Singh has said his Government would take "steps to eradicate poverty in the State and work toward ensuring that the beneficiaries of welfare schemes receive their dues on time. Addressing people after inaugurating a revamped school in Imphal West district on Sunday, Singh asserted that the "prevailing system of Governance and administration achieve the target".

"As a part of this endeavour, two important missions — 'Go to Hills' and 'Go to Village' were launched by Government last year to redress the grievances of the people living in the hills and the vallev.

Imphal: Manipur Chief the Chief Minister said.

Singh also said that the schemes will be reviewed every month to ensure that the benefits reach people on time.

"The Government will take steps to eradicate poverty from Manipur. It is sensitive to the needs of the people.

"We have already taken

measures to ensure that people get electricity and gas connections without having to wait in offices," he maintained. Stressing on the important of imparting quality education in

schools the CM said the BIP Govt in the State will launch a new a new mission to provide better facilities in Governmentrun institutes.

### BSP's ex-MP Kaiser Jahan, ex-MLA join Congress

Lucknow: Former BSP MP Kaiser Jahan and a former MLA of the same party, Jasmir Ansari, Monday joined the Congress along with their sup-porters in the presence of UPCC president Raj Babbar here, a party spokesperson

Jahan, former Sitapur MP, and Ansari, former Laharpur dent Rahul Gandhi and the policies of the party, spokesman Brijendra Kumar Singh said.

Welcoming them into the party fold, Babbar said the Congress will form the government at the Centre after

winning the upcoming Lok

A Congress government at the Centre will ensure the rights of the youth, farmers, labourers and traders, and pave the way for establishing an atmosphere in which all could feel safe and secure, he

Jahan and Ansari had ear-MLA, expressed their faith in the leadership of party presiand joined the Congress on Monday after quitting the BSP, Singh said.

Retired IPS officer Aftab Ahmed Khan and Chamber of Commerce vice-chairman Surendra Kumar also joined the party, Singh said.

Mumbai: Inability to repay

bank loan and poor output from agriculture fields allegedly drove a 35-year- old farmer to commit suicide Monday in Beed district of Maharashtra, police said.

The farmer, Mahadev

Rambhau Bhosle, was found hanging from a mango tree through a rope in the early hours in village Khardewadi in the district, around 375km Marathwada region, an official said

Bhosle was spotted hanging by some onlookers, who alerted his family members, he said.

Bhosle was upset as he was **PTI** | not able to replay loan which

Panel report on Marathas 'scientific,

his father had taken from Yelambghat branch of Bank of Maharashtra, he said.

He was also under depression for poor crop production from his farms, the official

Bhosle left his residence at around 4 am and went to the farm of another villager Vyankat Kalkute where he was found hanging, he said.

immediately took him to a hospital, where he was declared dead before arrival, he said. An accidental death case was registered at the Neknur police station and a probe underway, the official

## No bogie set afire to recreate 2002 Godhra train burning: Rly

Ahmedabad/Vadodara: No train bogey was set on fire in Vadodara to recreate the 2002 torching of Sabarmati Express at Godhra as part of a documentary on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Railway officials as well as crew members of a film production company said on Monday.

Their clarification came after some media reports said an unused railway coach was on Sunday set ablaze at Pratapnagar station in Vadodara during the enactment of the Godhra train burning incident.

However, both the Western Railway (WR), under whose jurisdiction the Vadodara divi-

sion falls, and the production house involved in the film refut-ed the reports. According to crew members supervising the shooting, a damaged coach, used for mock drills by the Railways, was provided by the authorities to recreate the burning of S-6 coach of the Sabarmati Express at Godhra by a mob on February 27, 2002.
"We are shooting a biopic

documentary depicting life and times of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This documentary film will be released 20 seconds. We have not set the only on social media. "We are coach on fire. It will be done on using a damaged railway coach, used for mock drills, to recreate the editing table only. Some media persons misinterpreted the Godhra train burning inciour version," said Pandya. PTI

dent," said Jayraj Gadhvi, a supervising executive of the film. Dhaval Pandya, a senior executive overseeing the shooting, clarified that the coach was not set on fire Sunday as claimed in some media reports.

'We had not set the coach on fire yesterday as claimed by by some newspapers. After shooting that damaged coach in the same condition, we will apply special effects during editing to show it burning.

"That scene will be of only

High Court.
The Maharashtra State Backward Classes Commission (MSBCC) had submitted its report on the social and eco-nomic conditions of the community on the basis of which the Marathas were given 16 per cent reservation in education

> Government Counsel Anil Sakhare refuted allegations and claims of several petitioners,

and Government jobs late last

on Monday told the Bombay

error-free': Govt to Bombay HC Mumbai: The report submitted The petitioners said by a State Commission on the basis of which reservation was the commission's report was void of granted to the Maratha commerit and that its data munity was prepared "scientifclaiming the Marathas ically" and was "error-free". are socially the Maharashtra Government and economically

> backward could not be relied upon challenging the quota decision. The petitioners said the commission's report was void of merit and that its data claimand economically backward

could not be relied upon. "The commission's report was scientifically prepared and was error-free. Minor errors should be discredited.

"A thorough study was caried out by the expert members of the commission and qualitative data was collected after carrying out survey in several parts of the state," he told a division bench.

The MSBCC had also con-

ducted public hearings in major districts, including Mumbai, before coming out with its report, Sakhare said. The bench of Justices Ranjit More and Bharati Dangre is

hearing a bunch of petitions challenging the November 2018 decision of the State Government to grant reservation to the Maratha community under a separate category called Socially and Educationally Backward Class.

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A new factory to manufacture rifles for the Army is welcome but its location in Amethi will inevitably ruffle feathers



vents of the past few weeks have highlighted just how slow the process for acquiring new hardware for Indian soldiers, aviators and seamen is. While the MiG-21 Bison that was flown by Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman was based on a 1960's design, the airframe itself was over 40 years old, although it had been modified after the Kargil War. The Mirage-2000 jets used to penetrate Pakistan and send a message to the terror-supporting state have been in service for over three decades and replacing these

capable French fighters has been an unending struggle with several missed opportunities. The slow pace of India's ship-building process has meant that we have commissioned less than ten new capital ships in the past decade whereas China is commissioning almost one a month. And while our special forces do not lack equipment, our regular jawans and paramilitary forces do not even have adequate bullet-proof armour. Nothing highlights India's glacial pace of acquisition as much as replacing the inadequate INSAS (India Small Arms System) rifle. In a nation that faces threats both on its borders and inside its territory with enemies using advanced weapons thanks to the proliferation of the latter due to global conflict, the INSAS was woeful, forcing many soldiers and paramilitaries to use imported weapons, including the venerable AK-47.

Thankfully, the last item on that list is changing. After several delays, the construction of a new section at the small arms factory at Amethi in collaboration with the Russian state-owned Kalashnikov Concern will start manufacturing the new AK-203 rifle. This is not only a huge step forward for domestic manufacturing but the new weapon will finally give the Indian jawan and paramilitary officer an advantage over their enemies, both internal and external. It will also help us achieve some sort of self-sufficiency in the category of small arms and generate jobs. Since the inter-governmental agreement was signed in the shortest possible time as opposed to delays in the Rafale deal, there was little doubt that Prime Minister Narendra Modi was not going to lose an opportunity to take a dig or two at Congress president and the local Member of Parliament Rahul Gandhi. Like many other projects inaugurated in Amethi and Rae Bareli, this factory also sat idle for years and Modi pulled a few punches in highlighting that. Not only that, he rubbed salt into the wounds by modifying this project as a "Made in Amethi" instead of his much-touted "Make in India." The events of the past few days have made it very clear that the forthcoming General Elections will be fought on a national security plank and there is little doubt that successive governments have dilly-dallied on this front, giving ammunition to both sides. While the new AK-203 will help the Indian soldier, it might not help the BJP shoot down Rahul Gandhi's political ambitions. Yes, there is an emotional surge post-Pulwama, but the Modi Government is bound to face challenges surrounding the economy, joblessness and farmers' distress when the affected voter casts his ballot. But we must celebrate the Amethi move in the right direction when it comes to hastening and improving arms acquisition. Whoever comes to power next must not stop considering our multi-pronged threats to national security.

### **Tell us the truth**

ASCI pulls out 232 ads for not being ethical and hurting consumers. We need a statutory code



d guru Leo Burnett once said how advertising does not just circulate information, it penetrates the public mind with desires and belief. And at a time when lifestyle choices are aplenty and we seek to govern our lives with the right one, advertisements, especially those helmed by celebrities and their gone-in-60-seconds wisdom, have a profound impact. Artful lying it is, but when it is deceptive, then there is a problem. That's why the Advertising Standard Council of India (ASCI) has decided to verify tall claims made by com-

panies in mass media campaigns, especially after the fiasco of biggies advocating Maggi as healthy, and banned 232 ads for violating consumer rights and interests. Most of these campaigns were by topline brands and found to be selling mistruths concerning crucial sectors like healthcare, personal care, food and beverages and education, in short our everyday life and well-being. The ASCI said the most common reason for pulling out ads was their unsubstantiated and exaggerated claims that exploited the consumers' lack of knowledge. Besides, some of the products made unverifiable leadership claims, improper use of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) logo in contravention of the FSSAI advisory and labelled products organic without fact-checks. It also came down heavily on celebrity campaigns, considering their mass popularity and impact, ting that each brand ambassador should, while endorsing products, at least ensure that all description claims and comparisons made in the advertisement are genuine. Quite rightly, the ASCI took down the HeroMotoCorp ad where cricketer Virat Kohli is seen driving rashly in normal traffic conditions, in violation of traffic rules and safety. Dangerous driving is a deep-seated malaise in all our cities and when an icon like Kohli depicts such a behaviour on screen. it lenitimises reckless youth behaviour on the streets, one that has resulted in an ever rising graph of road accidents and fatalities. Similarly, products that falsely claim doctoral research or clinically-proven results have been pulled out, be it enriching clay shampoos, chemical-free hair colours or pure atta noodles, all of which have concentrates and ingredients that they claim to have done away with. For example, atta noodles have maida or refined flour too and 100 per cent dandruff-free shampoo is never a possibility. Consumer awareness and rights are anyway not scaled up in this country and without questioning, such products are not only misleading and overrated but cheating the consumer of his expectation and right to a good and healthy life. Going by the list, most of the products prey on the consumers' health insecurities instead of addressing them through scientific corroboration.

Of course, there are consumer laws and various codes about advertisement in general to curb malpractices. And though food safety norms have made labelling with details mandatory, the same does not extend to other product categories with equal seriousness. However, the absence of a single statutory, regulatory body further aggravates the problem. It is time for a comprehensive law/requlation on advertising in all forms of media which could provide clarity in the matter and act as a one-stop window for addressing controversial matters. Disclaimers should run as tickers on both audio, print and video campaigns. The core of the advertising industry is based on tempting the consumer, capturing their mindspace and then driving up sales. True, it is hard to expect the creators to be "conscience-oriented," but given the social cascade of information flow, they have to be self-regulatory, considering they rule cultural sensibilities.

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## Pakistan in meltdown mode

Neither Beijing nor Muslim capitals or the West seem to be on Islamabad's side. Its survival now demands uprooting all terrorist camps and arresting every recruit



SANDHYA JAIN

osition parties and their choirbys are understandably unensiastic about post-Pulwama levelopments, especially the prompt return of Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman, because a regime that seemed doomed in the forthcoming general elections will now enjoy the incumbent's advantage. While it would be premature to state that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) under Prime Minister Narendra Modi will have a walkover, it is undeniable that a second retaliatory strike for attacks emanating from Pakistani soil has changed the national mood.

Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan released our pilot gracefully but we do not know what understanding he arrived at with the Army before doing so. We know that Pakistan faces possible blacklisting by the Financial Action Task Force in June, which Beijing may not help stave off. This would make a possible bailout from the International Monetary Fund difficult (or very punitive) and deter other foreign investments in its falering economy. Islamabad has much to gain from de-escalation.

Interestingly, the institution that per-formed with great dignity during this episode was the Islamabad High Court, which considered a petition (W.P. No.786/2019) by Barrister Muhammad Shoaib Razzag versus the Federation of Pakistan, on March 1, 2019. Aggrieved at the decision to return the Wing Commander, the petitioner argued, inter alia, that the Prime Minister of Pakistan was not competent to take this decision, which was arrived at without taking the Parliament into confidence, and that the Wing Commander ad violated Pakistan's sovereignty and was liable to be court martialled in Pakistan

In a crisp ruling, the Islamabad High Court asserted that the Prime Minister had announced the release of the Indian Air Force pilot on the floor of the House during a joint session of the Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) where not a single Member objected Moreover, the decision "pertains to matters of foreign policy, defence and security of Pakistan. It is settled law that such issues are neither justiciable nor fall within the domain of a High Court for interference... It has been unambiguously held by the august Supreme Court that any such interference... would be violative of one of the foundational principles of the Constitution, which envisages trichoto-my of powers between the three branches, namely, Legislature, Executive and Judiciary

The Court said, "Framing of a policy is within the exclusive domain of the Executive... The Legislature represents the people of Pakistan and primarily promulgates laws... The Judiciary is entrusted with the task of interpreting the law and to play the role of an arbiter in case of disputes between individuals and between individuals and the State". As the petitioner admitted that his fundamental rights were not violated in this case, Chief Justice Luqman Khan dismissed the petition

stating, "The decisions which are taken by the Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament), particularly during challenging times, are inevitably required to be respected and upheld..." India's Supreme Court should have dismissed the Rafale and many other petitions; now as it ponders the merits of teaching students "tamaso ma jyotirgamaya" (from darkness lead me to light), one cannot but marvel at the sagacity of the Islamabad High Court.

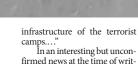
External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj addressed the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation on March 1 and upheld multi-religious India's civilisational ethos as a land "that has been for ages a fountain of knowledge, a beacon of peace, a source of faiths and traditions, and home to religions from the world — and now, one of the major economies of the world". In a tribute to India's new standing in the comity of nations, the host, United Arab Emirates, removed the Pakistan flag after its Foreign Minister boycotted the meeting.

It appears that Muslim cap-itals are withdrawing from fundamentalism as a tool of foreign policy. Dhaka under Sheikh Hasina has long focussed on economic development and has cracked down on fundamentalists. Afghanistan, the Maldives and others crave peaceful development. Swaraj urged the gathering, "We must tell the states, who provide shelter and funding

Rafale fighter could have proven useful in the fight

against Pakistan, claims PM Modi. Even then not a single

Rafale inducted into IAF fleet



firmed news at the time of writ-ing, Jaish-e-Mohammad chief Maulana Masood Azhar, the brain behind the attack on the Indian Parliament (2001), Pathankot air base (2016) and the Central Reserve Police Force convoy at Pulwama (February 2019), died in a military hospital in Rawalpindi on March 2, 2019. While Islamabad has not made any formal announce-ment so far, the information is considered credible because on March 1, Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi admitted on CNN that Masood Azhar was in Pakistan and hinted that he was on his death bed.

The leak of Azhar's death (if true) is deliberate; a continuation of the "gesture" of returning our captured pilot. A few points may be made. India has found the lily-pads (terrorist bases) it can strike without opprobrium from the international community. With the United States withdrawing aid (and patronage) to Pakistan on account of its obduracy in Afghanistan and proximity to China, Islamabad's utility to the West is over. That is why the US, UK and France again moved the UN's 1267 Committee on February 27, to list Masood Azhar as a global terrorist.

London and Washington had decided on a Cold War with the Soviet Union even before World War II ended and Pakistan was created as a base for the West to monitor Russia, China, Central Asia, the Gulf region and India. It no longer helps in monitoring Moscow or Beijing; the Gulf is changing rapidly and Pakistan is afraid to commit troops for the Saudi war in Yemen. India has the muscle to defend itself and de-privileging the Kashmir val-ley will refashion Jammu & Kashmir into an ordinary Indian State. Pakistan's 30-year-old strategy of supporting insurgents in Kashmir is failing.

Worse, the terrorists have become too autonomous. After Jaish al-Adl attacked Iran (February 13), the JeM struck India (February 14), the Taliban (harboured by Pakistan along with the Haqqani Network) killed around 25 Afghan soldiers at Shorab military base in Afghanistan's Helmand province (March 2-3). American troops stationed in another part of the base were unharmed but they can easily be targetted as the US retreats from Afghanistan under a Pakistan-brokered deal with the Taliban. None of these attacks served any Pakistani objective and could have frightened Beijing about Pakistani *jihadis* joining hands with Uighur militants in Xinjiang. Pakistan's own survival demands uprooting all terrorist camps and arresting every

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#### DBITE Ranbir Kapoor said, 'Mere ghar mei toh bijli, paani aata hai, why

-Kangana Ranaut



I have asked for storage of urine at airports. We import urea but if we start storing much potential it has.



#### **Kumble for ICC**

The IAF is not in a position

to clarify the number of casualties. The government will clarify that. We count

targets and hits.

Air Chief Marshal

Sir — The re-nomination of Anil Kumble for the final tenure as the Indian Cricket Council's (ICC) chairman at the recently held ICC board meeting in Dubai is welcome. The move comes at a crucial time before the World Cup this summer and enhances the representation of cricketing talent from the sub-continent.

Among other functions, the primary responsibility of the ICC's Cricket Committee remains to promote and envisage cricket as a sporting event across the world and ensure adherence to governance and regulations set in all formats. Kumble's nomination to the Cricket Committee is highly appreciable, as is the nomina tion of other notable experts from India to ICC Board/ Committee like Shashank Manohar (Chairman), Ms Indra Nooyi (as Independent Director), Rahul Dravid, Shubhangi Kulkarni and others as technical

and legal experts.

The much-debated implementation of DRS to further raise the bar for the gentleman's game and empower the local umpires with technology should

breathed a sigh of relief when the Supreme Court of India stayed its February 13 order directing the eviction of over 11 lakh forest-dwelling Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers across 16 states, whose claims for forest land rights have been rejected under the Forest Rights Act (FRA) of 2006. However, we need to do what China has done. It has given direct rights of over 100 m hectares of forest area to 400 million of its traditional inhabitants

which helped it reduce poverty and protect the environ-

Moreover, the saying, "Possession is the nine-tenths of the law," has been recognised for ages. Even in the legal battle between the rightful owner of a property and the person who has been in the possession of the same for a long time the latter is considered to have a better position Indeed, the forest dweller's claim for the forest land must be more than the nine-tenths of the law as there exists no actual owner of forest land. We are already suffering the effects of over commercialisation in the education and health



sectors. Market players have hijacked the agenda in the name of improving services. Now, if forest dwellers are banished under the pretext of stopping deforestation and then the commercial sector is allowed to manage the forest land, then what will happen is not difficult to guess. We need to immediately implement the 2006 Forest Rights

Making a mockery - The Information Minister

of Pakistan is reported to have moved a resolution in the National Assembly, recommending the Nobel Peace Prize for Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan for having released Wing Commander Abhinandan

the tension between Indian and Pakistan.

Actually, the prize should be awarded to those who worked behind the scenes and persuaded the Pakistan Prime Minister to release the Indian pilot. But for the extreme pressure from world leaders and Indian diplomacy, Pakistani leaders would have

Time for self-restraint

the reins of governance in Pakistan, depends and leans heav-

ily on its Army and other unseen

forces for mere survival and acts

as per their directions, notwith-

standing their personal predilections. Peace talks with Pakistan are a sham. It will be an insult

and a mockery of sorts, if the prize, especially for peace, is

awarded to any ruler in Pakistan.

VS Jayaraman

Sir — Lent is a period of self-restraint, marked by fasting, repentance, prayer and self-con-trol for Christians around the world. Luxury items or eating rich foods, such as meat and dairy products, are often avoided during this period. The observance starts on Ash Wednesday and lasts until Easter Sunday, as Christians imitate the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert fasting before being blessed by John the Baptist.

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be given primary focus. At times, the non-availability of technology has nearly cost deserving teams the title. And as the Chairman of Cricket Committee. Kumble could spearhead change at the domestic level and help towards better perception of the

Varthaman, thus de-escalating

game in the eyes of the cricket fra-ternity and fans. Varun SD never conceded our demand.

Send your feedback to: Every leader, who takes over

#### FIRSTCOLUMN

### Thumbs up for quick diplomacy

The international response to the IAF's air strike in Balakot reflects not only the changed course of India's foreign policy but also its growing clout



ANNPURNA NAUTIYAL

n the midst of a troublesome war hysteria in the Indian sub-coninent, the release of Indian Air Force (IAF) pilot Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman was heartening. This is not only indicative of India's determination to fight terrorism but also speaks volumes about a very successful foreign and defence policy as we were able to expose and isolate Pakistan at international fora. Despite urging both India and Pakistan to exercise restraint, China's keenness for India's participation in the 16th meeting of the Foreign Ministers of Russia, India and China in Wuzhen on February 27, and the issuance of a joint communiqué to bring countries who back terrorism to justice, reflect Pakistan's complete isolation.

Statements issued by China are important as they came at a time when Pakistan violated Indian airspace and captured our pilot in the wake of IAF's pre-emptive strikes at the JeM camp in Balakot. The condemnation of all forms of terrorism as a threat to humanity by the three Ministers signifies the success of India's foreign policy in isolating Pakistan, an aim which India always failed to achieve in earlier wars/disputes with Pakistan. The best example is the 1971 India-Pakistan war, wherein despite awareness and knowledge about cases of grave violation of human rights, the US sided with Pakistan in support of its policy of triangular relationship with Pakistan and China. The Cold War mindset was so much dominant that the US not only gave a cold shoulder to India's then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi but also sent its seventh fleet enterprise in the Bay of Bengal to demoralise and terrorise India with its gunboat diplomacy. India neutralised this threat with an all-out support of the erstwhile Soviet Union. However, the diplomatic advantage of good relations with the USSR was lost with the end of the Cold War and the disinte-gration of the Soviet Union. India was left on its own. The new economic stratagem — nuclear power status and Look East policy provided India an opportunity to register its presence in a fast changing, power-hungry world.

China's resurgence as an aggressive power after the fall of the Soviet Union, policies of territorial aggrandisement and encirclement of India through the Belt and Road Initiative led to a close collaboration between India and America. Though the US' pivoting of Asia and its stress on the Indo-Pacific paradigm highlight the importance of India in the US' designs to check China's growing influence, the kind of support reflected by its current statements was not available earlier. During the Kargil war of 1999, the US' policy of equating India and Pakistan and the two-country visit was intact even though India was confronting terrorists and the Pakistani Army. Although during his South Asia visit after the Kargil crisis, the then US President, Bill Clinton, refrained from meeting the then Pakistani President Gen Pervez Musharraf, he did visit Pakistan and gave a message of four 'R's to both India and Pakistan, which was not in good taste for us. However, this time, even though the US insisted on exercising restraint and avoiding escalation to both India and Pakistan, in contravention to the previous administration's policies, it did acknowledge India's right to conduct punitive action against terrorist camps and shifted the onus on Pakistan to take a significant action against the terrorist groups it hosts.

In a press conference held by the three chiefs of the Indian armed forces, where they showcased the pieces of missiles loaded in F-16 planes — sold by the US to Pakistan for the purpose of fighting terrorism — as a proof of Pakistan's military misadventure, Islamabad stood completely exposed, Further more, External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj's participation and address as a guest of honour in the organisation of 47 Islamic Countries' association for the first time put Pakistan in a disadvantageous situation. The nonparticipation of Islamabad in this forum to protest India's participation, which generally extends its support to Pakistan on Kashmir issue, is a big diplomatic victory for India's foreign policy. The opportunity provided to India after a long gap clearly means that Modi's hugging diplomacy has been successful. Although Modi's stagemanaged town hall-type gatherings at foreign countries and his gesture of receiving important dignitaries at the airport received criticism as being "wasteful" and "useless", they have surely reaped benefits. The consensus of France and other countries to support the proposal of identifying JeM chief Masood Azhar as an international terrorist in the UN further confirms the same.

The use of F-16 against India instead of counter-terrorism operations has also put Pakistan in a bad light. The support received by India from the international community for its non-military preemptive strike against Pakistan was unprecedented. This not only reflects the changed course of India's foreign policy but also its growing clout. India has entered a new path and phase of activist foreign policy, which needs to be appreciated and not criticised. (The writer is professor of political science, HNB Garhwal

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#### POINTCOUNTERPOINT

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I I LAID THE FOUNDATION STONE FOR AMETHI ORDNANCE FACTORY IN 2010 AND IT HAS BEEN MANUFACTURING SMALL ARMS. YOU (PM) LIED. —CONGRESS PRESIDENT





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## Reclaim self-confidence

The lack of will has allowed a non-disputed issue like the Ram Janmabhoomi to acquire such dimensions. It's high time we get over old complexes and act as free citizens



PRAFULL GORADIA

any an onlooker would be laughing at the manner in which India has dealt with the Ram Janmabhoomi issue. Until 1947, it was understandable that the Hindus held no trumpcard to win at Ayodhya, but why the lackadaisical handling of the issue thereafter? In 1949, the local court allowed the *mahants* to place the idol of Rama on the *chabu*tara so that the worshippers would have access to the deity. That was sufficient to delight most devotees until 1983 when the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) appealed to every village to send a brick or Rama *shila* to Ayodhya. This was syma brick or Rama shila to Ayodhya. This was symbolic of their desire to build a Rama temple. Other members of the Sangh *parivar* kept aloof until 1989, when the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) included the temple in its manifesto. On December 6, 1992, the demolition of the Babri edifice took place. A fortnight later, the BJP discount itself from the demolition. The profit the tanced itself from the demolition. Thereafter, the All India Muslim Personal Law Board claimed ownership of the land and dragged the dispute to court and still after 27 years, it remains unre-solved. This despite the Archaeological Survey of India testifying that there was a stone temple below which the Babri structure had stood.

This writer's associates overseas are amazed at the lack of will which allows everybody to make a mockery of a non-dispute. Experts have identified about 3,000 temples, which over the centuries, were either converted or recycled into mosques. Hardly a single place of worship has been restored to the Hindus despite seven decades of our Independence. On the contrary, over 100 temples have been desecrated in Kashmir over these seven decades. It is distinctly possible that easy conquest, again and again over centuries, introduced a sadistic habit into the psyche of the conquerors, who then perpetrated a variety of crimes and cruelties on the conquered. They acquired an inclination to obtain pleasure out of inflicting pain on others. Nearly seven centuries of the invaders' rule may have reduced the vanquished to acquire a slave mentality. Such a state of mind could well have

mentality. Such a state of mind could well have affected the conquered people in the absence of any alternative source of political pressure.

To obtain pleasure by being subjected to pain has been classified by psychologists as "masochism." This is a psycho-sexual disorder in which erotic release is achieved through having pain inflicted on cascalf. The term derives ing pain inflicted on oneself. The term derives from the name of Chevalier Leopold von Sacher-Masoch, an Austrian, who wrote extensively about the satisfaction he gained by being beaten and subjugated. The amount of pain involved can vary from ritual humiliation with While pain may cause a certain amount of excitement in many people, for the masochist, it becomes the chief end of activity. The term is frequently used in a looser social context in which masochism is defined as the behaviour of one who seeks out and enjoys situations of humiliation or abuse. More commonly, the association of pain with sexual pleasure takes the form of both masochism and sadism, the latter obtaining sexual pleasure through inflicting pain on others. Often, an individual will alternate roles,



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becoming aroused through the experience of pain in one instance and through the infliction of pain in another. Perhaps, this explains why we have yielded ground so easily.

Ever since Professor Max Mueller, German philosopher, delivered his German philosopher, delivered his lecture in Westminster Abbey, London, in 1873, the six great religions of the world have been broadly classified into two categories. Missionary religions: Buddhism, Christianity and Islam; and non-missionary religions: Hinduism, Zoroastrianism and ludaism. In the case of the missionary. Iudaism. In the case of the missionary religions, it is a sacred duty cast on the followers to spread faith among the non-believers until, as it were, it is accepted by all members of the human family. It is only in the case of Islam that its followers have resorted to forcible

means to convert non-believers. For example, Professor Sir Thomas Arnold, who was the principal of Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental College, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh in the 19th century, recorded the following: "India is a country where Islam owes its existence and continuance in existence to the settlement of foreign conquering Muhammadan races, who have trans-mitted their faith to their descendants and only succeeded in spreading it beyond their own circle by means of persecution and forced conversions."

Ever since Islam was born in Arabia, it came into conflict with Judaism and Christianity. The clash mainly occurred because of the com-

rather than the differences. One book of faith; one leader; one religion and, in the latter, a similar missionary zeal. Professor Bernard Lewis, the eminent American scholar, observed: "The seesaw attack and counter-attack between Christianity and Islam had begun with the crusades and they ended with a conclusive Christian defeat." Besides, for almost a 1,000 years, from the first Moorish landing in Spain to the second Turkish siege of Vienna, 1682, Europe was under constant threat from Islam. In the early centuries, it was a double threat not only of invasion and conquest but also of conversion. Having conquered large parts of southern Europe, Muslims imposed their Sharia

on Christians.
For a millennium, from the Arab invasion of Sind in 712 AD till the death of Aurangzeb in 1707, Hindu society was equally under the threat of conversion and conquest. This happened because after the death of Harsh Vardhana in 647 AD, Hindu rulers of north India generally embraced one idea: Self-aggrandisement, which spelt but only ruin.

It is well-known that Mahmud Ghazni had led several expeditions into India but Hindus seemed to think that history teaches but one lesson, namely, there are no lessons to be learnt from history. Alberuni, the distinguished astronomer, who had accompanied Mahmud, wrote that Anand Pala, after his own defeat at the hands of Turks have rebelled against you. If you wish, I shall come to you or send my son with 500 horses, 1,000 soldiers and 100 elephants. I have been conquered by you and, therefore, wish that another man should not conquer you." Such examples of Hindu mindset abound. In examples of Hindu mindset abound. In this context, an eminent Indian histo-rian said, "The people en masse seldom act except as they are led. Given effec-tive leadership, they are capable of achieving almost anything." Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru

had invited the distinguished historian, Sir Arnold Toynbee, to deliver the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad memorial lectures. In the course of them, he expressed surprise that two prominent mosques stood on the bank of the Ganges at Benaras so many years after Independence.

He went on to quote the example

of Warsaw, whose biggest church had been converted from Catholic to an Eastern Orthodox place of worship when the Russians conquered Poland. When, however, a century later, the Poles were able to free themselves, they demolished the Russian church. They promptly replaced it with a Roman Catholic edifice of worship. That is what Sir Arnold expected of Indians too. Indeed, it is high time, Hindus got over their old complexes and became self-confident free citizens.

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## Let's not forget the basics of countering terrorism

The Balakot air raid is a wake-up call for the Modi government to modernise its defence forces rather than putting the blame on previous regimes. Otherwise, it would cut a sorry figure during encounters with age-old weapons against its adversaries



PK VASUDEVA

fter the Pulwama massacre where more than 40 CRPF Ajawans were martyred by Pakistani terrorists, as claimed by Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) chief Government gave a befitting reply to the Pakistani terrorists. In the early hours of February 26, 12 Mirage-2000 combat jets of the Indian Air Force (IAF), armed with Israeli Precision Guided Munitions (PGM), also known as SPICE-2000 and Crystal Maze Mk2, called AGM 142 Popeye PGMs, retaliated by taking off from their Gwalior airbase on a crucial mission, cloaked in the highest secrecy

to keep an element of surprise. The terror launch pads along the

Line of Control (LoC) were moved deep inside after the Pulwama attack. The camp in Balakot, which was targetted, is the JeM's major training camp. It's close to Abbottabad, infa mous because of Osama bin Laden. Balakot is situated about 60 km from the LoC, in the Mansehra district of Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province and is about two hour's drive from Abbottabad. It is believed that a large number of JeM  $\,$ terrorists, trainers and senior commanders were eliminated in the air strikes launched at the camp in Balakot

The IAF's air strike sent a robust but calibrated message to Islamabad. The latter is manifest in New Delhi's diplomatic utterances. India's Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale referred to the action as a "non-military, preemptive strike." This phrase is indicative of the fact that action was completely based on an assessment of an imminent threat to our national security, ensured that Pakistan's military personnel and infrastructure not targetted and avoided civilian casualties at all cost. In effect,

New Delhi's line has been that the operation was an intelligence-driven, counter-terror strike; rather than an

escalatory military aggression. On February 27, Pakistan crossed the LoC with three F-16 jets to undertake strikes in Jammu & Kashmir. Indian officials said Pakistani F-16 fighter jets violated the Indian air space in Jammu & Kashmir's Poonch and Nowshera sectors but were pushed back by Indian MiG-21 jets. However, the Pakistan foreign office said in a statement, "Pakistan Air Force undertook strikes across LoC from within the Pakistani airspace. This was not a retaliation to continued Indian belrence but an action in self defence. If India is striking at the so-called terrorist backers without a shred of evidence, we also retain reciprocal rights to retaliate against elements that enjoy Indian patronage while carry ing out acts of terror in Pakistan. We do not wish to go to that route and wish that India gives peace a chance to resolve issues like a mature democratic nation.

The aerial skirmish began when

three Pakistani jet fighters, out of a "fairly large formation" of over 10 F-16s, JF-17s and Mirage-5 attack jets, crossed the LoC in the Kalal area in Nowshera region of Rajouri in Jammu around 10.20 am. A media report said four military installations were being targeted – the Brigade headquarters in Krishna Ghati (Poonch), a battalion headquarter in Nangi Tekri, supply dump and ammunition point in Niyari. A small number of these fighters then proceeded to cross the LoC when eight IAF jets, which included four Sukhoi 30s, two-upgraded Mirage 2000s and two MiG-21 Bisons, intercepted them. The Air Force fighters chased the Mir Force righters chased the Pakistani jets on their return leg after they had dropped a handful of laser-guided bombs that narrowly missed their military targets along the Wing Commander Abhinandan

Varthaman was in hot pursuit of a Pakistani F-16 jet, which he engaged with an R-73 air-to-air missile. The state-of-the-art Pakistani fighter, thought to be a two-seater variant of the jet, was shot down. Both pilots were seen parachuting down on the Pakistani side of the LoC. undermined Khan's "peace gesture" of releasing him. This video delayed

Meanwhile, Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan offered talks with Prime Minister Modi to de-escalate a war-like situation between the two countries and promised that Wing Commander Abhinandan would be released soon. India, on February 27, responded to Khan's offer for talks with a demarche, which stated, "It is unfortunate that instead of fulfilling its international obligation and bilateral commitment to take credible action against terrorist entities and individuals operating from its soil, Pakistan has acted with action against India."

To the satisfaction and great solace to every Indian, brave and bruised hero Wing Commander Abhinandan returned on March 1 after an agonising day-long wait as Pakistan rejected India's request to allow IAF to fly him in a special aircraft. A "confession" video having 20 cuts praising Pakistan was extracted from Abhinandan at an ISI facility in Lahore. Indian officials said it was extracted under duress and only

the homecoming of Abhinandan by four hours.

Pakistan denied that the Indian strike caused any damage on the ground. Surprisingly, even Opposition parties in India doubted the IAF having caused severe damage to the JeM terrorist camps in Balakot. The photographic proof of the target strikes are available with the IAF and can, therefore, be released by

the government.
The computer memories of Sice-2000 precision guided bombs with satellite images and exact geographical coordinates of the major JeM camps were loaded on Mirage-2000 fighters. With their navigation/seeker systems, the fire and forget 1000 kg Spice-2000 laser guided bombs homed into the four to six targets selected within the JeM facility with an error margin of 1 metre. Some civilians and even Azhar's youngest brother Maulana Ammar confirmed IAF hitting the Jaish factory and ambulances carrying dead bodies. How can we make our Opposition

parties believe the strike capability of our highly professional defence

The whole incident is a wake-up call for the Modi government to mod-ernise its defence forces rather than blaming the previous governments. Or else it would cut a sorry figure during encounters with age-old weapons against its adversaries. India is the fastest and sixth largest economy in the world. However, its defence budget is 1.44 per cent of the GDP, which is the least since 1962. How long will the IAF continue flying 50-year- old vintage jet fighters for combat and how long will the soldiers continue sacrificing their lives with old rifles. carbines, sniper rifles, light machine guns and without latest night firing

The Armed forces must have a Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) for coordination of operations during war and he must be a member of the Cabinet Committee on Security CCS for authentic and expert strategic military advice at such crucial times.

(The writer is a retired professor *in international trade)* 

## Mallya's defiance: Sebi **for Companies Act tweak**

Capital markets regulator Sebi has asked the Government to amend the Companies Act to ensure that a director declared by it as a disqualified person should immediately vacate the posi-tion, a plea triggered by default-er businessman Vijay Mallya's

reluctance to do so. Under the Companies Act, the office of a director becomes vacant in case of he or she being disqualified by an order of a court or a tribunal, a mong other reasons, but

there is no explicit mention of an order by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi), which is mandated with regulation of thousands of listed firms in India.

In a proposal, Sebi has now proposed that the Companies Act should also clearly mention that a person should vacate the office of a director if it orders his or her disqualification.
Officials said the Finance

Ministry is in agreement with Sebi on the proposed amend-ment and has asked the regulator to get it approved by its board and subsequently forward it to the Corporate Affairs Ministry, which is the nodal Ministry for

which is the hodal Ministry for the Companies Act. In its proposal, Sebi has referred to its interim order dated January 25, 2017, through which the regulator had barred Mallya and six oth-

PM inaugurates

Indo-Russian

firm to make

desi AK-203

The Prime Minister on Monday dedicated the Indo-Russian Rifle Pvt. Ltd to the nation at a function held in the

district of Amethi in Uttar

Pradesh. This is a joint venture

formed between the Ordnance

Factory Board (OFB) on the

Indian side and Rosoboron export and Concern Kalashnikov of Russia on the other. Concern

Kalashnikov is the manufacturer of the famous AK-47 Rifles.

formed to manufacture the lat-

est AK-203 series of assault rifles

at the Ordnance Factory Project Korwa. India is the first coun-

try that will receive the drawings and technological details for the

manufacture of this assault rifle.

duce 7.5 lakh rifles for Indian

armed forces, para military forces and these rifles will progressively be totally indigenised.

The joint venture, under the 'Make in India' policy will pro-

The joint venture has been

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ers from holding directorship in any listed company till further directions

The Sebi order followed a probe into alleged illegal fund diversions at United Spirits Ltd, an erstwhile firm of business group headed by Mallya which he had later sold to global liquor giant Diageo. Mallya and others were also barred from the securities markets in

the same order.

However, Mallya did not comply with the order by not stepping down as a director of United Breweries Ltd, another listed company of his group, for

Soon after the Sebi order, Mallya had also criticised Sebi in a series of tweets and had said the allegations of fund diversion were baseless and had alleged that he was a target of "witch hunt"

After refusing to quit the United Breweries Board for months, Mallya finally ceased to be its director in August 2017, presumably after pressure from other directors. In case of United Spirits, he was asked by the new owner Diageo in April 2015 itself to quit the board for alleged fund diversion.

Mallya is facing a number of cases against him, including of loan default, and a court in the UK has already ordered his extradition back to India and the same was also approved by the British government last

Subsequently, 63-year-old

Carlos Ghosn's new lead defence lawyer said Monday his "convincing" new bail application for the

former Nissan boss con-tained fresh elements he hoped would lead to his release "as soon as possible." Junichiro Hironaka, who

has a reputation for securing acquittals for high-profile clients in a country where 99 percent of cases result in conviction, said there was a

"realistic" chance of Ghosn eventually being found inno-

cent of all charges.

Hironaka, known as the

#### TRAI asks DTH firm Independent TV to justify tariff plans

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Mallya, who had left India in March 2016 for the UK, has

also filed an application for permission to appeal against the

Explaining its rationale for

seeking changes in the Companies Act, Sebi has said the fact that Mallya failed to

comply with its direction has brought forward a "legal conun-drum" in respect of whether Sebi has the power to enforce its

direction when a director refus-

restraining a person from act-ing as a director is not a ground

for vacation of his or her direc-torship under the existing pro-visions of Section 167 of the

Act, dealing with appointment, vacancy and removal of directors, are administered only by

the central government through the Corporate Affairs

Ministry.

"These provisions have not to Sebi for

administering them in respect

of the listed companies," the

official said, citing the regula-tor's proposal for the amend-

to initiate adjudication pro-ceedings under the Sebi Act for

non-compliance of its direc-

tions in such cases, it can only be a penal proceeding for non-

compliance and not for enforcement of the direction.

The new application included "further measures"

- such as limiting Ghosn's external communications

and bolstering surveillance that gave him grounds to hope for a better result,

Hironaka told reporters.

The Tokyo District Court

is due to hand down its verdict at any moment on the

most recent bail application.
But so far, it has shown

little inclination to end

Ghosn's lengthy pre-trial detention, which has drawn

some criticism internation-ally and from rights groups. Ghosn faces three charges of financial miscon-

duct, two involving alleged under-reporting of his salary

and a third over a complex

scheme in which he alleged-ly sought to transfer his loss-

es to Nissan's books.

Ghosn has denied all the

allegations against him, and in an interview with AFP he

slammed his continued

While Sebi is empowered

ment in the law.

Ghosn lawyer hopes

'convincing' bail bid

will secure release

Companies Act, 2013. Further, Sections 164, 167 and 169 of the Companies

At present, Sebi's direction

es to comply with the same.

extradition order.

Broadcast regulator TRAI has written to DTH operanas written to DTH opera-tor Independent TV (former-ly known as Big TV) asking it to justify its current tariff plans in the backdrop of the sector's

new regulatory framework.
In a letter to Independent TV, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has also called a meeting with the senior official of the DTH company on the said matter,

The regulator flagged the issue after it received several consumer complaints over lack of clarity on tariff plans and their break-up details for monthly charges, a TRAI

..You are hereby directed to provide all the infor-mation in the prescribed format as sought by TRAI.... Further you are also required to provide detailed justifica-tion that the present tariff plans, being offered by Independent TV are in line with the new regulatory framework clearly indicating the bifurcation of the Network Capacity Fee and other charges," TRAI said in its letter dated February 27.

TRAI has also asked Independent TV to clarify its position on complaints received by the regulator. The DTH operator is said to have 0.83 million subscribers.

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friendly fuel.

Indian

Auto LPG industry in the country has sought a reduction in GST rates on LPG

conversion kits for automobiles

from current 28 per cent to 5 per cent to boost vehicle con-

versions to the environment-

Coalition, the apex industry body for auto LPG in India, said that high GST rates were

hampering conversion to LPG, which is much cleaner trans-

port fuel as compared to petrol. In a statement, the associ-

ation said putting an efficient and non-polluting fuel under the highest GST slab is counter-

productive to the government's focus on cleaning India's urban

air quality. The high GST rates

are proving detrimental to the

conversion industry and ham-

pering the growth of the clean

and environment-friendly

transport fuel.
"An auto LPG conversion

kit is not a luxury item which is placed under the highest GST

slab. At a time, when our cities have been reeling under the

Reduce GST rate on LPG

Auto LPG industry

Auto LPG

Stocks movement to hinge on macro data, oil, foreign fund inflows this week: Analysts



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n the absence of any immediate key triggers, the domestic equity market would be guided by macro-economic data, crude oil prices, foreign fund inflows and currency movement in this holiday

analysts.

The market remained closed on Monday on account of "Maha Shivratri"

Last week, volatility erupted on domestic bourses after the Indian Air Force targeted Pakistan-based terror camps, leading to days-long geo-political tensions in the region. But investors now can heave a sigh of relief amid subsiding of skirmishes on the border between the two nations..

"Market is likely to trade

with a positive bias on account of ease in border tensions and expectation of the US-China trade agreement," said Vinod Nair, head of research, Geojit

impact of harmful vehicular

emissions, all efforts must be

initiated to push consumers

towards using cleaner fuels. Conversion of vehicles to auto

LPG has to be promoted by making them more affordable

and easily available," said Suyash Gupta, Director General of Indian Auto LPG

Coalition.

He said such a prohibitively

high GST rate is driving up the costs of conversion kits and dis-

couraging consumers.
"Auto LPG is a very clean

transport fuel with almost negligible particulate material emissions, and can bring about

immediate improvements in air quality," he said.

The association said auto LPG has become a major

draw in several countries and

has helped clean up their

urban environments, thanks

to favourable policy mea-

A prominent example is South Korea which records 4

million tonnes in sales of this fuel annually. Turkey runs

almost 40 per cent of all private vehicles on auto LPG.

Also, crude oil, foreign fund inflows and currency move ment would be actively tracked by the investors, they added.

Data for the services sector is due on Tuesday which would also influence trading senti-

"Relative calm has returned to markets as cross-border tensions have eased and robust trends are coming visible in the data on credit growth, manufacturing activity, new orders and employment. The market will look past the weak GDP print and focus on the high frequency indicators which are suggesting that the Indian economy is demonstrating signs of a pickup in growth," Sunil Sharma, chief investment officer, Sanctum Wealth Management said.

Foreign investors, a main driver of the Indian equity market, poured in close to ₹17,220 crore on a net basis into Indian equities in February this year, the highest since November 2017.

#### **Business Corner**



In a solemn ceremony DG RPF Arun Kumar led RPF in paying homage to RPF Martyrs at National Police Memorial. Officers and staff of RPF/RPSF were present



This India first fully Air Conditioned Kolkata Raidhani train have co glorious years in passenger service. It received a warm welcome at New Delhi



Jagdishpur Steel Processing Unit based in Amethi District in UP to the nation.

# Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated Steel Authority of India Limited's (SAIL Prime Minister dedicated the SPU during a function organised in Kauhar

#### **RBI** slaps conversion kits to 5%, urges | ₹4 cr fine on Karnataka Bank

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Private sector Karnataka P Bank on Monday said the RBI has slapped a fine of ₹4 crore on the bank for violating regulatory norms.

The Reserve Bank of India

has levied an aggregate penal-ty of ₹40 million on the bank for delayed implementation of four of the Swift related operational controls.

Swift is the global messaging software used for transac-tions by the financial entities. Notably, the massive ₹14,000 crore fraud at the PNB

vas a case of misuse of this messsaging software. Post the PNB fraud, which came to light in February 2018, the RBI has

been tough on banks to tighttions.

Earlier on Saturday, four

en all kind of their transacbanks — SBI, Union Bank of India, Dena Bank and IDBI had informed exchanges about monetary penalty slapped on them by the regulator for non-compliance with various direc-



Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) is setting up a network of Solar-based Electric Vehicle Chargers (SEVC) on the Delhi-Chandigarh Highway. The first in the series of Charging Stations was inaugurated by AR Sihag, Secretary, Department of Heavy Industry (DHI), in the presence of Atul Sobti, Chairman & Managing Director, BHEL, at Ethnic India Resort, Rai, District Sonepat, Harvana

### SAIL mines set new records in production

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Steered by Vivek Gupta, ED (Projects & Operations), Raw Materials Division (RMD) of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has set new records in iron ore production in February. The daily-average iron ore production clocked 66,620 tonne which is all time high notching a growth of

6.45% over the previous one.
The monthly production in February has gone up to 1.87 million tonne recording a growth of 11.62% over CPLY. Individually, RMD's Barsua Iron Mines recorded highest

ever Single-day production of 13708 T. With support from Railways, RMD loaded 22 Rakes in a day on February 28, which is all time record. Minesalso recorded highest ever daily-average loading of 17.68 rakes per day. The Flux mines at Kuteshwar, has scored all time high by loading 26 Rakes in 28 days in

SAIL is now heading for producing 18 million tonneof hot metal by the end of this fis-cal, for which RMD has taken steps at its captive mines to sup-ply required 24.5mt of iron ore to the steel plants in this fiscal.

# Hironaka, known as the "acquitter" or the "razor" for his mental sharpness, unveiled a third application for bail on Thursday after two unsuccessful attempts by the tycoon's previous legal team. Government of Maharashtra Water Resources Department M.K.V.D.C., Pune-11

Bhima Canal Circle, Solapur Ujjani Canal Division No.9, Mangalwedha. Parent Portal :http://mahatenders.gov.in

E-Tender Notice No. 11 for 2018-19 (Online) nline Tenders (e-tenders) in "B-I" form for the following work is invited the Executive Engineer **Ujjani Canal Division No.9, Mangalwedha** managment system <a href="http://mahatenders.gov.in">http://mahatenders.gov.in</a> from the registered in appropriate class of Public works Department of Maharashtra state. E-mail of this office ulianimangalwedha@gmail.com)

The details of works can be viewed and downloded online directly from he Government of Maharashtra e-tendering helow site Portal: http://mahatenders.gov.in

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Ujjani Canal Division No.9 Mangalwedha

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#### S. E. RAILWAY TENDER

2) WRD Portal: http://maharashtra.etenders.in

RANITAL-LP-19-01, dated : 02.03.2019 Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer (Con), South behalf of the President of India invites e-Tender for the following work. Following tender has been uploaded on website www.ireps.gov.in The e-tender will be closed at 15.00 hrs. on due date. Brief Description of Works: Supply, erection, esting & commissioning of 25KV OHE and General Services work for Provision f extra loops in Up direction common opp & Down direction with reception and dispatch facility at Ranital of Kharagpu Division, South Eastern Railway. Cost 1.63.91.620.95. Completion Period visit website www.ireps.gov.in E-Tender->Works->View tenders -> ORGANISATION->IR-Electrical-C-KGP-ELECTRICAL] for full details a lescription/specification of the tenders and submit their bids online. (PR-1249)

#### **WESTERN RAILWAY**

CONSTRUCTION, REPAIRS VARIOUS OTHER WORKS
67.No.1. Tender Notice No.: BCT/
9/599. Dt. 28/02/2019. Work a ocation: Churchgate-Virar Section onstruction of Precast RCC side Construction of Precast RCC Side / Central Drains in connection with various Sanctioned Track Works. Approx. Cost of Work: ₹ 2,39,94,125,98. EMD: ₹ 2,70,000/-. Date & Time of Submission: On 10/04/2019 up to 15.00 hrs. Date and Time of Opening: Or hrs. Date and Time of Opening: Or 10/04/2019 at 15.30 hrs. Sr.No.2. Tender Notice No.: BCT/18-19/600. Dt. 28/02/2019. Work and Location: Churchgate-Virar Section: Repairs to Major & Minor Bridges and Repairs of Ballast Wall / Retaining Wall at approaches. Approx.Cost of Work: 2, 23,76,312.68. EMD: ₹ 2,69,900/-

₹ 2,37,76,312.68. EMD: ₹ 2,66,900/Date & Time of Submission: Or 10/04/2019 up to 15.00 hrs. Date and Time of Opening: On 10/04/2019 at 15.30 hrs. This has approval of the competent authority. Note: Please visit our visit website www.ireps.gov.in to download the tender document, corrigendum and further details.

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[See proviso to rule 8 (6)] Notice for sale of immovable prop

F-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financia Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is"

Sr. No.	Borrower(s) /Co- Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured assets with known encumbrances, if any (C)	Amount Outstanding (In ₹)	Reserve Price (In ₹)	Earnest Money Deposit (In ₹) (F)	Date of Property Inspection and Time (G)	Date & Time of Auction (H)
1.	Gulati Retail India Ltd. (Borrower), Gulati Export House/ Mammohan Singh Gulati/ Prithpal Singh Gulati/ Amanjyot Singh Gulati/ Amanjyot Singh Kaur Gulati (Co- borrower) (LBGUR00001494807 LBGUR00001756067	Shop No. DGL 020, DLF, Galleria, Mayur Vihar, Delhi 110091. Area Is 1313 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 6,05,26, 374/-as on February 27, 2019	Rs. 1,57,50, 000/-	Rs. 15,75, 000/-	March 18,2019, From 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM	March 28,2019, From 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

The online auction will take place on the website of auction agency Shriram Automall India Ltd. (URL Link "https://eauctions.samil.in"). The Mortgagors/ Noticee are given last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till March 27, 2019, before 5:00 P.M failing which, this/these secured asset/s will be sold as peached the

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The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit their offer along with aforesaid earnest money deposit (as referred in column No. (F) in a sealed envelope superscribed "offer for purchase of property" so as to reach at ICICI Bank Limited, 2 nd Floor Videocon Tower, Block E-1, Jhandewalan Extension, Rani Jhansi Road. Delhi-10055 or our marketing agents Shriram Automall India Ltd having their office at 2 nd Floor, Best Sky Tower, Netaji Subhash Place, Pitampura, New Delhi – 110034 on or before March 27, 2019 before 5:00 P.M. The marketing agency has also been engaged as auctioneer for proper conduct of auction. Edo Po Should be from a Nationalised /Scheduled Bank favouring "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Delhi.

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<u>अल्पकालीन–शुद्धि पत्र</u>

ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या-04/2018-19 एवं NIT No. RCD/Lakhisarai/ e-tend/04/2018-19 है, जिसका P.R.No.-16757(RCD) 2018-19 है, के ग्रुप संख्या 01 में अपरिहार्य कारणों से निम्नाकित संशोधन किया जाता है।

क्र0सं0	निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या	विवरणी	पूर्व की तिथि	संशोधित तिथि
1		निविदा कागजात प्राप्त करने (डाउनलोड करने) की तिथि एवं समय—	दिनांक—27.02.2019 से 05.03.2019 को 15:00 बजे तक।	दिनांक—25.03.2019 से 01.04.2019 को 15:00 बजे तक।
2		निविदा जमा करने (अपलोड करने) की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय—	दिनांक-06.03.2019 को 15:00 बजे तक।	दिनांक-02.04.2019 को 15:00 बजे तक।
3		प्री–बीड मिटिंग की तिथि एवं समय–	दिनांक—01.032019 को 11:00 बजे।	दिनांक—28.032019 को 11:00 बजे।
4	04/2018-19	अग्रधन राशि जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय—	दिनांक-07.03.2019 को 15:00 बजे तक।	दिनांक—03.042019 को 15:00 बजे तक।
5		निविदा (तकनीकी बीड) खोलने की तिथि एवं समय–	दिनांक—07.03.2019 को 15:30 बजे।	दिनांक—03.04.2019 को 15:30 बजे।
6		निविदा(वितीय बीड) खोलने की तिथि एवं समय—	दिनांक—21.03.2019 या सक्षम पदाधिकारी से तकनीकी बीड की स्वीकृति के उपरांत।	दिनांक—21.04.2019 या सक्षम पदाधिकारी से तकनीकी बीड की स्वीकृति के उपरांत।

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## Whoever solves J-K issue US says closing consulate gets Nobel Prize: Pak PM

Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan on Monday said the person who solves the Kashmir issue will be worthy of the Nobel Peace Prize, days after a resolution was submitted in Parliament endorsing him for the prestigious award, citing his "efforts to de-escalate"

tensions with India.
"I am not worthy of the Nobel Peace prize. The person worthy of this would be the one who solves the Kashmir dispute according to the wishes of the Kashmiri people and paves the way for peace & human development in the subcontinent,"

the premier tweeted.
Khan's party Pakistan
Tehreek-e-Insaf also tweeted the prime minister's statement in Hindi in an unusual move.

On March 2, a resolution was submitted in Pakistan's National Assembly Secretariat stating that Khan's decision of releasing Indian Air Force pilot



Commander Abhinandan Varthaman has de-escalated the hostility between Pakistan and India.

According to the resolu-tion, Khan "acted responsibly" in the current tension and "deserves the Nobel Peace Prize".

After the Pulwama attack, the Indian Air Force carried out a counter-terror operation, hit-ting what it said was a JeM training camp in Balakot, deep inside Pakistan on February 26. The next day, Pakistan retali-

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ated with a large air formation, comprising 24 fighter jets, including F-16s.

Varthaman, who was in one of the eight MiG-21s that took on the invading Pakistan Air Force jets and shot down an F-16, was captured by Pakistan.

Khan during a joint session of Parliament on February 28 announced to release the IAF pilot as a "gesture of peace" and the "first step" to open negoti-

# in Jerusalem no policy shift have contributed to

The United States has officially shuttered its consulate in Jerusalem, downgrading the status of its main diplomatic mission to the Palestinians by folding it into the US Embassy to

For decades, the consulate functioned as a de facto embassy to the Palestinians. Now, that outreach will be handled by a Palestinian affairs unit, under the command of the embassy.

The symbolic shift hands authority over US diplomatic channels with the West Bank and Gaza to ambassador David Friedman, a longtime support-er and fundraiser for the West Bank settler movement and fierce critic of the Palestinian leadership.

The announcement from the State Department came early Monday in Jerusalem, the merger effective that day.

"This decision was driven by ations with India.

Varthaman was released at the Wagah border on Friday.

our global efforts to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of our diplomatic engagements

Palladino said in a statement.
"It does not signal a change

of U.S. Policy on Jerusalem, the West Bank, or the Gaza Strip." In a farewell video addressed to the consulate's Palestinian partners, Consul General Karen Sasahara, who is leaving her post as the unofficial U.S. Ambassador to the Palestinians and will not be replaced, maintains that new Palestinian unit at the embassy will carry forward the mission of the conward the mission of the con-sulate, "in support of the strengthening of American-Palestinian ties, to boost eco-nomic opportunities for the Palestinians and facilitate cultural and educational exchanges.'

When first announced by US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo in October, the move infuriated Palestinians, fueling their suspicions that the US Was recognizing Israeli control over Jerusalem and the West Bank, territories that Palestinians seek for a future state.

## Cohen grilling may summit 'walk': Trump

President Donald Trump said on Sunday that the congressional questioning last week of his former lawyer may have con-tributed to the failure of his summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un -- even as his national security advisor claimed the Hanoi meeting was

A high-stakes second summit to strike a disarmament deal with Kim broke up in disarray in Vietnam Thursday, with Trump saying: "Sometimes you have to walk and this was just one of those times"

The summit took place at the same time a Democrat-led congressional committee was grilling Michael Cohen, Trump's former lawyer, who labelled his ex-boss a "racist", "conman", and "cheat"

On Sunday, Trump said the hearing may have contributed to the "walk". "For the Democrats to inter-

view in open hearings a convicted liar & fraudster, at the same time as the very important Nuclear Summit with North Korea, is perhaps a new low in American politics and may have contributed to the 'walk," he

"Never done when a presi-dent is overseas. Shame!" Still, US National Security Advisor John Bolton told CBS's "Face the

Nation Sunday that the summit should be cess, defined as the president protecting and advancing

American ests."

the issue was whether North Korea would accept what the president called "the big deal" denuclearizing completely -- or something less, "which was unacceptable to us." "So the president held firm to his view. He deepened his relationship with Kim Jong Un. I don't view it as a fail-ure at all when American

national interests are protected, Bolton added.

The summit's collapse followed the leaders' historic meeting in Singapore that produced only a vague commitment from Kim to work "toward complete denuclearization of the Korean

According to senior US officials, in the week leading up to the Hanoi summit, the North Koreans had demanded the lift-ing of effectively all UN Security Council economic sanctions imposed on Pyongyang since March 2016. In return, Pyongyang was offering only to close part of the Yongbyon complex, a sprawling site covering multiple facilities -- and the North is believed to have other uranium enrichment plants.

North Korean Foreign Minister Ri Yong Ho, however, disputed the US account, saving Pyongyang offered to dismantle all "nuclear production facilities in the Yongbyon area" in exchange for partial sanctions proposed trilateral dialogue with the US and North Korea after denuclearisation talks between Washington and Pyongyang collapsed in Hanoi last week. South Korean Foreign Minister Kang Kyung-wha said the Government in Seoul, to get the nuclear talks back on track, would seek semi-official meetings called "track 1.5" in a multilateral format, which would include representatives from the

#### PAK HELICOPTERS SEARCH FOR CLIMBERS

three countries and civilian

Islamabad: Pakistani Army aviation helicopters which took off Monday with four found no trace yet of a missing pair of European climbers on Nanga Parbat, the world's ninth highest mountain, official said Italian Daniele Nardi and Briton Tom Ballard, whose mother died on K2 in 1995, have been missing for a week on the summit known as 'Killer

#### CHINA SUSPECTS DETAINED CANADIAN OF SPYING

Beiiing: China suspects detained former Canadian diplomat Michael Kovrig of spying and stealing state secrets State media reported Monday. turning up the heat in a diplomatic row between Beijing and Ottawa as a top Huawei executive faces possible

## French prez calls for reconciliation with Italy

rench President Emmanuel French President Emmany for reconciliation with Italy following a diplomatic spat between the neighbours that saw Paris briefly recall its

Relations between the two

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countries have fractured due to repeated clashes between centrist Macron and Italy's populist coalition government.
In February, Paris recalled

ambassador Christian Masset for a week in protest at "unfounded attacks and outlandish claims" by the Italian Government. "There has been intemperate talk. There have been various twists and turns people, to our history and to Europe, to get past that," Macron said Sunday on Italian

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In the spirit of reconciliation. Macron said he would host his Italian counterpart Sergio Mattarella at Amboise, central France, on May 2 to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the death of Leonardo da Vinci "with French and Italian youth".

"We will talk about the future and Europe," he added. The two presidents intend to go "beyond the misunder-

standings that can sometimes arise in political or economic life and which are, for me, sec-

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ondary," Macron said, without mentioning Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte or other Italian

With the exception of a

question about the planned Lyon-Turin rail link -- which he stressed the importance of --Macron did not mention other divisive subjects such as Italian populist leaders' support of the "yellow vest" protestors in France or the merger between French shipbuilder Chantiers de l'Atlantique (formerly STX France) and Italy's Fincantieri.

On the other hand, he spoke at length about his love of Italy and his travels.

"There are so many

French people who love Italy and Italians who love

France and the French But suddenly, we almost forgot that we have to keep on learning to understand each other," Macron

"I do not underestimate any of the difficulties of everyday life and the impatience, but I believe that between our countries there is and always has been a lot of heart, that is to say, friendship, love," he said in a final message to camera.

In Italy, the interview provoked controversy even before its release as Macron chose to be interviewed by Fabio Fazio, a nemesis of Italy's deputy Prime Minister Matteo Salvini and nationalists who consider him an archetypal "trendy" journalist.

#### Govt. 🛣 of Bihar



Bihar Medical Services & Infrastructure Corporation Limited 4th floor State Building Construction Corporation Limited Hospital Road, Shastri Nagar, Patna 800023, Phone/Fax: +91612 2283287,+ 91612 2283288 Mo. No- 8544402312, 9971559020 Re-Tender

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Re-Tender for the Procurement, Rate Contract and Supply of Medical Equipment for different Govt. Health Institution of Bihar Short Notice Inviting Re-Tender No.-BMSICL/2018-19/ME-124Dated: February2019

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BMSICL, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Bihar State Building Constructio Co. Ltd, Hospital Road, Shastri Nagar, Patna (Bihar) Last date and time of submission of 04th April 2019 up to 17:00 Hrs online bids Last date and time for submission 05thApril 2019 till 14:00 Hrs. of original documents of EMD, Document Fee and technical bid Date. Time and Place of opening of 05thApril 2019 (at 15:00 Hrs.) on the website of Technical Bid Date and time of opening of To be announced later on www.eproc.bihar.gov.in financial Bids Validity of Tender 180 Days Cost of the tender document Rs.10,000/- (Ten Thousand Rupees only) Nor Bid Processing Fee

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Head of UN nuke agency: Iran keeping to nuclear deal

AP ■ BERLIN

The head of the UN nuclear watchdog says Iran is complying with the 2015 deal with major world powers aimed at preventing the country from building

nuclear weapons. Yukiya Amano made his assessment in a regular update to the International Atomic Energy Agency's board of governors, confirming a confidential report distributed to mem-ber states last month.

He said Monday that "Iran is implementing its nuclear-related commit-ments under the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action," referencing the official name of the 2015

#### 4 US tourists, pilot killed in Kenya chopper crash

**AFP** ■ NAIROBI

 $F^{\rm our\ American\ tourists\ and\ a\ Kenyan\ pilot}_{\rm were\ killed\ when\ their\ helicopter\ crashed\ on}$ a remote island in a lake in northwest Kenya, police said on Monday.

The accident occurred in the Central Island National Park in Lake Turkana on Sunday evening, police said in a statement.

"There were five people on board, four of

them were US citizens and the pilot, Capt Marious Magonga," the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority said in a statement.

Magonga was also a pilot for Kenya's deputy president, William Ruto, who owned the crashed helicopter.

The helicopter "lost contact and crashed"

shortly after taking off with a second chopper from Lake Turkana's Central Island, the statement said. Rescuers found the wreckage about seven hours later "with no survivors".

"The cause of the incident is vet to be established and the details of the deceased will be released once the next of kin have been notified, a police statement said.

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PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET [See proviso to rule 8 (6)] Notice for sale of immovable properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is",

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) /Co- Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No. (B)	Details of the Secured assets with known encumbrances, if any (C)	Amount Outstanding (In ₹)	Reserve Price (In ₹)	Earnest Money Deposit (In ₹) (F)	Date of Property Inspection and Time (G)	Date & Time of Auction (H)
1.	(Borrower), Vijeta Devi (Co-Borrower) - LBGHZ00001976634,	Flat No 08041, Type "C" 4th Floor, Tower No. 8 ATS Advantage, Plot No 17, Ahinsa Khand - I, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad- 201014 Area is 1600 So. Ft.	Rs. 60,70,480/- as on February 26, 2019.	Rs. 1,11,00, 000/-	Rs. 11,10, 000/-,	March 27, 2019, From 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM	April 12, 2019, From 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

The online auction will take place on the website of auction agency Shriram Automall India Ltd. (URL Link—"https://eauctions.samil.in"). The Mortgagors/ Noticee are given last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till April 11, 2019, before 5:00 P.M failing which, this/these secured asset/s will be sold as per

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#### At least 23 dead as tornadoes, severe storms ravage South

AP ■ BEAUREGARD (US)

tornado roared into southeast Alabama and Akilled at least 23 people and injured several others, part of a severe storm system that caused catastrophic damage and unleashed other tornadoes around the Southeast.

"Unfortunately our toll, as far as fatalities, does stand at 23 at the current time," Lee County Sheriff Iay Iones told WRBL-TV of the death toll He added that two people were in intensive care. Drones flying overheard equipped with heat-seeking devices had scanned the area for sur-vivors but the dangerous conditions halted the

search late Sunday, Jones said. "The devastation is incredible," he said. An intense ground search would resume Monday morning.

Iones said the twister travelled straight down county road in the rural community of Beauregard and that the path of damage and destruction appeared at least a half mile wide. He said single-family homes and mobile

homes were destroyed, adding some homes were reduced to slabs. He had told reporters earlier that several people were taken to hospitals, some with "very serious injuries." Lee County Coroner Bill Harris told The Associated Press that he had to call in help from the state, because there were more bodies than

his four-person office can handle. The National Weather Service confirmed late Sunday a tornado with at least an F3 rating and a track at least half a mile (.8 kilometers) wide caused the deadly destruction in Alabama.

The Tender Inviting Authority reserves the right to extend the schedule of tender or to reject the tender without assigning any reason.

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#### Kangana slams **Ranbir Kapoor**

Actress KANGANA RANAUT has slammed actor Ranbir Kapoor for not taking a stand on the country's politics and other issues. When asked if she planned to join politics or to participate in an election campaign, Kangana said, "I don't have any intention to join politics. There are few actors in our industry like Ranbir Kapoor where he has been seen saying 'We have regular supply of water and electricity at home so, why should I comment about politics?' But I feel because of this country's people, if you are living in a luxurious home and travelling in your Mercedes. How can you talk like that? This is irresponsible behaviour and I am not that kind of person.'

**'Some** filmmakers are lucky, and who do not have to struggle once a film gets appreciation. And then there are those who are destined to struggle all the way in spite of proving their potential as a storyteller. I am one of them, now what to -Tigmanshu Dhulia

Actor ANIL KAPOOR, a part of the Hindi film industry for almost four decades, says his mission is to explore more of

what he can do and how to improve it. Anil has shown versatility in the myriad genres, like drama, action, romance,

comedy and socio-drama. He has even featured in Hollywood films, including Mission Impossible: Ghost Protocol and Slumdog

Asked if there is anything else he aspires to do, Anil said, "I aspire to do better. I believe there is no limit to human potential and that we are all capable of much more than we give ourselves credit for. It is my life's mission to explore more of what I can do and how I can do it better.

#### Hilton has no time for love

Socialite PARIS HILTON says she does not have time for love right now as she is too busy to find a man and settle down. The 38-year-old broke off her engagement to actor

Chris Zylka in November last year, 11 months after he popped the ques-

"I don't have time for love right now. I hardly have time for myself. I am constantly travelling over 250 days a year, never

home, just focusing on myself, my business and my friends," Hilton

'There are always a lot of guys everywhere. When I am ready, the most important thing is loyalty, someone who is your best friend, who you can trust and who loves you for you. When you know you know. But I don't know yet."



Bride and bold

Bridal Asia 2019 revealed new trends summer weddings, wholesalers becoming sought-after labels and lightweight couture. By Ayushi Sharma

Selecting a wedding outfit is more than just a fitting as it's actually a process, a memory in the making. The bridal attire is one thing that matters the most over everything for any woman. The Indian bridal fashion has always been changing and evolving ever since the concept of "big fat Indian weddings" came in.

Bridal Asia curated its hand-picked Spring Summer'19 edition, exhibiting some of the renowned designers of the country. Through an amalgamation of opulence and craftsmanship, it showcased something for everyone, and a multifarious assortment of apparel, jewellery, footwear and accessories, from the choicest brands that came together for celebrating the Indian heritage.

Dhruv Gurwara, chief marketing officer of Bridal Asia, says, "This year, the exhibition completed 20 years and we are absolutely elated. Our narrative has opened the curtains of a new era, where the bride declares her individuality. The brand is now celebrating the chasm between its history, the coy bride and its future, the bold bride. With every passing season, we understand our muses better, so this was the perfect time to also dedicate space to lighter collections."

"This time we concentrated on the summer collection as summer weddings and even destination weddings have now become a trend. The time between April and June has actually become a period where lot of weddings take place. This is the reason why we started the summer edition. This has been our second

¬old with a local train-like efficacy amid Mumbai's crowded streets and

busy lives, director Ritesh Batra's *The Lunchbox* was a simple love story in ways

unique to itself. Well, the filmmaker

tale set in the city, shovelling people's attention towards what could also be

called the ultimate romance, though not

love story, it's the love that makes the rela-

tionship perfect, no matter who the pro-

Photograph, starring actor Nawazuddin Siddiqui and Dangal and

Badhaai Ho fame Sanya Malhotra, fea-tures the bond between two people who

come from completely different worlds.

While one is a local photographer, Rafi,

who captures the people who visit the Gateway of India in Mumbai, the other

is an educated urban girl and a CA,

that he chose the character and the film. "I have known him as a filmmaker. I have

worked with him before and it's always a pleasure to work with him," says he.

showcase a potential relationship between

two people from such different back-

grounds, he believes that it is just a "sim-

ple and unconventional" love story from

the perspectives of two different people, who meet and come together. He says,

"It's not always necessary that a film needs to make an impact on society. It should

indeed be worthy to be appreciated by the audience for its own sake. It is about two

people craving for companionship."

The film would indeed bring back the era when reel photos were safely kept and

preserved in albums as they were creat-

For Nawaz, it was because of Ritesh

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edition," he adds.

Dhruv apprises that this time there were a lot of jewellers from Jaipur mainly and other places as well, who were initially wholesalers, have started retailing themselves and are now coming out as brands, like Raniwala and Rambhajo. So it's quite interesting to see the whole-salers getting into the retail busi-

He further says that people are

ering comfort as their top-most priority. They are not just stuck on to the mainstream designers anymore. Weddings are a once in a lifetime experience, especially for brides and grooms, as it is their big day, their day to seek all the attention and look exactly like they have dreamt of all their lives. By being comfortable in what they choose to wear lets them enjoy théir day. He feels it has been quite a refreshing change. People are opting for lighter, breezier outfits rather than heavy embroidered ones. Even when it comes to jewellery they are ready to tick something simple that goes along with their dress instead of extremely flared pieces. They are also considering cost effective designs, something classic, minimal-ist and modern with a touch of tra-

Dhruv says, "Opting for lighter pieces even helps in destination weddings since you don't have carry too much weight of your lehengas and jewellery

Ask him about the colours which seem to be in trend, he adds, "That dark maroon isn't there any-more which used to rule the hearts of Indian brides. Bright colours like red, blue, pink, white, offwhite, even ivory, are working very well, everything other than dull vel-

For Dhruv, a wedding dress is both intimate as well as personal for a woman and it must reflect the personality and style of the bride. After

## Spielberg opposes digital films for Oscars

 $T^{he\ news\ that\ filmmaker\ Steven\ Spielberg\ will\ be}_{proposing\ a\ rule\ change\ at\ the\ next\ Academy\ meeting\ that\ will\ make\ it\ more\ difficult\ for\ Netflix\ films\ to$ compete at the Oscars, has sparked debate online among the film community. Spielberg is likely to take his crit-icism of Netflix films at the Oscars to the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

Spielberg's Academy Award attention is devoted to ensuring that the race never sees another *Roma*, a Netflix film backed by massive sums, that didn't play by the same rules as its analog-studio competitors.

Now, several are arguing in favour of Netflix or pointing out that the situation is more complicated than the-

atrical release versus streaming.

Indian actor Kabir Bedi tweeted in reaction to the news, "Dinosaurous! Never imagined Steven Spielberg so retrograde as to want different rules for films made by streaming services and those produced by all others. A film is a film is a film. No matter who produces it. And: Rule changes he wants would disqualify most regular pro-

Sean Baker, *Tangerine* and *The Florida Project* director suggested that Netflix add a "theatrical tier" to its pricing plans.
"This would help keep theatre owners and audience

members who appreciate the theatrical experience satisfied," he wrote on Twitter, adding, "Just an idea with no details ironed out. But we need to find solutions like this in which everybody bends a bit in order to keep the film community... alive and kicking."

Film and TV director Richard Shepard wrote that

"good movies are good movies — wherever they play. And in a world where we have more *Jurassic Parks* then *Shirkers*, Netflix fills a gap. Love the big screen, but love the story/heart of movie more. The Blacklist founder Franklin

Leonard added that what matters isn't what would happen to Netflix, but to "every other film and filmmaker who will struggle to get access to the resources necessary to make a film but not get those allowing for a four week exclusive theatrical release", variety.com reports.

First Reformed writer-director Paul

Schrader emphasised that "distribution models evolve" and pointed out that "Netflix allows many financially marginal films to have a plat-form and that's a good thing".

The director,

however, said that some films are too esoteric to benefit from being added to Netflix's *larder*, using First Reformed as an

example.

Dream Girl associate producer Prasanna Ranganathan posted a Ranganathan posted a thread explaining that Netflix has gone the dis-tance in terms of giving distribution to projects from people of colour and other marginalised groups. "If the Academy's com-

mitment to diversity and inclusion as articulated in its 2020 strategy is as robust as it seems, excluding Netflix and its diverse artists, storytellers and filmmakers from awards consideration makes no sense?

Jinn director Nijla Mumin wrote that "no one

is lining up to give you a full theatrical release. Smaller films are often put into smaller theaters, where

many people don't see them."

In her thread, she questioned whether a film's inability to find wide theatrical distribution should mean it is "erased from the entire awards conversation."



Actor NAWAZUDDIN SIDDIQUI tells Chahak Mittal that films aren't propaganda that have to make an impact on society or always stand for a social cause

mon man. He is not some larger-than-life



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ed only once, as compared to 'posing for candids' era.

Talking about how he prepared or learnt the way the street photographers talk to people at the Gateway or other such national monuments, Nawaz says that for a few days before they began shooting, Ritesh had called a few photographers who helped him to know about their individual styles. "I learnt their way of walking, dressing and talking, I observed how they convinced people to get clicked since today everyone has smartphones with good quality cameras. They don't feel the need to pay the photographers for a picture. Hence, they need to have some convincing power to make their profession work. I observed how they clicked a picture and then got them printed through developing negatives," he



character. Woh bhi unn hazaaron me se hi ek hai, kuch alag nahi (He is also one However, no matter what character he plays, the *Haraamkhor* actor says that this time he wasn't playing anyone else, rather himself. "Here, I have actually among thousands of others). I was also the same when I came here," says he. played myself. I haven't done any char-He goes on to tell us how "Ritesh ver asked us to act. He just wanted us acterisation. I relate and connect to my character a lot since it somehow takes me to be ourselves and look at the lens with back to my initial struggling days in Mumbai. Rafi is just an ordinary, com-

The film, that was premiered at the 69th Berlin Film Festival and the

Sundance Film Festival, has received appreciation from a wide audience. The actor says that it is because there haven't been many films that showed a local guy and an urban girl romancing. "This one very much true," says the actor.

He calls Ritesh's filmography style as "different, real and simple." He believes,

"There is a simplicity in what he shows just like he even did in *The Lunchbox*. He doesn't romanticise the idea of romance rather shows it in a very subtle and real Talking about a shift in Bollywood's

sensibility and understanding of modern relationships, he says that there have been a few directors like "Shekhar Sharma, Anurag Kashyap who had started this change a long time ago. But yes, there are mainstream directors who also moving towards realism now."

However, explaining what 'realism' implies, he says, "It is not only about social issues or making biopics. A film is not propaganda that stands for or promotes a social cause. A film can pick up any subject. I don't see it as a responsibility that a film should follow such rules and show certain content."

As the actor has played a number of characters unconventional to that of a typical Bollywood hero, and done films like Manto, Thackeray, Gangs of Wasseypur, Manjhi - The Mountain Man and many other critically-acclaimed film, he says that he doesn't see himself as an inspiration since he is not on a "particular mission that I have to inspire peo-ple. I am just an artist who is experimenting with himself and his craft. I just do what I feel is right and something that brings out the new in me.

(The film releases on March 15.)





# IANTRA OF RECYCLIN

Artist HARIBABU NATESAN works with electronic waste to create animal sculptures and impressions allowing one to look at junk with new eyes. By UMA NAIR

IT'S BAD FOR VAASTUTO

KEEP SO MANY DAMAGED

o engage with the dynamics of design, woven into Indian culture, is an odyssey that embraces both tradition and knowledge. At Art Positive in Lado Sarai, a Mumbai-based artist, Haribabu Natesan interprets popular idioms through his works. Natesan works with electronic junk to create animal fossil like an insect and a lady bird, other than a breath-taking *Nandi*, the bull and other hybrid compositions that can fascinate you to an extent which can't be put to words. Colours, contours and the charisma of creating composi-tional kinetics make this show worthy

of deeper scrutiny.

Haribabu's works talk to us about the paradigms of waste. Not only does it cock an eye at conspicuous consump-tion but it also in some way tells us that we need to look at waste with new eyes. If you think that junk should be ban-ished, you'll never look at a plastic fork or a damaged CD or a bent safety pin. But this show changes one's perspective of those objects as it reveals infinite possibilities of how waste can be turned into something spectacular. He makes the best use of the products that belong to the world of the junk.

Like a bolt from the blue, his materials of creativity are mind boggling. He creates an amalgamation of nuts, hooks, phone dials, broken zips, buckles, tooth-picks, mangled CPUs, monitors, hard disks and odds and ends. His mantra is to reinvent and reuse through the recy-cling chain to create a collection of mixed materiality sculptures.

#### **NOTHING IS WASTE**

At first you realise that Haribabu's art is born out of a passion for collecting use less things and experimenting with the forms they could take. "I'm a die-hard junk collector," says Haribabu. "After seeing all that I can create

out of junk, my friends offer all their junk to me. So if you come to my house, you will see it overflowing with all such objects," says says 🍒 Natesan who also visits the Sunday mar- 🥒 Ahmedabad once in every



three months to acquire waste materi-'A LOT OF PEOPLE SAY THAT

"Broken things seem to just call out to me to take care of them. I've been doing this part-time for over three years and full-time for the last eight months," says the NID postgraduate in animation film design, who quit stable animation work to continue pottering around with the useless items at his

#### **BEYOND VAASTU**

Haribabu has deep convictions and you can envision that when you look at his magnificent *Nandi* bulls that have surreal colourative tones.

Haribabu explains his thought process, "A lot of people tell me that it's bad for *Vaastu* to keep so many damaged objects at home and that it attracts negative energy. But I don't agree with what they say. After all, everything we make is reborn out of death. If we look at it, even furniture is made from a dead tree, else where do we get it from? For me, art is a new journey and a way of breathing life into lifeless things."

His words have a technical truth to it. Haribabu uses his film animation

training to design animal/insect sculptures that can be used for stop motion animation work and could even move with the help of robotronics. His ladybird and insect sculptures are surreal cutting-edge pieces that delight the

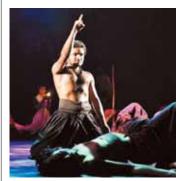
#### **END OF RECYCLING**

END OF RECYCLING
"I feel very strongly about issues like global warming and recycling," states Haribabu. He adds, "We spend a lot of energy in recycling stuff like plastic and iron. I feel that when you recycle things into art, you also put an end to the recycling and all the effort and energy spent in it. Although, I don't do a 100 per cent sustainable recycled art (I need). per cent sustainable recycled art (I need to use glue and boards.) This is a great platform to showcase my work. I hope I get positive feedback, and people realise that it is an important end prod-

realise that it is an important end prod-uct," he says proudly.

In a way, he reminds me of
Salvador Dali and has me wondering
about his ideations that meld the best of products in the waste material mar-kets to come up with signature creations, which combine molten iron. eagle feathers and used hard disks.

### It's showtime



♦he Mahindra Excellence in Theatre Awards (META) and Festival 2019
announced the META 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award which will be conferred on playwright Mahesh Elkunchwar. The playwright is widely-known and acclaimed for having experimented with a wide range of drama and has been a powerful force in both Indian and Marathi theatre for over three decades.

The jury for the 14th edition of the Awards was also announced and comprises theatre artist, actor and screenwriter Akash Khurana; founder and former executive director of India Foundation for the Arts Anmol Vellani; actress and singer Ila Arun; actor Kulbhushan Kharbanda; managing trustee of Nrityagram and lighting designer Lynne Fernandez, curator of the annual thought conclave 'The Huddle' Mukund Padmanabhan; historian, scholar, author and critic Sunil Kothari; former director of Yatrik theatre group and director of the India

Habitat Centre (IHC), Sunit Tandon.

The festival will be held from March 6 to 12 at Kamani Auditorium and Shri Ram to 12 at Kamani Auditorium and Shri Ram Centre, where META 2019's shortlisted plays will also be performed. Breaking previous records, over 400 entries were received at META this year,

which were viewed by a selection commit-tee, comprising well-known theatre practi-tioners. The final nominations feature plays in Gujarati, Kannada, Malayalam, Tamil, along with Hindi and English language scripts.

Among a few are *Agarbatti* (Hindi and Bundeli) showcasing the aftermath of Phoolan Devi's Behmai massacre; *Andha Yug* (Gujarati from Vadodara and Hindi from Imphal), set against the backdrop of the Mahabharata war; Chandâla, Impure (Tamil), an Indian adaptation of Shakespeare's Romeo and Iuliet, Chillara Samaram (Malayalam), chronicles a protest by common people against their town corporation.









# Beyond the postcard images

IDRIS AHMED's suite of images, titled Shalom, at the Kolkata Photo Festival builds a passage of time featuring the city life of Jerusalem and Israel's cultural landscape. By U NAIR

Bursting with lush, vibrant photographs, artist Idris Ahmed's images give us a modern-day glimpse of Israel as a timeless tribute to one of the world's most soulful, resolute and newsworthy countries. Embracing moments on land, light, life and the soul of its inner spirit, these images feature Israel's glorious landscapes, its city life, its culture and its people.

At the Kolkata Photo Festival, Ahmed's suite of images entitled Shalom at the Emami Art Centre are about life in quiet places and exploring the beauty of Israel through black and white photographs as well as coloured. From an enchanting image of 'Israeli kids playing on abandoned tank at Golan Heights' to the lively city life of Jerusalem each of these images unveils as evocative echoes that define the passage of time.

#### **IERUSALEM**

No visit to the country would be complete without a trip to Jerusalem. With a history stretching back to almost 5,000 years and sights including the Dome of the Rock, the Western Wall, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and al-Aqsa Mosque, a few cities resonate in the same way. Religion, rituals and customs come alive in the images. The Jewish family during bar mitzvah ceremony at Western Wall as well as the expressionist elegance of *A young boy* 

during his bar mitzvah ceremony are both image of deep intensity and inspiration. The black and white images have a resonance that speak to us about the mapping of infinite grays that come with it. The details are what enchant us and one glance is enough to make one realise that Idris's hand is experienced as well as restained in its nuances of freezing the frame.

#### **EVERYDAY IDIOMS**

Situated at the mouth of the meandering Yarkon as a six-mile b back locals, cyclists, joggers and dog walkers stroll the promenade, while sunbathers and surfers rule the beach, giving Israel's second city a "Californian

"Israel has a tremendous history and legacy, architecturally speaking, much of which dates back to the architecture in Jerusalem that evolved over three millennia, formed by the inspiration from the top Persian, Roman, Ottoman, Turkish and a bit of colonial German architecture thrown in the mix, says Idris who captures vignettes of the modern.

#### TIME REGAINED

Idris gives us a repertoire of the confluence of communities and their moments in everyday symbolism. Muslim woman walk towards Dome of the Rock



Young, laid-back locals, cyclists, joggers and dog walkers stroll the promenade, while sunbathers and surfers rule the beach of Tel Aviv, giving Israel's second city a 'Californian feel'

and Muslim kids play in front of Dome of the Rock are two images that clearly signify the vitality of the religion as well as the insignia of the zest for living. The idea of the plurality of religions comes to the fore when we look at the images of young orthodox Jews walking on the streets of Jerusalem as well as the nonchalant symbol of gay abandon

when we look at Young Israelis skateboarding around old port at Namal, Tel Aviv.

Through these images, we can gauge the lifestyle that cruises in front of the camera - from colourful marketeers to families in prayer at the Western Wall — these incredible images move beyond the typical postcard images of the country to showcase the character of its people and the sanctity of the land they are so resolute in preserving. "While tourists flock to the salty waters of the Dead Sea and the historic sites around its shores. (the country's most mountainous region)," says

Idris.
He adds, "It calls itself the *Tuscany of the Middle* East, thanks to the lush greenery and Crusader sites, including the Montfort fortress, a ruined castle you can climb to enjoy spectacular views. The rolling landscape is perfect for cycling."

Ultimately, he suggests that one must pause over the two images that echo the passion of the rituals in Christianity — Holy fire: Orthodox Christian pilgrim holding candles during the 'Holy Fire' ceremony on Easter and Divine Light: Monks lighting up candles at Coptic Chapel on 'Good Friday.' These are moments in the passion of the model of worship that bring home the sense of devotion and the intrinsic impact of the ritual that transcends time and age.



 $D^{\text{elhi Art Society and India International}}_{\text{Centre presents Sculpt for Delhi II, an}}$ exhibition of installation and sculptures curated by Naresh Kapuria. WHEN: Mar TIME: 6 pm WHERE: Gandhi King Plaza, India International Centre (IIC), Max Mueller Marg.

-he Gujral Foundation presents Property of a Gentleman: Stamps from the Nizam of Hyderabad's Dominions, an exhibition that aims to explore an aspect of Hyderabad's history and feature an iconic collection of Nawab Iqbal Hussain Khan, WHEN: Till March 24 V



NEANGO Studio relaunches the Gita Art Gallery, through an works by artists like Rameshwar Broota, Mona Rai, Manish Pushkale, Shobha Broota and Hem

Raj, to name a few. WHEN: Till March 31 TIN 11 am to 6.30 pm WHERE: Gag Moderne, 39, Corner Market, Sadhna Enclave.

ghtening in the Greys is an exhibition of paintings by Lartist Anupama Chatteriee Hara, inspired by a poignant memory of a monsoon storm, captured during a train journey to East India. WHEN: Till March 11 TIME: 11 a to 8 pm WHERE: Triveni Kala Sangam, 205, Tansen Marg.

Curated by Priyanka Banerjee, *Panorama-14* Celebrates womanhood through an exhibition that brings together artworks by various artists around the theme of 'Women and Femininity.' WHEN: Till March 31 IME: 11 am to 7 pm WHERE: Vivanta by Taj, Dwarka.







## AUS SWEAT ON FINCH'S FORM, INDIA TARGET LITTLE GAINS

Visitors expect struggling skipper to find form as India look to continue WC auditions

uditions for the World Cup hopefuls will continue but India will also be aiming to produce another complete performance against Australia in the second ODI on Tuesday. The Virat-Kohli led team

ticked all the boxes to thrash Australia by six wickets in the series opener on Saturday. It was a welcome

win for India after losing the T20 series 0-2.

With only four ODIs remaining before the World Cup, the hosts will look to finalise the "two available spots" in an otherwise settled squad for the all important tournament. Opener Shikhar Dhawan

failed in Hyderabad but he is likely to get another game as chances of K L Rahul coming in for him appear bleak. However, if given a chance Rahul will be more than willing to make optimum use of.

Vice-captain Rohit Sharma can take any attack to cleaners on his day and the Aussies would be wary of him and skipper Virat Kohli, who scored 44 on Saturday

Both Rohit and Kohli are always hungry for runs and if the duo fires in unison at the VCA stadium, for a hard time.

Ambati Rayudu failed in the first game but knowing his abilities and the backing he has from the team management, his place in the playing eleven is not in danger.

Maharashtra bats-



man Kedar Jadhav, who steered the team home with an unbeaten 81 on Saturday, has more or less sealed the number six position. He is also useful with his right-arm off-breaks, making him more valuable to the side On Saturday, it would

have been pleasing for coach Ravi Shastri to see that 37-year-old M a h e n d r a Singh Dhoni hit-

ting form. His unbeaten 59 proved that his finishing skills are not on the wane. Dhoni and Jadhav now form a vital cog in India's middle order, especially when the top

Dhoni has been in prime of late form and

#### ODIS AT NAGPUR Success% India 60.00 Australia Ind v Aus 100.00

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boost his confidence ahead of the World Cup. The Indian team could bring in the young Rishabh Pant

in place of all-rounder Vijay

Shankar, who had an off day with the ball on Saturday. India's bowling, spearheaded by death-overs specialist Jasprit Bumrah, has been impeccable and it reflected in the first ODI, when he made Aussies dance to his tunes. Along with the Gujarat pacer, mmed Shami is p to be a lethal weapon in Kohli's

India beat Australia by 7 wickets

India beat Australia by 99 runs

India beat Australia by 6 wickets

armoury. Chinaman Kuldeep Yadav (2-46 in the first ODI) has been leading the spin attack and is effective in the middle overs. But, it will be interesting to see if Ravindra Jadeja, who remained wicketless in his miserly effort, gets another

chance or Yuzvendra Chahal comes back to the playing XI. Australia, on the other hand, will need to pull one back to ensure that the hosts do not double their advantage early in the series.

For their coach Justin Langer, out of form skipper Aaron Finch would be a definite concern.

Finch, who had scores of 0 and 8 in the preceding T20 series, continued his bad run in the first ODI. The 32-year old would hope for change of fortunes and get some runs under his belt on Tuesday.

Other batsmen like open-er Usman Khawaja, the flamboyant Glenn Maxwell, allrounder Marcus Stonis, threw their wickets away after getting their eye in and would be

aiming for bigger scores.

The likes of young Peter
Handscomb and wicket-keeper Alex Carey too would be
keen to play their part.

On the bowling front, leg-spinner Adam Zampa troubled the Indian batsmen and will be key for the visitors. But he needs adequate support upfront from pacers Pat Cummins and Nathan Counter-Nile.

Australia could try Andrew Tye, who regularly plays in the IPL, ahead of Jason Behrendoff.

TEAMS (FROM)

India: Virat Kohli (captain), Shikhar Dhawan, Rohit Sharma, Ambati Rayudu, Mahendra Singh Dhoni (wk), Kedar Jadhav, Vijay Shankar, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Shami, Kuldeep Yadav, Yuzvendra Chahal, Rishabh Pant, Siddarth Kaul, KL Rahul, Ravindra

Australia: Aaron Finch (captain), D'Arcy Short, Shaun Marsh, Marcus Stoinis, Usman Khawaja, Alex Carey, Peter Handscomb, Ashton Turner, Adam Zampa, Jason Behrendorff, Jhye Richardson, Pat Cummins, Andrew Tye, Nathan Coulter-Nile, Nathan

## 'Haven't ousted Ashwin, Jadeja, just made use of our opportunities'

We haven't ousted anyone but made use of opportunities that we got," was how young chinaman bowler Kuldeep Yadav responded when asked if Yuzvendra Chahal and his performances have literally shut the ODI door on veteran spinner Ravichandran Ashwin.

The wrist spinner duo of Chahal and Kuldeep have been regular feature in India's ODI format confining finger spinner Ashwin to the side-lines and relegating Ravindra Jadeja as the third specialist "No, no, not at all. We

No, no, not at all. We haven't ousted anyone. It's just that we have got the opportunities and we did well. They (Ashwin and Jadeja) have always been doing well for India. In Test matches, Ash (Ravichandran Ashwin) and Jaddu Bhai (Ravindra Jadeja) are still playing," Kuldeep said on the eve of the second ODI.



treatment compared to finger "We learn a lot from them (Ashwin and Jadeja). They have a lot of experience. When I am in the Test squad, I learn a lot from them.

spinners getting preferential

nity, for me and Chahal, we have performed for the team and that helped the team to win, so happy about it," Kuldeep waxed eloquent about the kind of relation that the duo share with the

senior pair.
In the first game, Kuldeep bowled well and got two wickets while Jadeja despite going wicketless was very econom-

### 'Bowling wicket-to-wicket is best way to counter Indian batsmen

ris stint in the IPL has made Adam Zampa Hrealise that the best way to counter Indian batsmen is by bowling a wicket-to-wicket

Zampa, who has grabbed 44 wickets in 35 ODI appearances so far feels that his strength is attacking the stumps rather than bowl big loopy leg breaks outside the off-stump, which players like Virat Kohli and Kedar Jadhav relish hit-

"From my IPL experience and seeing these guys play, it's not about the variety of wrong uns but it's about the best way to bowl to these batsmen. Particularly in ODI cricket, most leg-spinners these days are attacking the stumps and that's my strength," Zampa said on the

"I feel like when I get away from the stumps, guys like Virat and the other night (Kedar) Jadhav, I got little bit frustrated and the damage happen. It's about staying away from their strengths," said Zampa, who dismissed Kohli in the first T20 International in Visakhaptanam as well as the first ODI in Hyderabad.

Zampa is happy that he has been to get better of world's best batsman on a few occasions recently.

"It's nice to get players like that (Virat) out. I thought the best one was the T20 here (in Visakhapatnam) and another match in Brisbane. I thought they were big wickets given the situation of the match and we ended up winning the game (Visakhapatnam).
But then Zampa also knows that

getting Kohli alone won't be enough.
"Getting Virat is one thing, he was in at the time and it was big wicket, but then you also have to think about getting Dhoni out and Rohit (Sharma) out. Virat is big wicket, but there are six or seven big wickets in the Indian team, Zampa said.

SINGLES WON'T INTERFERE IN IPL: ICC **NEW DELHI:** The ICC on Monday insisted that it will not interfere in the conduct of

IPL, saving the world body rather plans to

use the Indian domestic league as a benchmark to draft regulations for leagues

across the world. "Reports in the Indian media that the ICC is somehow seeking to

interfere in or dictate to the IPL are wide off

the mark. That is not the case," ICC Chief

Executive David Richardson said in a statement. A newspaper report had claimed that the ICC wants to have a say in IPL

policy matters in an attempt to gain control

AIZAWL RELEGATE SHILLONG

AIZAWL: Shillong Lajong were on Monday relegated from the I-League after they

suffered a 1-4 defeat at the hands of former

champions Aizawl FC in their penultimate

round match. Lajong remained stuck at the

bottom of the 11-team I-League with 11

points from 19 matches. Even if they beat Mohun Bagan at home on Saturday in their

final match, Lajong are certain to end at the last place as their immediate better-placed side Gokulam Kerala are currently on 17

points from 19 matches. With 21 points from 19 games, Aizawl are now in eighth

position. For Aizawl, Liberian striker

Ansumanah Kromah scored a brace (40th

and 83rd) while Manuia (81st) and Isak

Lyngdoh scored the consolation injury time

## **India no match for superior England**

PTI ■ GUWAHATI

India suffered a crushing 41-run loss to England in the first T20 of the three-match series on making a forgettable captaincy debut. India struggled to 119 for six

after Tammy Beaumont (62 off 57) and skipper Heather Knight (40 off 20) steered England to 160 for four in 20 overs.

The loss, India's fifth in a row in the shortest format, showed the W V Raman coached side has a lot of work to do before the T20 World Cup in Australia early next year.

India lost all their T20s in

New Zealand after winning the ODI series and things are heading in a similar direction against England with two more games to go. Ahead of the second T20 on Thursday, the momentum is with the visitors who also won the third and final ODI.

Mandhana, who became India's youngest T20 captain at 22, said India's bowling should have been tighter in the death

"We gave away 10-15 extra we gave away 10-15 extra runs at the end. Didn't have a great start with the bat as well. Really happy with the way Arundhati Reddy, Shikha Pandey and Deepti Sharma bat-

"That's a positive for us. Don't think anyone has gone



#### Don't think it's time for experiment: Smriti

PTI ■ GUWAHATI

Stand-in skipper Smriti Mandhana on Monday stressed on giving players a long run to prove their met-tle in the Indian women's team and insisted that the time is "not right" for experimentation.

India handed Harleen Deol her T20 International debut in the first match against England, which the hosts lost by 41 runs. "If you look at the num-

ber of matches they have played, it's six to eight. I don't think it is the right time to experiment. We will have to stick with the same batting order to look forward to, giving them more game time for them to



"You should give enough chances to prove. When we came in the team, I don't think I started scoring in the second or third match. I think everyone will be getting their chances. We are looking to win the matches rather than experiment."

back and seen the statistics Every day we come out looking to win the match not thinking about what's happened in the past," said Mandhana at the post-match presentation.

Openers Beaumont and Danielle Wyatt (35 off 34) pro-vided an ideal launch pad to England with an 89-run stand. Skipper Knight was in full flow towards the end, smashing seven fours in her 20-ball cameo.

India suffered a disastrous start, losing their top three, including the in-form Mandhana, for 23. The middleorder was under severe pressure and they wilted.

Senior player Mithali Raj (7 off 11) too could not do much in the circumstances and contributions from Krishnamurthy (15), who made a comeback, Deepti Sharma (22 not out), Arundhati Reddy (18) and Shikha Pandey (23 not out) did not prove to be enough in the end.

England captain Knight was all praise for her teammates.

"Felt like we had a break in showed great character to win the game. The ball was coming on nicely here. Tammy was going well at the other end. I was seeing the ball quite nicely. Delighted to contribute to the team win but the most important thing is the team perfor-

## Tahir to quit ODI cricket

Veteran leg-spinner Imran Tahir said on Monday he would retire from one-day international cricket after the World Cup in England and Wales, which ends on July 14. But he said he would like

Africa in Internationals. Twenty20 Tahir, who will turn 40 later this month, played a starring role for South Africa, taking three for 26, in their eight-wicket win in the first

one-day against Sri Lanka at

to continue playing for South

the Wanderers on Sunday. His performance drew attention to the fact that he was not on the list of contracted players for the 2019/20 year released by Cricket South Africa last

But he revealed on Monday that he had reached an agreement with CSA for his contract to expire at the end of July, extending his 2018/19 contract by three months.

CSA, Tahir said he would reassess his freelance future after the World Cup.

"I have always wanted to play in the World Cup," he said. "I have a mutual understanding with Cricket South Africa and going forward I decided that I would finish at



the World Cup, that is why I am contracted until then. After that, Cricket South and play around the world in various leagues but I would also love to play T20 cricket for South Africa "

Tahir said retiring from one-day internationals was a difficult decision. "I would love to play for as long as I can," he said, "but there is a

stage in your life where you have to make big decisions." He said, though, that he

Africa in the 2020 ICC T20 World Cup in Australia. Tahir, who has taken 156 wickets in 95 one-day inter-

nationals, played in the 2011 and 2015 World Cups. He 2016 World T20 tourna

#### ROYALS' CAMP GETS UNDERWAY MUMBAI: With the Indian Premier League around the corner, Rajasthan Royals on

Monday began their second pre-tournament camp. A training camp is being organised at the Brabourne Stadium or March 6. The Indian players who are part of the Raiasthan Royals squad will participate Royals head coach Paddy Upton along with head of cricket Zubin Bharucha. The camp figures three days of intensive training as well as fitness drills to help the players hone their batting, bowling and skills. Practice matches will be held as a platform for the new players.

**CAREER-BEST RANK FOR JEEVAN** New Delhi: The semifinal finish at the ATP 500 event in Dubai lifted Jeevan Nedunchezhivan to a career-best ranking of 68 in the doubles chart even as Leander Paes suffered a steep 23-place slide to 96 on Monday. The left-handed Jeevan and his Indian partner Purav Raja reached the lastfour stage after coming through the qualifying and earned 225 points for their effort. They are now India's number three and four ranked players respectively as Raja gained 17 places to rise to 79. Rohan Ronanna continues to be the country's top doubles player at number 38 and is followed by his partner Divii Sharan (40. -1). At 96, Paes is at number five in the country. In the singles, Prajnesh is at number 97(-3) and is followed Ramkumar Ramanathan. **AGENCI** 

## Jhulan rises to top of ODI rankings

India's veteran pacer Jhulan Goswami on Monday rose to the summit of the ICC women's rankings for ODI bowlers follow-ing her influential role in the team's series win over England.

The 36-year-old Goswami, who last held the top spot in February 2017, finished with eight wickets in the series while helping her team reach second position in the eight-team championship that provides direct qualification berths to hosts New Zealand and four other top teams in the 2021 Women's World Cup.

The latest rankings update also takes into account performances of another ICC Women's Championship series in which defending champions Australia scored a facile 3-0 win over New Zealand to move closer to a direct berth as they are now at the top with 22 points from 12 matches. India are second with 16 points from



from 15. Reigning World champions England are behind South Africa in fifth position, with 12 points from as many

Goswami, the most successful bowler in ODIs with 218 wickets, has inched closer to the record for the most number of days at the top. She has now been number one for 1873 days, with only retired Australia fast bowler Cathryn Fitzpatrick having spent more time at the top, for 2113 days. Goswami's new-ball partner Shikha

Pandey has gained 12 spots to reach fifth position after also finishing with eight wickets against England. It is for the first time in nine years that two India bowlers are in the top five after Goswami and Rumeli Dhar were in that bracket in 2010. Stylish left-handed opener Smriti

Mandhana, who is the leading run-scorer in the current edition of the ICC Women's Championship with 837 runs, has consolidated her position at the top with a career-best 797 points. The last time Indians topped both the batting and bowling lists was in March 2012, when Mithal Briand was in March 2012, when Mithali Raj and Goswami led the tables.

### Williamson narrows gap with Kohli

New Zealand captain Kane Williamson has reached the career-best 915 rating points and narrowed the gap with the table topper India skipper Virat Kohli (922 points), ICC announced on Monday.

Williamson's 200 not out against Bangladesh in Hamilton has lifted him from 897 points to within 7 points of Kohli. With two more Tests to go in the series, Williamson has a chance to regain the top spot, which he occupied briefly towards the end of 2015.

Williamson's rating points are the highest by any New Zealander in Test cricket with Richard Hadlee the only other play er from his country to cross the 900-point mark with a best of 909 points in bowling. Openers Tom Latham and Jeet Raval

have also made good progress after their centuries in Hamilton.

Among their bowlers, Trent Boult

(down two places to eighth) and Tim

Southee (ninth) remain in the top 10, while Neil Wagner is moving in the right direction, gaining three places and reaching 11th

For Bangladesh, left-handed opener Tamim Iqbal has gained 11 slots to reach 25th position after scores of 126 and 74, overtaking Shakib Al Hasan to become the top-ranked batsman from his country in



## CRUNCH TIME FOR SOLARI AND REAL

After losing back to back games against Barcelona in span of four days, Champions look UCL as last hope to avoid humiliation

**AFP** ■ MADRID

antiago Solari's future is likely to hinge on Real Madrid again winning the Champions League but two defeats by Barcelona in four days have brought old problems back to the surface.

After being knocked out of the Copa del

Rey and effectively deemed irrelevant in the title race, a third loss in as many games could see Madrid's season wiped out in a

"We have to react," said defender Dani

"It's probably been one of the toughest weeks in my time here." Ajax deserved more from the 2-1 loss

in Amsterdam that, in theory, puts their opponents firmly in charge ahead of the second leg on Tuesday.
But three consecutive defeats at

the Santiago Bernabeu for the first time in 15 years means Madrid will

Solari too, the coach that was handed a contract until 2021 when appointed only five months ago but who might not last the season should Ajax do the unthinkable and reach the quarter-finals.

Jose Mourinho's criticism as a pundit

for bEIN Sports on the latest Clasico will be seen as opportunistic but the reality is he is still well-regarded at Real. Unlike other potential successors, he is also available to start immediately. Still, Solari will know Madrid have been

here before.

Last season, Zinedine Zidane's team crashed out earlier in the Copa del Rey and to Leganes, not Barcelona. They were adrift in La Liga too.

But victories in Europe over Paris

Saint-Germain and Juventus blurred those failures while beating Liverpool in the final seemed to extinguish them almost com-

Solari will surely pay the price if domestic disappointment is extended into the Champions League, where context could be significant — the stage, opponent and manner of defeat — but after four triumphs in five years, it is hard to imagine anything less than lifting the trophy would

be deemed a success.

For Solari, that is a high bar set, and a reminder perhaps of why Madrid found so few elite coaches eager to follow Zidane last



Real Madrid's playmaker Luka Modric dribbles the ball against Aiax's Frenkie de Jong in UEFA Champions League first leg clash at Johan Cryuff Arena in Amsterdam



#### **GRIM GOAL RECORD**

Real had finished 17 points behind Barcelona and then sold their best player. In the years with Cristiano , Madrid's goals scored tally at this stage in the league was 71, 62, 85, 64, 73, 75, 71, 67, and 62. This season it is 43.

And against Barcelona, the difference was precision in the final third, where Barca boasted Lionel Messi, Luis Suarez and Ousmane Dembele while Madrid had an out-of-form Gareth Bale, an inexperienced Vinicius Junior and Karim Benzema, who only scored five league goals last term.

Under Julen Lopetegui in October, Madrid went almost eight hours without scor-ing and the reaction to the latest defeat sound-

ed familiar.
"We failed to finish, just like the other day," said Solari. "When that happens, you cannot win the game. When you lack goals, you struggle," said Ramos.

The question is whether Solari can now revive his marquee players and cojole the youngsters, many of whom have been the driving force of his team in recent months. In the UCL, the pressure is on to deliver.

"We need the league for fitness and

rhythm," said Ramos.
"So we must continue working and keep winning games. We have another final in the Champions League on Tuesday and we will fight for it." he added.

### Reus urges Dortmund to write history

Real Madrid

Marco Reus has called on Borussia Dortmund to write history on Tuesday as the Bundesliga leaders attempt to turn around their Champions
League tie at

home Tottenham Hotspur.

After losing 3-0 to Spurs at Wembley in the first leg of the last 16, Dortmund Karim Benzema (60) face a monumen-Marco Asensio (87) tal task against

Pochettino's team at Signal Iduna Park in the return fixture.
Only three clubs, Barcelona, Roma

and Deportivo La Coruna, have ever managed to progress in the Champions League knock-out phases after losing the first leg by three goals or more.

"I think there have already been

some games in the stadium where history has been written — we can do it," said Reus, Dortmund's top-scorer and captain who missed the first leg with

"But we need a top performance and have to score at the right moment." Dortmund will be at near full rength, with only wing-back Lukasz Piszczek sidelined by injury

Spurs were the last team to win a Champions League game at Dortmund, in November 2017, when Son Heung-min and Harry Kane scored in a 2-1

group stage victory.

After Reus' defiant words,
Dortmund head coach Lucien Favre
offered a more modest perspective.

"We know that it's going to be dif-ficult, but you never know," said Favre. Signal Iduna Park has seen some big nights in Europe, most recently when Atletico Madrid were routed 4-0 in the

group stage last October.
And no Borussia fan could forget Poland striker Robert Lewandowski, now at Bayern Munich, scoring all of Dortmund's goals when Real Madrid vere routed 4-1 in the semi-finals in

However, the home side must bounce back from a dreadful run of results to have any chance of overhaul-



## Juve put one hand on title

eventus closed all talk of a challenge to their Serie A dominance after coming through a second-half onslaught at Napoli to win 2-1 in an engrossing match that saw each side have a man sent off and stretch their lead at

the top to a huge 16 points.

Massimiliano Allegri's unbeaten leaders have now as good as sealed their eighth straight Serie A title after a match that looked dead at half-time with Juve two goals and a man up, but sparked back into life when goalscorer Miralem Pjanic was sent off for handling a Napoli pass and picking up a second yellow card just after the break.

"I fell asleep, I should have replaced Pjanic when he

to handle," said Allegri, whose future at Juve is uncertain

after what will be five seasons in Turin.

"I already said we'll sit down to talk about this season

and the next. I am very happy to be at Juventus. Midfielder Pjanic swept home his free-kick opener in the 28th minute, which came immediately after Napoli were reduced to 10 men thanks to goalkeeper Alex Meret slic ing down Cristiano Ronaldo after the Portuguese nipped in to intercept a terrible Kevin Malcuit backpass.

corner 11 minutes later after substitute David Ospina tipped away Pjanic's stinging shot, but the Bosnian's red card gave Napoli a glimmer of hope.
They were back in the game in
the 61st minute when Jose Callejon tapped home a pinpoint Lorenzo Insigne cross, and then piled the pressure on a suddenly creaking Juve, with Piotr Zielinski twice forcing fine saves from country man Wojciech Szczesny. It looked as though the hosts were set to launch a final

Emre Can added the second from a

assault when they were given a penalty six minutes before the end for a controversial handball decision against Alex Sandro given by VAR, only for Insigne to crash his spot-kick against the post and let the champions off

### Balotelli captures Marseille moment

Mario Balotelli showed off a new goal celebration on Sunday as he took a selfie video with his Marseille teammates and posted it on social media during their 2-0 win over Saint-Etienne.

The Italian scored his fourth goal in six Ligue 1 games since joining Marseille from Nice in January by hooking home Florian Thauvin's 12th-minute corner with an excellent acrobatic volley.

"Balotelli takes the pressure, he takes the limelight. He reminds me of (Zlatan) Ibrahimovic and he scored an Ibrahimovic goal," said Saint-Etienne coach.

"He has brought back the public, the confidence, and many of his teammates will raise their level of play."

As he celebrated his volley,

Balotelli took a phone from the cameraman behind the goal before filming the video with his laughing teammates and posting

it on his *Instagram* story.
The 28-year-old then carried on playing.



He was not the first player to produce a selfie-based celebra-tion, after Roma great Francesco Totti took a picture of himself after scoring against Lazio in the capital-city derby in 2015.

Marseille doubled their

advantage nine minutes later through a Thauvin penalty and closed out the win with ease.

Rudi Garcia's men have now taken 13 points from their last five league matches to leapfrog Saint-Etienne into fourth, just five points adrift of Lyon in the race for the third and final Champions League spot.

## Neymar hints at joining Real

**AFP** ■ MADRID

Paris Saint-Germain star P Neymar on Sunday left the door open for a potential move to Spanish giants Real Madrid.

The world's most expensive footballer is currently recovering from a foot injury which he suf-fered on January 23 and has been linked with a return to La Liga ever since joining PSG from Barcelona

"In the future, everything is possible," he told Brazilian television channel Globo.

"I'm not saying I'm going to Real Madrid, calm down. Everybody knows I have already accomplished my dream which was (playing for) Barcelona.

"Real Madrid is one of the biggest teams in the world, every player perceived to have an interest in the club wants to play for them. Right now I'm very happy

Neymar said Barcelona's Lionel Messi had sent him his

regards after hearing about the Brazilian's most recent injury.

"At the time I needed support

the most, from people and the team, the best in the world came to me to say 'I'm here to help you','

The 27-year-old said PSG team-mate Kylian Mbappe will be one of the world's greatest ever players despite the pair both eye-ing the biggest individual prizes in

the sport.
"He's going to become one of the best players in the history of football and I'm trying to help him as best as possible. We have the same friendship as I had with Lionel, even competing for the Ballon d'Or," he said.

Neymar will miss Wednesday's Champions League last-16 return leg against Manchester United with the metatarsal problem he suffered six weeks ago.

PSG anticipate he will be back in time for a potential European quarter-final in April.

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