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## NEARBY



### Three-year-old brutally raped, battered to death

**GURUGRAM**  
A three-year-old girl was brutally raped and battered to death after she was abducted from a jhuggi-jhonpri cluster here on Sunday, the police said. The accused is absconding. The body of the victim was found dumped at an abandoned shop in Badshahpur, about 2 km from the slum cluster.

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### Journalist deposes in support of Akbar

**NEW DELHI**  
*Sunday Guardian* Editor and a former colleague of M.J. Akbar, Joyeeta Basu, on Monday described the former Union Minister as a “thorough gentleman with an impeccable reputation” before a Delhi court. “Akbar has always been a thorough professional and a brilliant teacher,” she said, while deposing before additional chief metropolitan magistrate Samar Vishal.

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# Rafale deal not done in a hurry: Centre

Defence procurement procedure was fully followed, SC told

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL  
NEW DELHI

The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) approved the procurement of the 36 Rafale jets well over a year after the Indo-French Joint Statement to acquire the aircraft “as quickly as possible” was issued, said a government note in the Supreme Court on the Rafale deal.

The Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP) 2013 mandates that acquisitions worth over ₹1,000 crore should be first cleared by the CCS.

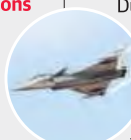
Since 2002, over 1,100 contracts valued at ₹7.45 lakh crore were successfully concluded using the DPP structure, introduced after the Kargil War.

The note, submitted earlier to the court and made public on Monday as per a court order of October 31, claimed that DPP 2013 was “completely followed.”

The document showed that the CCS approved the signing of the Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) for procurement of the 36 jets only on August 24, 2016 – well over a year after the Indo-French statement of April 10, 2015, which the note said conveyed an “intent” to acquire the jets in a fly-away condition.

## Defending the deal

**Why negotiations between Dassault and HAL ended**



Contract negotiations reached a stalemate due to unresolved issues on making 108 aircraft in India. HAL needed 2.7 times more man-hours than what the French side would take

Key assertions made by the Centre, seeking to explain the decision-making process behind the Rafale deal

**The need for a new India-France deal...**  
During years of negotiations, adversaries inducted modern aircraft (over 400) and upgraded older versions. So, in the Indo-French joint statement on April 10, 2015, an intent was unveiled to acquire 36 Rafale jets in fly-away condition on better terms than earlier process

### Process followed after statement...

Steps were taken as per DPP 2013: Cabinet Committee on Security approved proposal by Indian Negotiating Team on Aug. 24, 2016. Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) was signed on Sept. 23, 2016

### On offset partner...

There is no mention of any private Indian business house in the IGA or offset contracts. Offset contract does not envisage manufacture of Rafale aircraft in India by any private or public firm. Dassault is yet to submit formal proposal on offset discharge

The approval of the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), the highest body for defence procurement, was taken on May 13, 2015. Again, a month after the Indo-French statement.

The government said the DAC approval was taken “as stipulated in the DPP.”

### ‘Critical necessity’

The note said the joint statement was issued after the Government of India conveyed to the French government about the “critical operational necessity” for

Multi-role Combat Aircraft for the Air Force. This necessity, it said, was triggered by the “extremely critical” combat potential of the Air Force caused by a three-year stalemate.

The situation was due to “unresolved issues” over man-hours and contractual obligations between HAL and Dassault Aviation over the production of 108 Rafale jets, of a total 126, to be inducted in the Air Force as part of an earlier proposal.

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# SC frowns on tardy CVC submission

Bench adjourns hearing on probe into accusations against exiled CBI chief

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

A 24-hour delay by the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) in filing its report on the inquiry against exiled CBI Director Alok Kumar Verma led the Supreme Court to adjourn Monday’s crucial hearing to November 16 (Friday).

The report was submitted before a Bench of Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi and Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul in a sealed cover. It was then that Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, for the CVC, said the inquiry into the charges against Mr. Verma got over on November 10. At

**You did not file the report... the Supreme Court Registry was specifically opened till 11.30 a.m. on Sunday [November 11]... There was no information from you... You could have filed the report even at 1 p.m., provided you had informed the Registry**

Chief Justice **RANJAN GOGOI**



this, Chief Justice Gogoi made the court’s displeasure evident on the delayed filing. “You did not file the report... the Supreme Court Registry was specifically opened till 11.30 a.m. on Sunday [November 11],”

Chief Justice Gogoi said, pulling up the CVC.

**‘Delay in reaching court’**  
Mr. Mehta said there was a delay in reaching the court, by which time the Registry was closed.

“There was no information from you... You could have filed the report even at 1 p.m., provided you had informed the Registry,” Chief Justice Gogoi retorted.

“They [the CVC] could open their offices at 2 a.m. on October 23 to pass orders against Alok Verma, but they could not file their inquiry report on time,” remarked senior advocate Dushyant Dave, for petitioner NGO Common Cause.

Mr. Mehta then apologised, following which the court allowed the CVC report to be placed on record.

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# No early hearing in Ayodhya case, says SC

‘Appropriate Bench will hear it in Jan.’

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday refused to entertain a plea for an early hearing in the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid title dispute case.

Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi said the court had already directed the case to be put up before an appropriate Bench in January to fix the date for hearing the appeals. “We have already passed the order. The appeals are coming up in Janu-

ary. Permission declined,” he said, rejecting an oral mentioning by advocate Barun Kumar Sinha, representing the Akhil Bharat Hindu Mahasabha.

On October 29, the court had clarified that the decision on when to start hearing the appeals would be decided by an “appropriate Bench” before which the matter would come up in January.

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# Union Minister Ananth Kumar dead

Cremation to be held this afternoon

STAFF REPORTER  
BENGALURU

Senior BJP leader and Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, and Chemicals and Fertilizers Ananth Kumar passed away at a private hospital here around 2 a.m. on Monday. He was 59.

He is survived by wife Tejaswini and two daughters. According to the Sri Shankara Cancer Hospital and Research Centre, where he



was under treatment, Mr. Ananth Kumar was diagnosed in June with lung cancer, which was at an advanced stage.

He went to New York for treatment and returned 25 days ago.

Mr. Ananth Kumar’s cremation will be held here on Tuesday afternoon.

KARNATAKA LOSES ITS  
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## High alert



**Boats beached:** A fisherman walks beside fishing boats on the coast of the Bay of Bengal in Chennai on Monday. Tropical cyclone ‘Gaja’ is forecast to cross the Tamil Nadu coast between Cuddalore district and Pamban in Ramanathapuram district in the forenoon of Thursday. • AFP (REPORT ON PAGE 7)

# ‘No perfect solution for fake news’

STAFF REPORTER  
NEW DELHI

CEO and co-founder of Twitter Jack Dorsey on Monday said there was no perfect solution to deal with the problem of “fake news” and “misinformation” on social media in the context of the upcoming general election.

Speaking at an event in IIT-Delhi, he likened the problem to that of security and said that even the best lock can be broken and the challenge was to keep building better locks.

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# SC raps Bihar police for not tracing Manju Verma

Bench summons Bihar Chief Secretary over state of affairs in shelter homes

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court expressed shock on Monday at the inability of Bihar Police to arrest absconding former Social Welfare Minister Manju Verma, who resigned from the government in the wake of the Muzaffarpur shelter home scandal, in an ammunition haul case.

A Bench led by Justice Madan B. Lokur directed the State Director General of Police to explain his force’s inability to trace her.

“A (former) Cabinet Minister is not traceable. Fantastic. How could it happen that a (former) Cabinet Minister



Former Bihar Social Welfare Minister Manju Verma. •

is not traceable and nobody knows where she is? Do you realise the seriousness of this? You have to explain to us how a (former) Cabinet Minister is not traceable,” Justice Lokur remarked at the Bihar counsel.

Ms. Verma had resigned

as Minister after it came to light that her husband Chandrashekhar Verma had spoken to Brajesh Thakur, the prime accused in the case, several times between January and June.

The Bench posted the case for hearing on November 27.

### ‘Powerful persons’

The Bench further summoned the Bihar Chief Secretary after advocate Fauzia Shakil, appearing for petitioner Nivedita Jha, raised the issue of the state of affairs in 14 other shelter homes in Bihar.

Ms. Shakil submitted that

powerful persons were involved and abuse of minor boys and girls continues at these 14 shelter homes.

The State has taken no action, she said.

“There appears to be widespread mismanagement in the shelter homes of Bihar,” Justice Lokur said.

Advocate Aparna Bhat, assisting the court as amicus curiae in the case, said the Child Welfare Committee was not functioning properly in Bihar.

“Child Welfare Committee? Even the police are not functioning in Bihar,” the Bench observed.

(With PTI inputs)

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
LUCKNOW

The Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad High Court on Monday asked the Centre and the Uttar Pradesh government to file counter affidavits within a week on a petition challenging the decision to rename Allahabad as Prayagraj.

A Bench of Justice Vikram Nath and Justice Rajesh Singh Chauhan passed the order on a PIL moved by H.S. Pandey.

The petitioner argued that it was necessary to invite objections from the public under Section 6(2) of the revenue manual before

changing the name of a district, but the said provision was not followed in the present case.

The State counsel opposed the plea by submitting that the provision was applicable in case the revenue area had to be changed. But, he added, only the name was changed in the present case and, therefore, the petition was not maintainable.

After hearing both sides, the court asked the State and the Union government counsels to place their arguments on record by filing counter affidavits. The next hearing is on November 19.

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DANGEROUS TACTICS ► EDITORIAL

# Prayagraj: HC asks U.P., Centre to file affidavits

# Deny MSP to stubble burners: NGT

SHINJINI GHOSH  
NEW DELHI

Stating that State governments had failed to curb stubble burning, the National Green Tribunal (NGT) on Monday summoned the Chief Secretaries of Delhi, Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh.

Officers have been directed to draw up a plan to provide economic incentives for farmers to not burn crop stubble, and disincentives for those who continue to observe the practice.

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**Tea estate employee abducted by militants**  
ITANAGAR  
The supervisor-cum-store keeper of Sati Tea Estate at Namsai district in Arunachal Pradesh has been abducted by armed militants, police said on Monday. The tea estate belongs to former MLA Nang Sati Mein and the abductors have demanded a ransom of ₹3 crore, the police said.  
The victim, identified as Debabrata Deb, was abducted from his temporary residence at around 7.15 pm on Saturday evening.

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# TMC to contest Assam rural polls

Party sees window of opportunity in 'insecurity' of Bengalis in the State

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT GUWAHATI**  
The killing of five Bengali villagers by suspected extremists in eastern Assam on November 1 has apparently given the Trinamool Congress a window of opportunity to contest the State's panchayat elections for the first time.  
The rural polls are scheduled in January 2019.

**Condolence meeting**  
West Bengal's Urban Development Minister Firhad Hakim flew in to Guwahati on Monday to attend a condolence meeting for the five who were gunned down at Bisonimukh-Kherbari village. The TMC's State unit had organised the meet.  
His was the second visit to the State by the TMC leaders in a week. On November 5, a delegation of four of the party's lawmakers, including MP Derek O'Brien, had visited Bisonimukh-Kherbari to stand by the victims and provide them assistance.

**'Feeling insecure'**  
"It is not just the Bengalis that are feeling insecure in Assam under a BJP-led go-



TMC activists at a rally in Kolkata to protest against the killing of five Bengalis in Tinsukia district of Assam on November 1.

\* FILE PHOTO

vernment. Other communities are feeling threatened too," Mr. Hakim said, criticising the slow progress of the investigation into the killings.  
He also said that the TMC would be contesting the panchayat polls where the BJP's

ruling ally Asom Gana Parishad is keen on contesting on its own and the pro-minorities All India United Democratic Front wants to tie up with the Congress to keep the BJP out.  
Monday also saw the leaders of the pro-talks faction of

the extremist United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) holding a "brotherhood meeting" with some Bengali intellectuals and activists of the State headed by Pradip Sen Sharma.  
The Assam government had after the November 1 killings arrested two pro-talks ULFA leaders - Mrinal Hazarika and Jiten Dutta - for provocative statements.

**'Situation deteriorating'**  
"The situation in Assam is deteriorating due to some misunderstanding among the communities. Some third party is taking advantage to create a violent rift between the Assamese and Bengalis in the State. We met in a bid to iron out the differences," ULFA leader Anup Chetia said.  
"Both groups agreed that the Centre's move to pass the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016, has strained the cordial relationship the two communities have been enjoying for decades now," Mr. Chetia said.  
"We can see a deep conspiracy behind the attempts to divide the two communities," Mr. Sen Sharma said.

# Fire torches not the way to drive away elephants: SC

Tells W.B. govt. to fix responsibility for any accident owing to this

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI**  
The Supreme Court questioned the West Bengal government Monday over the use of fire torches to drive away elephants and directed the State to place before it the names and designations of the Forest officials who would be held responsible for any accident due to this.  
The apex court observed that the use of fire or fire torches "cannot be the only answer" for driving away elephants in West Bengal and directed that the tender floated by the State government for procuring burnt mobil oil for distribution among villagers not be processed in the meanwhile.

**Man-animal conflict**  
When the counsel appearing for the State said using fire torches was the only way to avoid man-animal conflicts, a Bench of Justices Madan B. Lokur and Deepak

Gupta said, "You will kill all the animals and then there will be no man-animal conflict."  
"Wildlife is just being decimated. See the newspaper reports, so many elephants have died. Fire cannot be the only answer. You cannot go on burning everything. What is there to prevent somebody from throwing fire torches at the animals," the Bench asked.  
It directed the State to file an affidavit within two weeks, giving the names and designations of the officials from each forest division who would be held accountable and responsible in case of an accident due to the use of fire or fire torches.

**High-beam lights**  
The counsel appearing for the petitioner, who had raised the issue of the use of spikes and fireballs in some States to drive away elephants, told the apex court that instead of fire torches,

the West Bengal government should provide high-beam lights to villagers.  
Meanwhile, Additional Solicitor-General A.N.S. Nadkarni, appearing for the Centre, said they had in principle agreed to the suggestion of setting up a task force, which would formulate and implement measures to effectively deal with conflicts with elephants across the country. When the issue of use of fire in West Bengal was raked up, Mr. Nadkarni said, "Fireballs are not to be used."

**Next hearing**  
The Bench posted the matter for further hearing on December 4.  
On October 22, the court had observed that human-animal conflicts, especially involving elephants, were a "problem" and the Centre should consider setting up a task force to ensure adherence to the guidelines in this regard.

## Good harvest



Farmers carrying paddy on the outskirts of Guwahati on Monday. ■ RITU RAJ KONWAR

# Orissa HC restores suspension of three cops

## Major setback to State government

**CORRESPONDENT CUTTACK**

In a major setback to the State government, particularly the police department, the Orissa High Court on Monday restored the suspension of three policemen.  
The policemen were placed under suspension for "misconduct" after they had allegedly thrashed an advocate in full public view at a busy marketplace here on August 28. But while the stand-off between the police and the advocate was still unresolved and the matter was pending before the High Court, the State government had on November 3 reinstated the suspended cops.  
"In our considered opinion, during pendency of this case, the State government ought not to have done that without permission of the court," said an order passed by a Division

Bench headed by Chief Justice K.S. Jhaveri. "The order of revoking the suspension of the policemen is put in abeyance," the High Court said, adding: "The order of suspension of those employees of the Odisha police is restored."  
In a related development, Justice C.R. Dash of the High Court, who is now monitoring the police investigation of all criminal cases arising out of the police-lawyer stand-off, on Monday proposed a compromise formula to end the row.  
Although details are not known yet, sources said Justice Dash has suggested summoning the policemen concerned and the advocate to the court, wherein both the parties would express regret for the assaults on each other.  
Meanwhile, the lawyers have decided to continue their strike till Wednesday.

# No stones replaced at Konark Sun Temple: ASI

Odisha CM had sought probe into reports

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA BHUBANESWAR**  
The ASI on Monday clarified that not a single stone carving has been replaced at the Sun Temple in Konark and denied allegations of replacement of artistic stone works at the world heritage monument.  
The clarification comes two days after Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, taking cognisance of media reports, wrote to the Central government urging it to direct the ASI to probe the allegation.  
The ASI is the custodian of the 13th Century shrine.  
"Not a single piece of stone has been removed from any portion of the surviving structural remains of the Sun Temple, Konark,"

ASI's Superintending Archaeologist Arun Malik said in a statement here.  
"Also, no replacement of stone has been done there for conservation or repair of any other purpose in last more than a decade's time," he said.  
With effective implementation of advanced techniques of scientific preservation, the rate of erosion of surface stones of the temple has been considerably controlled, the official said.  
Creation of a green belt to protect the temple stones from saline breeze and sand blasting from the nearby Bay of Bengal has further contributed to the retarded rate of deterioration of stones, he said in the statement.

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**PRESS NOTE**  
**10 YEAR UTTARAKHAND GOVERNMENT STOCK 2028**

The Government of Uttarakhand is floating a 10 year loan in order to finance development schemes, such as those relating to Power, Agriculture, Irrigation and Industries for economic growth of the State. The Stock will be sold through the Reserve Bank of India by auction in the manner indicated in the finance department notification **No. 1314/01(130)-2016/XXVII(1)/2018, dated November 06, 2018.** The successful bidders will be required to make payment on **November 14, 2018.** Which will be the date of commencement of the tenure of the Stock. The loan will be repaid at par on **November 14, 2018.** The issue price will be Rs. 250.00 crore (nominal) interest at the rate determined by the Reserve Bank of India on the basis of bids received, will be payable half yearly.  
Interest in respect of the loan will be subject to tax under the Income Tax Act. 1961. Subscriptions for the loan can be made in the form of Cash/Bank Draft or Cheque and will be received at the public debt offices of the Reserve Bank of India at Kanpur and Mumbai.  
Details of the terms of loan are contained in Finance Department Notification dated **November 06, 2018** referred to above, copies of which alongwith the application forms are obtainable from the receiving offices mentioned above.  
**Financial position of the Government of Uttarakhand**  
The Government's budget documents (which can be obtained from the website budget.uk.gov.in) give detailed information regarding the latest financial position of the state.  
**Balance in the Reserve Funds :** The balance at the credit of the Uttarakhand consolidated sinking fund as on March 31, 2017 was Rs. 2313.5855 crore.  
**Debt position :** The total debt of the Government of Uttarakhand as on March 31, 2017 was of the order of Rs. 35209.59 crores consisting of Rs. 10212.85 crores in form of Special Securities issued to National Small Saving Fund of Government of India, Rs. 20832.29 crores on account of State Development Loans, Rs. 3509.14 crores representing loans from the Agricultural Credit fund of the National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development and rest includes Govt. of India loans.  
**Assets of the Government :** Against the outstanding public debt of Rs. 35209.59 crores the assets of the State Government on March 31, 2017 are in the form of roads and bridges, Irrigation projects, Power projects, Departmental buildings and other capital projects.

(Savin Bansal)  
Additional Secretary  
Government of Uttarakhand

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**SCHOOL BUZZ**

**PAINTING COMPETITION FOR VIGILANCE WEEK**  
Engineers India Ltd. conducted a painting competition in D.T. E. A Senior Secondary School. This was a part of the vigilance awareness week. The topic was 'Eradicate corruption - Build a new India'. Mr. S. K. Gupta, G.M, Vigilance department and S. C. Hansdah, D.G.M., Vigilance department, organised the show and gave away prizes to the winners. Shivam Saxena of class 10 bagged the first prize.

**12TH SPORTS MEET**

Bal Bharati Public School, GRH Marg hosted the 12th All India Inter Unit Bal Bharati Sports Meet recently. There were 1102 players from 21 different units of BBPSs. The events conducted were Table Tennis, Badminton, Basket Ball, Volley Ball, Tennis, Chess and Athletics. Eminent coaches judged the events. Shri Gautam Gambhir, former Captain of Indian cricket team, was the Chief Guest.  
Mr. Bhanu Sachdeva, Arjuna Awardee for excellence in swimming and Ms. Divya Singh, former Captain Indian women's basketball team were the Guests of Honour. The other guests included Mr. LR Channa, Hon'ble President of CES and Chairman of BBPS, GR, Mr. SK Bhattacharya, Convener, Sports Council, CES. Other dignitaries were present.

**VIGILANCE WEEK**

As a part of Vigilance Awareness Week, The Hindu, in association with Engineers India Limited and D.T.E.A Senior Secondary School, R.K. Puram, conducted a drawing competition in the school premises on the theme 'Eradicate corruption - Build a new India'. Students from classes 4 to 6 participated in the competition. Prizes were awarded to the top 3 entries.

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☀️ RISE	06:43	SET 17:28
🌙 RISE	12:12	SET 23:06
<b>THURSDAY, NOV. 15</b>		
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**Delhi Palam Today**  
**31°C** Light drizzle is expected. A partly cloudy sky is likely. A comfortable and humid day will persist.

**Delhi Palam Tomorrow**  
**30°C** There are chances of light drizzle. A comfortable and humid afternoon is likely. A cloudy sky will persist.

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No.IMC/AMRUT(NIT)-131/2017-18/719-28      Dated Itanagar the 3rd August 2018

**NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS**

1. The Executive Engineer, Itanagar Municipal Council, Naharlagun of Arunachal Pradesh Invites, proposals in shape of E-Tender comprising of two cover from eligible Bidders on online from registered/ eligible contractors of Class under AP PWD, domiciled within Territorial Jurisdiction of 13- Itanagar Assembly Constituency in accordance with the Govt. Notification No.SPWD/V-66/2013/14 Dtd. 13.08.2015 for the works detailed in the table below on turnkey lump sum fixed cost basis.

<b>NIT No.</b>	IMC/AMRUT (NIT)-131/2017-18/05
<b>Name of the work</b>	Infrastructure Development at Itanagar Capital City Under AMRUT Mission (SH- Development of Parks at various Locations)
<b>Estimated Cost</b>	: Rs. 154.23 lakhs
<b>Earnest Money</b>	: Rs. 1,5423 lakhs (For APST Contractor) Rs. 3.0846 lakhs ( For Non-APST Contractor)
<b>Period of Completion</b>	: 6 Months.
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**Corrigendum**

The Open/Global Tender (e-tender ID No. 2018\_GSI\_388945\_1) was floated on 27.09.2018 for (1) One time modification of Twin Otter aircraft VT-ELX for Installation of Geophysical sensors for different possible configurations, (2) Comprehensive Operation and Maintenance of Twin Otter Aircraft (VT- ELX), for a period of 3 years (3) Comprehensive Operation and Maintenance of Multisensor Geophysical Survey Systems on Turnkey basis for a period of 3 years, (4) Data acquisition and Management of Airborne Geophysical Surveys on Turnkey basis for a period of 3 years".  
Due to the Administrative reasons, the last date for the submission of the bids and opening of the Technical bids date have been extended as per the details given below :-  
**1. The Closing Date for uploading of the bids: on 04.12.2018, at 11:00 AM**  
**2. The Date of opening of the Technical bids : on 05.12.2018, at 02.30 PM**  
For participation and further details please visit <https://eprocure.gov.in> and <http://www.portal.gsi.gov.in>  
**Deputy Director General & H.O.D,**  
**RSAS, Geological Survey of India, Bangalore.**



IN BRIEF

'Air ambulance service in Uttarakhand soon'

RISHIKESH
Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat on Monday said his government will soon start air ambulance service as part of its efforts to provide better healthcare services to the people living in remote hilly areas of the State. PTI

Three suspended for bungling of funds

CHANDIGARH
The Local Government Department of Punjab on Monday suspended president of Nabha Municipal Council, its executive officer and a clerk for alleged bungling of funds meant for 'Swachh Bharat' scheme. Minister Sidhu claimed wrong payments were made to the contractors. PTI

38 calves rescued from container truck

KOTA (RAJASTHAN)
The police on Monday rescued 38 calves from a container truck abandoned near Bundi tunnel. Acting on a tip-off, a police team reached the tunnel on National Highway-54 and found the truck stuffed with 40 calves, two of which had died of suffocation. PTI

Gunmen loot ₹16.2 lakh from petrol pump

BHAGALPUR
Three bike-borne gunmen looted more than ₹16 lakh from a manager of a petrol pump in Bhagalpur district on Monday, police said. Vibhuti Goswami, the ruling JD(U)'s Bhagalpur district president is the owner of the pump, the police said. PTI

Ayodhya, Mathura may face liquor, meat ban
Seers, devotees demanded it: Minister

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA LUCKNOW
The Uttar Pradesh government on Monday said it was contemplating declaring 14 Kosi Parikrama Marg in Ayodhya and Lord Krishna's birthplace in Mathura as pilgrim centres so that the sale and consumption of liquor and non-vegetarian items was completely stopped there.
Uttar Pradesh Minister Shrikant Sharma said seers and crores of devotees had demanded that the sale and consumption of non-vegetarian food and liquor be banned in Ayodhya and Mathura.
"Honouring their demands, the State government is working to declare the area around 14 Kosi Parikrama Marg in Ayodhya and the birthplace of Lord Krishna in Mathura as pilgrim centres. Once this happens, a ban on the sale and consumption of non-vegetarian food and liquor will automatically come into effect," he said.
Mr. Sharma said Vrindavan, Barsana, Nandgaon, Giriraj ji and Sapt Kosi Parikrama area of Govardhan had already been declared pilgrim centres.

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The Divisional Railway Manager (Medical), Northern Railway, Moradabad for & behalf of President of India, invites sealed open E-Tender on the Prescribed form for the under noted work.
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Name of work E-Tender for Comprehensive Mechanized Cleaning of Designated Areas of Divisional Railway Hospital, Moradabad for two year on Monthly Payment Basis.
Approximate Cost Rs. 83,00,349.84 (Including GST) for Two Years. Rs. 3,45,847.91 (Including GST) for One Month.
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Date & Time of opening of Tender E-Tender shall be opened on Dt. 10.12.2018 at 15:30 hrs. If date of opening happens to be a holiday the tender shall be opened on the same time on next working day.
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No govt. role in SIT summons to Badals, says Amarinder

The two leaders will cooperate so that the truth is out, says Akali Dal

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT CHANDIGARH
Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh on Monday said his government had no role in the summoning of former CM Parkash Singh Badal, former Deputy CM Sukhbir Singh Badal, and actor Akshay Kumar by the Special Investigation Team probing the 2015 Bargari sacrilege case and subsequent police firing incidents.
"The SIT is an independent entity and is functioning without any government interference," Capt. Amarinder said in Sangrur. He said his government's job was to form the SIT as per the unanimous decision of the State Assembly, which it had done, and now the onus of investigation was on the SIT.
The SIT had on November 11 issued summons asking Mr. Kumar to be present before the SIT in Amritsar on Friday. Mr. Parkash Singh Badal has been summoned on November 19, while Mr. Sukhbir Badal on November 21. The summon orders were issued on behalf of the SIT by its member, IG Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh.
"The summons have been issued under Section 160 of the CrPC, relating to the Bar-



SIT is an independent entity: Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh. FILE PHOTO



SAD leader Parminder Dhindsa in Chandigarh on Monday. AKHILESH KUMAR

chief Sukhbir Singh Badal will cooperate (with the SIT) so that the truth (behind sacrilege incidents) comes out," party leader and former Finance Minister Parminder Singh Dhindsa said, adding, "We expect that the SIT will conduct a fair probe into the matter."
Akshay denies role
On Monday, Mr. Kumar also denied arranging any meeting between Mr. Sukhbir Badal and Dera Sacha Sauda sect head Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh. The actor denied having ever met the Sirsa-headquartered Dera's chief, who is currently serving a 20-year jail term in a rape case. "I have never ever met Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh in my life, anywhere," he clarified on a social media site.
(With PTI inputs)

Punjab government adopting anti-employee attitude: SAD

Speedy submission of Punjab pay panel report sought

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT CHANDIGARH
The Shiromani Akali Dal on Monday accused the ruling Congress government in Punjab of adopting an "anti-employee attitude".
"The State government has not yet issued any direction to the sixth Punjab Pay Commission to submit its report. Also, arrears and instalment of dearness allowance has not been made," said former Finance Minister Parminder Singh Dhindsa at a press conference.
'Release DA'
Mr. Dhindsa said that the State government should immediately release Dearness Allowance instalments as well as arrears of ₹4,000 crore to employees, besides regularising services of all contractual employees as per a legislation passed by the previous SAD-BJP government.
He also demanded speedy submission of the Sixth Punjab Pay Commission report.
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Kejriwal dismayed at Khattar 'no response'

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PRESS TRUST OF INDIA CHANDIGARH
After challenging his Haryana counterpart to conduct surprise inspections at Mohalla clinics in the national capital in a recent letter, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal sent another letter to Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Monday expressing dismay at not getting any response to his earlier communication.
In the beginning of the month, Mr. Kejriwal had written to Mr. Khattar expressing his wish to inspect some State-run dispensaries in Haryana on November 12. Further, he had also invited Mr. Khattar to visit 'mohalla clinics', which have been set up by the AAP dispensation, to check the "ground reality" of the health institutions of Delhi.
After his letter on November 2, Mr. Kejriwal said in a tweet to Mr. Khattar on November 9 that he was yet to receive a reply, reminding him of the earlier communication by sharing the letter with the tweet. In the tweet, Mr. Kejriwal asked Mr. Khattar when he would be coming to Delhi to see mohalla clinics and whether he could go to Haryana on Nov. 12.
"I had written a letter to you on November 2, but received no reply. I felt a little bad about this. No matter how many political differences we may have, it is expected that a Chief Minister will respond to the letter of another CM," Mr. Kejriwal wrote to Mr. Khattar in his latest letter.
(Special Correspondent inputs)

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA CHANDIGARH
INLD Secretary General Ajay Singh Chautala invited former MPs, MLAs and other office-bearers on Monday for a meeting in Jind on November 17.
Mr. Chautala sent a letter, which does not mention any agenda of the meeting and states that "an invitation is hereby given for the Haryana State Body meeting of the Indian National Lok Dal (INLD)".
"All the State body office bearers/members, special invitees, executive members, sitting and former MPs and MLAs, presidents of the district units, State presidents and district conveners of all the Cells of the party and its bodies may kindly make it convenient to attend the State body general meeting," wrote Mr. Chautala, who is also a former MP.
The letter, inviting various party functionaries for the Jind meet, comes in the midst of a widening rift in the Chautala family.
When asked if any important decision was likely to be taken by him in the meeting on November 17, Mr. Chautala told reporters in Delhi on Monday that "all colleagues will sit and decide".
In an apparent bid to arrest the widening rift, Ajay Singh Chautala and his younger brother Abhay Singh Chautala, who is Leader of Opposition in the Haryana Assembly, had a meeting in Delhi on Sunday.
To a question, Ajay Singh Chautala did not rule out more meetings with his younger brother in the coming days in a bid to put an end to the widening rift, saying, "he is dear to me, we will meet everyday".
He indicated that he was likely to meet former Punjab Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal in Chandigarh this week.
While Ajay Singh Chautala's son Digvijay Chautala had on Sunday ruled out the possibility of any mediation by the Akali Dal patriarch to arrest the feud within the INLD and Chautala family.
On Saturday, Hisar MP Dushyant Chautala had refused to accept his expulsion and that of his brother Digvijay Chautala from the INLD, claiming that the party's national executive had not met.



INLD leader Ajay Chautala. FILE PHOTO



Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal. FILE PHOTO

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Government of Jharkhand
URBAN DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING DEPARTMENT
State Urban Development Agency
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2. Estimated Cost Open Tender
3. Tender Fee & EMD (In INR) Tender Fee: ₹ 5,000.00 EMD – ₹ 100000.00
4. Time of Completion As mentioned in Timeline in RFP
5. Date of Publication of Tender on website 09/11/2018, 18:00 hours
6. Date of submission of pre-bid queries 15/11/2018 till 18:00 hours, bidders must submit their queries through post or email (suda.go@gmail.com) in writing. Mail should contain NIT & e-Tender (RFP) Reference no. and RFP Name in email subject line.
7. Mode of submission of bids e-Tendering (https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in)
8. Pre-Bid Conference 16/11/2018 at 11:30 hours
9. Date of Start of Submission of Bids 12/11/2018, 11:00 hours
10. Last Date/Time for submission of bids 03/12/2018 up to 17:00 hours
11. Date of Technical Bid Opening (Online) 04/12/2018 at 17:30 hours
12. Date of financial bid opening To be announced later
13. Bid submission address (Online) https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in
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UPSC IAS PRELIMS 2019: CAN CRASH COURSES CRASH YOUR UPSC DREAM?
Karan is an IAS aspirant
Studying in Delhi's one of the best coaching institutes. He joined coaching in 2017 after quitting his job and put his heart and soul into the preparation. He wrote numerous answers, took all the test series, revised his optional at least twice, attended all the classes regularly but on the day of the Prelims exam, he missed it by 7 marks. Just because he didn't give due attention to the Prelims exam, he is having to wait for an year to write the exam again. What mistake did Karan make?
The IAS exam is a three tier exam with the Prelims exam being qualifying in nature. While most of the students spend their time and efforts studying for the mains exam, revising their optional, practicing answer writing, etc, they forget how competitive Prelims is and how difficult it has become over time. There was a time when the Prelims exam had Optional as a part of it and students with a good background of their optional subject could clear it. Then came the time when CSAT marks got counted and the students with a good aptitude easily sailed through. But today, with CSAT just being a qualifying paper and GS Paper I being the deciding factor, the exam has become highly competitive and a level playing field for all the aspirants preparing for the same. The scope of General Studies is vast, the sources are innumerable and the level of questions being asked in the exam is also greatly tough! So one needs to respect the Prelims exam and plan the strategy in such a way that the highly difficult paper and the extremely high competition can be tackled at the same time.
Let us discuss what should be the right strategy in our opinion. To clear UPSC, or for that matter any other competitive exam, the key is to read one source ten times and not ten sources one time. The more you revise, the better you get. Let's take an example by looking at a previous year question. UPSC asked in the latest Prelims exam about who releases a report "Rule of Law Index". When preparing for the exam, you come across at least 100 reports and remembering their author organization, their purpose, their components is amazingly difficult. Till the time you haven't read about it at least 3 or 4 times, you can not get it right! And if you think that you can do this in a span of 2-3 months, you are mistaken. This is just one example. Subjects like History, Polity, Geography, Economics, Science, Environment which lay the foundation of the Prelims exam and require you to read NCERTs, reference books, current affairs notes, take tests, read the test explanations and so much more. All this goes useless if you do not revise it! We come across many students who say "Sir I knew the answer but just could not get it in the mind while in the exam hall". This very student misses the prelims by 2 marks and has to wait for one more year. Shahbaz, an engineering graduate from Chandigarh does agree to the fact that he could have actually cleared the Prelims exam if he could have got some time more to revise his notes. He says "I had made notes for everything including newspapers and I also made notes for the tests I took. It was just that I could not get enough time for revision because of which I missed the questions that had answers in my notes itself".
To understand things better, we conducted a survey in the famous "Old Rajinder Nagar" or Delhi which is known as the "Factory of IAS Officers" and met the students who had taken the Prelims exam in the previous few years. The illustrative figures are:
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ग्रामीण विकास विभाग (ग्रामीण कार्य मामले) कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
कम्पाइंड बिल्डिंग, ओल्ड चांस कोर्ट परिया, बोकारो।
ई- निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना
ई-निविदा संख्या:- 10/2018-19/RDD(RWA)/EE/BOKARO दिनांक - 08/11/2018
1. कार्य का नाम :-
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1 RDD(RWA)/EE/BOKARO /01/2018-19 जेपीओ मंजूरा, आरईओओ पथ मंगलाबाड़ी से हरिजन मोहला तक पथ निर्माण कार्य (1,000 कि०मी०) 80,71,800.00 अस्सी लाख एकहतर हजार आठ सौ ८० मात्र 9 माह
2 RDD(RWA)/EE/BOKARO /02/2018-19 दहिवासी पंचायत मदान से जमुनिया नदी तक पथ निर्माण कार्य (1,500 कि०मी०) 55,64,600.00 पचपन लाख चौसठ हजार छः सौ ८० मात्र 6 माह
3 RDD(RWA)/EE/BOKARO /03/2018-19 बुटवा नदी पुल से रहावन से आंगनबाड़ी केन्द्र तक पथ निर्माण कार्य (1,000 कि०मी०) 79,88,200.00 उनसरी लाख अठारसी हजार दो सौ ८० मात्र 9 माह
4 RDD(RWA)/EE/BOKARO /04/2018-19 चलकरी दक्षिण पंचायत के बारगोड़ा माइन्स रोड रोड से (लोनामाम हेन्डम के घर से) बुधन हौसदा के घर होले हुए बारगोड़ा तक पथ निर्माण कार्य (1,050 कि०मी०) 84,36,300.00 चौरासी लाख छत्तीस हजार तीन सौ ८० मात्र 9 माह
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3. ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय- 03 / 12 / 2018 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे
4. चांस थाना में निविदा शुल्क, अग्रचन की राशि, शपथ पत्र के मूल प्रति एवं अपनोड किये गये तक्कीकी योग्यता दस्तावेज की एक प्रति जमा करने की तिथि- 05 / 12 / 2018 एवं समय अपराह्न 3.00 बजे तक
5. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय- 07 / 12 / 2018 प्राह्न 11.30 बजे
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9. निविदादाता को Upto date UCAN Registration की फोटोकॉपी Upload करना अनिवार्य है।
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# Congress opposes demand to rename Pune as ‘Jijapur’

Sambhaji Brigade wants to change city’s name to honour Chhatrapati Shivaji’s mother

SHOUMJOIT BANERJEE  
PUNE

The Congress has opposed the pro-Maratha Sambhaji Brigade’s demand to rename Pune as ‘Jijapur’, with former Chief Minister Prithviraj Chavan remarking that a name change would result in effacing the glorious history of the city.

“What is the purpose of such banal propositions? Is the history of Pune so shameful that its name be changed?” he said. “The BJP, which came to power on the ‘development’ plank, is now indulging in such banal name-change games to cover-up its failures,” he said.

The Sambhaji Brigade submitted a memorandum to the District Collector on Monday to change the city’s named in the memory of Chhatrapati Shivaji’s mother, Jijabai.

**History of prosperity**  
“The forces of the Adilshah of Bijapur had ravaged Pune in the 1630s. This was a time of strife. It was the vision and courage of Jijabai that helped rehabilitate the people and make the city prosperous,” said Santosh Shinde of the Sambhaji Brigade. Jijabai’s symbolic gesture of furrowing the land with a golden plough marked the begin-

**The [1630s] was a time of strife. It was the vision and courage of Jijabai that helped make the city prosperous.**

SANTOSH SHINDE  
Member of Sambhaji Brigade

ning of the city’s prosperity, he said.

The Brigade has also expressed support for the Shiv Sena’s demand to change the names of Aurangabad and Osmanabad to Sambhaji Nagar and Dharashiv respectively.

Meanwhile, Imtiaz Jaleel, the All India Majlis-e-Itteha-

dul Muslimeen legislator from Aurangabad has opposed these demands, calling such proposals ‘frivolous’. “It is rather unfortunate that political parties waste time on such issues instead of striving to beautify the city,” he said.

**‘Known for garbage’**  
“Aurangabad today is identified by its garbage problems. Despite the Shiv Sena being in power in the State and civic body, it has done nothing to improve the city. And now, it wants to rename a decrepit city in memory of King Sambhaji. It is indeed a shame and a pity,” Mr. Jaleel said.

## Brother in arms



**Life lost:** Indian Army jawans carry the mortal remains of Naik Keshav Gosavi from Ozar airport to his home town, Shinde Wadi, on Monday. Gosavi died in a ceasefire violation at Nowshera on the Line of Control. ■AJAJ SHAIKH

# ‘Demonetisation like Tughlaq’s currency change’

Prime Minister Modi bringing country to economic abyss, says Prithviraj Chavan

SHOUMJOIT BANERJEE  
PUNE

Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s disregard towards democratic principles has brought the country to the brink of an economic abyss, said senior Congress leader and former Maharashtra Chief Minister Prithviraj Chavan on Monday.

On the tension between the Modi-government and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Mr. Chavan said that the crucial November 19 RBI Board meet would result either in a servile central bank or the resignation of the RBI Governor Urjit Patel.

“The country is staring at a fiscal deficit crisis brought about by the Prime Minister’s actions. To cover this up, the government is now



Prithviraj Chavan

toying with invoking of the hitherto unused Section 7 of the RBI Act, 1934 to transfer a portion of the central bank’s reserves to its account,” he said.

Mr. Chavan compared the

**The government is toying with invoking Section 7 of the RBI Act to transfer a portion of the central bank’s reserves to its account.**

PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN  
Congress leader

schism between the Centre and the RBI to the economic crisis in Argentina in 2010, when differences with the President forced the Argentine central bank’s governor to step down.

The Congress leader further said that if the Modi government did make use of Section 7 under the guise of ‘public interest’, it would cause “an economic earthquake”.

The former Chief Minister likened Mr. Modi’s demonetisation decision to Muhammad bin Tughlaq’s infamous ‘currency change’ move in the 14<sup>th</sup> century.

The real motive behind the move and Mr. Modi’s relentless drive towards a cashless economy was to benefit the American fintech corporations, he said.

**‘No one consulted’**  
“When the decision to demonetise was taken, the government’s intention seemed good. But it immediately became clear that Mr. Modi did not consult anyone before taking this step. It is incredible that the RBI cleared the move barely three hours before the Prime Minister’s official announcement,” Mr. Cha-

van said.

Instead of achieving any of the targets set for it, demonetisation turned into the “biggest money-laundering operation,” Mr. Chavan said.

“Not even Arun Jaitley was aware of the particulars of the move. One wonders whether Mr. Modi takes the advice of political adventurers like yoga guru Baba Ramdev on such important matters,” he said.

The BJP government has steadily undermined every institution in the country, be it the RBI or the CBI, he said.

He further said that the move to replace former CBI Director Alok Verma was nothing less than “a coup” engineered by the Prime Minister to cover up the Rafale scam.

## #MeToo: Goa meet to focus on prevention

Round table to include various voices

PRAKASH KAMAT  
PANAJI

Saad Aangan, a women’s collective, in collaboration with International Centre Goa (ICG), will hold a #MeToo round table on ‘What #WeToo think about what ails the prevention and redressal system’ for sexual harassment on November 25.

A note on the initiative said, “#MeToo has in fact accentuated the need to relook at what ails the prevention and redressal system for women facing sexual harassment at the workplace.

Advocate Albertina Almeida, lawyer and convenor of Saad Aangan, told *The Hindu* the round table would include diverse voices,

wherein, “every voice has a space to speak, be amplified, and where we listen, understand, share, learn and jointly plot the possible ways ahead.”

The ‘voices’ include workers and survivors from different sectors, supporters, members of complaints committees, people engaging with the law on sexual harassment, women looking at budgetary allocations, representatives of women’s groups, social justice groups, and human rights groups. Ms. Almeida said, “We will map the expressions about the system and the consensus that there is and then take a call on how to take this forward.”

## Jawan’s body brought back to Nashik

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NASHIK

The body of an Army soldier from Nashik, killed along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir, was brought here on Monday evening in an aircraft, official sources said.

Naik Keshav Somgir Gosavi (29) was killed by a Pakistani sniper in Rajouri district on Sunday. His last rites took place on Monday at 8 p.m.

Maharashtra Water Resources Minister Girish Mahajan, Nashik Collector Radhakrishnan B, and Army and Air Force officials paid their respect to the soldier. He is survived by his eight-month pregnant wife Yashoda Gosavi, father and sister.

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**Govt. committed to the uplift of the poor: Naidu**

**VIJAYAWADA**  
Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Monday reiterated his commitment to improving the living standards of the poor and for the upbringing of the Backward Classes and other weaker sections. He was launching the State-wide phase-I distribution of tool-kits to two lakh artisans under the Adarana - II scheme here.

**Kerala finance corp. accepts GM's resignation**

**KOZHIKODE**  
The board of directors of the Kerala State Minorities Development Finance Corporation has accepted the resignation of K.T. Adeeb from the post of general manager. The appointment of Mr. Adeeb, a relative of Minister for Minority Welfare K.T. Jaleel, got embroiled in a controversy after the Muslim Youth League alleged that it was an act of nepotism on the part of the Minister. Sources said that the resignation letter had been sent to the State government for a final decision.

**Shelter home official held for 'sexual harassment'**

**TIRUPATI**  
B. Nandagopal, the superintendent of the Government Home for Girls, was arrested on Monday by the Tirupati Urban police, on complaint of sexual harassment of a 16-year-old inmate. He was accused of molesting the minor for nearly four years. The issue came to light after the girl sought a transfer to Kadapa, her home district, where she was admitted to a similar home. Later, before a Child Welfare Committee she revealed the sexual harassment she had been subjected to.

# Sabarimala a secular temple, Kerala govt. tells High Court

Says it is bound to protect rights of women devotees

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT KOCCHI**

Taking exception to a plea to ban the entry of non-Hindus into the Sabarimala temple, the State government on Monday informed a Division Bench of the Kerala High Court that it was a historically acknowledged fact that Sabarimala was a secular temple, where entry of devotees was not restricted on the grounds of caste or religion. In a statement, M. Harshan, Additional Secretary, Revenue (Devaswom) Department, pointed out that there was a school of thought that Sabarimala was a Buddhist temple and the word 'Saranam' was derived from Buddhism. It was a known fact that Sabarimala was originally a place of worship of tribespeople. The government also pointed out that the 'Vavar

## Police passes: hearing adjourned to Nov. 14

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT KOCCHI**

A Division Bench of the Kerala High Court on Monday adjourned to November 14 the hearing on a writ petition challenging the police directive that persons travelling in vehicles should obtain police passes for entering Sabarimala. According to the petitioners – Sunil Kumar P.

and another person from Thrissur – the police were introducing new restrictions every day on the timings and mode of worship at the Sabarimala temple. The police or the government could not introduce any such curbs, affecting the rights of worshippers, under Rule 9 of the Kerala Hindu Places of Public Worship (Authorisation of Entry) Rules 1965, they contended.

men devotees aged between 10 and 50 to offer prayers at the temple. As for the entry of women, the Supreme Court had already issued a judgment.

The affidavit was filed in response to petitions seeking a directive to the Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB) not to implement any of the oral or written directives issued by the Chief Minister or the government on religious matters, entry of pilgrims, and other matters in Sabarimala.

**No directive**

The government said in the affidavit that the Chief Minister had not issued any directive to the temple authorities. It had only directed the police to take care of the security of the devotees. No genuine devotee would be prevented from trekking to Sabarimala. However, anyone coming with the intention of creating obstruction would be taken care of by the police.

# Reddy bail plea hearing today

Monday was declared court holiday

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT BENGALURU**

The bail plea hearing of mining baron G. Janardhan Reddy, which was expected to be heard on Monday, was postponed to Tuesday owing to the demise of Union Minister Ananth Kumar.

Advocates representing Mr. Reddy had filed an application before the sessions court, but as a holiday was declared on Monday, the matter was posted to Tuesday.

Mr. Reddy was arrested by the Central Crime Branch (CCB) on Sunday and remanded in judicial custody for 14 days, on the charge of criminal conspiracy, based on credible information obtained during the course of investigation.

The witness statement and legal scrutiny of the investigations led to the arrest, Alok Kumar, Additional Commissioner of Police, who is heading the investigation, said.



G. Janardhan Reddy

The bail hearing is expected to take a couple of days as the CCB is planning to file a strong objection against his plea for bail.

As Mr. Reddy has political connections, granting bail would hamper the ongoing investigations, a senior police officer said.

The mining baron is housed in a separate cell in the Bengaluru Central Prison, Parappana Agrahara, due to security reasons.

The prison has been provided with adequate security to guard against any untoward incident, sources said.

# Telangana Assembly polls notified

Candidates from different political parties file nominations

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD**

The stage is set for intense electioneering in the next three weeks with the Election Commission of India issuing the notification for the election to Telangana Legislative Assembly, slated for December 7.

Chief Secretary S.K. Joshi has issued gazette notification for the conduct of the election after obtaining the consent of Governor E.S.L. Narasimhan on Monday. The notification was immediately followed by filing of nomi-

nations by candidates from different political parties.

According to the Chief Electoral Officer Rajat Kumar, over 40 candidates, mostly belonging to the BJP, filed their nominations on the first day.

The last date for filing nominations is November 19 and they will be scrutinised the next day. November 22 is the last date for withdrawal of nominations. The campaign by the contesting candidates and parties will come to close on December 5 evening followed by poll-

ing for the 119 Assembly constituencies in a single phase on December 7. Counting of votes would be taken up on December 11 along with four other poll-bound States and the election process should be completed by December 13, according to the notification.

Chief Electoral Officer Rajat Kumar said over 2.76 crore voters were expected to exercise their franchise across the State in 32,574 polling stations – 12,245 in urban areas and 20,329 in rural areas.

# Basavraj's ascension coincides with general, Assembly polls

He has a penchant for going on the offensive

**SUMIT BHATTACHARJEE VISAKHAPATNAM**

Though the decision for the change of guard in the CPI (Maoist) was taken some time in February 2017 in Abujmah in Chhattisgarh, Nambala Keshav Rao, 63, alias Basavraj took over charge of the banned organisation as general secretary from Muppala Lakshman Rao, 72, alias Ganapathi, a few months ago.

Basavraj's ascension seems to be a strategic move by the Maoists as it coincided with the Assembly elections in at least three Left Wing Extremist-affected States (Madhya Pradesh, Telangana and Chhattisgarh) and the general and the Assembly election in Andhra Pradesh in 2019.

The Maoist movement in the Andhra-Odisha Border area and Telangana was on

the wane and the first major strike authored by Basavraj after taking over was the killing of Araku MLA Kidari Sarveswara Rao and former MLA Siveri Soma near Livitiput village in Dumbriguda mandal in the AOB region on September 23, citing repression of tribals by the TDP leaders and support to the mining mafia including their bauxite mining, which the tribals had been opposing vehemently.

Such a major strike took place in Andhra Pradesh after a long time. The convoy of then Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu was hit by a claymore mine in Alipiri, Tirupati, in 2003. This was followed by the killing of Chittam Narsi Reddy, MLA, in Narayanapet town in Mahabubnagar in 2005. The Araku attack was followed by an IED explosion in Bachel in

Dantewada on November 8, on the eve of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's election rally, in which four civilians and one CISF constable were killed. On Sunday, the Maoists triggered at least seven IEDs in the Kanker region in Chhattisgarh, killing one BSF SI.

Basavraj has a penchant for going on the offensive and the Araku attack and the blasts in Chhattisgarh are a clear indication that the Maoists have stepped up their offensive, according to a senior police officer. He has his signature on all major attacks in the last 10 years, including the killing of former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Vidya Charan Shukla and Salwa Judum founder Mahendra Karma and 15 others in Chhattisgarh in 2013, an Intelligence officer said.

## Remembering a milestone



A cultural procession being taken out in Palakkad, Kerala, on Monday as part of the 82nd anniversary of the Temple Entry Proclamation. ■ K. K. MUSTAFAH

# Jagan's yatra resumes in Vizianagaram

**STAFF REPORTER VIZIANAGARAM**

YSRCP president Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy resumed his 'Praja Sankalpa Yatra' on Monday in Saluru Assembly constituency of Vizianagaram district.

Mr. Jagan was forced to suspend his padayatra after the attack on him in the Visakhapatnam airport.

Now, identity cards have been made mandatory for all YSRCP leaders, activists and local people who would like to accompany Mr. Jagan.

The police personnel have also been asked to wear their identity cards while on duty.

In the backdrop of criticism over the alleged lapses in safety measures, the Police department has put three-tier security cordon for Mr. Jagan during his yatra.

# Bengaluru welcomes winged visitors

'Best places to spot land birds are Nandi Hills, Bannerghatta park and Lalbagh'

**STAFF REPORTER BENGALURU**

The migratory season is here and winged visitors from foreign lands have started making the green landscapes and waterbodies around the city their home. Among the land birds, enthusiasts can spot various species such as greenish leaf warblers and bright reed warblers, flycatchers and golden orioles.

"Though the number of land birds has declined drastically in the past years owing to loss of greenery, these species are not hard to spot in the city. One can spot them in thick wooded patches in the city, but in smaller numbers," says M.B. Krishna, an ornithologist.

According to him, the best places to spot land birds are Valley School, Nandi Hills, Bannerghatta National Park,



**In flight:** Birds which were sighted last month at the Jakkur Lake in Bengaluru. ■SAMPATH KUMAR G.P.

and Lalbagh. Some of the city's cleaner lakes are also home to many migratory species from October to March.

Spot-billed duck, garganey duck and pintail duck, can be spotted along with species of sandpipers, black-winged stilts, herons and egrets through the season.

The revived Jakkur, Saul

Kere, Yelahanaka, Kaikondrahalli and Madiwala lakes are some of the places to head to this birding season.

Deepa Mohan, 64, who has been a birder for over 12 years, says the season has started on a good note, with a lot of migratory birds already coming to the wooded patches and waterbodies in and around the city.

"Last year, the number of migratory ducks was quite dismal. But, with the city and its surroundings receiving decent rainfall this time, we are expecting a good number of species to visit," said the blogger and writer, who has been birdwatching every weekend.

**Various hotspots**

According to the eBird India website – a portal where birders post their latest spotting experiences – 290 species have been sighted across the city this year.

Valley School remains the biggest hotspot for birding, with 193 species being spotted here. Hessaraghatta Lake and GKVK campus are the other two spots from where birders have been reporting a large number of sightings – 184 and 160 species, respectively.

# Cathedral to celebrate its 450th year

Kumaraswamy to attend celebrations of Catholic church in Karnataka

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT MANGALURU**

Our Lady of The Holy Rosary Cathedral will celebrate 450 years of its completion from November 15 to 18. Karnataka Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy will attend the concluding day of the celebrations on Sunday.

Rector of the cathedral Father J.B. Crasta told *The Hindu* that it is the oldest among the Catholic cathedrals in Karnataka.

**Build by Portuguese**

According to an article on 'Roman Catholic Churches' in *Mangaluru Darshana*, a book on the history and culture of Mangaluru, published by the Mangaluru Urban Development Authority, the Holy Rosary Church was built by the Portuguese soon after they landed in the city following victory in war, on



The Rosario Cathedral in Mangaluru. ■H.S. MANJUNATH

January 5, 1568. It was then called the Factory Church and is now also called Rosario Cathedral.

In the writings of Italian traveller Pietro della Valle, who visited Mangaluru in 1623, mentions the Holy Rosary Church, Our Lady of Mercy at Ullal, and St. Francis of Assisi at Farangipet. The royal stone emblem

of the Portuguese king, marking their landing in Mangaluru, is at the entrance of the cathedral.

The article further states that the Holy Rosary Church building was desecrated and destroyed by forces of Tipu Sultan in 1784. The Catholics then set about reconstructing the church in 1813. The East India Company sanc-

tioned ₹4,000 for reconstruction of the Holy Rosary Church and Milagres Church, which was constructed in 1680. It was on April 16, 1850 that the Holy Rosary Church attained the status of cathedral.

In 1910 the then Parish Priest Father Henry I Bruzoni demolished the old structure of the cathedral and erected the new structure. The notable feature of the new structure has been the magnificent dome crowning the spacious sanctuary.

The cross on the dome of the cathedral was lit every night to serve as a beacon for seafarers.

The architect of the new structure was Brother Devo S.J. Jesuits. The new building was formally opened by the then Bishop Ferini on December 4,1910, the article stated.



**IN BRIEF**

**Amarinder inaugurates 100-bed hospital**

SANGRUR (PUNJAB) Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh on Monday inaugurated a 100-bed, ultra-modern cancer hospital here. The Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital in Sangrur has been set up with aid from the State government. Plans are afoot for a state-of-the-art oncology training centre at the hospital, the CM said. PTI

**J&K police foil workers' march to Secretariat**

Jammu The J&K police scuttled an attempt by Public Health Engineering Department workers to gherao the State Secretariat here on Monday. The workers, demanding release of pending wages and regularisation of services, had taken out the rally from their headquarters at B.C. Road to the Secretariat. PTI

**Labourer killed in sugar mill accident in U.P.**

BIJNOR A 52-year-old labourer was killed and three others injured when chemicals accidentally fell on them at a sugar mill in Uttar Pradesh's Bijnor district on Monday, police said. The incident happened in the morning at the Avadh sugar mill in Seohara. Shrivjit died on the spot, while three others received burns, a police officer said. PTI

**Truck mows down two, driver absconding**

PRATAPGARH (U.P.) A 20-year-old youth and his cousin sister died after a truck hit their motorcycle here on Monday, police said. Phoolchandra and his cousin, Bitan (17), died on the spot in the accident near Ratipur village. An eight-year-old passer-by, Aditya, was also injured and his condition is critical. A search is on for the driver who fled the spot. PTI

# 'Army aims to keep youth off militancy'

General Bipin Rawat says govt. has a clear-cut policy not to allow terrorists to create violence in J&K

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Army Chief General Bipin Rawat on Monday said that the government's policy in Jammu and Kashmir was that those triggering terrorism in the State should be neutralised, but the Army's focus was to ensure that the Kashmiri youth did not join militancy.

"The government has a clear-cut policy that it will not allow terrorists to create violence. Anybody who creates violence will be neutralised," he said. "Our [Army's] focus is terrorists in the Valley. The basic aim of the Army is to ensure that young boys do not join militancy."

General Rawat, who was on a two-day visit to Pathankot, was presiding over a conclave of disabled soldiers

here. He said the Army's aim was to approach the youth's family and tell them that they could ask the youth to surrender as it will still give him a chance.

"If the people still do not behave and continue with violence, the alternative left [with us] is to neutralise them," the Army chief said.

Asked whether India is following a tit-for-tat policy towards Pakistan, which was resulting in many casualties, General Rawat said the policy keeps changing.

"See we have to keep changing the policy... We have to keep doing something different. It has to be reviewed so that we keep ahead of adversary," he said, adding that it had to be more than a tit-for-tat policy.

The Army Chief said Pakistan kept sending terro-



Army Chief General Bipin Rawat felicitates an ex-serviceman at Mamun Cantonment, Pathankot, on Monday. ■PTI

## 'No threat to Punjab'

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Army Chief General Bipin Rawat said there was no threat of revival of militancy in Punjab, but there was a need to stay alert.

"There is not much threat [of revival of militancy] in Punjab, but we need to be alert about it. It is better to be alert than to allow things [to go out of hand]," he told reporters here.

The Army chief was responding to a question on arrests of some people in the State and the 'Referendum 2020' campaign started by separatist and pro-Khalistan elements from other countries.

## WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

**Forecast for Tuesday:** Heavy rain/snow is likely at isolated places over Jammu and Kashmir

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala.....	—	29.2....	16.0	Kozhikode .....	—	34.4....	25.0
Ahmedabad.....	—	35.6....	16.6	Kurnool.....	—	34.1....	19.6
Aizwal.....	—	31.0....	13.1	Lucknow.....	—	29.6....	13.4
Allahabad.....	—	31.5....	14.0	Madurai.....	—	33.6....	22.2
Bengaluru.....	—	30.0....	17.3	Mangaluru .....	—	34.1....	22.4
Bhopal.....	—	32.3....	13.6	Mumbai.....	—	35.4....	20.0
Bhubaneswar.....	—	30.2....	18.4	Mysuru.....	—	29.9....	14.5
Chandigarh.....	—	28.4....	11.9	New Delhi.....	—	30.2....	13.4
Chennai.....	—	31.2....	24.4	Patna.....	—	29.6....	17.6
Coimbatore.....	—	32.9....	20.5	Port Blair.....	53.4....	29.6....	23.7
Dehradun.....	—	28.0....	11.3	Puducherry.....	—	31.7....	20.8
Gangtok.....	—	17.8....	11.0	Pune.....	—	32.6....	13.9
Goa.....	—	34.4....	22.5	Raipur.....	—	31.7....	15.9
Guwahati.....	—	29.4....	16.4	Ranchi.....	—	28.0....	13.2
Hubballi.....	—	31.0....	17.0	Shillong.....	—	19.2....	10.0
Hyderabad.....	—	32.2....	14.8	Shimla.....	—	18.5....	10.7
Imphal.....	—	26.6....	12.2	Srinagar.....	—	13.1....	2.6
Jaipur.....	—	32.0....	16.7	Trivandrum.....	—	32.5....	23.0
Kochi.....	—	30.8....	24.2	Tiruchir.....	—	33.1....	23.4
Kohima.....	—	22.3....	10.0	Vijayawada.....	—	32.1....	21.7
Kolkata.....	—	30.3....	19.6	Visakhapatnam.....	—	31.8....	24.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing							Yesterday
CITIES	SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>2</sub>	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE	
Ahmedabad .....	72	146	45	190	—	—	In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Faridabad, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 454 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Thiruvananthapuram recorded a healthy AQI score of 72
Bengaluru.....	12	54	53	206	—	—	
Chennai.....	7	22	65	258	—	—	
Delhi.....	18	223	92	458	445	—	
Hyderabad.....	8	83	37	132	142	—	
Kolkata.....	21	47	43	317	265	—	
Lucknow.....	9	110	87	387	—	—	
Mumbai.....	32	58	93	105	134	—	
Pune.....	103	53	66	116	187	—	
Visakhapatnam.....	17	32	45	216	140	—	

Air Quality Code: ■ Poor ■ Moderate ■ Good (Readings indicate average AQI)  
**SO<sub>2</sub>:** Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.  
**NO<sub>2</sub>:** Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.  
**CO:** Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.  
**PM2.5 & PM10:** Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

## May Day meant for workers, not govt. officials: Tripura CM

Biplab Deb justifies dropping May 1 from State's holiday list

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**  
**AGARTALA**

Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb has dropped May Day from the list of holidays in the State as, according to him, "government employees do not need a holiday on International Labour Rights Day".

He claimed that his government has done justice by granting holiday on May 1 only to workers in industrial sector as the day is "meant for workers and labourers and no one else".

"Why do government employees need holiday on May Day? ... I have noticed that it is a holiday on that day in very few States.



Biplab Kumar Deb

ber 3 said that government employees would be allowed to avail any four holidays chosen by them out of a list of restricted holidays during 2019. The list of restricted holidays includes 12 festivals and occasions in it - New Year's Day, Pous Parban (Bengali harvest festival), Basanti Puja, Mahavir Jayanti, May Day, Rath Yatra, Jhulan-jatra Samapan, Biswakarma Puja, Akheri-Chahar-Sumba, Bhadriddwitiya, Guru Nanak's birthday and the World Disabled Day.

"The May Day holiday in industrial sector is still valid. But are you [gazetted officers] workers and labourers in the Secretariat?" he asked.

## Girl who fled Patna shelter returns to W.B.

Efforts on to trace other three: police

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**  
**PATNA**

One of the four minor girls who escaped from a shelter home in Patna has reached her home in West Bengal and efforts are on to trace the other three, Bihar police said on Monday.

The girls had escaped from the government-funded Asha Kiran Home For Girls in Patliputra Colony early on Sunday by using their *dupatta* as a rope to climb down from a second-floor balcony.

### Call from home

They had been brought to the shelter home last month. One of the four girls who escaped is 12 years old

and the rest are 16, police said.

"One girl has reached her home in 24 Parganas district in West Bengal. The girl informed the manageress of the Patna shelter home who in turn informed us about the incident," Patliputra Station House Officer Tarkeshwar Nath Tiwary said.

The girl, he said, had also apologised to the manageress for leaving without informing and said that the other three had also planned to return to their respective homes, he said.

The FIR about the escape was filed by the shelter home's manageress and efforts are on to find the three girls, he added.

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IN THE COURT OF XIX ADDL. CITY CIVIL COURT AT CHENNAI  
**O.S. NO. 3863 OF 2017**  
M/s. Rishabh Enterprises, Vs. - Plaintiff  
M/s. Esson Furnishing Pvt. Ltd., Defendant  
**NOTICE**  
To, M/s. Esson Furnishing Pvt. Ltd., Rep. by its Director, D.193, Lalpat Nagar - 1, New Delhi - 110 024.  
Sir,  
Take notice that the above referred matter filed by above named plaintiff viz., M/S. Rishabh Enterprises, Rep. by its Prop., Mr. Gautamchand Bahrecha, at No.16/17, Shop No.16, Ekambareswarar Agharam Street, Chennai - 600 001, against you for recovery of money in the above case and in the same, the said Hon'ble Court ordered notice to you, returnable by 28.11.2018. Hence, take notice and appear in person or through your pleader before the Hon'ble XIX ADDL. CITY CIVIL COURT AT CHENNAI on 28.11.2018 at 10.30 a.m., failing which, the above matter will be decided in your absence  
**M/S. C. REKHAKUMARI COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFF**  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

**COURT NOTICE**  
Before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala at Ernakulam Criminal R.P. No. 1140/2018  
M/s. CARGOMAR Pvt. Ltd.-B-168 & 169, DDA Shed, 1st Floor, Okhla Industrial Area, Phase - 1, New Delhi 110020 through its authorized representative Sri. Narayana Naik. : Revision Petitioner Vs.  
1. M/s. DMV Ventures 12/2, Old Shershah Suri Road, Sector - 36, Opposite Sector - 37, Faridabad - 121001, Haryana.  
2. MR. MANI FARASIYA, PROPRIETOR OF M/S DMV VENTURES, 12/2, Old Shershah Suri Road, Sector -36, Opposite Sector - 37, Faridabad -121-001. Haryana: Respondents 1&2  
The above respondents are hereby put on notice as follows: In the above revision petition, the Hon'ble Court has vide order dtd. 10.10.2018 directed to issue notice against the respondents by paper publication.  
Hence, notice is hereby given to you the respondents 1&2 that on 14-11-18 at 10.15 AM the revision petition will be taken up for hearing before the Hon'ble Court and you may either directly or through your appointed counsel appear and make your submissions and in case of your failure to so appear, the case will be decided in your absence.  
By Order  
V.M. Syam Kumar  
Advocate for Revision Petitioner

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### LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE MACT SC & ST COURT JUDGE, ANANTAPURAMU  
M.V.O.P.NO.41/2018  
Between:  
Pujan Ramesh AND ... Petitioner  
Jagtar Singh and Others ... Respondents  
**NOTICE TO RESPONDENT NO.3**  
R3: Harbinder Singh S/o Guruswaksha, Driver of DCM Vehicle bearing No.PB-23-T-3331, R/o of Badhimana, AMLOH Dist., PUNJAB.  
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(By order of the court)  
B. NALLA REDDY, Advocate  
Anantapuramu, Andhra Pradesh.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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**ई-अल्पकालिन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना**  
ई-निविदा संख्या:- 134/2018-19/RDD(RWA)/SERAIKELA दिनांक : 08.11.2018  
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2. वेबसाईट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि:- 16.11.2018  
3. ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय:- 23.11.2018 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे।  
4. खिला नियंत्रण कक्ष राँची में निविदा शुल्क, अग्रधन की राशि, शपथ पत्र के मूल प्रति एवं अपलोड किये गये तकनीकी योग्यता दस्तावेज की एक प्रति जमा करने की तिथि:- 26.11.2018 पूर्वाह्न 10.00 बजे से अपराह्न 3.30 बजे तक।  
5. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय:- 27.11.2018 पूर्वाह्न 11.30 बजे।  
6. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता:- मुख्य अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विभाग (ग्रामीण कार्य मामले), झारखंड, राँची, 102 द्वितीय तल्ला, अभियंत्रण भवन, राँची।  
7. ई-निविदा प्रक्रांश का दस्तावेज सं0- 0651-2207818  
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### DEATH

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**IN BRIEF**

**Sivakasi fireworks units to go on indefinite strike**

SIVAKASI  
Over 1,000 fireworks units in Sivakasi and other parts of the country have announced indefinite closure from Monday following the Supreme Court's order imposing restrictions on the industry.

**Tamil Nadu to import 3.5 million tonnes of coal**

CHENNAI  
The Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation (Tangedco) has decided to import 3.5 million more tonnes of coal to meet the demand for the fossil fuel. It is getting imported coal of 1.75 million tonnes through suppliers, who source it mostly from Indonesia.

**Second accused in T.N. rape case surrenders**

DHARMAPURI  
Two days after the rape of a 16-year-old girl, who died later, Ramesh, the second accused, turned himself in on Monday. Sathish was arrested on Sunday. Meanwhile, a team of doctors performed an autopsy on the victim. An inquiry has been ordered into the allegations of negligence on the part of the police while dealing with the rape complaint.

**NIA to seek extradition of ISIS operative**

CHENNAI  
The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has initiated the process of seeking the extradition of Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) operative Haja Fakrudin, a native of Paranginnettai in Cuddalore district, who settled in Singapore and later migrated to Syria.

# Tamil Nadu braces for Cyclone Gaja

Landfall likely between Cuddalore and Pamban

**K. LAKSHMI**  
CHENNAI  
Cyclone Gaja is likely to cross the Tamil Nadu coast between Cuddalore district and Pamban, in Ramanathapuram district, in the forenoon of Thursday

As on Monday evening, the cyclonic storm lay over the Bay of Bengal, about 720 km east-northeast of Chennai and 800 km east-northeast of Nagapattinam. Though it is likely to intensify into a severe cyclonic storm in the open seas, it is set to weaken gradually, and cross the coast only as a cyclonic storm. It is likely to bring heavy to very heavy rainfall at a few places over seven districts in the state on

# AI pilot's licence suspended

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
MUMBAI  
The Directorate General of Civil Aviation on Monday suspended the flying licence of Captain Arvind Kathpalia, Director (Operations), Air India, for three years after he failed the breath analyser test a day earlier.

Captain Kathpalia, officials said, was a repeat offender and was hence served with the three-year licence suspension. In 2017, his flying licence was suspended for three months after he allegedly skipped a pre-flight medical test before a Delhi-Bengaluru flight.

The prescribed punishment for such offences under DGCA rules is the suspension of the flying licence for three months, in case of the first breach. For violating the norms for a second time, the licence is suspended for three years. The third time, the licence is permanently cancelled.

Meanwhile, the Indian Commercial Pilots Association (ICPA), Air India's recognised pilot body, has warned of industrial unrest if Capt. Kathpalia was not removed from his position. The ICPA said it would write to Civil Aviation Minister Suresh Prabhu and the airline Chairman and Managing Director, Pradeep Singh Kharola, about the same.

# Deny MSP to stubble burners: NGT

Green Bench asks Chief Secretaries of four States to draw up scheme to check pollution

**SHINJINI GHOSH**  
NEW DELHI  
Stating that State governments had failed to curb stubble burning, the National Green Tribunal (NGT) on Monday summoned the Chief Secretaries of Delhi, Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh.

Officers have been directed to draw up a plan to provide economic incentives and disincentives to farmers.

Observing that stubble burning is adversely affecting environment and public health, a Bench headed by NGT Chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel said, "The fact remains that the problem has not been fully tackled and the adverse impacts on the air quality and consequent impacts on the citizens' health and lives are undisputed."

"The problem is required to be resolved by taking all such measures as are possible" the Bench added.

During the hearing, it was



A farmer burns paddy stubble at a farm on the outskirts of Amritsar. •FILE PHOTO

suggested to the Bench that incentives could be provided to those who are not burning the stubble and disincentives for those who continue the practice. "We do not see any difficulty why such economic incentives and disincentives should not be duly planned or executed. We make it clear that the existing Minimum Support Price (MSP) Scheme must be so in-

terpreted as to enable the States concerned to wholly or partly deny the benefit of MSP to those who continue to burn the crop residue" the Bench said.

**Urgency of situation**  
While the officers have been asked to be present on November 15, the NGT specified that the "short time is on account of the urgency of the

situation with regard to deteriorating air quality prevailing in NCT Delhi and adjoining areas."

Secretary, Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare has also been directed to be present to "find a lasting solution."

The NGT also said that "it is open to the Central government" convening a meeting with the States.

**Homeless to be given masks: official**

NEW DELHI  
Homeless people will be given cotton masks in Delhi to protect them from the deadly smog, officials said on Monday. Each winter the Capital of 20 million chokes through haze so extreme that levels of airborne pollutants eclipse safe limits by more than 30 times.

The poor and homeless suffer the worst, through constant exposure to a toxic brew of car fumes, factory exhaust and construction dust.

Measures to curb the smog -- from reducing heavy goods traffic and firecrackers to banning farmers from using fire to clear their fields -- have failed to clear the skies.

Bipin Rai from Delhi's city government told AFP that 10,000 face masks would be given "to homeless families, women, patients and children as pollution levels are on the rise". But experts said these masks offer little to no protection against the most poisonous pollutants. AFP

# 'Have to outsmart those spreading fake news'

No perfect solution, says Twitter CEO

**STAFF REPORTER**  
NEW DELHI  
CEO and co-founder of Twitter Jack Dorsey on Monday said there was no perfect solution to deal with the problem of "fake news" and "misinformation" on social media in the context of the upcoming general election.

Calling it a multi-variable problem, Mr. Dorsey said: "We need to be 10 steps ahead of those trying to spread misinformation and need to ensure that people reading misinformation do not take action based on the information. Twitter can step in to ensure that a reported tweet that is spreading misinformation is contained and does not spread more than the impressions it has already reached."

He likened the problem to that of security and said



Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey, right, taking a selfie at IIT-Delhi. • SANDEEP SAXENA

that even the best lock can be broken and the challenge was to keep building better locks. Mr. Dorsey was speaking at a town hall in IIT Delhi, organised to launch an initiative of Twitter, #PowerOf8, aimed at getting the youth to vote in the next general election.

"The platform aims to engage more young people in India to contribute to public debate and work with like-minded partners that share the same objective of encouraging civic engagement among the youth," said managing director of Twitter Maya Hari.

# Centre pulls up Twitter for 'slow action'

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
NEW DELHI  
Union Home Secretary Rajiv Gauba pulled up representatives of Twitter for acting slow on the government's requests to pull down content and accounts that incite communal violence.

The Home Ministry told Twitter on Monday that legal provisions will need to be invoked in case the social media platform did not comply with the request to promptly remove objectionable content. "It has been

noticed that action taken by Twitter for removing/blocking of objectionable/unlawful content has been slow in some cases and compliance for removal of unlawful content has been only about 60% even where orders have been issued by the competent authority after following due process of law," a statement said.

Earlier in the day, Jack Dorsey, CEO of Twitter, met Congress president Rahul Gandhi to discuss ways to tackle "fake news."

# Another soldier killed in Pak. sniper fire in J&K

One more soldier was critically wounded: Army

**PEERZADA ASHIQ**  
SRINAGAR  
A soldier was killed and another injured as Pakistan resorted to sniper attacks along the Line of Control (LoC) in Pir Panjal's Poonch for the third consecutive day on Monday.

"Pakistan Army resorted to an unprovoked ceasefire violation in the Krishna Ghati Sector in Mendhar on the LoC around 5.15 p.m. on Monday, resulting in the death of a soldier and critical injuries to another," Jammu-based Army spokesman Lt. Col. Devender Anand told *The Hindu*.

The Army said it "retaliated strongly and effectively" on Pakistan Army posts. "The martyrdom of the Indian Army soldier will not go in vain," said the spokesman.

Locals said they heard loud explosions, indicating an exchange of heavy shelling late in the evening.

The Army identified the deceased

soldier as lance naik Antony Sebastian K.M., 34, "who was critically injured and succumbed to gunshot wound later." Critically injured havildar Mari Muthu D., who also suffered gunshot wounds, was given immediate resuscitation and medical aid. "He has been evacuated to the Military Hospital, Poonch," said the Army.

Sebastian K.M. belonged to Kerala's Manakunnam village. He is survived by wife Anna Dayana Joseph. "Sebastian K.M. was a brave and sincere soldier. The nation will always remain indebted to him for the supreme sacrifice and devotion to duty," said the Army.

Sources said the casualties occurred despite warning by intelligence agencies about Pakistan stepping up sniper attacks. In the past three days, two soldiers -- naik Gosavi Keshav Somgir and rifleman Varun Kattal -- have been killed in Rajouri district by Pakistan snipers.

# SC declines PIL against anti-rape law


**LEGAL CORRESPONDENT**  
NEW DELHI  
The Supreme Court on Monday declined a PIL petition challenging the constitutional validity of Section 375 of the Indian Penal Code which deals with rape.

A Bench led by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi refused to entertain the petition by NGO, Criminal Justice Society of India, claiming that the penal provision is not gender-neutral. "The issue falls in the realm of Parliament. We don't want to say anything on it right now," the Chief Justice told advocate Ashima Mandla. The plea contended that Section 375 violated Articles 14, 15 and 21 as it did not account for rape of men and transgenders.

# 25 Dalits convert to Buddhism in U.P.

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Twenty-five Dalits converted to Buddhism in a ceremony in Shamli district on Monday. Dalit leader Devidas Jayant, who also converted, said they took the step due to discrimination and atrocities against the community.

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# Sanjay Mishra now eligible for 2-year term as ED chief

Earlier posted as IT Chief Commissioner

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
NEW DELHI  
Sanjay Kumar Mishra, the 1984-batch Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer who is holding the additional charge of Enforcement Directorate chief, has been empanelled as Additional Secretary and, therefore, is now eligible for a two-year term.

After the superannuation of senior IPS officer Karnal Singh last month, Mr. Mishra was appointed as Principal Special Director with the ED and given additional charge of the agency chief for three months.

"Mr. Singh was the first ED director to get a fixed term of two years following the Supreme Court directive," said an official.

Mr. Mishra was earlier posted as Chief Commissioner with the Income-Tax Department in Delhi. Over the years, he has investigated several politically sensitive cases and also has rich

experience in the area of foreign taxation. He also had a stint with the Union Home Ministry.

The senior IRS officer was instrumental in getting access to the HSBC-Geneva list of Indian account holders who were subsequently probed by Indian agencies for allegedly parking undisclosed income abroad.

**Important cases**  
Under Mr. Mishra's supervision, the Enforcement Directorate is currently probing several important cases of corruption and bank frauds, including the Punjab National Bank case involving Nirav Modi and his uncle Mehul Choksi.

Having filed multiple charge sheets, the agency has already moved a request for extraditing Mr. Nirav Modi. The Indian High Commission in London has handed over the official request to extradite him to the U.K. authorities.

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## Dangerous tactics

Recent attacks suggest that Maoists are focussing on greater militarisation

There has been an uptick in attacks by Maoists, indicating that their ability to strike remains strong. Last week, in two attacks in Chhattisgarh, five persons were killed in a blast in Dantewada district, and one BSF sub-inspector was killed in Kanker district. Maoists have also owned up responsibility for the killing of TDP MLA Kidari Sarveswara Rao and his predecessor Siveri Soma in Araku valley in Andhra Pradesh in September. These attacks, however, come amid a series of military setbacks to the Maoists in the Andhra Pradesh-Odisha border regions. Clearly, the government's strategy of using military force while earmarking funds for infrastructure and welfare programmes in the districts most affected by left-wing extremism has weakened the Maoists. Paramilitary and police actions have resulted in the death of senior leaders, including Cherukuri Rajkumar ('Azad') and Mallojula Koteswara Rao ('Kishenji'). Welfare measures, even if they have been implemented haphazardly, have enabled outreach into tribal areas where the state was hitherto absent. These actions have forced the Maoists to retreat further into the forest areas of central and south-central India to use them as bases to launch attacks, seeking to invite state repression on tribal people and to get recruits. The change of guard in the CPI (Maoist) leadership also suggests that it has moved towards further militarisation to secure its guerrilla forces' influence. General secretary Nambala Kesava Rao ('Basavraj'), who has replaced Muppala Lakshmana Rao ('Ganapathy'), is alleged to have led attacks on security forces and killings.

The CPI (Maoist) has sought to project itself as a revolutionary political movement led by peasants and tribals, seeking to rebuild after the failures of the earlier Naxalite movement. After the merger of the People's War Group and the Maoist Communist Centre of India into the CPI (Maoist) in 2004, the outlawed party managed to consolidate its presence across a "Red Corridor" spanning central and north-central India, marked by rural deprivation. Rather than focussing on socio-economic struggles to uplift peasants and tribals in this region, the Maoists relied on waging a military battle against the state with the intention of capturing power through violent means. This was largely due to a gross and mindless misreading of the nature of the Indian state and its democratic institutions. These actions have resulted in the militarisation of these areas, repression of tribal people both by state actions such as the creation of the Salwa Judum – disbanded by judicial order – and Maoist authoritarianism. The change in leadership of the CPI (Maoist) and its recent actions suggest there is no end in sight to this insurgency in the near term – a sad reality for tribals caught in the crossfire.

## Saudi whodunnit

The global community must force Riyadh to shed more light on Khashoggi's murder

Over a month after Jamal Khashoggi was murdered inside the Saudi Arabian Consulate in Istanbul, there remain many unanswered questions. The Saudi journalist based in the U.S., known for his columns critical of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, visited the Consulate on October 2 for paperwork for his marriage. Since then, Saudi Arabia has contradicted itself several times on what happened to Khashoggi. It first said he left the mission freely, contradicting Turkish media reports that he was murdered in there. Days later, amid mounting international pressure and more leaks by the Turkish authorities, Riyadh said Khashoggi died in a "first-fight" in the Consulate. Subsequently it admitted that he had been murdered, and arrested 18 people, including a 15-member team which had visited the Istanbul Consulate on the day Khashoggi was killed. It also fired a few influential officials, including the deputy intelligence chief. But Saudi Arabia maintained it was a rogue operation carried out without the Crown Prince's involvement. Turkey's request for the 18 arrested suspects to be extradited for questioning has been turned down. The Kingdom is yet to say what happened to Khashoggi's body. Turkish media reported that he was killed, dismembered, his body parts dissolved in acid and the remains poured down the drain. Riyadh has not revealed who ordered the hit – it had to be someone really powerful to send a 15-member hit squad, that included close aides of the Crown Prince, for such a risky, complex mission.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan has confirmed that there is an audio recording of the murder, which he shared with Saudi Arabia, the U.S., France, Germany and Britain. Mr. Erdoğan says all these countries know what happened to Khashoggi. The question is, what must be done to persuade Saudi Arabia to bring the perpetrators of this murder to light? To be sure, the U.S. has stopped refuelling Saudi jets bombing Yemen, ending significant support to the three-year-old war. Both the U.S. and European powers have also called on Saudi Arabia to push for peace talks to end Yemen's stalemated conflict. But these countries, which sell weapons worth billions of dollars to Saudi Arabia and offer diplomatic protection to the Kingdom in international forums, should ask tougher questions of Riyadh about Khashoggi, and more effectively. The U.S., even after the suspension of refuelling, continues to cooperate with the war in other ways, including intelligence-sharing. President Donald Trump has said Khashoggi's death should not affect Saudi Arabia's weapons purchases from U.S. companies. The mystery will not be resolved until Saudi Arabia reveals what happened to his body and who in the chain of command is actually responsible for the murder. Letting Saudi Arabia get away will be a moral failure for the international community.

# The usurpation of free speech

Furore over a BBC programme captures the worldwide success of the far right in capturing space on diverse platforms



VIDYA RAM

Last month, 'Newsnight', a weekday BBC current affairs programme, faced much criticism online over a segment due to be aired that evening on 35-year-old Stephen Christopher Yaxley-Lennon, better known to the world as Tommy Robinson, co-founder of the English Defence League and a cause célèbre of the far right globally. Alongside the provision of yet another platform to him, it was the way the story was promoted that troubled observers the most. Ahead of the programme, 'Newsnight' ran images of Mr. Robinson staring determinedly into the camera, his mouth covered with duct tape. "Is Tommy Robinson a man raising concerns that others ignore, or a far-right figure exploiting the victims of sexual abuse for his own ends?" asked the programme on its social media promotional.

This image of Mr. Robinson muzzled was the very one that he and his supporters had been seeking to project, despite the fact that as Miqdaad Versi, a spokesperson for the Muslim Council of Britain, noted on Twitter that in the last three months he has been mentioned on broadcast over 100 times. Far from him being shunned by the media, he has been interviewed on prominent news shows in recent years, as well as being an invitee at the Oxford Union. "Is Tommy Robinson being ignored and silenced by the media asks the media who won't stop reporting on him," tweeted Amna Saleem, a Scottish-Pakistani writer rather fittingly. The preposterousness of the suggestion that he is being silenced is also evi-



denced by his social media profile: clips of him speaking, often looking furtively into the camera as if to emphasise the supposed silencing, attract millions of viewers.

### Image management

The notion that the far right is being muzzled despite the inordinate media attention it has garnered – from print, television, radio and digital – is one that it has managed to project with great success, feeding into the wider image the far right has attempted to propagate of it being an anti-establishment, revolutionary force. It also appears to be something that many of its proponents ardently believe. "We are being gagged," a supporter of Mr. Robinson, wearing a t-shirt with the logo "#Free Tommy #Free Tommy", told the Canadian media website The Rebel Media outside a court recently. Hundreds of his supporters gathered outside the Old Bailey last month for a hearing over allegations of contempt of court that Mr. Robinson is facing over his filming of suspects in a criminal trial involving "grooming gangs". While his supporters have insisted he is a "martyr" to the British cause, and the only one to speak out, others have rightly pointed out that he has simply exploited the case of grooming gangs to further his toxic, Islamophobic world view, exa-

cerbating the situation and taking the attention away from the victims and the debate on real practicable ways in which grooming gangs could be prevented from harming more people in the future.

He is far from the only figure on the right in Britain to present himself as a "brave soldier" of free speech, and the "oppressed" – as among the only ones willing to take on the "dangerous liberals" supposedly trying to clamp down on free speech and impose their world view to the detriment of the marginalised majority. Katie Hopkins, an ultra-right campaigner, proclaimed herself the "Jesus of the outspoken". In May, a "Day for Freedom" protest took place on London's Parliament Square that attracted leading figures on the right. In April, Mark Meechan, a right-wing comedian, sought to portray a fine of £800 by a court in the U.K. for teaching a dog to do a Nazi salute for a YouTube video in terms of the curtailment of free speech.

### In academia

The same contention has also been propagated by sections of the right more broadly. In an article last year, Niall Ferguson, the right-wing British historian of empire, insisted that the "biggest threat to free speech" came from the left.

# A lost opportunity for the Congress?

The party had everything going for it in Chhattisgarh, but showed no initiative



SANJAY KUMAR

With the first phase of polling for the 90-member Chhattisgarh Assembly concluding on Monday, the month-long election schedule for the five States – Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Telangana and Mizoram – finally began. Despite a boycott call by the Maoists, the turnout was about 70%, according to provisional figures put out by the Election Commission of India.

Of these five States, it could be argued that Chhattisgarh should have been the best bet for the Congress to register a victory – and in case the party fails to do as well as expected, it may look back in re-

gret at some election tactics.

Though Chief Minister Raman Singh is reasonably popular in spite of being in power for 15 years, it is a large number to expect some anti-incumbency against the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the State.

### Political developments

Even some anti-incumbency would put the BJP in a difficult situation as the party managed to win the 2013 Assembly elections with a very slender margin, with less than 1 percentage point of the vote between it and the Congress. But political developments in the State suggest that the BJP is all set to win again this time as well.

Ajit Jogi, for long the face of the Congress, has floated his own party – the Janta Congress Chhattisgarh (JCC) – while the State Congress working president and well-known tribal leader Ramdayal Uike has joined the BJP.

The inability of the Congress to



form an alliance with the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), which eventually joined hands with the JCC, could damage its electoral prospects.

### Past elections

Here are the reasons why Chhattisgarh could have been an easy State for the Congress to secure. Though the BJP won three consecutive Assembly elections – 2003, 2008 and 2013 – its victories have

been with a very narrow margins. The victories have just slipped from the Congress's hand on all three occasions. The BJP also won a large number of seats with narrow margins. For example, in 2003, 26 seats of the 49 seats the BJP won were with a margin of less than 10,000 votes.

In 2008, 27 seats of the 50 seats the party won had a margin of less than 10,000 votes. In all three Assembly elections, half the seats won were with a margin less than 5,000 votes. A marginal shift in the support base of the BJP could result in the party losing between 12 and 14 seats, which would be good enough for the Congress to register a victory.

But the Congress has clearly missed the bus completely. It remained inactive even after the formation of the JCC. Mr. Jogi, without doubt, was the backbone of the Congress in the State for decades. His political move is bound to damage the vote bank of the

Congress. Even after Mr. Jogi's exit from the Congress, it may have been possible for the Congress to put up a strong contest against the BJP if it had managed to form an alliance with the BSP.

### The first phase

While this would be the first Assembly election for the JCC, its alliance with the BSP is an important factor. Mr. Uike's defection is also sure to not only damage the support base of the Congress but also add to the support base of the BJP.

This means that in the State which has voted the first, Chhattisgarh is certainly an opportunity lost as far as the Congress is concerned unless a miracle happens, which as of now appears to be unlikely.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Sri Lankan politics

The hasty and thoughtless action of the Sri Lankan President, Maithripala Sirisena, has derailed the democratic set-up in the island nation and plunged it into utter turmoil. The political crisis has deepened further following the resignation of 'controversially installed' Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa from his parent party in order to join the recently formed Sri Lanka People's Party. The turn of events is undoubtedly a severe jolt to Mr. Sirisena (Page 1, "Rajapaksa joins SLPP, weakens Sirisena-led SLFP", November 12). Whether a democratic set-up will prevail or authoritarian rule will take root will depend on the legal verdict.

D. SETHURAMAN,  
Chennai

■ The developments are a bombshell and are too serious to be ignored, wished away or brushed aside. Mr. Rajapaksa is known for his pro-China stand and given his past track record, human rights are most likely to be affected. One is rather sceptical about where the island nation is headed and

what happens to the estranged Tamil community there. New Delhi has to closely monitor the situation and help ensure that democracy is stable.

R. SAMPATH,  
Chennai

■ Mr. Rajapaksa's 'surprise move' is not at all surprising. Those who have been following his political trajectory will know that he possesses an authoritarian streak. Mr. Sirisena has apparently paid the price for having gone against the people's mandate. The political battle now will be between Mr. Rajapaksa and Ranil Wickremesinghe.

A.A.H.K. GHORI,  
Chennai

■ The ongoing crisis in Sri Lanka brings to light a rather disturbing factor: the people chosen to represent the electorate and uphold democracy are the ones who compromise those ideals. Candidates make promises to uphold democratic ideals while wooing the electorate, but once elected, diminish the constitutionality of democratically elected representatives and show a complete disregard for

democratic ideals and the will of the people. This power struggle is very unbefitting of those who are 'merely representatives' of the larger size of the electorate. What the President of Sri Lanka has done is not only diminish the constitutionality of his office and that of the Prime Minister but also show utter disregard for his people's wishes. Mr. Rajapaksa was voted out of office as he no longer enjoyed the support of the people. This brazen act of the highest office holder in the country has placed the entire country in peril and has also put the ideals of democracy in jeopardy.

VRINDA RAJIVANSHI,  
New Delhi

### War and the soldier

The pain and suffering Indian soldiers experienced during the First World War must reach a wider audience (Editorial page, "We should be free", November 12). The British empire, which was built on the toil of Indian soldiers, has not accorded the acknowledgment Indian soldiers truly deserve.

SAI SUBRAHMANYAM PUDIPEDDI,  
Visakhapatnam

■ The anniversary visuals of Armistice Day are a reminder of the need for a constant quest for peace. In both World Wars, Germany was the lonely enemy pitted against a group of nations. Yet, Germany's presence among other world leaders at ceremonies highlights the importance of universal peace and brotherhood. Ceremonies such as these carry an important message and leaders need to keep this in mind as they too are soldiers to a cause.

R. NARAYANAN,  
Navi Mumbai

■ The media coverage of the centenary of the Great War Armistice has been enlightening. But what have we done for the unknown soldier? We just do not care for those soldiers who have sacrificed their lives for us to survive. Does my country care for the fallen soldier?

V.V. NAIR,  
Manipal, Karnataka

■ The truth is that many Indian soldiers suffered and made great sacrifices which sheds more insights into the nature of imperialism. A relook at the history of unacknowledged and forgotten soldiers from the

colonies would be very interesting.

SAHITHI ANDOJU,  
Hyderabad

### Science and data

The events following the detection of gravitational waves, and data by the LIGO, Scientific Collaboration serve as an example of a synthesis of ideas and their rational evaluation, which is what characterises a scientific approach (Editorial, "Ripples of discord", November 12). Challenging the validity of the first detection points to the ever ongoing process of questioning established beliefs, which underlies the basis for a progressive society. The Indian scientific fraternity should take inspiration from this and inculcate such a spirit of questioning results and processes.

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### CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS:

In the Sunday Magazine cover story titled "Wisdom of the wild" (Nov. 11, 2018), there was a reference to scientists documenting the traditional soil knowledge of the Adi community in Meghalaya. It should have been *Arunachal Pradesh*.

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# The reason for renaming places

It is the RSS-BJP’s message that Muslims have made no contribution to India’s cultural life



APOORVANAND

We fail to see in the excitement generated by the incessant renaming of towns and railway stations in India that the past, which these new old names allude to, is an imagined land that we are being invited to inhabit. We are not exactly recovering lost ground, because as the Hindi poet Bodhisattva wrote, there never was a Prayag that the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) claim to be restoring now. What is being sold in the defence of capturing the glory of the past is an ideological construct.

This was clear when a nativist and “vulgar” name like Gurgaon was elevated to Gurugram. The defence used for the change was the myth of Gurugram having been the abode of Dronacharya. Gurgaon has been flaunted as a futuristic city. However, there was no protest from the citizens of this postmodern city to the name change. No question was raised about why the tradition of Dronacharya, who had tried to disable his student, Ekalavya, by cutting his thumb needed to be celebrated.

### An imagined past

Why is the BJP getting away with this? Simply because, for a long time, we have been fed with nostalgia about an India that was “taken away” from us 1,200 years ago. We have been told – and we believe – that Bharat was once a “*Sone Ki Chidiya* (a golden bird)”. The era of the Guptas is referred to as “*Swarna Yug* (golden period)”. This historical imagination leads us to believe that the golden age ended with the coming of the Muslims and all we have to do now is go back to that period. When I heard an old, seasoned socialist lament the cowardice of the Indian people which kept them under different forms of slavery for more than 1,000 years, I realised that this is so deeply ingrained in us that it has almost become a part of our subconscious. This can also be the reason for Prime Minister Narendra Modi not facing censure in Parliament when he said, while speaking after



“The renaming of places and ‘reclaiming’ of monuments are part of a large and long process of cultural genocide.” A mural in Allahabad. •PTI

the debate on the motion of thanks to the President for his address, that the slave mentality of 1,200 years continues to trouble us.

The subconscious feeling is that nothing new was created in this period, especially during the time of Muslim rule. It is that everything new was created *before* these rulers came here, and what they did was break what was created, distort them, or simply defile them by giving them new names, their names. So, the Babri Masjid could not be a new monument; it had to necessarily be built on the ruins of an earlier existing structure. Nor was the Taj Mahal; it was built on a Hindu temple. This feeling is of ownership as well as authorship. It feeds on a deep-seated inferiority complex among Hindus that the symbols representing India largely bear a Muslim identity, thereby making India look like a Muslim country. We take comfort in the so-called fact that nearly 95% of Muslims in India were originally Hindus who were later converted, and it is therefore possible to restore them to their Hinduness. It is the same belief that plays out in the quest to rename places and monuments – they don’t need to go, they only need to be renamed and rehabilitated.

It has been argued that even after centuries of “Muslim rule”, neither Prayag nor Ayodhya vanished. Ayodhya coexisted with Faizabad, and Allahabad kept Prayag alive in it. But the “originalists” will rest only after erasing Muslim or “alien” names

which have covered the original Hindu names. But Indian culture presents a unique challenge for them. For example, how should Patna be rechristened? As Pataliputra, Bankipur or Patna Sahib? How do you deal with Sheikhpura? It has Sheikh, a Muslim-sounding name, plus Pura, which comes from a Sanskrit ‘pur’ or ‘puri’. What do we do with mohallas?

This brings us to the real intent, which is something else. In some villages in Haryana, Muslims live disguised under Hindu-sounding names. This is seen as their willingness to assimilate into “Indian culture”. Culture is manifested in names, clothing, food habits, etc. Muslims are constantly asked to adopt so-called Indian ways, which means accepting Hindu norms in all aspects of their life. It is now being argued that even mosques are not essential for their religious identity.

### Cultural genocide

The renaming of places and “reclaiming” of monuments are part of a large and long process of cultural genocide. The term might be extreme for some people, but for Raphael Lemkin, the man who coined the term genocide in his book *Axis Rule in Occupied Europe*, the cultural destruction of a group is as important as the physical annihilation of its members. According to Lemkin: “The world represents only so much culture and intellectual vigour as are created by its component national groups. Essentially the idea of a na-

tion signifies constructive cooperation and original contributions, based upon genuine traditions, genuine culture, and well-developed national psychology. The destruction of a nation, therefore, results in the loss of its future contribution to the world... Among the basic features which have marked progress in civilization are the respect for and appreciation of the national characteristics and qualities contributed to world culture by different nations – characteristics and qualities which... are not to be measured in terms of national power or wealth.”

We need to stress on original contributions, on the genuine traditions that Lemkin mentions. A community feels diminished if it is made to think that it has not made any genuine, original contribution to the life of a nation of which it is a part. The drive to free India of Muslim influences is a clear message to the Muslims that this nation is not the result of cooperation between them and other religious communities. It is a message that they have made no contribution to India’s cultural life.

In *The Discovery of India*, Jawaharlal Nehru describes India as an ancient palimpsest on which layer upon layer of thought and reverie have been inscribed, and yet no succeeding layer has completely hidden or erased what had been written previously. Nehru understood the way cultures grow. They are not ordered from above. He does not propose that we go back to our origins to feel authentically Indian because there is no original point as such in the life of a nation. In the same vein, Kwame Anthony Appiah, in *The Lies That Bind*, says a nation is a “fabric to be woven, not a mineral to be mined.”

We must be clear that the present regime is not interested in culture. It is interested in capturing the nation by making Hindus feel that they have conquered this land and taken it back from “aliens”. A drug is being generated and it is putting people on a high. It is the drug of victory.

The nationalist project of the present ruling party is based on the idea of making invisible and subjugating an entire population to keep the majority in a permanent state of dominance. This renaming is part of a cultural genocidal project.

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# A history we must confront

From the World Wars to Partition, there is a need to fill in the big gaps in Indian history textbooks



PRIYANJALI MALIK

Two days ago, I watched my children being introduced to a parcel of their history – a tightly bundled up piece of the past that is difficult to confront. They were watching a *Doctor Who* episode on Partition called ‘Demons of the Punjab’. My son has just turned nine, roughly the age that my father was when Viceroy Mountbatten announced the results of Cyril Radcliffe’s red pen slashing through the map of imperial India. With that announcement, both my parents lost their ancestral homes, but they were the lucky ones for their nuclear families happened to be on the right side of that cartographical red line. Some of their extended family were not so fortunate.

### The brutality of Partition

I watched my nine- and almost-11-year-olds grapple with the senseless violence that was hinted at, but mercifully not shown. As the protagonists of this television series travel back to August 1947, the lead character, the Doctor, says to Yas, whose history they are exploring, “It’s not just the country that gets divided. Tens of millions of people about to be displaced. More than a million about to die.” Coming as it did at the end of the ceremonies to commemorate the centenary of Armistice Day that marked the end of World War I, we were reflecting on the blood that has been spilled for our freedom, but I know I will have trouble helping them work through what they saw before going to bed that evening. As one character, a Hindu farmer living on land divided by the Radcliffe Line, says: “We’ve lived together for decades, Hindu, Muslim and Sikh. And now we’re being told our differences are more important than what unites us.” He is shot by his brother for marrying his neighbour and childhood sweetheart, a Muslim.

From the poppies of remembrance to the frenzied blood of communal hatred, that one day was emotionally draining. India, too, observed the centenary of the Armistice. It is finally acknowledging a part of its history that it has had an uneasy relationship with. For too long, India’s contributions in the two World Wars have been ignored. After all, In-

dia sent more than a million troops to fight for freedom in the Great War: at least 74,187, by one count, made the ultimate sacrifice. Indian soldiers fought and died in German East Africa and mainland Europe. ‘Vipers’ entered the Punjabi lexicon, without us honouring the soil at Ypres that soaked up Indian blood. Two decades later, almost two and a half million Indian soldiers would serve again in another bloody global conflagration. Indians fought with great bravery and distinction in north Africa, continental Europe, south and southeast Asia. Though this was not a war of India’s choosing, we sometimes forget that the war came into our country through the northeast. Some of the deaths of the Second World War were of Indian soldiers defending Indian soil. To ignore their deaths because this was not ‘our’ war would be a grave dishonour. We are finally rectifying what has been a gap in our observance of the contributions in blood and treasure that India has made in the two World Wars.

### History in school

I never studied these wars in school. We studied ancient Indian history, ancient Rome, ancient Greece, Mesopotamia, etc. Back on the subcontinent, we worked our way up to the 20th century, and then to the freedom movement, eliding the Great War. We spent more time on the Khilafat movement without actually studying the breakup of the Ottoman Empire, and using the Second World War as a prop for the last push towards Independence. Yes, the Quit India Movement was vital, but we cannot continue to allow the sacrifices of India’s soldiers to be merely supporting structures in our history. Surely, we can honour both.

Of course we did not study Partition in school. As a nation, we have chosen to look away from the horror of the savagery we visited on one another in the name of religion. Yes, the British played their part with ruthless efficiency in their policy of divide and rule, assiduously visited on the nation as they consolidated their hold after 1857. But the knives and bullets and the hands that wielded them and other weapons were our own. That is the conversation I will have to have with my children tomorrow. That is my history that we must confront.

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### SINGLE FILE

## Game changers

For India’s early leaders, the golden age lay in the future, not in the past

MOHAMMED AYOOB



These days, name-changing has become the name of the game. After Allahabad and Faizabad, Ahmedabad and Aurangabad are on the chopping block. This exercise has two objectives. The first is the rewriting of history to eliminate those

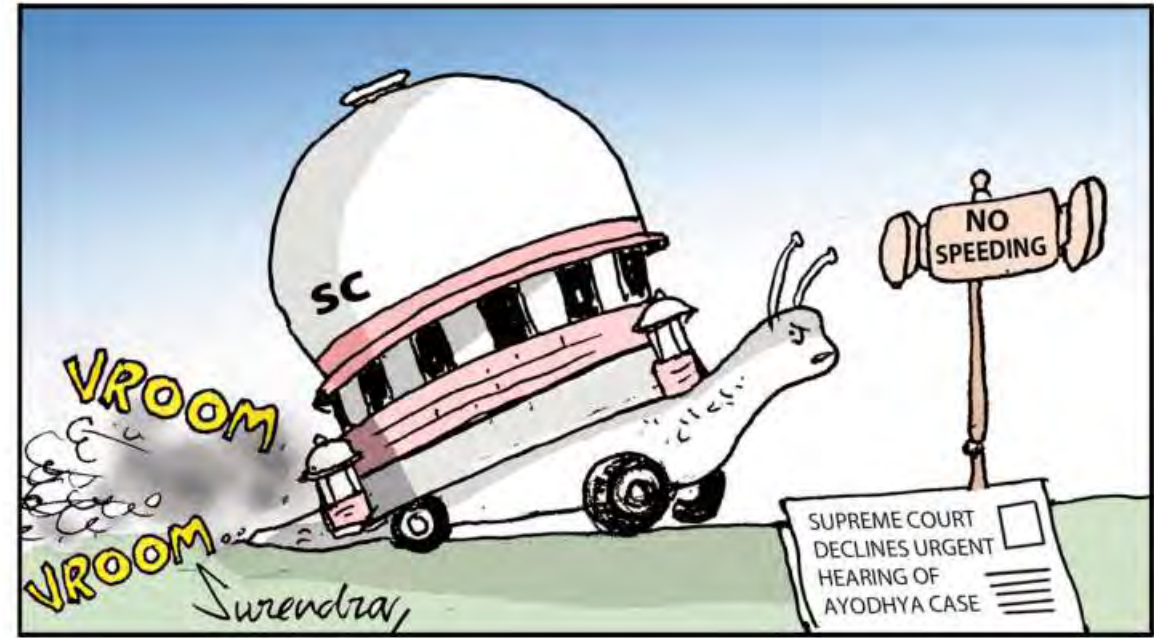
parts that run counter to the newly dominant historical narrative. The second is to cater to the biases of an important segment of the ruling party’s constituency to garner electoral support. The demand for the immediate erection of the Ram temple in Ayodhya regardless of the Supreme Court’s judgment is part of the same strategy. The second goal has become crucial as the time for the national election draws near, especially since the government has not much to show in terms of concrete achievements. Demonetisation appears to be a disaster and the imposition of the Goods and Services Tax seems to have had a negative impact on the financial capacity of a substantial number of people. Name changing has, therefore, become a convenient ploy to deflect people’s attention from the government’s economic incompetence. Byelections in State after State, most recently in Karnataka, have shown that the ruling party has lost the confidence of a substantial number of its erstwhile supporters.

The name changers stand in stark contrast to the game changers. The first generation of India’s leaders after independence exemplified the game changers. Building a modern, secular state in the aftermath of the bloody riots accompanying Partition was no mean feat. Writing a Constitution that considered the country’s linguistic and religious diversity as well as demands for social and economic justice was an equally great achievement. Setting the country on the road to industrialisation and laying the foundations on which it could build its technological capacity was a similarly impressive accomplishment.

All this was achieved in a span of about 15 years, during the Nehruvian era. It could be done because the people at the helm of affairs then had a forward-looking approach. They did not waste time brooding over real or imagined injustices of the past. This attitude was best summarised in Nehru’s oft-quoted term “temples of modern India”, coined by him to describe scientific research institutes, steel and power plants, and dams that were being launched to provide impetus to the country’s scientific and industrial progress. Despite all the mistakes made during the past 50 years, we are now reaping the fruits from the trees planted during that time.

In this sense, independent India’s early leaders were genuinely progressive because for them India’s golden age lay in the future, not in the past. In contrast, those who look to the past in search of a golden age symbolise the reactionary tendency, which, as the example of Pakistan illustrates clearly, can lead to disastrous consequences.

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### NOTEBOOK

## The most inconvenient question of them all

Sometimes, reporters struggle to file stories despite having all the details

DEEPU SEBASTIAN EDMOND

Often, storytelling is a mechanical process for reporters. If you are particularly lucky, stories appear in your head already told: five Ws and the H all set to meet the printer’s ink.

Then, rarely, a story comes along that makes you question the tools at your disposal. Rarer still, you search that toolbox and come up empty.

Five people were held in Thanjavur district in Tamil Nadu based on the complaint of a 13-year-old girl, neighbour to four of them. One was arrested for grabbing and trying to disrobe her on the night of October 15. Three were arrested for tying her to a tree through the night on October 18 and then beating her with multiple objects and burning her with metal rods that had been held over a stove. The three had been accusing

the girl of stealing a mobile phone from one of them. The fifth was a 16-year-old boy from an adjacent village, who was sent to a facility operated by the district’s Juvenile Justice Board. The girl, in her police statement, spoke about an ongoing relationship with him.

When I met the girl’s family at the Thanjavur Medical College, where she recuperates, my first instinct was to leave the 16-year-old boy out of the picture. Even in the FIR, he is almost an afterthought, the result of a police officer asking the girl if she had other relevant details to share.

I therefore tried to steer the family towards my primary question: why was the girl assaulted twice over three nights by her neighbours? Out tumbled two previous instances of assault. Once, a group accused the girl of stealing ₹10,000 and slapped her.

Another time, the same man who grabbed the girl on October 15 tied her to a pole for hours after accusing her of stealing his mobile phone charger.

After the accused were picked up, a large group of residents turned up at the police station and demanded their release. The only resident who agreed to a phone interaction said that the family would be accepted back only if the child’s father apologised for her behaviour to the village at its temple.

A nine-minute audio clip of the girl’s interrogation, made by the alleged perpetrators during her torture, surfaced. It was not about a stolen mobile phone. Over the sound of blows landing on her body, the child’s neighbours kept asking her about her romantic relationship.

The child told me that the hostility towards her had begun soon after she

began a relationship with the boy. She regularly borrowed phones and chargers from neighbours to talk to him.

It is when I began writing the report that I realised that I had no language available to speak about this incident. The law refuses to acknowledge what she calls consent; the law brands the boy as a juvenile offender. The girl’s parents blamed her for staying out late often and inviting the wrath of the village.

A draft of the story that held back certain prejudicial details, on the other hand, deprived it of the backdrop that held up a mirror to the village. In the end I had to throw up my arms in the air – there would be no story. I think it is at this point that news reports often take a step back, deciding not to deploy that most probing and inconvenient question among the five Ws: Why?

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FIFTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 13, 1968

#### Amendment Bill for Assam hill State

The Union Cabinet to-day [November 12, New Delhi] approved a legislation to amend certain provisions of the Constitution to enable the creation of an autonomous hill State within Assam. The legislation will soon be introduced during this session of Parliament. If adopted by two-thirds of the majority, it will also have to be adopted by more than 50 per cent of the legislatures now functioning in the country. The actual bill to reorganise the State will be introduced only in the budget session of Parliament.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 13, 1918.

#### The Dawn of Peace.

(From an Editorial)

After four years, three months and ten days of the most terrible conflict in history, the announcement of the German surrender marks a cessation of fighting on all the fronts and the associated Powers enter on the task of the better ordering of the future world. It is difficult to find adequate expression to the feelings with which the news will be received throughout the world without being banal. The victory of the associated Powers is the victory of Civilisation over the forces of Barbarism, which, in its greatest as we devoutly hope is its last struggle, has exceeded all its previous records in “frightfulness”. Purged by the chastening fires of this conflict the German people have at last begun to find themselves and by depositing the greatest criminal in history have wiped out some portion of those sins, active and passive, which have cast the world into agony for over four years. It is for the associated Powers so to temper justice with mercy as to take account that the expiation is not more severe than the sins merit. It is also for them, as for the new-born enemy democracies, to ensure that the sacrifices of the past have not been in vain and that the world is made safe for Democracy and Civilisation.

### CONCEPTUAL Disguised unemployment

#### ECONOMICS

Also known as hidden unemployment, this refers to a situation where labour that is employed in a job is not actually utilised for the production of goods and services. In other words, such employment does not contribute to the output of an economy and is thus akin to a form of unemployment. Sometimes disguised unemployment could simply be a form of underemployment wherein the skills of a labour force are not utilised to their full capacity. In many other cases, however, such unemployment could simply be due to the lack of other alternative avenues of production where the surplus labour could be employed profitably.

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## Rafale deal not done in a hurry, says Centre

The government said the prolonged impasse over the 126-aircraft deal had caused an “urgent need” to acquire 36 Rafale jets or two squadrons in a fly-away condition.

The note said an Indian Negotiating Team (INT) was constituted after the joint statement was signed in April 2015. The INT led by the Deputy Chief of Air Staff held 74 meetings with the French for a year on various aspects like pricing, delivery schedule, maintenance terms, offset, and IGA terms.

According to the note, the INT, which submitted its report on August 4, 2016, “indicated better terms and conditions arrived at as a result of negotiation as compared to 126 MMRCA (Medium Multi Role Combat Aircraft) case...”

The INT had recommended CCS approval and signing of the IGA on the 36 jets. After due consultations with the ministries of finance and law, the proposal was placed before the CCS on August 24, 2016. The CCS approval for signing the IGA

for the 36 jets was given the same day. Finally, the IGA was signed by the Indian and French defence ministers on September 23, 2016.

On the question of an Indian offset partner, the government said, “There is no mention of any private Indian Business house in the IGA or the offset contract.”

“The offset contract does not envisage manufacture of 36 Rafale aircraft in India by any public or private sector firm,” it said.

The Centre said Dassault was yet to submit a formal proposal indicating details of Indian offset partners and products for offset discharge. This means that the government is unaware of who Dassault’s Indian offset partner is, if there is any at all.

The note echoed a clarification put out by the Ministry of Defence on September 22, 2018 against “unnecessary controversies” regarding a statement purportedly made by former French President Francois Hollande on the selection of Reliance Defence as offset partner by Dassault.

## SC frowns on tardy CVC submission

The Bench was supposed to peruse the CVC report on Monday and may have even passed orders on the legality of the “overnight” removal of Mr. Verma from the top post of the country’s premier investigating agency on October 23.

The removal came in the background of a bitter feud between Mr. Verma and CBI Special Director R.K. Asthana. Mr. Verma had asked a corruption FIR against Mr. Asthana.

**CBI chief’s report**

The court also took on record a separate report filed by acting CBI Director M. Nageshwar Rao detailing the decisions he took after assuming office on Mr. Verma’s removal. The Supreme

Court had clipped Mr. Rao’s wings on October 26, directing him not to take any major or policy decisions for now. Mr. Dave, however, accused Mr. Verma from violating the Supreme Court order.

“If there has been a violation of the spirit of the order, you are free to bring it to our notice on Friday,” Chief Justice Gogoi addressed Mr. Dave.

The court also agreed to hear A.K. Bassi, the former probe officer in the FIR against Mr. Asthana. Senior advocate Rajeev Dhawan, for Mr. Bassi, said he had been transferred to Port Blair after Mr. Rao took over. Mr. Bassi has argued that his transfer was a ploy to de-rail the investigation against Mr. Asthana.

## Over 60% polling in Chhattisgarh

The high polling percentage, deep inside Maoist areas, however, was questioned by some of the local non-governmental observers. “It is surprising, we have to check the final figures,” one observer said.

“In some places, owing to the Maoist boycott call, polling was nil,” Mr. Sahoo said. Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) were recovered from Dantewada, Sukma and Bijapur earlier in the day. While no major incidents were reported, at least two constables were injured in IED blasts.

One of the residents of Perpa village near Kirandul in Dantewada district said that “many villages have voted” in his area.

Cholnar, Tikanpal, Kallepal and Madri are some of the nearby villages where the people voted in large

numbers, he said.

However in many of the adjacent villages in Dantewada – such as Madkamiras, Gumiapal, Hiroli, Samalwar, Purangal and another half a dozen villages – the turnout was very low or nil.

While one village could vote, the other could not and that remained the trend of the day. In many areas in Kanker district voters did not come out to vote, the local residents said.

“Overall it was peaceful. Some of the extreme interior areas could not vote, while many villages came out to vote,” said K. Saji, Dantewada district secretary of the CPI.

One per cent of EVM machines and 1.9% of VVPATs were replaced which is “much lower” than earlier years, an EC official added.

## No early hearing in Ayodhya case, says SC

The ABHM is one of the respondents in the appeal filed by legal heirs of M. Siddiq in the case. “Since Ram Janambhoomi at Ayodhya is the matter of tremendous faith of Hindus, they are very much hopeful about the decision at an early date of the aforesaid appeals,” the ABHM said in its plea.

“We have our own priorities... whether hearing would take place in January, March or April would be decided by an appropriate Bench,” Chief Justice Gogoi had remarked orally.

Chief Justice Gogoi had repeated that all the court has ordered now is for the appeals to be posted in the first week of January before a Bench, that too, “not for hearing but for fixing the date of hearing.”

Last year, in the initial stages of hearing of the appeals, senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing on the side of certain Islamic bodies and private appellants, had suggested in court to post the Ayodhya hearings after July 15, 2019, post the General Elections.

# ‘Vote bank politics has failed’

People opt for development, says Modi; launches projects for ₹2,400 cr. in Varanasi

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VARANASI

The people of the country are taking decisions based on development and not “politics of vote bank,” Prime Minister Narendra Modi said here on Monday.

At an official function in his Lok Sabha constituency, the Prime Minister launched projects estimated at over ₹2,400 crore, including two important highways in Varanasi, having a total length of 34 km and cost of more than ₹1,500 crore.

**People-centric**

Mr. Modi said for the governments run by the BJP, the country and the development of the people mattered most.

“Now the country only wants politics of development. People take decisions on the basis of development and not politics of vote bank,” Mr. Modi said.

The steps taken by the government since 2014 to develop modern infrastructure could now be visible, he added.

Mr. Modi said while the rural sanitation coverage in the country in 2014 was less than 40%, today it was 95%.

Mr. Modi also said his government was dedicated to



**Trading hub:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurating the first multi-modal terminal as part of the Jal Marg Vikas project in Varanasi on Monday. •PTI

cleaning the Ganga and that projects worth ₹23,000 crore had already been approved while schemes worth ₹5,000 crore were already functioning on the ground.

“Our government is not throwing money meant for the Ganga into the water. We are busy in cleaning the dirty water that comes to the Ganga,” Mr. Modi said.

Three sewage treatment plants were inaugurated by the Prime Minister.

This is Mr. Modi’s 15th visit to Varanasi since his Lok Sabha victory, BJP State pre-

sident Mahendra Nath Pandey said.

After inaugurating several projects, Mr. Modi said Varanasi and the eastern U.P. region would transform into a “confluence of nature, culture and adventure,” along with modern amenities.

**Highways thrown open**

The Varanasi Ring Road Phase-I and the Babatpur Airport highway, the two roads inaugurated by Mr. Modi, were built at a cost of ₹759.36 crore and ₹812.59 crore, said the PMO in a

statement. The Ring Road is 16.55 km long, while the Babatpur highway, which is on National Highway 56 and is expected to ease travel for tourists, is 17.25 km long.

In Varanasi, Mr. Modi also received the country’s first container consignment to be sent on an inland waterways vessel after 1947.

He later inaugurated an inland waterways terminal on the Ganga, the first of the four multi-modal terminals being constructed as part of the Jal Marg Vikas project.

## SC rejects plea on Manipur deaths

‘Won’t recuse from tracking CBI probe’

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The Army, paramilitary forces and the Manipur police are not so weak as to be demoralised by oral comments, a Supreme Court Bench of Justices Madan B. Lokur and U.U. Lalit said on Monday, declining to recuse from monitoring the CBI probe into the Manipur ‘fake’ encounter deaths.

The Bench dismissed a plea by a few hundred Manipur police officers, backed by some personnel in the Army and paramilitary forces, that certain oral remarks of Justice Lokur in a July 30 hearing had demoralised soldiers and security personnel working the tough terrain of Manipur.

**Police and Army men are strong enough not to be demoralised by court’s oral remarks**

JUSTICE MADAN B. LOKUR

observations said to have been made by this court have demoralised the Indian Army, the paramilitary forces and the Manipur police is suggestive of a weakness in them.”

The court, however, in abundant caution, made it “absolutely clear that any observations made or said to have been made on July 30, 2018 are not intended to and should not in any manner be construed as compromising the independence, integrity and fairness of the SIT and the judges concerned. Institutional integrity of the CBI and the judiciary is positively required to be maintained.”

During the July 30 hearing, the Bench had questioned the CBI for filing two chargesheets against 14 persons, charging them with murder of innocent civilians, criminal conspiracy and tampering of evidence in the Manipur ‘fake’ encounter deaths, without bothering to arrest them.

The Bench posted the case for hearing on November 26.

**‘Overboard’**

In his judgment, Justice Lokur said the plea was “rather overboard.”

“It is unfortunate that a bogey of demoralisation of the Indian Army, paramilitary forces and the State police is being raised. We are unable to comprehend the reason for this. The Indian Army, paramilitary forces and the Manipur police are made of sterner stuff and are disciplined forces strong enough to take everything in their stride,” Justice Lokur wrote.

Dismissing the plea, he said “to contend that some

**Government’s claim:**

- The Defence Procurement Procedure 2013 was followed in the Rafale procurement
- Through the Indo-French joint statement issued on April 10, 2015, an intent was spelled out for the acquisition of Rafale jets in fly-away condition, based on terms conveyed by Dassault Aviation
- Approval of the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) for procurement of 36 Rafale aircraft through Inter Governmental Agreement (IGA) was taken on May 13, 2015
- An Indian Negotiating Team (INT) led by the Deputy Chief of Air Staff held 74 meetings with the French side on pricing, delivery schedule, maintenance terms, offset and IGA terms

■ Negotiations between the INT and the French side started in May 2015 and continued upto April 2016

■ The INT report was finalised and signed on July 21, 2016

■ The INT report submitted on August 4, 2016, “indicated better terms and conditions arrived at as a result of negotiation as compared to the 126 MMRCA (Medium Multi Role Combat Aircraft) case...”

■ The approval of the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) for signing the IGA for the 36 jets was given on August 24, 2016

■ Insofar as discharging the offset obligations by the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) and its tier-I vendors through Indian Offset Partners (IOP) is concerned, there is no mention of any private Indian business house in the IGA or the offset contract

■ The offset contract does not envisage the manufacture of 36 Rafale aircraft in India by any public or private sector firm

■ The vendor/OEM is yet to submit a formal proposal in the prescribed manner indicating details of IOPs and products for offset discharge

**Earlier statement:**

Dr. Subhash Bhamre, Minister of State for Defence, in a written reply in Rajya Sabha on March 2018:

- The cost of each Rafale aircraft is approximately ₹670 crore at prevailing exchange rate of November 2016; without associated equipments, weapons, India Specific Enhancements, maintenance support and services
- In case of 126 Medium Multi-Role Combat Aircraft-proposal, it had not been possible to finalise the conditions of the contract even after protracted negotiations and the Request For Proposal (RFP) was formally withdrawn on June 24, 2015. No price was finalised as the terms and conditions of the contract could not be finalised

## CCS bypassed for Rafale: Cong.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Monday claimed that the Modi government’s response to the Supreme Court on the Rafale deal is a “virtual admission” that the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) was not consulted before announcing the deal.

“There is a virtual admission that the Cabinet Committee on Security was not consulted before. You will

consult after giving the contract or you will consult before the contract? I have not heard of a case where the carriage is placed ahead of the horse,” senior Congress spokesperson Abhishek Manu Singhvi told reporters at the party’s official briefing. Referring to the government’s submissions to the top court, he said, “These 20 pages is like Hamlet without the Prince of Denmark. ‘The Prince of Denmark’ is

## Modi defends demonetisation

Accuses Sonia, Rahul of fraud

SUVOJIT BAGCHI  
JAGDALPUR

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday strongly defended demonetisation, arguing that the exercise had made “so much development possible” in a short period.

Targeting Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, Mr. Modi said when the “mother and son are out on bail in a money laundering case, they are giving me certificate for honesty.”

“They are asking for the accounts of demonetisation when it is because of demonetisation that the fraud these people [Sonia and Rahul] committed could be detected,” he said.

**Speedy progress**

The Prime Minister was in Chhattisgarh on Monday to campaign for the second phase of polling on November 20, when 72 of the State’s 90 constituencies will go to vote. He said speedy progress of his development projects was possible only due to the *note-bandi* or demonetisation.

He used the word *vikas* – development – more than a dozen times in the half-hour

speech in Bilaspur in north Chhattisgarh. He targeted the Congress for failing to develop the State over the past few decades.

“People often ask me how I deliver so much on so many fronts – from road construction, electricity distribution, electrification of railways to building schools or raising IIMs and IITs – where do I get so much money from. I say this money was there earlier also ... This is not Modi’s money, but yours; earlier it was kept under the bed or in large jute bags... demonetisation brought them all out and that is why we see so much work being done,” the Prime Minister said.

He targeted the Nehru-Gandhi family for the poor distribution of money for projects. He said during Congress’s rule money used to “disappear.” “One of Congress’s Prime Ministers, third generation Prime Minister, said that if ₹1 is released from Delhi, only 15 paise reaches the people. Now, what is that ‘hand’ that used to make 85 paise disappear? I would say, this demonetisation has brought that 85 paise out.”

## Did the RBI Governor meet Modi?

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
NEW DELHI

RBI Governor Urjit Patel is believed to have met Prime Minister Narendra Modi last week in a bid to thrash out issues between the central bank and the government. Sources said Mr. Patel was in the national capital on Friday and met senior officials in the Prime Minister’s Office.

The meetings, which some said also included one with the Prime Minister, came amid a face-off between the central bank and the Finance Ministry over issues ranging from the appropriate size of reserves that the RBI must maintain to ease of lending norms to step up growth in an election year. Sources said there were indications that the RBI may create a special dispensation for lending to small and medium enterprises, but it was not immediately clear if an agreement has been worked out to ease liquidity situation for non-banking finance companies and the RBI parting with its substantial part of its surplus.

Tensions between the RBI and the government have escalated recently, with the Finance Ministry initiating discussion under the never-used-before Section 7 of the RBI Act, which empowers the government to issue directions to the RBI Governor.

## Karnataka loses its Delhi face

Ananth Kumar straddled Centre and State with ease

B. S. SATISH KUMAR  
BENGALURU

Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Ananth Kumar, 59, who died here early on Monday, was the only politician from Karnataka to make it to the BJP’s national stage at a very young age.

From a State that has seen only a handful of names in national politics, Mr. Kumar chose the less-travelled path to Delhi without losing touch with Karnataka’s political scene. This increased his clout in the State; he was an informal liaison for Karnataka, taking up its issues with the Centre. The political strategist had friends across the political spectrum.

Mr. Kumar was the youngest Minister in the Vajpayee Cabinet; at just 38, he was in-



**Sad moment:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi paying his last respects to Minister Ananth Kumar in Bengaluru. •AP

ducted as Civil Aviation Minister in 1998. He went on to hold other prominent portfolios including Tourism, Sports and Youth Affairs, Culture, Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation. In the Narendra Modi Cabinet, he handled Parliamentary Affairs and Chemicals and Fertilizers.

Mr. Kumar was influenced by his mother and BJP lead-

er, Girija Shastri, who served as Deputy Mayor of Hubballi-Dharwad. A graduate in Arts and Law, he began his political career from the BJP’s student wing, the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP). He attracted the attention of national leaders and rose to become its national secretary.

In 1987, he moved to the BJP and served as president

of the Yuva Morcha’s State unit and was elected to the Lok Sabha from Bengaluru South for six consecutive terms from 1996. His proximity to veteran leader L.K. Advani increased his political clout in Central politics.

**Strengthening party**

Mr. Kumar played a crucial role in strengthening the BJP in the State and made prominent politicians such as former Chief Minister S. Bangarappa join the party.

The BJP, which was stuck at a numerical strength of nearly 40 MLAs for quite some time, increased its tally to become the single largest party under his leadership. He has been credited with building the party along with senior leader B.S. Yeddyurappa in the State.

Mr. Kumar, who died of lung cancer, is survived by his wife Tejaswini and two daughters.

## Kushwaha slams Nitish; rift in Bihar NDA widens

Chirag Paswan meets Nitish

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
PATNA

Cracks in the NDA in Bihar are out in open, with Union Minister and Rashtriya Lok Samata Party (RLSP) leader Upendra Kushwaha accusing Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar of targeting him, following reports of the JD (U) wooing two of his legislators.

Mr. Kushwaha’s comments came minutes after his meeting with the opposition leader and former JD(U) president Sharad Yadav. Mr. Yadav had walked out of the party last year after Mr. Kumar joined hands again with the BJP.

“Nitish Kumar has a habit of breaking parties. I do not know why he has come down to destroy me and my party. But no matter what he does, he cannot harm me,” Mr. Kushwaha told re-

At a time when there is a stalemate over seat-sharing among NDA constituents in Bihar, Lok Janshakti Party leader and MP Chirag Paswan met Chief Minister and JD(U) president Nitish Kumar on Monday. “My meeting with the CM should only be seen as a courtesy visit in connection with the ‘Chhath’ (Sun god) festival,” he said.

porters with Mr. Yadav standing by him.

His meeting with Mr. Yadav has given rise to speculations that he may finally be switching sides.



[Q & A: DIGVIJAYA SINGH]

# ‘I have had my innings as Chief Minister’

Congress leader says the party will come back to power in M.P., and there is no need to name a leader for the top post

VIKAS PATHAK

Former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister **Digvijaya Singh** says the Congress will return to power in the State, but rules out his candidature for the post of Chief Minister.

Will going to the polls without a chief ministerial face in Madhya Pradesh hurt the Congress’s chances? ■ The Congress has not declared its chief ministerial candidate. Even the BJP had not declared its candidate in Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Maharashtra. So, you need not do that. In fact, in principle, I am against the idea that in a parliamentary democracy, you take away the rights of the elected representatives to choose their leader.

Are you open to being Chief Minister again if the Congress wins? ■ No. I have had my innings. Let others come.

The BJP is believed to have a well-oiled election machinery. How will the Congress match up to it? ■ I must confess that organisationally, they are much stronger than us. The Congress is not a cadre-based party. It is basically a movement. The Congress presi-



dent also feels that we would like the Congress to be a mass-based party – a party out of a movement – rather than a cadre-based party. We are working in an organisational set-up, but ultimately it is the chosen candidate that matters. I have seen the candidate lists of both the Congress and the BJP, and I have been around Madhya Pradesh. There is a strong support for the Congress this time – much better than in 2013 or 2008. The Congress is coming back to power.

**I am a devout Hindu. But I attacked the RSS and BJP, more so when as Chief Minister ... So they made me the target**

What are your main criticisms of the BJP government here? ■ In M.P., it is governance. No posting is done without a consideration. The whole system has become corrupt, be it recruitment, government purchase, e-tendering, award of contracts, supply of

nutritious food for malnourished children, etc. They have compromised even the investigative agencies. If we form a government, we will set up a commission of inquiry on all this.

What do you think about the heat being generated over cow protection, Ram temple and Sabarimala? ■ The only agenda of the BJP is to communalise the polity of this country. For them, development and other things are only cosmetic in order to mislead the people. Every time they fight an election, they bring in Hindu-Muslim or India-Pakistan. I am told that on November 25, they are holding a big rally in Ayodhya. On 28th, there is polling in M.P. So, all the channels will be running [the news of] the rally for 24 hours. Now this is a blatant attempt to bring in the Ram temple issue in public domain three days before the election. In Sabarimala, it is an open secret that they have incited people.

Has there not been a tacit cultural turn towards Hinduism in the Congress, be it Congress president Rahul Gandhi’s temple visits or some issues figuring in your manifesto here?

■ There is no tacit shift. If you see the history of the Congress, if you see the speeches of Mahatma Gandhi, we are liberals and not communal. We believe in Hindu-Muslim unity and communal harmony. We are not anti-religion. We are religious people but we respect the right of every citizen to choose his religion.

You have been viciously attacked on social media and have been almost labelled “anti-Hindu”. How do you respond to that? ■ I don’t accept the claim that the RSS represents the Hindus. I am a devout Hindu. There are nine temples in my home. I observe fast on *Eka-dashi*. I am one of the few politicians in this country who has undertaken the Narmada Parikrama of 3,100 km. But I attacked the RSS and BJP; more so when as Chief Minister, I found that fringe elements were being given training in firearms. So they made me the target. But I don’t mind if I am attacked. I have been misquoted, for example ‘Osama ji’. That was a statement where I congratulated the U.S. forces for eliminating dreaded terrorist Osama Bin

Laden. In sarcasm I said that I am surprised that ‘Osama ji’ was staying 250 metres from the Pakistan Military Academy in Abbottabad. That became something for them to attack me. They forgot what I had said earlier. I was the only one who criticised the Imam of Jama Masjid when he praised Osama Bin Laden; no one else did. I took up cudgels against Owaisi; against communal Muslims. I was the first Chief Minister to demand a ban on SIMI. But I also demanded a ban on the Bajrang Dal.

They say Hindus are under threat. For five centuries, we had Muslim rule. They could not destroy our Sanatan Dharma. For more than 150 years, we were ruled by Christians. Nothing happened to us.

How do you see the farm unrest in Madhya Pradesh last year? ■ The input costs have increased but the prices of agricultural commodities have not gone up in comparison to the input costs. Soya bean used to sell at ₹3,500-4,500 a quintal. It is now being sold at ₹2,600-2,700. It is not even being sold at ₹3,399, the MSP. They have now started the purchase of soya bean.

## Mask magic



**Force multipliers:** Youngsters in Modi masks campaign for Telangana BJP president K. Laxman at a rally in Hyderabad on Monday. \*G. RAMAKRISHNA

## Whistle-blowers’ party in Mizoram fray

Activism needs teeth, says its chief

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
AIZAWL

A whistle-blowers’ group based here tweaked its name to convert into a political party in November 2017. A year on, it wants the people of the State to look at politics through an “unconventional” PRISM. Vanlalruata and his team of young idealists had in 2006 formed the People’s Right to Information and Development Implementation Society of Mizoram, or PRISM. They won several court cases after unearthing scams through the RTI Act, but the State government never took any action against those involved. “Activism has its limitations. So we decided to contest the Assembly elections this time, not to be in power or lend support to any other party short of a majority but to give our activism some political teeth towards fixing accountability and ensure efficient governance,” he said. The group, with Mr. Vanlalruata as president, renamed itself People’s Representation for Identity and Status of Mizoram to retain the abbreviated form – PRISM – that people were acquainted with.



Vanlalruata

Arvind Kejriwal’s Aam Aadmi Party did inspire his party, but Mr. Vanlalruata insists PRISM is different in scope, size, and ambition. “We have started small and people acquainted with us think we are cut out to be a strong Opposition,” he told *The Hindu*. The PRISM is contesting 15 seats with Mr. Vanlalruata contesting two – Aizawl North-I and Serchhip, where his prime opponent is Chief Minister Lal Thanhawla. “Defeating the CM is our aim. Besides, one should take on a stronger opponent to make a statement,” Mr. Vanlalruata said. The party has filed counter-affidavits against 33 candidates, including the Chief Minister, for allegedly concealing information and holding offices of profit.

## In Mizoram, BJP banks on minorities

In a Christian-majority State, party’s focus is on getting the votes of four tribes

RAHUL KARMAKAR  
AIZAWL

In Christian-majority Mizoram, the minorities matter for the Bharatiya Janata Party. The BJP has been an also-ran in Mizoram since 1993, when it garnered 3.11% votes, the best so far. But the bid to conquer its “final frontier” has made the party invest heavily in this northeastern State like never before. The focus of the BJP, apart from the minuscule number of non-tribal voters, is on four minority tribes that are a potent electoral force in at least 11 Assembly constituencies. These tribes are the Buddhist Chakmas, the Christian Maras, and Lais, who are otherwise part of the greater Mizo society, and the Hindu and Christian Brus. The BJP received a shot in the arm when former Minister Buddha Dhan Chakma, cross with the Lal Thanhawla government’s “discrimination” against the Chakmas, switched over from the Congress in October. Top Mara leader Hiphei quit as the Assembly Speaker to join the BJP a few days later. “The BJP should make a difference for minorities in Mizoram who are often denied equal rights,” Mr. Chak-



**Final frontier:** A BJP campaign in Aizawl. \*SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

ma, the party’s candidate for the Tuichawng seat in the southernmost Lawngtlai district, told *The Hindu*. “The BJP has come in with full force, but the Congress would have had it easy had the wrong candidates not been fielded,” said Amit Kumar Chakma, who was replaced by Kali Kumar Tongchangya in the last minute as the Congress candidate for Tuichawng. Mr. Tongchangya belongs to a minority community within the Chakmas. Brus, who have a large presence in Hachhek, Dampa and Mamit seats. The Lais dominate the Lawngtlai East and Lawngtlai West constituencies, as do the Maras in Palak and Siaha. “The minority areas have been deprived of the kind of development we hope the BJP, in power across most States in India, would ensure,” Mr. Hiphei said. BJP State president J.V. Hluna admitted the party had a plan for the minorities. “We hope to win five to 10 of the 40 seats and become the king-maker. We can do so only with support from the majority Mizos,” he said. Mr Hluna, who is contesting the Tawi seat against

## Cong. announces 65 names for Telangana

State chief Uttam Reddy on list

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

The Congress late on Monday released its first list for the Telangana Assembly election with 65 names including that of State Congress chief N. Uttam Reddy. Prominent names include senior leader J. Geetha Reddy, former Lok Sabha member Ponnamp Prabhakar and S. Sarve Satyanarayana. The Congress has formed a grand alliance with the Telugu Desam Party, the Communist Party of India and the Telangana Jana Samithi, and the party is expected to field its candidates in 93 seats. While the TDP will contest 14 seats, the TJS will field its nominees in eight. The CPI has been given three seats. The Congress has entered into the alliance to take on



J. Geetha Reddy

the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) that formed the first government with K. Chandrashekhara Rao as Chief Minister in the newest Indian State. Former Congress president Sonia Gandhi is expected to campaign for the party at Warangal on November 23. Her son and Congress president, Rahul Gandhi, is likely to campaign in Mahabubnagar on November 28.

## POLL POURRI

### Lal Thanhawla declares assets

AIZAWL Mizoram Chief Minister Lal Thanhawla has moveable properties worth ₹1.28 crore and agricultural land valued at more than ₹2 crore, according to the affidavit submitted by him while filing his nomination papers for the election. He has ₹5 lakh in cash, non-agricultural land worth ₹20 lakh, land on which he has constructed a building in New Town, Kolkata, worth around ₹3.1 crore and a house at Zarkawt in Aizawl, the value of which he has not declared. Mr. Thanhawla’s wife, Lal Riliani, has ₹3 lakh in cash, moveable properties worth ₹92 lakh and agricultural land worth ₹25 lakh. PTI



### The perennial favourite

AIZAWL This is an enigma Lalduhoma, former IPS officer and president of the Zoram People’s Party (ZPM), has not been able to crack. For the fourth successive time, he has topped local opinion polls for heading the State. “It is ironical that I win opinion polls all the time while our party never quite makes it,” he said. But the ZPM feels the tide could change as it is stronger now with the merger of the Zoram Nationalist Party, the Mizoram People’s Conference and five other semi-political groups.



### Congress ruined M.P.: Chouhan

SHIVPURI Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has slammed the Congress over development issues while saying that the party has destroyed the State during its tenure. Addressing a rally here, Mr. Chouhan said the Congress ruined Madhya Pradesh during its governance as it failed to fulfil the demands of the people. “No good roads were there, no water and electricity, and there was a poor education system. They only release manifestos but never fulfil them,” Mr. Chouhan said. “We have led the all-round development of Madhya Pradesh,” he said. ANI



### ‘BJP will be back in Rajasthan’

NEW DELHI Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat Monday dismissed speculation about the BJP facing anti-incumbency in Rajasthan, saying there was an undercurrent in favour of the party and the lotus will bloom again in the desert State. “I don’t believe there is any anti-incumbency factor against the BJP anywhere in Rajasthan,” he said. He said the BJP had worked in all 200 Assembly segments rising above caste and religion and without any discrimination. The party had worked for bringing about a change in the life of the common man. On whether he would contest, he said he would accept the party’s decision. PTI



**BJP in desperation has decided to #MurderDemocracy. Senior bureaucrats leak information of massive planned rigging of all remote booths in Bastar through govt machinery**

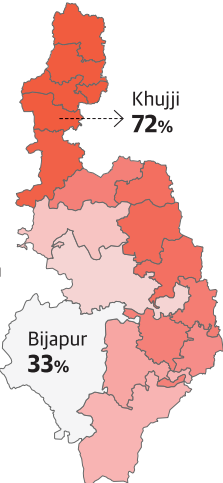
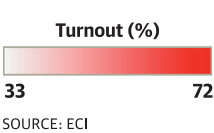
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## DATA BYTE

### Mixed turnout

The seats in Southern Chhattisgarh saw a relatively lower turnout when compared to the ones in the Central region during the first phase of the Assembly polls on Monday. The State saw an average turnout of 58.55% as of 5:30 pm\* on Monday. Map shows seat-wise voter turnout



### POCKET | SURENDRA



He thought the candidate’s name, not the constituency’s, has been changed.



# Top election official, parties challenge Sirisena's move

Apex court seeks explanation from government on dissolution of Parliament

MEERA SRINIVASAN  
COLOMBO

One of Sri Lanka's independent Election Commissioners joined a host of political parties in challenging President Maithripala Sirisena's recent dissolution of Parliament in the country's Supreme Court on Monday.

The court asked the Attorney-General to explain the President's decision at Tuesday's hearing, after lawyers representing various parties denounced the sacking of Parliament as illegal and unconstitutional. The Attorney-General sought another day's time to respond, but the Chief Justice refused.

The parties were petitioning the apex court, seeking an interim order suspending Mr. Sirisena's November 9 proclamation. In the wake of his political front lacking majority in Parliament, the President dissolved the House and called for general elections on January 5.

**'Poll body unhappy'**  
Election Commissioner Ratnajeewan Hoole filed action in Supreme Court against being ordered by gazette to conduct "an illegal election".

"All three Commissioners are unhappy with the dissolution of Parliament," he told *The Hindu*, but the other two are said to be of the view that they must comply with a



**For the people:** Sri Lankans holding a 'vigil for democracy' in Colombo on Sunday. ■GETTY IMAGES

presidential gazette.

On Monday, the Commissioners, however, decided they will not object to any relief being sought by other petitioners.

Appearing for Mr. Hoole, attorney at law Hejaaz Hizbullah argued in a packed court room, that a franchise was about people getting together and expressing an opinion on who should represent them in Parliament, and who should make laws. "Those privileging Article 33 (2)(c) are saying that one person's [the President's] view is more powerful than that of the people and their franchise. There is only one word for it, it is dictatorship," he said.

The thrust of most argu-

ments made by over 10 lawyers on Monday, was that a general provision – Article 33 (2) (c) of Sri Lanka's Constitution – which enumerates some powers of the President – cannot override a specific provision in Article 70 (1) that expressly limits those powers. "You can't cherry-pick the provisions, the Constitution has to be read in whole," Mr. Hizbullah said.

All parties, except those in the Sirisena-Rajapaksa front, have sought a stay order on the dissolution of Parliament and conduct of polls, citing "serious consequences" of holding polls in the face of what they term an illegal action.

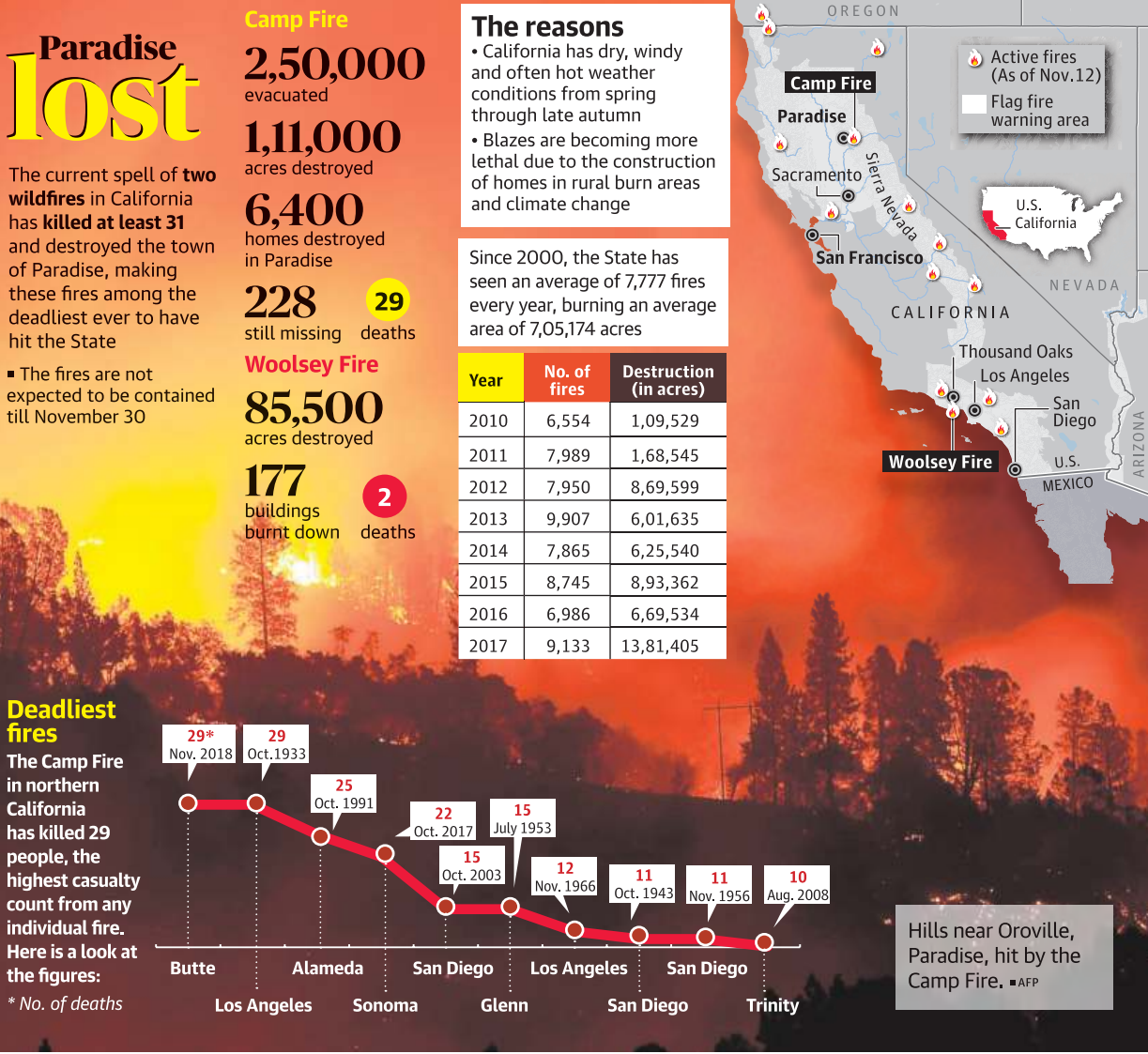
Sri Lanka plunged into a

political crisis on October 26, after Mr. Sirisena controversially appointed former President Mahinda Rajapaksa as Prime Minister, sacking Ranil Wickremesinghe from the office. In the fortnight since, foreign governments have not publicly commented on the administration. The Foreign Ministry confirmed to the weekend newspaper *Sunday Times* that no head of government or state have so far sent congratulatory messages to the "new PM" Mr. Rajapaksa.

**Mark of protest**

On many countries' pending acknowledgement of the "caretaker government", Sarath Amunugama, newly-appointed Foreign Minister, told mediapersons on Monday that "congratulatory messages should not be equated with recognition... we aren't losing sleep over this matter." Observing that all recent actions of the President were constitutional, he said: "Of course certain countries have said they are watching the situation... but there are no hostile forces."

Meanwhile, Reuters reported on Monday that eight Western countries stayed away from a meeting with Sri Lanka's newly-installed government on Monday, "to register their protest against Mr. Sirisena's decision to dissolve Parliament".



## 6 killed in Kabul suicide attack claimed by IS

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE  
KABUL

Six people were killed when a suicide bomber blew himself up in Kabul on Monday, close to where scores of Afghans had been protesting against Taliban attacks on the minority Hazara group.

Interior Ministry spokesman Najib Danish said 20 were wounded in the blast, in front of a high school in the downtown area of the Afghan capital.

**Civilian victims**

Initial reports indicated that most of the victims were members of the security forces, but Mr. Danish said civilians, including several women, had borne the brunt of the carnage.

"The suicide attacker on foot wanted to target protes-

ters, but he was stopped at a security checkpoint some 200 metres (660 feet) from the site," Interior Ministry deputy spokesman Nasrat Rahimi said.

The centre of Kabul was blanketed with heavier-than-usual security for the protest, which began on Sunday night and continued into Monday. The Islamic State group (IS) claimed responsibility for the attack, its propaganda agency Amaq said. IS has claimed most suicide attacks in Kabul in recent months.

In other violence, a Taliban attack on Khak Safid district in the western province of Farah overnight killed up to 40 local police personnel and civilians, said provincial council member Dadullah Qaneh.

## Iran is honouring the 2015 nuclear deal, says IAEA

REUTERS  
VIENNA

Iran has continued to implement the main nuclear restrictions set by its 2015 deal with major powers even as the U.S. reimposed sanctions against Tehran, a UN atomic watchdog report showed on Monday.

Iran has kept its stock of low-enriched uranium as well as the level to which it refines uranium within the limits set by the deal, according to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) report.

Several of the main items curbed under the deal, designed to lengthen the time Iran would need to build a nuclear bomb, were verified shortly before U.S. sanctions were reimposed on November 5 as a follow-up

to Washington's withdrawal from the nuclear accord announced in May.

A senior diplomat, however, later said that there was no sign Iranian behaviour had changed since that date. "There is nothing that indicates that Iranian cooperation or the Iranian attitude has changed since the 5th of November."

Iran's reserve of low-enriched uranium remained well below the deal's 202.8 kg limit at 149.4 kg, the quarterly report by the Vienna-based IAEA showed. Its stock of heavy water was roughly unchanged at 122.8 tonnes. Iran continued production but 1.7 tonnes were shipped abroad while 1.5 tonnes were used to make medical compounds, the report said.

## Bangladesh poll date pushed to December 30

ASSOCIATED PRESS  
DHAKA

Authorities in Bangladesh agreed on Monday to delay national elections by a week because of Opposition demands for more time to prepare.

Chief Election Commissioner K.M. Nurul Huda said officials decided to shift the date to December 30 in response to the proposals by the Opposition parties.

The new deadline for fil-

ing nominations is November 28.

The ruling Awami League party, its allies and some Opposition parties welcomed the decision, but a new major Opposition alliance was unhappy because it wants the elections deferred by a month.

The alliance, called the National Oikya Front, consists of the Khaleda Zia-led Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), among other parties

and is headed by prominent lawyer Kamal Hossain. It could pose a major challenge to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's desire to win a third consecutive term.

**Sheikh Mujib's aide**

Mr. Hossain was a close aide of independence leader Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Ms. Hasina's father, and now heads a small party, the Go-no Forum.

On Monday, five top Op-

position leaders met with Ms. Zia in a jail in Dhaka, and said she asked them to contest the polls.

"Madam offered prayers and expressed hope that we will move forward with our unity with the people," said Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir, secretary-general of the BNP.

The December 30 polls would be Bangladesh's 11th general election since it gained independence in the 1971 war.

### ELSEWHERE



**Ex-Minister to be Nepal's envoy to India**

KATHMANDU  
The Nepal government on Monday nominated former Law Minister and senior politician Nilambar Acharya as Ambassador to India. The position was vacant since October last year. ■PTI

**175 dead in Nigeria cholera outbreak**

LAGOS  
Suspected cholera cases have jumped in northeast Nigeria, the Norwegian Refugee Council said on Monday. It said 10,000 people had been affected and 175 people had died in the States of Adamawa, Borno and Yobe as of early November 2018. ■AFP

## Turkey slams comments by France over Khashoggi probe

Erdoğan was accused of playing a 'political game'

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE  
ISTANBUL

Turkey on Monday lashed out at "unacceptable" comments by the French Foreign Minister, who accused President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan of playing a "political game" over the murder of Jamal Khashoggi.

Mr. Erdoğan said on Saturday that Turkey had shared recordings linked to the Saudi journalist's murder last month with Riyadh, as well as the U.S., France, Britain and other allies.



A poster of Khashoggi in London. ■REUTERS

In an interview on Monday, French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian said he "for the moment was not aware" of any information transmitted by Ankara.

Asked if Mr. Erdoğan was lying, he said: "It means that he has a political game to play in these circumstances."

"We find it unacceptable that he accused President Erdoğan of playing political games," said the communications director at the Turkish presidency, Fahrettin Altun.

Also, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said on Monday that his government had been "fully briefed" on recordings provided by Ankara.

## 'Talking to Pak. over asylum to Asia Bibi'

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau asserts that Canada is a welcoming country

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE  
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PARIS/ISLAMABAD

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said on Monday that his government was holding talks with Pakistan over potentially offering asylum to Asia Bibi, a Christian woman recently freed from prison after her blasphemy conviction was overturned.

"We are in discussions with the Pakistani government," Mr. Trudeau said in an interview.

"There is a delicate domestic context that we respect which is why I don't want to say any more about that, but I will remind people Canada is a welcoming country," he said.

**Blocked from leaving**

Ms. Bibi has been blocked from leaving Pakistan after



Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. ■REUTERS

the overturning of her conviction prompted a wave of protests among Islamist hardliners. She has since been flown to a "safe place" in the country as several governments have offered to grant her family asylum.

Her husband has appealed in particular to Britain, Canada and the U.S., claiming that Ms. Bibi's life

would be in danger as long as she lived in Pakistan.

Meanwhile, the Netherlands Foreign Ministry said reports of the Embassy's closure were mistaken. "The Dutch Embassy in Pakistan is open," the Ministry said.

Also, the Pakistan government on Monday rejected some reports claiming Ms. Bibi had fled abroad, saying that images on the social media showing her being greeted overseas were "fake".

"Fake news is a big challenge. Asia Bibi is in Pakistan and images of her leaving the country and greeted abroad are fake," said Information Minister Fawad Chaudhry.

He said some media outlets showed irresponsibility by reporting that Ms. Bibi had left the country after her release from the jail.

Pakistani media reported

**Lawyer in Netherlands**

Her lawyer, Saiful Mulook, fled to the Netherlands soon after the verdict, citing death threats. The Dutch government said on Thursday that it had offered temporary shelter to Mr. Mulook.

On Monday, the Dutch government said in a statement that its Embassy in Pakistan, which is in a tightly guarded "diplomatic enclave", had temporarily halted issuing visas "due to circumstances beyond our control".

Pakistani media reported

GOVT. OF ODISHA

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, DRAINAGE,

GANDARPUR, CUTTACK-753 003

TAT-A:

**E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE NO:- CE-DR-CTC-03/2018-19**

email Id :- [cedrainage@gmail.com](mailto:cedrainage@gmail.com)

1. Name of Work	1. Renovation of Sagadia Drainage System And Its slope Protection Work Under DOAB NO-IV Rs.408.91 (Approx)
	2. Improvement to Storm Water Drainage Channel (Construction of cement Concrete Drain) in Jajpur Municipality In Brahmani –Baitarani Doab No-XIV(Reach-1) from RD 00 to 920 m under Drainage Improvement Programme. Rs.467.54(Approx)
2. Total Number of Packages	2 No. Individual package.
3. Period of completion.	Six Calendar months
4. Other details as follows	

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-Line	
		From	To
1	2	3	4
Chief Engineer, Drainage, Gandarpur, Cuttack-753003	CE-DR-CTC/DD-JPR-03/2018-19 & CE-DR-CTC/DD-JPR-04/2018-19	14.11.2018 16.00 Hours	04.12.2018 17.00 Hours

Further details can be seen from the Govt. web site [www.tendersorissa.gov.in](http://www.tendersorissa.gov.in).

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Chief Engineer,  
Drainage, Cuttack.

**BENGALURU SMART CITY LIMITED**  
(company established under companies act 2013)  
CIN No. U74999KA2018PLC109175

Office of the Executive Engineer BSCL, O/o BBMP, 2nd Floor, Annexe Building -3, N.R.Square,Bengaluru – 560002  
**No: EE/BSCL/TEND/ 01/2018-19** **Date: 09.11.2018**

**INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) (SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION)**  
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, BSCL, invites tenders on behalf of the Managing Director, BSCL SPV, from eligible Tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table below. The tenderers may submit tenders for works given in the table through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka (viz <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>).

**Comprehensive Development of Smart Roads in Bengaluru City as per Tender SURE Guidelines.**

Sl. No.	Name of the package	Approx. Amount put to tender (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD
1.	(Package – 1) : 1) Commercial Street-From Kamraj Road to Jumma Masjid Road (Near Bowring Hospital), 2). Kamaraj Road from M G Road upto Commercial Street and upto St. Johns Church Road.	3194.00	<b>Rs. 32.00 Lakhs (Rs.1.00 Lakh through e-procurement &amp; Rs. 31.00 Lakhs through BG)</b>
2.	(Package – 2) : 1). Ulsoor Road from Dickenson Road to Kensington Road. 2). Dickenson Road from M G Road to Kamraj Road.	2436.00	<b>Rs. 24.50 Lakhs (Rs.1.00 Lakh through e-procurement &amp; Rs. 23.50Lakhs through BG)</b>
3.	(Package – 3) : 1). Infantry Road from Ali Askar Road to Safina Plaza complex (Main Guard Cross Road) 2). Central Street from M G Road to Shivajinagar Bus Stand (TTMC) and upto Indian Express (Balekundri) Junction 3). Bowring Hospital Road from Main Guard Cross Road to HSSS Gosha Hospital	4456.00	<b>Rs. 45.00 Lakhs (Rs. 1.00 Lakh through e-procurement &amp; Rs. 44.00 Lakhs through BG)</b>
4.	(Package – 4) : 1). Millers Road from Chalukya Circle to Cantonment via Queens Road 2). Raj Bhavan Road from Minsk Square to Basaveshwara Circle	3344.00	<b>Rs. 33.50 Lakhs (Rs.1.00 Lakh through e-procurement &amp; Rs. 32.50Lakhs through BG)</b>
5.	(Package – 5) : 1). Mcgrath Road from Brigade Road upto Richmond Road, 2). Convent Road from Richmond Road to Residency Road, 3). Hayes Road from Richmond Road to Residency Road, 4). Wood Street from Museum Road to Richmond Road, 5). Castle Street from Museum Road to Richmond Road, 6). Tate Lane from Richmond Road to Castle Street	2626.00	<b>Rs. 27.00 Lakhs (Rs.1.00 Lakh through e-procurement &amp; Rs. 26.00Lakhs through BG)</b>
6.	(Package – 6) : 1). Kasturba Road from Siddalingaiah Circle to Minsk Square via Queens Statue (M G Road) 2). Queens Road from M G Road to Cantonment Railway Station	3737.00	<b>Rs. 38.00 Lakhs (Rs.1.00 Lakh through e-procurement &amp; Rs. 37.00Lakhs through BG)</b>
7.	(Package – 7) : 1).Raja Ram Mohan Roy Road from Richmond Circle to Hudson Circle. 2). Lavelle Road from M.G.Road to Richmond Circle. 3). Brigade Road from M.G.Road to War Memorial Junction.	3338.00	<b>Rs. 33.50Lakhs (Rs.1.00 Lakh through e-procurement &amp; Rs. 32.50Lakhs through BG)</b>

NOTE: 1). Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from **15.11.2018** 2). Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **16.00 hours on 15.12.2018** and the opening of tenders will be as per the e-procurement portal guidelines. 3).Pre bid meeting will be held on **23.11.2018 at 16.00 hours** in the office of the Chief Engineer, Bengaluru Smart City Limited to clarify the issue and to answer questions on any matter that may be raised at that stage as stated in "Instructions to Bidders" of the bidding document. 4). Technical Bids will be opened on the website <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> in the office of the Executive Engineer, BSCL on **17.12.2018 at 16.30 hours** 5). For details, registration and e-payment visit GOK e-Procurement website <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> or contact e-Procurement Helpdesk at **080 – 22441076** and BBMP website [www.bbmp.gov.in](http://www.bbmp.gov.in).

Sd/- Executive Engineer  
Bengaluru Smart City Limited & BBMP

**Pay Development Charges - Help to Develop Bengaluru**



MARKET WATCH		
	12-11-2018	% CHANGE
Sensex	34,813	-0.98
US Dollar	72.89	-0.54
Gold	32,150	0.24
Brent oil	70.87	1.47

NIFTY 50		
	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	328.65	-8.95
Asian Paints	1278.80	-16.80
Axis Bank	606.55	-6.65
Bajaj Auto	2652.30	-40.75
Bajaj Finserv	5549.10	-152.30
Bajaj Finance	2277.60	-97.75
Bharti Airtel	296.20	-3.55
BHPL	291.20	-5.65
Cipla	531.85	4.90
Coal India	263.90	-4.55
Dr Reddys Lab	2415.55	15.55
Eicher Motors	21933.55	-561.70
GAIL (India)	364.75	-2.60
Grasim Ind	860.80	-7.20
HCL Tech	1036.80	8.90
HDFC	1795.90	-20.20
HDFC Bank	1921.05	-24.35
Hero MotoCorp	2839.35	-117.35
Hindalco	229.25	-9.55
HPCL	225.05	-16.25
Hind Unilever	1654.30	-18.30
Indiabulls HFL	865.25	3.10
ICICI Bank	352.35	-4.50
IndusInd Bank	1493.00	-1.90
Bharti Infratel	258.50	-7.35
Infosys	664.20	4.70
Indian OilCorp	135.05	-6.60
ITC	273.85	-3.40
JSW Steel	344.55	-2.95
Kotak Bank	1153.70	18.15
L&T	1367.20	-1.40
M&M	780.90	-14.35
Maurti Suzuki	7087.80	-195.70
NTPC	152.80	-1.65
ONGC	156.05	-0.35
PowerGrid Corp	185.95	-5.75
Reliance Ind	1080.00	-13.45
State Bank	277.95	-5.30
Sun Pharma	589.50	-7.95
Tata Motors	186.05	-9.20
Tata Steel	582.85	10.65
TCS	1914.85	5.65
Tech Mahindra	724.55	17.35
Titan	894.75	47.10
UltraTech Cement	3726.85	-91.00
UPL	733.20	-6.80
Vedanta	203.15	-5.90
Wipro	323.35	-1.50
YES Bank	223.05	-4.85
Zee Entertainment	437.80	-12.35

EXCHANGE RATES		
Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on November 12		
CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	72.69	73.01
Euro	81.86	82.23
British Pound	93.56	93.97
Japanese Yen (100)	63.82	64.11
Chinese Yuan	10.43	10.48
Swiss Franc	72.01	72.34
Singapore Dollar	52.60	52.83
Canadian Dollar	55.05	55.29
Malaysian Ringgit	17.35	17.43

Source: Indian Bank

BULLION RATES CHENNAI		
November 12 rates in rupees with previous rates in parentheses		
Retail Silver (1g)	40.1	(40.5)
22 ct gold (1 g)	2986	(3003)

# + IL&FS places two subsidiaries on the block

Group firms are engaged in the securities services business

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
MUMBAI

Troubled financial conglomerate Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services (IL&FS) has kick-started the asset monetisation exercise as it has decided to sell its stake in two of its subsidiaries – IL&FS Securities Services and ISSL Settlement and Transactions Services Ltd., – both engaged in the securities services business. The asset sale is a part of the broader plan for the resolution of the company.

In a statement on Monday, IL&FS said the board has decided to publicly solicit expressions of interest to assess the interest for a sale of its stake in these two subsidiaries. IL&FS Securities Services is a professional



clearing member in equity and other derivatives, and ISSL is engaged in providing clearing services in the commodities derivative segment.

“The board is cognisant that these steps are required to advance the process for putting together a resolution plan for the IL&FS group, based on market interest

and price discovery for various assets,” the statement said.

“Any binding transaction for the sale of assets, as well as the resulting resolution plan, will be subject to requisite approvals (including the NCLT) before the transactions are implemented,” it said.

In its report submitted to the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, which in turn was submitted to National Company Law Tribunal, the board of IL&FS has outlined a resolution plan that included asset sale, among other measures. The board said it expected the resolution process to be completed in six to nine months, subject to economic and market conditions.

## BKT to set up \$100 mn plant in U.S.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
MUMBAI

Balkrishna Industries Limited (BKT), one of the leading off-highway tire manufacturers, is planning to invest \$100 million to set up a new production site in the U.S., making its first manufacturing site outside of India.

Europe is presently BKT’s largest sales market accounting for more than half of its overall turnover.

“The positive outlook led to the decision of establishing a wholly-owned subsidiary company in the U.S. to set up a greenfield project for the construction of a tire manufacturing plant designed for a yearly production capacity of about 20,000 MT in the entire Off Highway tire segment,” said a company statement.

# TRAI to analyse implications of over-the-top services’ growth

Asks if lawful interception needed in OTT communication

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on Monday re-started the discussion on “regulatory issues and economic concerns” with regard to over-the-top (OTT) services such as WhatsApp and Skype, with its consultation paper on ‘Regulatory Framework for OTT Communication Services’.

### Consultation paper

“This consultation paper seeks to analyse and discuss the implications of the growth of OTT services... the relationship between TSPs and OTT players, whether any change is required in the current regulatory framework and the manner in which such



changes should be effected,” the regulatory body said in the consultation paper.

Among other things, TRAI has sought comments from stakeholders on whether regulatory or licensing imbalance is impacting investments in the telecom networks, if there is any issue of non-level playing field between OTT providers and TSPs, and any issues related to lawful interception of

OTT communication that are required to be resolved in the interest of national security. TRAI has also sought to know which OTT services could be regarded the same or similar to the services provided by TSPs.

“In case, any regulation or licensing condition is suggested to be made applicable to OTT service providers then whether such regulations or licensing conditions are required to be reviewed or redefined in context of OTT services or these may be applicable in the present form itself?,” it said. TRAI also asked if inter-operability among OTT services would benefit competition as well as the users. At present, there are no regulations for interoperability between OTT platforms.

## ‘NCLT delays cost banks ₹4,000 cr.’

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
MUMBAI

Delays in resolution process of the 12 stressed assets that were referred to the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) have cost the banks an additional ₹4,000 crore, ratings agency ICRA said on Monday.

A list of 12 stressed assets was prepared by the RBI, which the banks were asked to refer to NCLT for resolution. “The lenders for the initial 12 companies in RBI’s list of June 2017 are estimated to have lost out on about ₹4,000 crore in additional income due to the delays in the resolution process beyond the 270-day period,” ICRA said.

Pending corporate insolvency resolution processes increased to 816 as on September 30, 2018 from 723 as on June 30, 2018.

# Back series GDP data to be released by end-December, says NITI Aayog

Centre misses internal deadline; analytical data sets not readily available

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

The government will miss its internal deadline for the release of the back series of GDP data, according to NITI Aayog, which on Monday said the data would be released by the end of December. The government had earlier indicated that the data would be released in November.

NITI Aayog said that during the consultation process on the issue, experts had asked for analytical data sets that were not readily available. Therefore, there will be another meeting soon once the data is ready.

“A roundtable discussion was held today under the Chairmanship of Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog, wherein



**Tweaking process:** The methodology for computing GDP data was revamped in 2015. \*GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCK

the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) and several leading experts discussed the methodology for estimating back series of GDP,” Anna Roy, Advisor (Data Management &

# + Analysis) at NITI Aayog, told reporters after the meeting.

### Follow-up discussion

“During the ensuing discussion, experts sought several analytical information,

which is being worked out,” Ms. Roy added. “It was, therefore, decided to have a follow-up roundtable discussion with experts shortly.”

She added that although the data release was expected on Monday, the additional requests made by the experts could not be ignored.

“But the data should be ready and released by the end of December,” Ms. Roy said.

The methodology for computing GDP data was revamped in 2015 and the base year was shifted to 2011. This, however, meant that the current data could not be compared to historical data. Efforts to provide back series data using the new methodology and base year have been going on since then.

## Bol posts ₹1,156 crore net loss in Q2

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
MUMBAI

State-run lender Bank of India has reported a ₹1,156 crore net loss for the quarter ended October 31 due to increase in provision for bad loans as well as market-loss on its bond portfolio.

The lender reported a net profit of ₹179 crore in the July-September period of the last fiscal while in the April-June quarter of FY19, net profit was ₹95 crore.

“The net profit was impacted by higher loan loss provisions due to aging of NPAs and MTM provisions. Also, recovery of around ₹1,800 crore from the sale of assets being processed under NCLT [National Company Law Tribunal] got postponed to Q3,” the public lender said in a statement.

# IIP growth falters as inflation eases

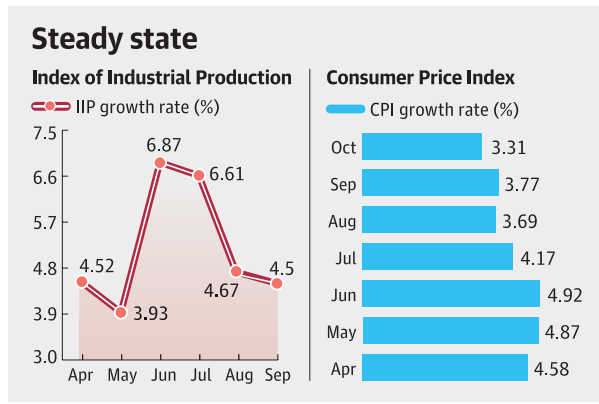
Industrial production slows to 4.5%; slowing price growth in food, housing cools inflation to 3.31%

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

Growth in industrial activity as measured by the Index of Industrial Production slowed marginally in September to 4.5% due to slowing growth in the manufacturing and capital goods sectors, official data released on Monday showed.

A separate data release also showed that consumer inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index, eased in October to 3.31% due to slowing price growth in the food, housing, and footwear segments.

IIP growth slowed from 4.67% in August. (August’s IIP growth was revised from the provisional 4.3% released earlier.) Growth in manufacturing eased to 4.62% in September from



5.08% in August. Activity in mining and quarrying accelerated, growing at 0.21% in September compared with a contraction of 0.54% in the previous month.

“While statistically marginal, the overall production and manufacturing indices

show a rise in absolute terms indicating that domestic demand likely remains resilient,” Anis Chakravarty, Lead Economist & Partner at Deloitte India said in a note.

Growth in the electricity sector touched 8.24% in September, up from 7.59% in the

previous month. The capital goods sector, however, saw growth slowing to 5.76% from 9.34%. Growth in infrastructure and construction sped to 9.5% in September from 7.95% in August.

### Easing inflation

Consumer inflation eased in October from 3.7% in September. Inflation in the food and beverages segment contracted 0.14% in October compared with growth of 1.01% in September.

“The October CPI print surprised positively as it was much lower than our and the street expectations,” B. Pransanna, group executive and head - Global Markets Group at ICICI Bank said in a note. “It continued to be aided by the food component which shrunk on a sequential basis

underscored by components such as fruits, vegetables and pulses. The earlier fears of Minimum Support Price hikes feeding through to CPI have been allayed.”

The clothing and footwear category saw inflation easing to 3.55% from 4.64% over the same period. Inflation in the housing segment slowed to 6.55% from 7.07%.

“Benign inflation and a strong footing in industrial development are expected to boost investor sentiment and increased FDI and FII inflows in the coming months,” Rajeev Talwar, president, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry said. “Stability in inflation would strengthen the macroeconomic environment and pave the way for soft monetary policy regime, going forward.”

## Patel meets PM ahead of RBI meet

MANOJIT SAHA  
MUMBAI

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Urjit Patel met Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 9.

According to sources familiar with the development, Dr. Patel apprised the central bank’s rationale for its discomfort over a series of demands made by the finance ministry, including higher dividend and lower capital requirement for banks.

The meeting assumes significance ahead of the central bank’s board meeting scheduled on November 19.

‘NBFCs should explore other options’

MANOJIT SAHA  
MUMBAI

Amid growing demand for liquidity support for non-banking finance companies, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is unlikely to provide any special support to the sector, though it will continue to provide funds to the banking system as liquidity deficit in the system is a concern.

According to sources, the RBI is of the view that bigger NBFCs that have high ratings from rating agencies are not facing any liquidity issues. It is the mid-sized and smaller NBFCs, mostly housing finance firms, that will face some issues. According to market estimates, about ₹1.5 lakh crore of commercial paper face redemption this month, a bulk of which are issued by NBFCs.

“There is liquidity in the system. But interest rates have gone up,” said a source. Some NBFCs that are not higher-rated now have to pay higher rates to raise funds.

That better-rated NBFCs aren’t handicapped for funds was evident when Dewan Housing Finance – for example – repaid commercial paper worth ₹1,775 crore on November 5.

Another large housing finance company, PNB Housing Finance repaid ₹4,225 crore of CP in October 2018.

“RBI is the lender of last resort. When all other avenues fail, then only such an option could be explored,” the source said, indicating NBFCs are yet to explore all other options that may have turned expensive for them.

NBFCs can avail refinancing facility from SIDBI or National Housing Bank and can also sell loans to banks.



NHB has recently increased its refinancing limit by ₹6,000 crore– to ₹30,000 crore– to eligible institutions, including housing finance companies, for the July 2018-June 2019 period. Similarly, SBI trebled its loan purchase target for NBFCs to ₹45,000 crore for the current financial year.

On Monday, PNB Housing Finance said NHB has sanctioned ₹3,500 crore refinancing facility to them.

“The NHB refinancing are of a maturity of up to 15 years hence shall help further enhance our ALM... We wish to again reiterate that as on date, the company is very well placed, both on liquidity and ALM position and continue to be cautiously optimistic,” said Sanjaya Gupta, managing director, PNB Housing Finance.

The liquidity issue for NBFCs, along with other issues like capital requirement for banks and more dividend from RBI to the government, has been a bone of contention between the central bank and the Finance Ministry. The Centre has cited the never-used provision under section 7 of the RBI Act to initiate consultations with RBI. Under this section, the government can issue directions to RBI. All eyes are now on the RBI’s board meeting scheduled for November 19.



IN BRIEF



**UCO Bank Q2 net loss widens to ₹1,136 crore**  
NEW DELHI  
State-owned UCO Bank reported widening of net loss to ₹1,136.44 crore for the second quarter of 2018-19, on rising bad loans. The bank had posted a net loss of ₹622.56 crore in the September quarter of 2017-18. In the June quarter, net loss stood at ₹633.88 crore. Total income fell to ₹3,749.18 crore in the reported quarter as against ₹3,757.51 crore in the same period of 2017-18. PTI

**Inspection of Dr.Reddy's Vizag unit concludes**  
HYDERABAD  
Drug maker Dr. Reddy's Laboratories on Monday said the Regulatory Authority of Germany (Regierung von Oberbayern) on November 9 concluded a follow-on audit of the company's formulations manufacturing facility in Duvvada, Visakapatnam. "The facility is considered compliant and the EU-GMP certification continues to remain active with one specific exclusion of a new product," Dr.Reddy's said in a regulatory filing.

**Mrs Bectors, Sansera get SEBI nod for IPO**  
NEW DELHI  
Biscuit-maker Mrs Bectors Food Specialities and auto-components maker Sansera Engineering have received markets regulator SEBI's go ahead to launch initial share-sale offers. Mrs Bectors Food and Sansera Engineering obtained "observations" from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on November 9 and November 12 respectively, latest update with the markets watchdog showed. PTI

‘Odisha can be a \$1 trillion economy’

The State can reach the mark by 2030, says Sajjan Jindal, CMD, JSW Group

LALATENDU MISHRA  
BHUBANESHWAR  
Fast economic growth, business potential and industry-friendly policy can make Odisha a \$1 trillion economy by 2030, Sajjan Jindal, chairman and managing director, JSW Group, said.  
Addressing the second ‘Make in Odisha Conclave 2018’ here, Mr. Jindal said: “If India will become a \$10 trillion economy by 2035, Odisha has to play a vital role. After Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu by then, Odisha could be the third State to be a \$1 trillion economy.”  
He said JSW would set up a modern steel plant in Odisha. Reliance Industries Ltd., which has already invested ₹6,000 crore, has committed to invest an additional ₹3,000 crore in the next three years in Odisha.



**Talking business:** RIL chairman Mukesh Ambani with Kumar Mangalam Birla at the Odisha Conclave. ■ BISWARANJAN ROUT  
“Today, Odisha has been growing at 8% per annum, higher than the national average, and the State is fast becoming an ideal investment destination,” Mukesh Ambani, CMD, RIL, said.  
For Reliance, Jio was not just another business, he

the highest in the country, he said.  
Stating that the Tatas had an over-a-century-old association with Odisha, Tata Group chairman N. Chandrasekaran said, “Our experience has been very satisfying and enriching. We will further invest in Odisha.”  
**Tata expansion**  
Tata Steel had announced a ₹23,500-crore expansion plan at Kalinganagar, and with this, the Tata Group's total investment in the State would exceed ₹1,00,000 crore, he said.  
Aditya Birla Group, which has invested in textile business in the State, has committed to invest additional \$2 billion in Odisha.  
“The long-standing relationship of the Aditya Birla Group with Odisha goes beyond the investments we have made here,” Kumar Mangalam Birla, chairman, Aditya Birla Group, said.  
Sanjiv Puri, MD, ITC, said: “Investment-friendly policies, good governance, robust infrastructure, mineral resources and agriculture resources and access to the market has made Odisha a complete investment destination.”  
While SAIL has announced an investment plan of ₹41,000 crore, Vedanta Resources said it would invest ₹6,483 crore in capacity enhancement of its aluminium smelter. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik said that the first edition of the conclave had invited investment of ₹2,00,000 crore.  
(The writer was in Bhubaneswar at the invitation of the Odisha Government)

Odisha’s red carpet for Japanese firms

Identifies 665 acres near capital

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
BHUBANESHWAR  
Odisha has identified 665 acres of land for Japanese companies who would set up manufacturing base in the State, a top official said.  
R. Balakrishnan, Additional Chief Secretary, said: “We are in advance discussions with the Japanese industries who wish to invest in Odisha and we have developed state-of-the-art infrastructure for them to set up their establishments in the State.”  
The Japanese companies would be keen to invest in food processing, steel and transportation sectors.  
“We have identified 665 acres of land for the Japanese organisations to set up their business infrastructure just 20 km from Bhubaneswar,” he said.  
Japanese Ambassador to India, Kenji Hiramatsu, said: “Many missions from Odisha have visited Japan and highlighted the opportunities which the State has to offer to the Japanese companies. We are looking forward to expand our partnership with Odisha and we can work on several sectors to boost a collaborative business effort.”  
“Odisha can also assist Japan to fill up some gaps in certain industries such as seafood,” Mr. Hiramatsu added.

Avenue to pick up 27% stake in Arcil

To buy out small investors

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
MUMBAI  
U.S.-based distressed asset fund, Avenue Capital, is planning to pick up 27% stake in Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited or Arcil – one of the oldest in the business of asset reconstruction in India – in a secondary deal by buying out stake from other small investors.  
Avenue will buy stakes in IDFC Bank (8.37%), Government of Singapore's Lathe Investments (9.9%), Ashmore Capital (1.37%), South Africa's FirstRand Bank (4.11%), Karur Vyasya Bank (1.96%) and Barclays Bank (1.5%). Avenue has been operating individually in its ca-

capacity as a distressed asset fund in the country since 2005.  
“We have applied to Reserve Bank of India for its approval,” Vinayak Bahuguna, CEO & MD, Arcil, said. He expects the regulatory approval to come by the end of the current financial year. As a part of the deal, Avenue Capital will get a board seat in Arcil.  
State Bank, which has around 20% stake, along with IDBI Bank (19.18%), ICI-CI Bank (13.26%), and PNB (10.01%), have decided to continue hold onto their stakes in the company. Mr. Bahuguna said the asset under management as on October was ₹12,000 crore.

Abu Dhabi firm inks deal to store crude in India

Oil to be stored at ISPRL’s underground facility in Karnataka

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
MUMBAI  
Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves Ltd. (ISPRL) to explore the possibility of storing ADNOC crude oil at ISPRL's underground oil storage facility at Padur in Karnataka, which has a 2.5 million-tonne (-17 million barrels) capacity.  
**Final shipment**  
The MoU with ISPRL, mandated to store crude oil for emergency needs, follows the arrival of the final ship-



Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber  
could store crude in two compartments at Padur.  
The MoU was signed by Abdulla Salem Al Dhaheri, director of Marketing, Sales and Trading at ADNOC, and HPS Ahuja, CEO and MD at ISPRL, on the sidelines of the Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition and Conference (ADIPEC), ADNOC said in a statement.  
Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber, the UAE Minister of State and ADNOC Group CEO, and Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India, witnessed the signing of the MoU, the statement added.  
ment of the initial delivery of ADNOC crude on November 4, to be stored in another ISPRL underground facility in Mangaluru, which will store 5.86 million barrels. Under the MoU, ADNOC

Usha Martin returns to the black in Q2




Shareholders okay steel business sale

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
KOLKATA  
Usha Martin Ltd., which is selling its steel business to Tata Steel Ltd., closed the second quarter with an improved bottom line, both on account of its continuing operations and discontinued operations on account of the proposed sale.  
The company reported a profit of ₹25.3 crore during the second quarter against a loss of ₹72.7 crore, including the losses from discontinued operations, a year earlier. Consolidated profit after share of joint venture from continuing operations stood at ₹29.5 crore against ₹28 crore a year ago.  
Total income increased from ₹534.3 crore to ₹645.6 crore during this period.  
**Sale approval**  
The company board, in its meetings in September and on November 10, 2018, approved the sale and transfer of steel business to Tata Steel Ltd.  
Total income of this segment stood at ₹1,078.7 crore in the second quarter with a loss of ₹12.8 crore during the quarter under review. This is lower than the ₹105.4 crore loss a year ago.  
In a regulatory filing, the company said that 99.99 % of its shareholders had voted in favour of a resolution moved at Saturday's EGM on the steel business sale.

# INDIAN NAVY

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# A big confidence boost ahead of tour down under

Rohit’s consummate captaincy complemented his batting prowess; bowlers came into their own with Kuldeep leading the pack

## WINDIES IN INDIA

S. DINAKAR  
CHENNAI

The humdinger at Chepauk presented a misleading picture of the three-match Twenty20 series.

It was a largely one-sided affair with India notching up a comfortable win in Kolkata and then crushing the West Indians at Lucknow.


And India was breezing to a victory here before, rather inexplicably, stumbling in the final stretch and then doing just enough to win.

A 3-0 triumph over the reigning ICC World Twenty20 champion lost much of its lustre since the Caribbeans were without some of their brightest stars.

The clean sweep will give Indian confidence ahead of the upcoming three-match series in Australia; the next edition of the World Twenty20 championship will be held down under in 2020. India needs to build a side keeping the big picture in the mind.

**Calm and unruffled**  
The series highlighted Rohit Sharma’s captaincy credentials. He is calm, unruffled and shuffles his bowlers intelligently. His changes in field placements are smart but subtle. Rohit plays his cards but does not give too much away.

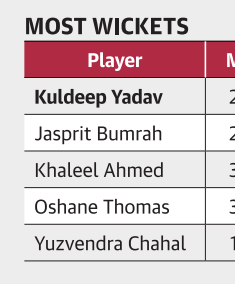
With the bat, he continues to be as influential and destructive as they come in



# T20I series in numbers


## MOST RUNS

Player	M	R	HS	Avg	SR	100s	50s
Shikhar Dhawan	3	138	92	46.00	124.32	0	1
Rohit Sharma	3	121	111*	60.50	165.75	1	0
Darren Bravo	3	71	43*	35.50	109.23	0	0
Rishabh Pant	3	64	58	21.33	133.33	0	1
K.L. Rahul	3	59	26*	29.50	128.26	0	0



## MOST WICKETS

Player	M	Ovs	W	BB	Avg	Econ	SR
Kuldeep Yadav	2	8	5	3/13	9.00	5.62	9.6
Jasprit Bumrah	2	8	3	2/20	15.66	5.87	16.0
Khaleel Ahmed	3	12	3	2/30	27.66	6.91	24.0
Oshane Thomas	3	12	3	2/21	30.33	7.58	24.0
Yuzvendra Chahal	1	4	2	2/28	14.00	7.00	12.0



Twenty20 cricket.

Shikhar Dhawan, with an amalgam of force and placement, found form. The right-left opening combination of Rohit and Dhawan is the most potent in this format.

And Rishabh Pant displayed his mojo as a muscular left-handed power-hitter. An impact player, he certainly is. K.L. Rahul, such a lovely, natural striker of the ball, should seize his chances.

Dinesh Karthik’s unbeaten 31 in Kolkata when the West Indies had a sniff displayed his maturity; Karthik always had the shots, he is now rotating the strike capably.

**Emergence of Khaleel**  
In bowling, Khaleel Ahmed

made an impression with his left-arm pace, angle and the ability to bowl scorching yorkers. He adds variety and quality to the attack.

Left-arm spinning all-rounder Krunal Pandya caught the eye too with his tight left-arm spin; he does get his deliveries to skid off the pitch.

And Washington Sundar showcased his variations of pace; he is tall, has a high-arm action, gets bounce with his overspin and should do well in Australia.

Of course, the big guns Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Jasprit Bumrah had their moments.

And the game-changing left-arm wrist spin of Kul-

deep Yadav foxed the Caribbeans; they struggled to pick his wrong ‘un. And when he got an opportunity, leggie Yuzvendra Chahal contained and struck.

**Positives for Windies**  
Despite being blanked, the West Indies had a few positives.

Paceman Oshane Thomas, with his speed and thrust, made exciting viewing. Watch out for him.

His pace partner Keemo Paul has possibilities.

He could become a more rounded bowler with experience. Young left-arm spinning all-rounder Fabian Allen displayed control and temperament.



Impact player: The young and muscular Rishabh Pant displayed his mojo as a power-hitter. ■K. PICHUMANI

And wicket-keeper batsman Nicholas Pooran was both audacious and inventive with the willow.

The return of the classy southpaw, Darren Bravo,

lends some substance to the line-up.

There were many negatives for the Caribbeans. Captain Carlos Brathwaite was underwhelming and the

waning Kieron Pollard, once such a massive factor, struggled with both the bat and the ball.

Shai Hope and Shimron Hetmyer, compelling strikers

of the ball, failed to consolidate on starts.

In the end, Windies was undone by a lack of cohesion and consistency in a format where it is feared the most.

## Johri case: BCCI officials depose

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
NEW DELHI

Indian cricket’s top administrators, including Vinod Rai, on Monday deposed before the probe panel investigating the alleged sexual harassment case against BCCI CEO Rahul Johri.

Besides the Committee of Administrators chief Rai, CoA member Diana Edulji along with BCCI treasurer Anirudh Chaudhry and IPL petitioner Aditya Verma also deposed before the three-member panel.

## Mushfiquer hits a double



Mushfiquer Rahim... record-breaker. ■AFP

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE  
DHAKA

Mushfiquer Rahim became the first wicketkeeper-batsman in history to score two double hundreds in Tests as Bangladesh built a strong total in the second Test against Zimbabwe in Dhaka on Monday.

Mushfiquer’s unbeaten 219 (421b, 18x4, 1x6) helped Bangladesh declare its first innings at 522 for seven before the host reduced Zimbabwe to 25 for one at stumps on the second day.

Mushfiquer, who also surpassed Shakib Al Hasan to become the highest individual scorer in an innings for Bangladesh in Tests, shared a record 144-run unbroken eighth wicket stand with Mehidy Hasan.

**The scores:** Bangladesh 522 for seven decl. in 160 overs (Mominul Haque 161, Mushfiquer Rahim 219 n.o., Mahmudullah 36, Mehidy Hasan 68 n.o., Kyle Jarvis five for 71) vs Zimbabwe 25 for one in 18 overs.

## India will adapt well in New Zealand: Santner

Coming back from injury, the Kiwi hopes to regain full fitness soon

G. VISWANATH  
MUMBAI

New Zealand’s Mitchell Santner, 26, was laid low by a right-knee injury last March and has not played competitive cricket ever since.

He underwent surgery and is hoping to regain fitness for the home internationals against India in January-February 2019.

In India to promote the home series against Virat Kohli’s team, Santner, who has not played a home series

against India, said: “I have been out for a while now, almost nine months. I have been training and cricket is not too far away.

“Hopefully expect to play the home summer and get back for the series against India, try and get some wickets.”

Santner believes India will adapt to the New Zealand conditions quickly. “I think it’s going to be a very exciting series. Both countries are de-



Mitchell Santner ■AP

finitely looking forward to it. Obviously the likes of Virat (Kohli) and Rohit (Sharma) are scoring a lot of runs at the moment.

“They have not played in

New Zealand for five years, but they have travelled and scored runs everywhere and will adapt quickly.

**Interesting series**

“I think they will like our conditions; it’s flat and if there is no swing, it can be a high scoring series. India has performed in similar conditions, like England. If they adapt to the local conditions and hit the ground running, it could make for a good and

interesting series. “India has all bases covered, it has the seamers and the spinners and definitely the batters. Young Rishabh Pant has come out well as well.

“India has a strong batting line up, the key is for us to get the ball to swing, and get aggressive at the start... and hopefully the ball swings for us. India has Bhuvni and Bhumra too. The mid-summer (Jan) can be warm, but in New Zealand rain is not really far away.”

## Nagal masters Clarke again

Cem knocks out second seed Truengelliti

### BENGALURU OPEN

N. SUDARSHAN  
BENGALURU

Defending champion Sumit Nagal had the measure of Brit Jay Clarke for the second time in a year, beating him 6-4, 7-5 in the opening round of the \$150,000 Bengaluru Open.

The two had last met on these very courts, but in a high-stakes final which went the distance. If the tennis had matched the occasion then, Monday’s match came nowhere close. Clarke, the tournament’s seventh seed, was far from the player that his ranking of 174 suggested.

Nagal, though ranked 309, showed enough signs of life after what has until now been a washout year.

The Indian broke early in the match to go 2-1 up. He faced the first threat to his serve in the very next game, but was brave enough to

serve and volley on his second serve to deny his opponent. Clarke did get back to 3-3, but Nagal’s was the slight upper-hand as he broke in the ninth game and closed out the set 6-4.

In the second, both players struggled with their serves, but the difference was Nagal’s forehand which didn’t let him down whenever summoned. Clarke’s, on the other hand, broke down.

After they traded breaks early on, Nagal had a look at the Clarke serve at 3-3, 30-30, but a bad backhand volley put paid to his hopes. Minutes later, Nagal was down 15-30 serving at 3-4 and then a set-point down at 4-5. Clarke fluffed both and it wasn’t long before Nagal took the match.

Clarke was not the only casualty among the seeds, with Argentina’s Marco Truengelliti, the second highest in the competition, beaten by Tur-

key’s Ilkel Cem 6-2, 3-6, 7-6 (3). Earlier in the day, Sasi Kumar Mukund became the lone Indian to qualify for the main draw with a clinical 6-1, 6-1 win over Frenchman Mick Lescure.

**The results: First round:** Sumit Nagal bt Jay Clarke (GBR) 6-4, 7-5; Aleksandr Nedovyesov (Kaz) bt Scott Griekspoor (Ned) 6-3, 6-2; Marc Polmans (Aus) bt Maverick Banes (Aus) 1-6, 6-4, 6-2; Ilkel Cem (Tur) bt Marco Truengelliti (Arg) 6-2, 3-6, 7-6 (3); James Ward (GBR) bt Tsung-Hua Yang (Tpe) 7-6(4), 6-4.

**Qualifying (final round):** Youssef Hossam (Egy) bt Siddharth Vishwakarma 6-4, 6-4; Sasi Kumar Mukund bt Mick Lescure (Fra) 6-1, 6-1.

**Doubles:** Max Purcell & Luke Saville (Aus) bt Chandril & Lakshit Sood 6-2, 6-2; Prajwal Dev & Niki Poonacha bt Alexander Pavlioutchenkov (Rus) & Filip Peliwo (Can) 1-6, 7-6 (3), [10-2]; Saketh Myneni & Arjun Kadhe bt Sanchai & Sonchat Ratiwatana 6-3, 3-6, [11-9].



Hard-fought win: Defending champion Sumit Nagal had the measure of Jay Clarke for the second time this year. ■V. SREENIVASA MURTHY

## Nishikori gets the better of Federer

### ATP FINALS

REUTERS  
LONDON

Roger Federer’s hopes of winning a record-extending seventh ATP Finals title suffered a blow as Kei Nishikori stunned the Swiss great 7-6 (4), 6-3 in their round-robin opener on Sunday.

The 37-year-old began calmly enough but his usually smooth game began to fray towards the end of the first set and fell apart in an error-strewn second.

Unsurprisingly the match ended with a Federer mishit, his 34th unforced error of a scrappy display.



Grabbing the chance: Kei Nishikori cashed in on Roger Federer’s error-prone and fractious display. ■REUTERS

Nishikori went 6-1 ahead in the first set tie-break and although Federer clawed back to 6-4, a forehand into

the net allowed the Japanese to take the opener. Federer, who had qualified for the season-ender for the 16th

time, cut a disgruntled figure at times and was even given a warning for swiping a ball high into the stands in the opener.

Nishikori, twice a semifinalist in London, grew in confidence and broke in the sixth game of the second set for a 4-2 lead when Federer was left flat-footed.

Serving at 5-3, Nishikori might have expected a Federer fightback but it never materialised.

**The results:** Lleyton Hewitt Group: Kei Nishikori bt Roger Federer 7-6 (4), 6-3.

**Gustavo Kuerten Group:** Alexander Zverev bt Marin Cilic 7-6 (5), 7-6(1).

## Ronaldo stars for Juventus

Coach Allegri wins Golden Bench award

### EURO LEAGUES

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE  
BARCELONA

Cristiano Ronaldo scored as Juventus bounced back from its midweek Champions League defeat against Manchester United with a 2-0 win over 10-man AC Milan in Serie A on Sunday, as Gonzalo Higuain missed a penalty before being sent off for the hosts.

Mario Mandzukic headed in the opener in the eighth minute at the San Siro with Ronaldo adding a second in the 81st minute as Juventus maintained its six-point cushion ahead of the international break.

Juventus has 34 points from 12 games – six more than Carlo Ancelotti’s Napoli with Inter a further three behind.



In full flight: Cristiano Ronaldo is cock-a-hoop after scoring Juventus’ second goal. ■AFP

“Winning tonight was the only way to put aside what happened in the final five minutes of the Champions League,” said Juve coach Massimiliano Allegri who was on Monday presented with the *Panchina d’Oro* (Golden Bench) award for the best coach in Serie A in the 2017-2018 season.

The 51-year-old beat Chelsea

manager Maurizio Sarri, who coached Napoli to second last season, and Lazio’s Simone Inzaghi, following a vote by his fellow coaches.

**The results: La Liga:** Celta Vigo 2 (Mallo 61, Mendez 90+4) lost to Real Madrid 4 (Benzema 23, Cabral 56-og, Ramos 83-pen, Ceballos 90+1).

**Serie A:** AC Milan 0 lost to Juventus 2 (Mandzukic 8, Ronaldo 81).



TV PICKS

**Ranji Trophy:** Star Sports 2 (SD & HD), 9 a.m.  
**Bangladesh vs Zimbabwe:** 2nd Test, 5S Select 1 (HD), 9 a.m.  
**I-League:** Star Sports 3, 4.30 p.m.  
**ATP Finals:** Sony ESPN (SD & HD), 7.30 p.m.  
**PKL:** Star Sports 1 & 2 (SD & HD), 8 p.m.

IN BRIEF



Lahiri secures first Top-10 finish

PLAYA DEL CARMEN (MEXICO)  
Anirban Lahiri secured his first Top-10 finish since the first week of August after carding a three-under 68 on the final day of the Mayakoba Golf Classic here on Monday. Lahiri, who was once again off to a brilliant start on the front nine with four birdies ended up winning the tournament.

Injured Chhetri out of friendly



Sunil Chhetri. ■PTI

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

India's star striker Sunil Chhetri will miss the upcoming international friendly against Jordan due to an ankle injury that has ruled him out for at least two weeks.

Chhetri suffered the injury during Bengaluru's Hero ISL match against Kerala Blasters on November 5.

"The BFC medical team have shared the MRI reports and medical assessments and we have scrutinised them thoroughly. Sunil needs rest of around two weeks and proper rehabilitation after which he can get back to training," said the Indian team's physiotherapist Gigy George.

Chhetri is also likely to miss at least two games for Bengaluru FC in the ISL.

Good knocks by Dalal, Shorey

The hosts reach 305 for eight at stumps on day one

RANJI TROPHY

UTHRA GANESAN  
NEW DELHI

Having been ignored for the Vijay Hazare Trophy this year before being handed his First Class debut against Himachal on Monday, Hiten Dalal came up with a confident, brisk 79.

Delhi, electing to bat, reached 305 for the loss of eight wickets at the end of the opening day of its Ranji Trophy campaign against Himachal Pradesh at the Ferozeshah Kotla ground. Dubious umpiring did not help its cause.

The host looked set for a much bigger total when Dalal and Gautam Gambhir stroked with ease.

Hardly troubled

Rishi Dhawan and Pankaj Jaswal hardly troubled the batsmen with the new ball and the introduction of spin made little difference as Delhi raced to 96 in 16 overs before a Mayank Dagar delivery ricocheted off Gambhir's pads to Priyanshu Khaduri at short-leg, only for umpire Navdeep Singh Sindhu to raise his finger. A furious Gambhir walked off for 44 and it affected the scoring rate.

Dhruv Shorey joined Dalal and the two added 66 before Dalal, failing to read the line of a turning ball was cleaned up by Himachal skipper Prashant Chopra.



Classy: Dhruv Shorey sends one to the fence during his invaluable knock of 88. ■V.V. KRISHNAN

Till then, there had been no let-up in his strokes.

With a liking for the leg-side, the negative line resorted to by the Himachal bowlers was of no concern as the 24-year-old flicked and drove with ease before falling in the final over before lunch.

Once he went, the rest of the batsmen, barring Dhruv Shorey, faltered.

Shorey, running out of partners towards the end of the day, was finally caught at mid-off on 88 with even 300

looking doubtful at one point.

Anuj Rawat and Lalit Yadav could not capitalise on their starts and Nitish Rana had a forgettable outing on captaincy debut.

Dagar was the pick of the bowlers with three wickets.

The scores:

**Delhi — 1st innings:** Gautam Gambhir c Khanduri b Dagar 44, Hiten Dalal b Chopra 79, Dhruv Shorey c (sub) b Vashisht 88, Nitish Rana c & b Jaswal 6, Himmat Singh c Dagar b Gur-

vinder 10, Anuj Rawat c Vashisht b Gurvinder 28, Lalit Yadav lbw b Dagar 26, Varun Sood (batting) 18, Ishant Sharma lbw b Dagar 0, Vikas Mishra (batting) 5; Extras (b-1): 1; Total (for eight wkts. in 89 overs): 305.

**Fall of wickets:** 1-96, 2-162, 3-181, 4-196, 5-252, 6-256, 7-292, 8-292.

**HP bowling:** Pankaj Jaswal 11-0-50-1, Rishi Dhawan 17-4-50-0, Gurvinder Singh 17-4-57-2, Mayank Dagar 21-3-57-3, Akash Vashisht 11-0-46-1, Prashant Chopra 12-1-44-1.

Hamilton win gives Mercedes the title

Kimi Raikkonen finishes third on his 150th start for Ferrari

BRAZILIAN GP

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE  
SAO PAULO

New five-time World champion Lewis Hamilton steered his Mercedes to a nail-biting victory in Sunday's Brazilian Grand Prix, a triumph that clinched the constructors' championship for a fifth consecutive season for the team.

The 33-year-old Briton took advantage of a collision that cost Max Verstappen the lead in the closing stages to regain the initiative and then hung on with worn tyres as the Red Bull came home second.

Kimi Raikkonen finished third on his 150th start for Ferrari ahead of Daniel Ricciardo in the second Red Bull, Valtteri Bottas in the second Mercedes and Sebastian Vettel who came home sixth for Ferrari.

The result ended Ferrari's hopes of stopping Mercedes' title triumph, brought Hamilton his 10th win of the year and the 72nd of his career.

**The results (top-10):** 1. Lewis



Cup of joy overflows: Lewis Hamilton celebrates with the Mercedes team. ■AFP

Hamilton (Mercedes) 1h27m09.066s, 2. Max Verstappen (Red Bull) +1.469s, 3. Kimi Raikkonen (Ferrari) +4.764, 4. Daniel Ricciardo (Red Bull) +5.193, 5. Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes) +22.943, 6. Sebastian Vettel (Ferrari) +26.997, 7.

Charles Leclerc (Sauber) +44.199, 8. Romain Grosjean (Haas) +51.230, 9. Kevin Magnussen (Haas) +52.857, 10. Sergio Perez (Force India) +1 lap.

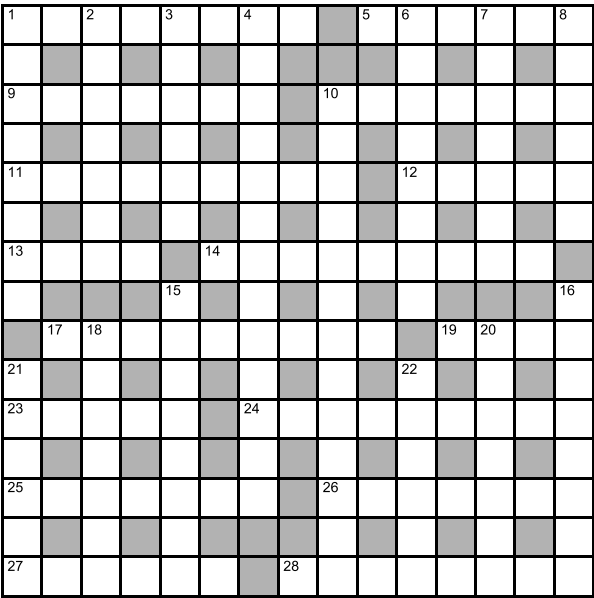
**Standings: Drivers:** 1. Hamilton 383 points, 2. Vettel 302, 3. Raikkonen 251, 4. Bottas 237, 5.

Verstappen 234, 6. Ricciardo 158, 7. Nico Hulkenberg 69, 8. Perez 58, 9. Magnussen 55, 10. Alonso 50, 11. Ocon 49, 12. Sainz Jr 45, 13. Grosjean 35, 14. Leclerc 33, 15. Gasly 29, 16. Vandoorne 12, 17. Ericsson 9, 18. Stroll 6, 19. Hartley 4, and

20. Sirotkin 1.

**Constructors:** 1. Mercedes 620 points, 2. Ferrari 553, 3. Red Bull 392, 4. Renault 114, 5. Haas 90, 6. McLaren 62, 7. Racing Point Force India 48, 8. Sauber 42, 9. Toro Rosso-Honda 33, 10. Williams 7.

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■ ACROSS

- 1 Note phases that go awry and deform (8)
- 5 Fellow at previous slot is a fanatic (6)
- 9 Military man, in short, loused up without any limit. It's real! (7)
- 10 In Chennai, vet yesterday showed unworldliness (7)

- 11 Cadet up to create a political upheaval (4,5)
- 12 Influence contact badly without transfer certificate (3,2)
- 13 Relative loses head in frequent hangout spot (4)
- 14 Law enforcement officer Nick at centre stops fighter with stick (9)
- 17 Small journal involved in wrongdoing and disorderly struggle (9)
- 19 Nothing to write, Frank? (4)
- 23 Silly persons look back in empty garage (5)
- 24 "All working days, so didn't start out. Didn't mean to insult you" (2,7)
- 25 Work in proper plan to finally display full array (7)
- 26 'Metallic element' in one red leader's local language, say (7)
- 27 Laid-back American for long is passive (6)
- 28 Contemptible animal to carry goods extremely lackadaisically (8)

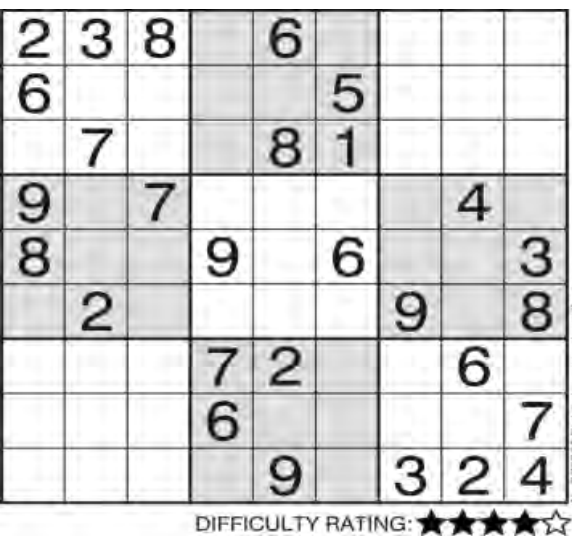
■ DOWN

- 1 Wise men, one can turn into a trickster (8)

(set by Gridman)

- 2 It's new — finally you in one month getting capital (3,4)
- 3 Bob, say, is one overwhelmed by hard over (6)
- 4 With such riches, one need not be 28 (6,2,5)
- 6 Lively lady, we hear, found a match (8)
- 7 I surrender, welcoming leader of Tamils with a summer brew (4,3)
- 8 Female leaves cooking, beginning to childishly weeping (6)
- 10 Not an excuse a presentable person will offer (7,2,4)
- 15 Sort of mouth to which a dentist needn't say 'Ahh' (4-4)
- 16 Turn devious yes-men take around lake is improper (8)
- 18 Work in Swachh Bharat mission and win big (5,2)
- 20 Basket presented by girl in the dock (7)
- 21 A page's served communal meals (6)
- 22 Proceeding without head to take folios in near future (6)

SUDOKU



Solution to puzzle 12469

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

The ideal messenger

Hanuman emerges as a symbol of all that is considered ideal and perfect as far as human attainments are concerned from Valmiki's rendering of the Sundara Kanda. Rama is quick to assess Hanuman's sastra jnana and atma jnana even at the outset during their first meeting in the Kishkinda Kanda, pointed out Sri B. Damodhara Dikshitar in a discourse. No wonder Rama handpicks Hanuman as His envoy when the search for Sita is undertaken by the monkeys under Sugriva's orders. Hanuman first accomplishes the extraordinary feat of crossing the 100 yojana length of ocean by flying across it. He tackles each of the hurdles that come his way with good judgment, tact, discretion and valour.

After landing in Lanka he begins to search the beautiful city that has been so perfectly planned and constructed by Ravana. As he enters Ravana's palace and searches for Sita in the women's apartments, he is compelled to see the many wives of Ravana asleep with dishevelled hair and clothes. Would this be considered a sinful act and would it affect his vow of celibacy, he wonders. He therefore examines the state of his mind dispassionately and realises that it is absolutely unaffected.

He then sees Sita in Asoka Vana and, observing her distraught state, is careful and chooses to approach her by singing the Rama Katha. He then hands over Rama's signet ring to her, assures her that Rama would soon release her from captivity and receives from her the Chudamani. He is the epitome of humility, but knows when to proclaim his valour as when he seeks audience with Ravana to assess the enemy's strength and strategy. Rama Himself is astonished at the way Hanuman has gone beyond the call of duty to accomplish his mission in Lanka.



# Nakamura eyes a double; Aronian hungry to make amends

Praggnanandhaa replaces Nihal Sarin in blitz format

## TATA STEEL CHESS

RAKESH RAO  
KOLKATA

For three days, those thronging the Satyajit Ray Auditorium at the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) here have witnessed very thrilling rapid action from some of finest exponents of world chess.

Over the next two days, even more exciting ‘blink-and-you-miss-it’ action is on offer when 18 rounds, under blitz format, are played in the \$40,000 Tata Steel chess tournament.

Under this format, the players begin with five minutes of thinking time (on their side of the chess-clock) for a game. For each move made, three seconds get added to players’ time.

Again, Hikaru Nakamura begins as the favourite. Having justified his ranking of being World No. 2 in the rapid format, he now trains his eyes on a likely double. After all, he is World No. 3 in blitz.

Generally, a top-class player in the classical time-format is considered formid-



**Looking ahead:** Levon Aronian, who narrowly missed out on the rapid crown, will look to make it up in the blitz event. ■SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

able in rapid, too. However, given the slim margin for error in blitz, reputations are made or marred in every event. So far, the only exception is a consistent Magnus Carlsen, who tops the world lists in all three formats.

Fourth ranked Levon Aronian has an added reason to gun for the blitz title after

narrowly missing out on the rapid crown last evening.

Disappointment was writ large on the face of this otherwise flamboyant Armenian when he reflected on tied-second performance in rapid.

“Generally, it feels better to play badly on the first day and recovering in the end. I

had two good days and then, I didn’t play the best chess. Generally, +2 (the difference between number of games won and lost) is a decent score but I was hoping for more. But now, I’ll have to pass on my ambitions to the blitz portion of the tournament.”

Among the Indians, the

## Zeel gets past Ozeki

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
MUZAFFARNAGAR

Zeel Desai found her way past Michika Ozeki of Japan 6-3, 7-6(2) in the Bhavna Swarup \$25,000 ITF women’s tennis tournament on the grass courts of the Services Club on Monday.

In the pre-quarterfinals, Zeel will play the winner of the match between fourth seed Tereza Mihalikova of Slovakia and qualifier Jennifer Luikham.

National junior champion Humera Shaik was blown off the court by the Asian Games gold medalist Aldila Sutjiadi of Indonesia.

Later, Aldila and Dan Ni Wang of China beat third seeds Karin Kennel of Switzerland and Melanie Klaffner of Austria in the doubles pre-quarterfinals.

**The results: (First round):** Hitoko Kuwata (Jpn) bt Albina Khabibulina (Uzb) 6-2, 6-1; Sowjanya Bavisetti bt Snehal Mane 6-2, 6-0; Aldila Sutjiadi (Ind) bt Humera Begum Shaik 6-0, 6-0; Viktoria Morvayova (Svk) bt Ksenia Palkina (Kgz) 6-4, 6-4; Anna Siskova (Cze) bt Sai Dedeeppya 6-2, 6-0; Sarah-Rebecca Sekulic (Ger) bt Natasha Palha 6-2, 7-6(2); Zeel Desai bt Michika Ozeki (Jpn) 6-3, 7-6(2).

**Doubles (pre-quarterfinals):** Natalija Kostic (Srb) & Tereza Mihalikova (Svk) bt Prerna Bhambri & Rishika Sunkara 6-2, 6-4; Aldila Sutjiadi (Ind) & Dan Ni Wang (Chn) bt Karin Kennel (Sui) & Melania Klaffner (Aut) 6-4, 7-5; Anna Makhorkina (Rus) & Natasha Palha bt Avika Sagwal & Ayushi 6-1, 6-0.

## Breaking barriers Anastasia style

Y.B. SARANGI  
KOLKATA

The need for women to break barriers, deeply-rooted in traditional mindset, is a necessity in most part of the globe and Russian Olympic bronze medallist Anastasia Beliakova stands as a symbol of change in her country because of the power in her punches.

The 25-year-old, who is in Delhi to take part in the upcoming World women’s boxing championships, may have become a household name in Russia, following her bronze medal winning performance in women’s lightweight category, but she is still a little girl for her adoring grandmother.

Her grandmother was not pleased when Anastasia took up boxing as a 14-year-old. Even now, her grandmother worries about Anastasia’s health whenever she leaves home for any competition.

So, did the Olympic medal make her grandmother happy?

“Of course, she was happy, but not completely because I had some injuries. My grandmother doesn’t care about what medal I bring home. She is only concerned about my health.

“My family is satisfied, but worry about my flights to different countries,” said Anastasia, who was taken to hospital after seriously injuring her left elbow during



Anastasia Beliakova. ■SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

the 2016 Olympics semifinals bout against eventual champion Estelle Mossely in Rio de Janeiro.

Anastasia was happy to have earned the respect of the boys she trained with. “I used to go for skiing. Tried boxing there and my coach said I had the calibre. I continued with boxing because boys around me started respecting me for being a girl who can do boxing.”

Anastasia feels there is still a big gap between men and women’s boxing. “Girls are much weaker than boys (physically) and women’s boxing is a little different. The opinion is 50-50 – some people respect women boxing and think women are powerful and some still think that girls don’t have to be in the sport of boxing,” said Anastasia.

## Ankita loses to Hibino

SPORTS BUREAU  
TAIPEI

Ankita Raina was beaten 7-6(6), 6-1 by Nao Hibino of Japan in the first round of the \$125,000 WTA tournament on Monday.

**The results: \$125,000 WTA, Taipei: First round:** Nao Hibino (Jpn) bt Ankita Raina 7-6(6), 6-1.

**Qualifying singles (second and final round):** Zhang Yuxuan (Chn) bt Karman Kaur Thandi 6-2, 6-2.

**\$15,000 ITF men, Meshref, Kuwait: First round:** Dhruv Sunish bt Anze Arh (Slo) 6-3, 6-4.

**\$15,000 ITF women, Nonthaburi, Thailand: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals):** Patcharin Cheapchandej (Tha) & Yi Tsen Cho (Tpe) bt Kanyanut Sudsaard (Tha) & Aaliya Ebrahim 6-0, 6-0.

## Perry makes merry

NEW DELHI Matthew Perry smashed eight goals in powering Sahara Warriors to a 10-6 victory over LA Pegasus Polo in a league match of the Sir Pratap Singh Cup 14-goal polo tournament.

**The results (league):** Sahara Warriors 10 (Matthew Perry 8, Ravi Rathore, Salim Azmi) bt LA Pegasus Polo 6 (Samir Suhag 3, Dhananjay Singh 2, Siddhant Sharma).

Jindal Panther/Garcha Lions 8 (Simran Shergill 4, Akshai Malik 2, Raul Lapacette, Satinder Garcha) bt Sona Polo 6 (Gerardo Mazzini 3, Abhimanyu Pathak 2, Sawai Padmanabh Singh).

# Raider Rajput is talk of town

He sent out five U Mumba players in a great move

## PKL

NANDAKUMAR MARAR  
MUMBAI

Coming on a substitute for Gujarat Fortune Giants, Mahendra Rajput earned seven points in a single raid, underlining his name for pulling off the most valuable foray into the rival half in ProKabaddi Mumbai leg so far.

He sent out five U Mumba players (Iranian ace Fazel Atrachali, Rohit Rana, Vinod Kumar, Siddharth Desai and Darshan Kadian) in one twisting move, balancing bodyweight on both hands when falling, stretching out to touch the centerline resulting in an all-out.

## Teammates celebrate

GFG teammates watching him wriggle out of trouble in a display of power and presence of mind, leapt in joy and embraced him for the seven points (SRP+ 2A0).

The raider explained: “I was one of the substitutes and on the bench when the coach sent me in, explaining what was expected from me. Sitting out is difficult, but at the same time we observe opponents and become familiar with their game.

“Going on the raid, I tried



Mahendra Rajput. ■VIVEK BENDRE

to execute the moves we do in training. Five players getting out in one raid is the first time for me, Teammates were happy.

A couple of U Mumba players I met later at the prize distribution also appreciated the effort.”

This burst remains the talking point as kabaddi takes a break after three hectic days at the NSCI stadium. GFG won the Zone A tie 38-36 on their only appearance in Mumbai and travel to Ahmedabad to host the home leg.

Raid points are difficult to score in the sixth season,

catchers are bolder and sharper in taking calculated risks to trap attackers, or dismiss them with a shove. No PKL raider, however huge his reputation or large his signing fee, is able to escape their clutches.

## Stand-out feat

Rajput’s feat stands out in a competition where tackling is deciding match outcomes. “U Mumba is a top team and defence is good. We try to replicate in matches what is taught in training,” said the State Reserve Police Force (SRPF) employee from Dhulia district, Maharashtra.

Praise for the match-defining raid came from rival captain Atrachali, whose surge from the left corner and a two-handed thigh hold triggered a reflex response from the raider.

“We made only one big mistake and it cost us (the match). I take responsibility, my tackle led to it. I was a great game and these things happen.”

Rajput played for Bengal Warriors in first four PKL seasons, then a switch in 2017 to GFG which qualified for the final. He is among four players retained by coach Manpreet Singh, whose surprise weapon is now the talk of the town.

# Rishabh stuns Jagmeet; Aditi survives

SPORTS BUREAU  
CHANDIGARH

Qualifier Rishabh Sharda beat second seed Jagmeet Singh 7-5, 6-4 in the men’s first round of the ₹100,000 AITA-ranking tennis tournament at the CLTA Complex on Monday. In the women’s section, Aditi Singh recovered from the brink of defeat to beat Sukhmani Sahota 1-6, 7-6(10), 6-2.

**The results (first round): Men:** Paramveer Bajwa bt Aayush

Mintri 6-2, 6-0.

Shashikant Rajput bt K.S. Dheeraj 7-6(3), 6-0; Ominder Baisoya bt Varun Sharma 6-1, 6-3; Vilasier Khathe bt Neeraj Yashpaul 6-1, 6-4; Sultan Singh Atwal bt Shivam Dalmia 7-6(2), 6-4; Bharat Bhardwaj bt Simarveer Singh 6-2, 6-4.

Eklavya Singh bt Rhythm Malhotra 7-5, 6-4; Bharat Nishok Kumaran bt Parav Dev Garg 6-2, 6-0; Calvin Golmei bt Harshdeep Singh Sandhu 4-6, 6-2, 6-4; Ranjeet Singh bt Harshit Yadav 6-2, 6-2; Udayan

Bhakar bt Hemant Kumar 6-0, 6-1; Digvijay Singh Mehta bt Sawan Malik 7-5, 6-1; Shubham Malhotra bt Uday Jyoti Das 6-1, 6-1; Keneisezotuo Whourie bt Yuvraj Singh 7-6(4), 7-6(5); Mohit Bhardwaj bt Harshom Gupta 4-6, 6-4, 6-0; Rishabh Sharda bt Jagmeet Singh 7-5, 6-4.

**Women:** Seerat Kaur Pannu bt Vrinda Sharma 6-1, 6-0; Sara Yadav bt Ashpreet Kaur Bajwa 6-4, 6-4; Amrita Yadav bt Amanjot Kaur 6-4, 6-1; Himaanshika bt Adity Dogra 6-0, 6-0; Anaam Almas bt Priya Nayak

6-0, 6-2; Gayatri Kumariah bt Aashi Kapoor 6-1, 6-4; Aditi Singh bt Sukhmani Sahota 1-6, 7-6(10), 6-2.

Neha Ghare bt Shilpi Swarupa Das 6-3, 6-1; Prinkle Singh bt Harleen Kaur 6-3, 2-6, 7-5; Priyanka Rodricks bt Princy Panchall 6-4, 6-0; Gurleen Singh bt Kanishka Gowthaman 6-3, 6-3; Kaavya Sawhney bt Alisha Menon 3-6, 6-2, 6-1; Prakriti Banwani bt Apeksha Divedi 6-2, 6-1; Siimarjeet Kaur bt Mrinalini Sharma 6-3, 6-2; Anupreet Bedi bt Sharanya Shetty 6-2, 6-0.

# Chennai City FC faces the East Bengal test

The host is on a strong footing having won both its North-Eastern ventures

## I-LEAGUE

AMITABHA DAS SHARMA  
KOLKATA

Current league leader Chennai City FC (CCFC) will be facing one of the biggest tests of the I-League when it comes up against the East Bengal, here at the Salt Lake Stadium on Tuesday. A wooden-spooner in the previous two seasons (finishing eighth in the 10-team league table), Chennai City FC has evolved in a big way under its new coach from Singapore Akbar Nawaz, who seems to have infused a high dose of professionalism in the side.

Last time the two had met barely nine months ago at the same venue, East Bengal had won 7-1 giving CCFC one the worst defeats in its I-League existence. “Last year, we had a different team. If East Bengal had the same team, same players and same mindset, you



**Good run:** Chennai City FC is high on confidence after its recent show. ■FILE PHOTO

could base your comparison on that. But it is a completely different match as both teams have new players and new mindset to go into the match.” Nawas said.

Coming fresh from beating the Gokulam FC in Kozhikode, Chennai City is high on confidence. “We should not get over the moon with our performance (two wins and one draw). In football, situa-

tions can change very soon. But as professionals we will look for three points in every match, does not matter whether it is in home or away,” Nawaz said with a note of cautious optimism. A lower hamstring injury to key striker Pedro Manzi may be worrying Nawaz, who said Ameerudeen will be the replacement if the former is not found fit.

East Bengal is on a equally strong footing having won both its North-Eastern ventures (NEROCA and Shillong Lajong). “We are hoping for three points tomorrow. Chennai City is a strong team being on the top of the table now. We will try to count on the advantage of playing at home,” East Bengal coach Alejandro Mendez Garcia said.

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**IN BRIEF**

**Marie Antoinette's jewels to be auctioned**

GENEVA

Marie Antoinette's dazzling diamonds and pearls, unseen in public for two centuries, will go on sale in Geneva on Wednesday in what is being billed as one of the most important royal jewellery auctions in history. The jewels were whisked out of Paris in 1791 as King Louis XVI, his queen and their children escaped during the French Revolution. AFP



**China postpones lifting ban on rhino, tiger parts**

BEIJING

China appeared to backtrack on a controversial decision to lift a ban on trading tiger bones and rhinoceros horns, saying it has been postponed, state media reported on Monday. It had announced last month that it would allow the sale of rhino and tiger products under "special circumstances". AFP



**Aerosmith's Joe Perry rushed to hospital**

NEW YORK

Rock band Aerosmith's guitarist Joe Perry was rushed to hospital after performing with Billy Joel at the Madison Square Garden here. He experienced shortness of breath and was shifted to a hospital. He is alert and responsive, doctors said. IANS

# Report sees climate risk from rise in Indian AC units

Refrigerants are the major contributors to global warming

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

By 2022, India is expected to have a fourth of the world's air conditioning units, and the risks to climate from this could be immense, according to a report.

The refrigerants used for cooling are the major contributors to global warming, and if left unchecked, they could cause global temperatures to rise by 0.5 degrees Celsius.

The Department of Science and Technology and the Ministry of Power among others, on Monday announced a partnership with the Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI), a U.S.-based institute, and Conservation X Labs, a technology solutions company, to institute a Global Cooling Prize to motivate research laboratories across the world to develop highly efficient cooling technologies.

A technology solution that could help to reduce the impact by one-fifth and ensure that air conditioning units



**Checks needed:** A technology solution to ensure that AC units use 75% less electricity is the need of the hour. ■ N. SRIDHARAN

use 75% less electricity would be needed, says Solving the Global Cooling Challenge, a report written by the Rocky Mountain Institute.

A technology solution would not only significantly reduce the burden on electricity grids but also save ₹109 trillion (\$ 1.5 trillion).

**Phasing out HFC**

In 2016, India was a signatory to a compact of 107 countries to "substantially phase" out a potent greenhouse gas, called hydrofluorocarbons (HFC), by 2045 and move to prevent a potential 0.5 C rise

in global temperature by 2050. HFCs are a family of gases that are largely used in refrigerants at home and in car air-conditioners.

However, they substantially worsen global warming. India, China, the United States and Europe have committed themselves to reducing the use of HFC by 85% by 2045.

"I urge innovators to rise to this global challenge to develop a super-efficient technology, which provides access to affordable cooling to people around the world," Union Environment Minister

Harsh Vardhan said at a function to launch the prize. "We need to mitigate the risks of global warming that will follow the massive deployment of ACs in the near future."

Over ₹21 crore (\$3 million) will be awarded over the course of the two-year competition. Up to 10 short-listed competing technologies will be awarded up to ₹1.4 crore (\$200,000) each in intermediate prizes to support the design and prototype development of their innovative residential cooling technology designs. The winning technology will be awarded at least ₹7 crore (\$1 million) to support its incubation and early-stage commercialisation, according to a press statement.

Under a business-as-usual growth trajectory, about 4.5 billion room air-conditioners are estimated to be installed by 2050 – a nearly four-fold jump from today's installed base, with emerging economies observing a five-fold increase, the report says.

# Graphic novels give a push to Bengal's dying folk arts

Three books were published in Bengali and English in 2018

SHIV SAHAY SINGH  
KOLKATA

Pintu, a teenager from Murshidabad, is in awe to hear the history of Raibenshe, a folk martial dance from south Bengal, from Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore, while Tito, a boy from Kolkata, is surprised to learn that behind the Chhau masks are real people dancing.

These children are the characters from graphic novels brought out by the West Bengal government, the UNESCO and Banglanat.com, to promote traditional crafts of the State. In a unique initiative, three such graphic novels have been published on three different art forms of the State, both in Bengali and English in 2018.

The graphic story on the Purulia's famous Chhau dance is called *Experiencing Chhau (Dekhe Elam Chhau)* while the book on Raibenshe is called *Raibenshe Rocks (Ajo Aache Raibenshe)*. The third publication is on the little known puppetry from Nadia titled *The tale of a lost leg (Hara no Payer Kissa)*.



**Art forms:** (Clockwise from top) A page from the graphic novel on Raibenshe; an inside view from the book on Chhau; a compilation of covers of various publications. ■ BANGLANATK.COM

## Engaging young readers

"These graphic novels are part of our efforts to promote cultural industries in different parts of the State under the project Rural Crafts & Cultural Hubs, which is supported by Department of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises and UNESCO," said Ananya Bhattacharya, director of Banglanatak.com, a social enterprise working with artisans across different States of the country.

Ms. Bhattacharya said that the idea behind the publication is to engage young

minds so that they become aware about folk tradition of the State.

"These graphic stories or short novels, whatever you call them, are not more than 50 pages and are designed with lots of colourful sketches to engage young readers. While the characters are fictional, it has been our effort to pack as much information about the folk art forms as possible in these stories,"

Ranjan Sen, author of these publications said.

These graphic novels are being distributed to children through school outreach programmes, fairs and festivals.

There are plans to publish more novels and a book on Baul singers is in the offing. Mr. Bhattacharya said that under the initiative, work is underway on 15 different crafts of the State.

# Filmmaker writes to Prasoon Joshi, contests 'A' certificate by CBFC

Ashvin Kumar says it has become a trend of sorts to dish out such certification on frivolous grounds for films the State wants to restrict



A still from *No Fathers in Kashmir*. ■ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

NAMRATA JOSHI  
MUMBAI

After facing delay at the Central Board of Film Certification and eventually getting an "A" certificate with cuts for his latest film *No Fathers in Kashmir*, filmmaker Ashvin Kumar has now written an open letter to the CBFC chairperson Prasoon Joshi, contesting the "A" certificate, highlighting several concerns.

The letter was sent to Mr. Joshi on Saturday; two previous official communica-

tions by the filmmaker to him are said to have gone unresponded.

Mr. Kumar claims that his film falls within the guidelines for a "U" certificate as per the law of the land and has urged Mr. Joshi to see the film himself so that he can be spared the time, expense and trauma of going through the Film Certification Appellate Tribunal (FCAT) appeal and legal proceedings.

According to Mr. Kumar, it has become a trend of sorts to dish out "A" certificates on

frivolous grounds for films the State wants to restrict. "It has less to do with indicating unsuitability for children and more with helping CBFC avoid bad press of an outright ban," he writes.

## A family story

*No Fathers in Kashmir* is a coming-of-age story about two sixteen-year-olds experiencing first-love and heartbreak. "But in the worldview of CBFC, sixteen-year-old Indians are not allowed to watch it," he writes. The

film is a work of fiction on themes of forgiveness and hope and has no sex, violence, vulgarity, nudity nor drug abuse. "It talks about the dilemmas of family, psychological and social, and particularly of women – mothers, wives, daughters – upon whom the weight of conflict falls the hardest," he writes.

He states that having spent time making films with teenagers across the country, he is persuaded that it is this generation of millennials,

# The man who 'married' a hologram

Mother, kin stay away from ceremony

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE  
TOKYO

Akihiko Kondo's mother refused an invitation to her only son's wedding in Tokyo this month, but perhaps that isn't such a surprise: he was marrying a hologram.

"For mother, it wasn't something to celebrate," said the soft-spoken 35-year-old, whose "bride" is a virtual reality singer named Hatsune Miku.

In fact, none of Mr. Kondo's relatives attended his wedding to Miku – an animated 16-year-old with saucer eyes and lengthy aquamarine pigtails – but that didn't stop him from spending two million yen (\$17,600) on a formal ceremony at a Tokyo hall.

Around 40 guests watched as he tied the knot with Miku, present in the form of a cat-sized stuffed doll. "I never cheated on her, I've always been in love with Miku-san".

"I've been thinking about her every day," he added.

Since March, Mr. Kondo has been living with a mov-



Akihiko Kondo posing next to a hologram of Hatsune Miku as he holds a doll version of her. ■ AFP

ing, talking hologram of Miku that floats in a \$2,800 desktop device.

"I'm in love with the whole concept of Hatsune Miku but I got married to the Miku of my house," he said, looking at the blue image glowing in a capsule.

He considers himself an ordinary married man – his holographic wife wakes him up each morning and sends him off to his job as an administrator at a school. In the evening, when he tells her by cell-phone that he's coming home, she turns on the lights. Later, she tells him when it's time to go to bed.

## LABOUR DEPARTMENT, GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI 5, SHAM NATH MARG, DELHI-110054 PUBLIC NOTICE

1. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in SLP No. 26185-26228/2018, in case titled as GNCT of Delhi Vs Ft. Lt. Rajan Dhall Charitable Trust and Others etc. in the matter of Minimum Wages, has directed the Labour Department to do the wage fixation/revision exercise afresh.

2. In terms of Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 31.10.2018, Labour Department has opted for procedure for wage fixation/revision as provided u/s-5(1)(b) of M.W. Act, 1948. Accordingly, a Price Collection Committee of 4-officers namely Joint Labour Commissioner- Sh. Lallan Singh, Assistant Labour Commissioner - Sh. Amardeep, Labour Officer - Sh. Shashi Bhushan and Inspecting Officer - Sh. Manish Kumar Thakur has been constituted with the approval of competent authority which has been notified vide order No. F.140/Addl.L.C./Lab./Action/ CWP-8125/2018/273 dated 06.11.2018, information has been uploaded on the website of Labour Department i.e. [www.labour.delhigovt.nic.in](http://www.labour.delhigovt.nic.in).

3. The said committee carried out market survey on 10.11.2018 and obtained prices of various food items as laid down by National Institute of Nutrition (NIN)- Hyderabad from Kendriya Bhandar and also obtained cost of clothing component from Khadi Gram Udyog.

4. Based on the average prices of food items and clothing component and other prescribed percentage of other components i.e. housing, light & fuel and Education/social obligation etc. following proposed rates of minimum wages for different categories of workers, supervisory and clerical staff have been worked out in respect of all scheduled employments in Delhi, which are:-

1. Proposed minimum wages for unskilled category- Rs. 14,842/- P.M.
2. Proposed minimum wages for semi skilled category- Rs. 16,341/- P.M.
3. Proposed minimum wages for skilled category- Rs. 17,991/-P.M.

4. Proposed minimum wages for non-matriculate- Rs. 16,341/-P.M.
5. Proposed minimum wages for matriculates but not graduates- Rs. 17,991/-P.M.

6. Proposed minimum wages for graduates and above- Rs. 19,572/- P.M.

5. The said proposed minimum wages rates have already been uploaded on the website of Labour Department ie. [www.labour.delhigovt.nic.in](http://www.labour.delhigovt.nic.in) for inviting suggestions/views/inputs/comments from all stake holders. As per section-5(1)(b) of M.W. Act. 1948, suggestions/views /inputs/ comments are invited on the proposed minimum rates of wages for different categories from public which includes workers, trade unions, employers associations, market associations, various chambers of commerce, NGOs, members of civic society. The same may be emailed to dedicated email i.e. [addlc.mw@delhi.gov.in](mailto:addlc.mw@delhi.gov.in). Suggestions/ views/inputs/comments etc. can also be sent through mail (hard copy) addressed to Dr. Rajender Dhar, Addl. Labour Commissioner, Labour Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, 5-Sham Nath Marg, Delhi-110054.

6. As per the procedure laid down in Section-5(1)(b) of M.W. Act, 1948 Suggestions/views/inputs/comments shall be received for a period of two months (60 Days) from 12.11.2018 upto 11.01.2019. Suggestions/views/ inputs/comments received after the due date shall not be considered.

7. Suggestions/ views/ inputs/ comments/ representation etc. so received shall be placed before the Delhi Minimum Wages Advisory Board which is being constituted /appointed by the Govt. u/s-7 M.W. Act, 1948 for consideration and advising the appropriate Govt. in respect of fixing/ revising minimum rates of wages for different categories of workers, supervisory and clerical staff.

Labour Department  
Govt. of NCT of Delhi

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Minor fire at Royal Plaza hotel, none hurt

**NEW DELHI**  
A minor fire broke out on the first floor of Royal Plaza hotel at Ashoka Road on Monday, said an official of the Delhi Fire Service (DFS). The police said no one was injured. DFS official said a call was received at about 11.40 a.m. and five fire tenders were rushed to the spot. The situation was brought under control by 1.30 p.m. **STAFF REPORTER**

**CM: 'Phoolwaalon Ki Sair' brings people together**

**NEW DELHI**  
Festivals like 'Phoolwaalon Ki Sair' are very relevant at a time when people are being divided in the name of religion and caste, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said on Monday. The festival involves offering of a chadar of fragrant flowers at the dargah of Sufi saint Khwaja Bakhtiyar Kaki and a floral 'pankha' and 'chhatra' (canopy) at the ancient Yogmaya temple. **PTI**

280 cases of dengue recorded

**STAFF REPORTER  
NEW DELHI**  
Up to 280 cases of dengue were recorded in the city over the past week, stated the latest report on vector-borne diseases released by the South Delhi Municipal Corporation on Monday. The total number of dengue cases reported so far are 1,875. However, the number is lower than the figures recorded over the past three years. The number of cases stood at 4,188 this time last year. In 2016, 3,778 dengue cases were recorded, while 15,254 cases reported in 2015. Twelve cases of malaria were also recorded this past week week, taking the total to 450. The corporation's report shows a drop in the number of malaria cases reported this month. Twenty cases were reported in 2017, 30 in 2016 and 28 in 2015. The number of chikungunya cases stands at 141, with eight cases reported till November 10.

NGT raps CGWA for failing to curb groundwater extraction

'Comprehensive planning, execution of utmost priority to tackle emergency situation'

**SHINJINI GHOSH  
NEW DELHI**  
Rapping the Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) for failing to curb illegal extraction of groundwater, the National Green Tribunal (NGT) on Monday directed authorities to finalise a policy regarding the same. Comprehensive planning and execution are of utmost priority to tackle the emergency situation, said a Bench headed by NGT chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel. "We hardly appreciate the stand that the 'matter is under consideration'. Accordingly, we direct that whatever is under consideration may be finalised at the earliest but not later than December 18," said the Bench. **'Notify policy'** The Union Secretary of the Ministry of Water Resources has been asked to notify the policy within four weeks. Stating that despite previous orders, the authorities have failed to curb groundwater extraction by indus-



tries and other stakeholders, the Bench added, "The tribunal has passed several orders prohibiting extraction of groundwater. No adequate steps have been taken for recharge of groundwater. Discharges from industries are ridiculous and beyond comprehension in over-exploited, critical and semi-critical areas." During the hearing, the green panel also suggested that treated sewage water be provided to agriculturists instead of potable water. The suggestion came after the tribunal was in-

formed that over 90% of groundwater extraction is done by agriculturists. **'Viable alternative'** "Major part of the population is still in rural areas. Find a viable alternative by which agriculturists are not adversely affected and the limited resources of the country are also saved. You do not know what to do with sewage water. Why can't you give them that instead of potable water?" it said. In response to a submission that a fee is charged from industries extracting

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**NGT BENCH**  
groundwater, the Bench said, "You cannot take money for committing offence and it is not deterrence. It has to be completely stopped. There cannot be a fee taken and permission given." "Approach of the Union India is very disappointing. This matter is pending for over five years now," the Bench said, deferring the hearing to December 18.

Verify Ankiv Baisoya's degree by Nov 20, HC directs DU

Extra time granted by court on university's request

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
NEW DELHI**

The High Court here on Monday gave Delhi University time till November 20 to verify the authenticity of Delhi University Students' Union (DUSU) president Ankiv Baisoya's bachelors degree from a university in Tamil Nadu. Justice C. Hari Shankar granted more time to DU to carry out the verification on the university's request. The court had on October 30 granted DU time till Monday to carry out the verification and inform it, as the two-month period within which re-election can be held will expire on November 13.

**News reports**  
The direction had come on National Students' Union of India (NSUI) leader Sunny Chillar's plea seeking setting aside of Mr. Baisoya's election. News reports had quoted the Registrar of Thiruvalluvar University "unambiguously and unequivocally" declaring Mr. Baisoya's certificate as "fake and forged", Mr. Chillar had alleged.



Ankiv Baisoya

He had also claimed that DU was "deliberately delaying" verification to benefit the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) since fresh polls cannot be held for the post of DUSU president in case Mr. Baisoya's election is set aside over the fake degree issue after expiry of the two-month period.

**Lyngdoh guidelines**  
According to the Lyngdoh Committee guidelines on elections, Mr. Chillar's plea said, fresh elections will be held if a post falls vacant within two months of declaration of results. In this case, the two-month period will expire on Tuesday.

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**PLEA BY NSUI LEADER  
SUNNY CHILLAR**  
Mr. Chillar had contended that if Mr. Baisoya was removed after expiry of the two-month period, the post of DUSU president will be taken over by its vice-president, who is also a member of ABVP. In his plea, filed through advocates V. Elanchezhian and Rashid N. Azam, the NSUI leader has sought time-bound enquiry into allegations that Mr. Baisoya gained admission in M.A. Buddhist Studies in DU on the basis of a fake degree. Mr. Chillar had lost to Mr. Baisoya in the race for the post of Delhi University Students' Union president.

Off the rails



A man climbs over the railing to cross the road in New Delhi on Monday. **HIMANSHU VATS**

NSUI, AISA slam 'delay' in probe

'A case of bowing down of India's top varsity in front of BJP'

**STAFF REPORTER  
NEW DELHI**

Both the National Students' Union of India (NSUI) and the All India Students' Association (AISA) on Monday hit out at Delhi University for "delaying" the probe into the Ankiv Baisoya "fake degree" controversy. Tuesday will mark two months since declaration of the Delhi University Students' Union (DUSU) election results, in which Mr. Baisoya was elected president. The Lyngdoh Committee recommendations state that re-election can only happen within two months of the election if a major office-bearer's position falls vacant. The AISA said in a statement, "We were quite sure that DU would use various tactics and try it's best to de-



Kawalpreet Kaur  
AISA Delhi president

lay the matter till November 12 [Tuesday]. It finally succeeded in doing so. It is now clear that the entire administration is working in collusion with the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad and the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party." AISA said it believed the Ankiv Baisoya case was not just a case of a fake degree but one of "bowing down of India's top university in front of the BJP". "This sends a clear signal – no matter what the ABVP

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**KAWALPREET KAUR**  
does, the ruling government will always save it," said AISA Delhi president Kawalpreet Kaur. The NSUI said it will continue to fight the battle in court and take the legal proceedings to their logical end – have Mr. Baisoya disqualified and call for fresh elections. It said the Lyngdoh Committee recommendations are only guidelines and that the "fake certificate" came to light well within the two-month period after the election.

HC asks govt panel its plans on regularisation in Sainik Farms

Court had earlier barred any building activity in the colony



Employees of local authorities demolishing illegal constructions in south Delhi's Sainik Farms. **FILE PHOTO**

**STAFF REPORTER  
NEW DELHI**  
The Delhi High Court on Monday asked the Centre to clear the stand of its committee, set up to examine the feasibility of regularising unauthorised construction in Sainik Farms, on illegal buildings in the posh south Delhi colony.

**Notice to Ministry**  
A Bench of Chief Justice Rajendra Menon and Justice V.K. Rao sought answers from the Ministry of Urban Development. "What does the committee plan to do with Sainik Farms," the Bench asked. The court asked the Ministry to inform it on the next

date of hearing about deliberations by the committee, set up in May last year, on regularisation of the colony. **Plea on painting houses** The court also issued notices to the Ministry, the Delhi government and the local authorities, seeking their stand on an application moved on behalf of some residents of the area seeking permission to paint their houses. Permission was sought as the court had by earlier orders prohibited any building activity there and had also barred entry of construction material into the colony. The Bench declined to pass any interim orders and listed the matter for hearing

on January 20. The application seeking permission was moved in a petition which has sought regularisation of unauthorised constructions in Sainik Farms. During the brief hearing, the Ministry's counsel said an NGO had filed a petition seeking demolition of illegal constructions there and the matter was disposed by the High Court, which asked the petitioner to approach the Supreme Court-appointed committee looking into unauthorised building activity. He sought that the petition seeking regularisation of the colony be also sent before the apex court-appointed panel.

Work on 333 mohalla clinic sites to start soon, say officials

Sites handed over to PWD for construction

**DAMINI NATH  
NEW DELHI**

The Aam Aadmi Party government's flagship primary healthcare initiative could soon see an addition of 333 mohalla clinics, with the sites having been handed over to the Public Works Department for construction, officials said. On Monday, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal took a review of the Aam Aadmi mohalla Clinic (AAMC) project and officials of the Health, PWD and Education Department attended, a senior government official with knowledge of the meeting said. The Health Department informed the Chief Minister

that 187 mohalla clinics were functioning at the moment and no-objection certificates from various departments had been received for 607 new sites, the official said. **School clinics** Of these sites, 333 had been handed over to the PWD to begin construction or installation of porta-cabins. In addition, 265 sites for setting up school clinics at Delhi government schools had been identified, the official said, adding that Mr. Kejriwal instructed officials to begin work on these. Additional Chief Secretary and Principal Secretary (PWD) Manoj Kumar Parida

said the Department was "ready" to start work at the 333 sites handed over to it. "Work at these sites will start soon," he added. One of the AAP government's key programmes, the AAMC project has faced delays due to lack of land and permissions. The government's initial plan was to set up 1,000 mohalla clinics by the end of 2016. After the deadline was extended to March 2017, lack of sites led to tenders floated by the PWD for construction of 750 clinics to be cancelled in July 2017. The tender for construction of 250 clinics was kept active to accommodate new sites as they became available.



The Aam Aadmi Party government had initially planned to set up 1,000 mohalla clinics by the end of 2016. **FILE PHOTO: SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA**

'Implement law regulating clinical establishments'

Petition urges Delhi High Court

**STAFF REPORTER  
NEW DELHI**

The Delhi High Court has sought the response of the Centre and the city government on a petition claiming that the law for registration and regulation of all clinical establishments has not been implemented in the city despite coming into force in 2012. A Bench of Chief Justice Rajendra Menon and Justice V.K. Rao gave the direction on the plea seeking implementation of the Clinical Establishment (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2010. **Facilities, services** The petition, filed by a Delhi-based woman, has said the Act prescribes the minimum standard of facilities and services to be provided to patients. "The Act makes it mandatory for registration of all clinical establishments, including diagnostic centres and single-doctor clinics, across all recognised systems of medicine both in the public and private sectors, except those run by the Armed forces



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**PLEA FILED IN HIGH COURT**  
desh, Sikkim, Mizoram – and all Union Territories except Delhi on March 1, 2012. "The States of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Bihar, Jharkhand and Assam have also adopted this Act," it said. It added that the city government had drafted the Delhi Health Bill in 2015 for registration and regulation of clinical establishments in the Capital but it has not yet been approved by the State legislature.





**IN BRIEF**  
**Three held in city for robbing delivery boys**

NEW DELHI  
Three persons, identified as Deepak, Chirag Sharma, and Karan Mahajan have been arrested for allegedly robbing delivery boys of a food application thrice in two days, the police said on Monday. DCP (South-East) Chinmoy Biswal said the accused used to order food and ask for delivery at secluded places, where they would rob the victims of their vehicle and valuables. Deepak and Chirag used to work as delivery boys earlier. STAFF REPORTER

**Man steals valuables from AI captain's car, held**  
NEW DELHI  
Rangpuri resident, 24-year-old Mukesh Kumar, has been arrested for allegedly stealing valuables worth lakhs of rupees from the car of Air India captain Daksh Yadav on October 31, the police said on Monday. The accused used to work as a loader at the airport and is currently unemployed. STAFF REPORTER

**12-year-old boy drowns in canal, dies**  
NEW DELHI  
A 12-year-old boy, identified as Abhishek, drowned in north-west Delhi's Ashok Vihar on Monday afternoon, the police said. They said he had gone to bathe with his friends in the canal when the incident happened. The boy was taken out after a three-hour operation around 4 p.m. He was rushed to BJRM Hospital, where he was declared dead. STAFF REPORTER

**4 criminals held after gunfight**  
NOIDA  
Four members of a notorious criminal gang were arrested following an encounter with police here, the police said on Monday. The accused, members of Thak Thak gang, were arrested late on Sunday following a gun battle in Sector 15 they said.

One of the accused and two policemen were injured in the shoot-out and were taken to hospital following their face-off, the police said.

"Those arrested are notorious for vehicle thefts in the city. They would target vehicles parked in isolated areas and break their windows to enter the vehicles and then get into it," a senior police officer said.

"At times, when there would be a driver in the car they would lure him by showing a bundle of cash with only two real notes of ₹100 — one on the front and one at the back — in it.

"They would knock on the window and tell the driver that their cash bundle has fallen. Once the driver would open the door to pick it, the gang members would overpower him," the officer also said.

**DELHI TODAY**

**Music:** The IIC Double Bill Music Concert. Sitar recital by Ramprapanna Bhattacharya from Hyderabad, followed by Hindustani vocal recital by Mayuri Saha from Kolkata at C.D. Deshmukh Auditorium, India International Centre (IIC), 6 p.m.

**Exhibition:** A solo art exhibition by Sheetal Gulhati at Convention Center Foyer, India Habitat Centre (IHC), 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

**Exhibition:** "Indian Abstraction: Emerging and Senior Artists' Exhibition" - a group painting and sculpture show by Art Konsult at Visual Arts Gallery, India Habitat Centre (IHC), 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

**Culture:** Skanda Shashti, Karthikkeya Vivaha Mahotsavam and Vishnu Sahasranama annual celebrations: Skanda Shashti Shatru Samhara Shashti Homam - 8 a.m., Shatru Samhara Trisati Archana - 7 p.m., at Shri Karunya Maha Ganapathi Temple, Mayur Vihar Phase - 2. (Mail your listings for this column at cityedittordelhi@thehindu.co.in)

# Man found dead a month before daughter's wedding

Cash, jewellery worth over ₹10 lakh stolen; police suspect role of some insider

STAFF REPORTER  
NEW DELHI  
A 57-year-old man who used to practice medicine in north-west Delhi's Jahangirpuri was found dead at his residence on Monday morning, a month before his daughter's wedding, the police said.

The police suspect robbery as the motive since cash and jewellery amounting to over ₹10 lakh were found stolen from the house.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (North-West) Aslam Khan said that the victim has been identified as Mukim Ahmad Iqbal, Bachelor of Ayurveda, Medicine and Surgery, who ran a clinic on the ground floor of his residence. The victim lived with his 25-year-old daughter Sophia on the first floor of the building.

The police said they received a call around 10.30 a.m. from a relative of the victim who runs a chemist



Mukim Ahmad Iqbal •

shop nearby. The caller informed them that the victim was lying unconscious on the bed. "When a police team reached the spot, Mukim was found dead and an almirah in his room was found ransacked. There were no visible injury marks on the body and the accused's entry to the house seemed friendly," Ms. Khan said.

The victim's daughter told the police that ₹4.5 lakh in cash and jewellery worth

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ASLAM KHAN  
Deputy Commissioner of Police (North-West)

₹5-6 lakh had been stolen from the almirah.

Ms. Khan said the front door of the victim's house used to mostly remain open because of the clinic on the ground floor and for his daughter. The daughter, a guest lecturer at a government school, had left the house around 7.30 a.m. on the day of the incident.

"His wife had passed away a few years ago. Whenever the daughter left the house, she would not wake the vic-

tim up as he did not like anyone to disturb him when he slept," Ms. Khan said.

Mukim and his daughter had been making arrangements for the wedding scheduled for December 9. They had kept cash and jewellery in the house for the wedding. The police suspect that an insider might have tipped off the unidentified accused about the presence of valuables in the house.

"The two [deceased and his daughter] had returned late on Sunday after inviting a relative in Meerut for the wedding," Ms. Khan said.

The police have registered a murder case and preserved the body for post-mortem, which will be conducted on Tuesday.

The police have obtained CCTV footage near the house and are scanning it. Ms. Khan said that two domestic helps who used to work in the house will also be questioned.

# 72-year-old murdered, dumped in bushes

Body was identified by her brother who was looking for her

HEMANI BHANDARI  
NEW DELHI

A 72-year-old woman was killed and dumped in bushes in south-east Delhi's Sarita Vihar on November 10, the police said on Monday.

The deceased has been identified as a retired Textile Ministry employee, the police also said.

A senior police officer privy to the case said that the police control room received a call on November 10 regarding a woman's body, which was lying in the bushes near Sarita Vihar underpass.

"The police reached the spot and found the woman's body. It appeared that she had been strangled. There was nothing beside the body that could reveal her identity," the officer said.

The body was shifted to AIIMS mortuary for post-mortem to ascertain the cause of death.

It appeared that she [the victim] was strangled... It is suspected that she was killed in a robbery attempt. Her brother said that she used to wear a gold chain which was found missing

POLICE OFFICER

The officer said that the deceased was identified as Lata on Sunday after her brother who had been looking for her, identified the body.

"The woman was going to meet her brother in Vasant Kunj on November 10. After she did not reach, he started looking for her. He later met a few people and called up some to enquire about his sister's whereabouts. The police were alerted by human intelligence that a man was searching for his sister.

He was then shown the picture of the deceased woman, whom he identified as his sister," the officer also said.

The police officer also said that the woman was unmarried and lived alone in DDA flats at Taimoor Nagar.

As part of the investigation, the police are scanning CCTV footage of the route taken by Lata from her house to the place where she was found dead.

"It is suspected that she was killed in a robbery attempt. Her brother said she used to wear a gold chain which was found missing," the officer said.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (South-East) Chinmoy Biswal confirmed the incident and said that a case under Section 302 (punishment for murder) of the Indian Penal Code has been registered and further investigation in into the matter is under way.

# Constable shot at, accused on the run

It is a case of mistaken identity: police

STAFF REPORTER  
NEW DELHI  
A 30-year-old Delhi Police constable was shot at in central Delhi's Patel Nagar late on Sunday when he tried to intervene in a scuffle between two groups of men, the police said on Monday.

The police said that it was a case of mistaken identity as the constable was not in his uniform. The accused have been identified and efforts to arrest them are under way, the police also said.

Senior officers said that it was around midnight on Sunday when constable Amarjeet, deployed at Patel Nagar police station, was on his way to meet an informer to gather information about three dreaded criminals, who had been recently seen in the area.

When he reached near Kanwar Chowk, he saw two groups of men fighting with each other.

"When Mr. Amarjeet reached the spot, at least ten to twelve men were fighting with each other. As he tried to pacify the miscreants in the group, one of them, who was carrying a pistol, mistook him as a member of his opponent and shot at him. The men fled the spot as soon as Mr. Amarjeet collapsed," said an officer not authorised to

Amarjeet was shot in the abdomen... A case of attempt to murder has been registered... Raids are under way to trace and arrest the identified assailants

ANIL MITTAL  
Additional PRO, Delhi Police

speak to the media.

A PCR call was then made and the police were informed about a man who had been shot at during a scuffle. A police team reached the spot and rushed Amarjeet to a nearby hospital for treatment.

"The injured constable is currently undergoing treatment at a hospital in Karol Bagh. He is out of danger," said Anil Mittal, Additional Public Relation Officer, Delhi Police.

"Mr. Amarjeet was shot at in the abdomen. CCTV footage of the area were checked thoroughly and several locals were questioned. A case of attempt to murder has been registered at Patel Nagar police station. We have identified a few of the men who were fighting. Raids are under way to trace and arrest the identified assailants," Mr. Mittal also said.

# Man arrested for killing barn owl

Accused's house was raided on Sunday

STAFF REPORTER  
NEW DELHI  
In a joint operation with the Animal Welfare Board of India, the city police arrested a 40-year-old man from outer Delhi's Sultanpuri on Sunday for allegedly killing a barn owl while he was practising black magic.

**Black magic**  
Deputy Commissioner of Police (Outer) Seju P. Kuruvilla said that the accused has been identified as Kanhaiya who had been allegedly practising black magic for the last few months. He is a driver by profession and lives with his family in Sultanpuri C Block, the police said.

The police said that the Animal Welfare Board of India had received an information that a barn owl, a protected bird, was being held captive at a house. "After the house was raided on Sunday evening, the owl was found dead," Mr. Kuruvilla said.

The police said that the accused was then arrested



Kanhaiya is a resident of Sultanpuri.

and an FIR under relevant Sections of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act and Indian Penal Code Section 429 (mischievous by killing or maiming cattle) has been registered.

Kanhaiya was produced before the court on Monday and his police custody was sought. Mr. Kuruvilla said that the accused will be questioned to find out if he had killed other animals and birds while practising black magic earlier, since when he had been doing it and reasons behind the same.

# Traffic advisory issued for Chhath

Traffic likely to be affected near ghats of Yamuna, Bhalswa Lake, Haiderpur canal



Preparations in full swing ahead of Chhath puja celebrations, to be held from today, at Yamuna ghat, on Monday. • HIMANSHU VATS

STAFF REPORTER  
NEW DELHI

The Delhi Traffic Police has made elaborate arrangements for the next two days on the occasion of Chhath Puja. Thousands of people are expected to throng the banks of the Yamuna on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Traffic Police on Monday issued an advisory on special traffic arrangements and restrictions on the occasion of Chhath Puja.

The police have advised commuters to avoid roads, including Outer Ring Road from Mukarba Chowk to

Chandgi Ram Akhara, Wazirabad Bridge, roads near ISBT Kashmere Gate, Pushta Road (Khajoori/Shastri Park), Kalindi Kunj Bridge on these two days.

The advisory states that the normal flow of traffic is likely to be affected on roads adjoining the major ghats of the Yamuna and Bhalswa Lake and the Haiderpur canal.

There will be no traffic restrictions in areas adjoining New Delhi Railway Station, Old Delhi Railway Station, Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station and ISBT. People are

requested to avail public transport like the metro to help keep the roads decongested, the advisory stated. Diversions will be made by the traffic police based on ground requirement.

Chhath Puja, the festival dedicated to the Sun god, is celebrated on the sixth day of the Kartik month of the Hindu calendar. Every year, the festival commences with paying oblation to the setting sun and concludes with paying obeisance to the rising sun.

Chhath Puja will be celebrated from Tuesday evening till Wednesday morning.

# Govt schools, offices to remain shut

STAFF REPORTER  
NEW DELHI

All schools and offices under the city government and the three civic bodies of the city will remain shut on Tuesday on account of Chhath Puja. A restricted holiday that had been declared earlier stands cancelled by the order of the L-G, stated a notification released on Monday.

# 3 snake charmers arrested for trying to extort woman, 1 flees

Accused threaten to release snake inside vehicle

STAFF REPORTER  
NEW DELHI

Three snake charmers have been arrested for allegedly trying to extort money and jewellery from a woman by threatening to release a snake next to her inside an autorickshaw, the police said on Monday. The fourth accused managed to flee.

The accused persons were illegally carrying the snake the police said. They were allegedly displaying it and asking for money in Central Delhi's Nabi Karim.

The police said that the incident happened around 9 a.m. on November 9, when Priyanka, a banker, was tra-



The accused were illegally carrying the snake.

velling in an autorickshaw. She was on the way to her office in Sadar Bazar. The autorickshaw stopped at Paharganj red light when four snake charmers surrounded the vehicle and started asking for money. Feared by the cobra that they were carrying, she asked them to go away but the snake charmers allegedly started harassing her instead and kept on demanding money.

"The victim gave them money and asked them to go away. However, they had their eyes on a diamond ring that she was wearing. They threatened that they would leave the snake next to her in

the autorickshaw. Frightened, she came out of the vehicle and handed them ₹2000 and asked them to leave. The snake charmers, however, tried to snatch her diamond ring, after which she shouted for help," said a police officer.

As she raised an alarm, a policeman on duty at the red light rushed towards her. In the fear of getting caught, the snake charmers tried to run away. They were chased by the police. While three of them got caught, the fourth accused managed to flee.

The arrested snake charmers were identified as Vinod Nath, Arun Nath and Pradeep Nath. They belong to Madhya Pradesh and reside in JJ cluster in Okhla.

"The accused have been arrested under the relevant IPC Sections for extorting money from the woman. They have been sent to Tihar Jail. The snakes recovered from their possession have been handed over to a wildlife organisation," added a police officer.

# Woman jumps to death in Greater Noida

No note found; no complaint by kin

STAFF REPORTER  
GREATER NOIDA

A 25-year-old woman allegedly jumped from the 22nd floor of a society in Greater Noida West on Monday, the police said.

The woman was suffering from a mental ailment, they said. She did not leave behind any note.

The police said that the deceased originally lived in Noida Sector 63 with her family.

She had been undergoing treatment for depression after getting a divorce from her husband in 2016.

The incident happened around 4 p.m. on Monday. The woman had come to the Greater Noida flat on the 22nd floor, which was owned by her family.

## Construction work

"The family members told the police that they had come to visit their flat where some construction work was going on. The woman jumped off when the other members of her family had gone to the society

The woman jumped off when the other members of her family had gone to the society office and she was alone in the flat...

ANIL KUMAR SHAI  
SHO, Bisarkh police station

office and she was alone in the flat," said Anil Kumar Shai, Station House Officer, Bisarkh police station.

Mr. Shai also said that the woman was declared dead on arrival after she was rushed to a nearby hospital. He said that the family of the deceased has not filed a complaint in the matter.

## 'Accidental death'

"Since no note left behind by the woman was found during the primary investigation, the case has been recorded as a accidental death," Mr. Shai added.

*Suicide prevention helpline: Sanjivini, Society for Mental Health, Telephone: 011-4076 9002, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. - 7.30 p.m.*



IN BRIEF



**‘Twitter has become extremely polarised’**  
NEW DELHI  
Former JNU student leader Shehla Rashid has deactivated her Twitter account since the “toxicity and negativity” on the microblogging platform had started affecting her psychologically. “After 8 years of using Twitter, I’m deactivating my account...The platform has become extremely polarised,” she said on Sunday. PTI

**Solar energy to add power to Aqua Line**  
NOIDA  
Solar energy will add power to all stations on the Noida-Greater Noida Metro Rail corridor’s Aqua Line, that will become operational soon, the NMRC said on Monday. Solar panels will be installed on the roofs of all the 21 stations on the Metro rail corridor. PTI

On the wrong track



Children play on the tracks near Shadipur Depot in New Delhi. Over 60 people were killed and 70 injured on October 19 near Amritsar after a crowd of Dussehra revellers watching the burning of a Ravana effigy was run over by a train. On October 29, three friends sitting on the tracks near the Nangloi railway station in the Capital were crushed to death. They were suspected to be drinking. ■ SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Plea seeks regular sterilisation programmes for stray dogs

High Court issues notices to Centre, Delhi government

**STAFF REPORTER**  
NEW DELHI  
The Delhi High Court on Monday asked the Centre and the Delhi government to file responses on a plea seeking directions to carry out regular sterilisation programmes for controlling the population of stray dogs and to prevent them from being afflicted by ‘rabies’.  
A Bench of Chief Justice Rajendra Menon and Justice V.K. Rao also asked Animal Welfare Board and the South Delhi Municipal Corporation to file their response on the plea.

**Dereliction of duties**  
The court was hearing a petition filed by non-government organisation Conference for Human Rights through its secretary general Nanita Sharma.  
She said Delhi residents are adversely affected by in-

action and dereliction of statutory duties on the part of the authorities, which is resulting in a rapid increase in the ‘stray dog’ population. The plea said the situation was worse in south Delhi localities, where incidence of dog bites had increased over the years.  
**Growing conflict**  
Ms. Sharma said she had noticed growing conflict between humans and canines, and between humans and humans on the issue of feeding stray dogs.  
“Persons feeding were/are becoming victims of hostility and anger of those persons for whom stray dogs are a menace and who believe that feeding would make them stay where they are and they would multiply in their complexes or areas creating more nuisance for the residents,” the plea said.

She argued that ‘not feeding’ the canines was not the solution to the problem “but it was mainly the growing population of the canines that was making the humans panic and fearful of their race”.  
The petition has sought direction to carry out census of stray dogs, once in every two or three years.  
The petitioner also sought direction to display on the government’s website the number of stray dogs “sterilised” in a particular sterilisation programme undertaken by civic agencies.  
**SDMC data**  
It has sought a direction by the court to the SDMC to show collective data on the dog population under its area and the number of dog sterilisation centres functioning under it.

‘Leave monkeys alone and they will leave you alone’

**INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI  
“Leave them alone and they will leave you alone,” stated an advisory issued by the Lok Sabha Secretariat on Monday to deal with monkey menace in its complex.  
In its circular, the Parliament Security Service of the Lok Sabha Secretariat has suggested that people should not stop in case a monkey collides with their vehicle. “In case a monkey collides with your vehicle [two-wheelers especially], do not stop there,” read the circular.  
It also suggested avoiding crossing the “path between a mother and her infant”, making “direct eye contact with monkeys”, running from the animal, and hitting or feeding them.  
“Do not ever hit any monkey. Keep hitting the ground



A monkey in the Parliament House complex. ■ FILE PHOTO  
with a big stick to make [the] monkey leave your house or garden.”  
Yet another suggestion is to ignore the animal and make a loud noise to force the monkey to leave the premises. The Parliament House complex, along with other nearby buildings including the North and South Blocks and the Rashtrapati Bhavan around the Central Ridge forest, suffer from monkey menace.

‘Look at how the holocaust has been remembered’

Book paying tribute to spirit of Partition survivors launched; panellists discuss art, literature that emerged in the aftermath

**STAFF REPORTER**  
NEW DELHI  
Fundamentalist fringe elements on both sides over the past two years have not allowed people-to-people friendship between artists and writers from India and Pakistan, said artist Anjolie Ela Menon at a panel discussion on reconciliation through art and literature that emerged after the Partition.  
**Oral histories**  
Friday’s discussion, organised by the Partition Museum, paid tributes to the spirit of those who survived the traumatic event. The panel comprised Krishen Khanna, Satish Gujral, Ajeet Cour and Ms. Menon.  
The discussion was held on the sidelines of the launch of a book, titled “Di-

vided by Partition, United by Resilience: 21 Inspirational Stories from 1947”, by Partition Museum CEO, curator and co-founder Mallika Ahluwalia.  
**‘Mass amnesia’**  
The book seeks to preserve oral histories of individuals who were deeply affected by Partition but still went on to achieve greatness in independent India.  
Ms. Menon said there was perhaps less documentation via literature and art of Partition due to “mass amnesia” as Partition was so terrible that an entire generation chose to not speak about it, though they were traumatised for life.  
**‘Long overdue’**  
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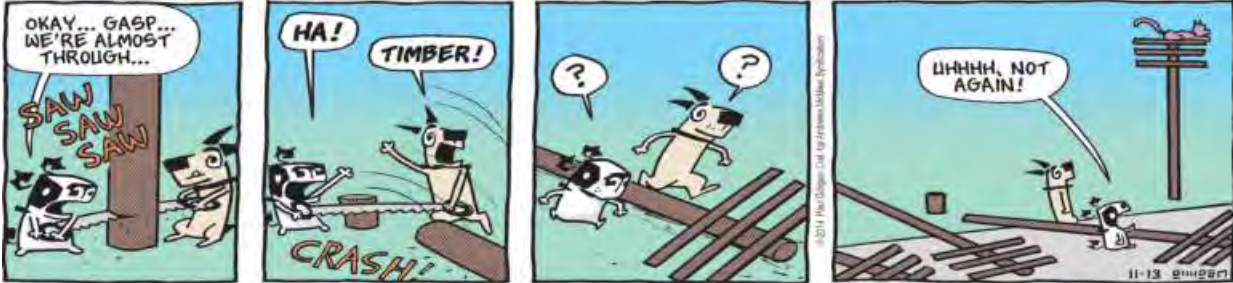


(From right) Anjolie Ela Menon, Ajeet Cour, Satish Gujral, Krishen Khanna and Mallika Ahluwalia in New Delhi on Friday. ■ SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR  
tition. Look how the holocaust has been remembered and people have never been allowed to forget as its memory has been kept alive till

**There are not many writings and works of art on Partition... People have never been allowed to forget [the holocaust] as its memory has been kept alive till date**  
ANJOLIE ELA MENON  
Artist  
Ms. Menon said an entire generation that has not been told what their parents had been through and how they came with nothing and settled down but did not speak about themselves as it was too painful to relive and express.  
Mr. Khanna felt there was very little time for art, apart from works like that of Mr. Gujral, as people were fight-

ing for their lives and had no time for art.  
“Writings can still come out on the spur of the moment but art is a process that is not possible when people were re-establishing themselves,” he said.  
**‘Bitter pill’**  
Mr. Khanna added that even he took a long time to swallow the bitter pill of Partition and worked in a bank for over a decade before finally quitting to pursue art.  
Talking about what prompted her to write the book, Ms. Ahluwalia said most of her grandparents’ friends who had lived through Partition has started passing away and there was a sense of urgency to curate the museum and write the book to record the stories that people had to tell.

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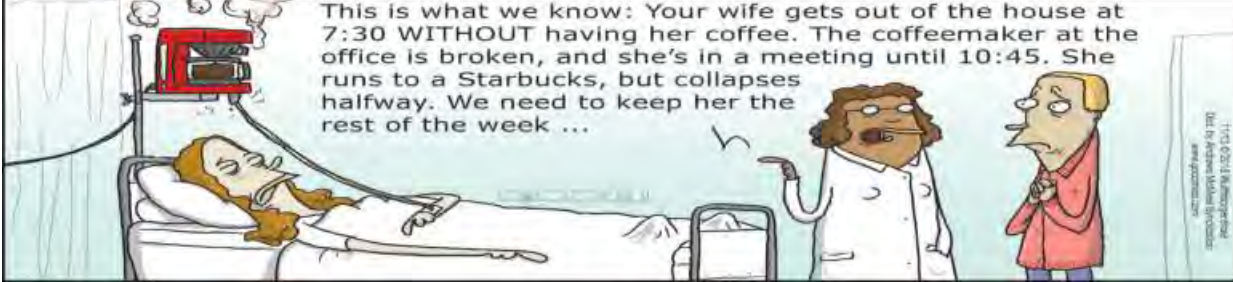
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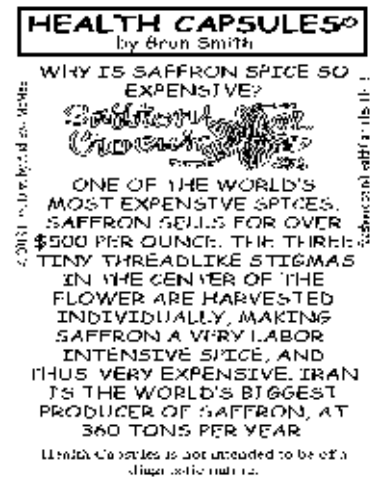
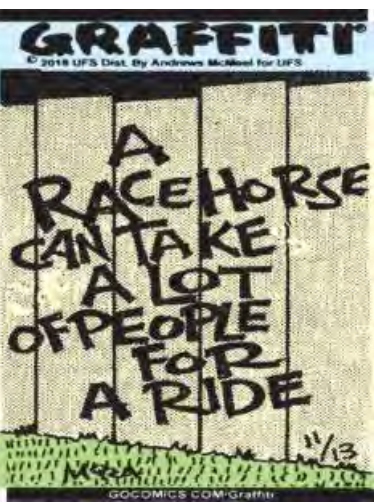
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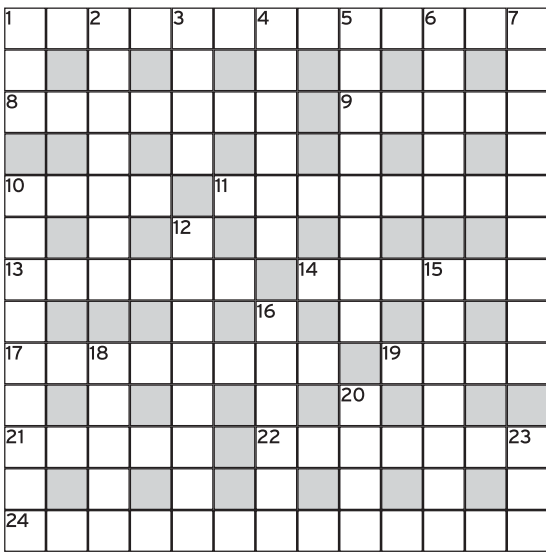
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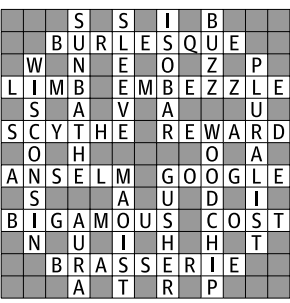
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INDIA'S INSTA-DADS

Some of these dads of the 'gram might not have the deadpan sense of humour that Breakwell has, but they are defying cultural stereotypes about parenting. Here are four to know.



@dadmansuperdad

On a trip to Sri Lanka earlier this year, where his wife was attending a conference, Mumbai-based Tejas Buch realised what a "herculean task" it was to be the only parent with a baby (in this case, his two-year-old son Ayyan). To guard his family's privacy, Buch back-dates all his photos, vets each follower, and does not post any locations.



@sandyunboxed

Over a year ago, Sandeep Bangera was inspired by his daughter's birth to blog about his journey as a parent. On sandyunboxed.com, he talks about how the first few nights of being a parent were anxiety-inducing because of how new everything was. In one post, for example, he argues that paternity leave should also be mandatory so that fathers can play a more active role in their children's early lives.



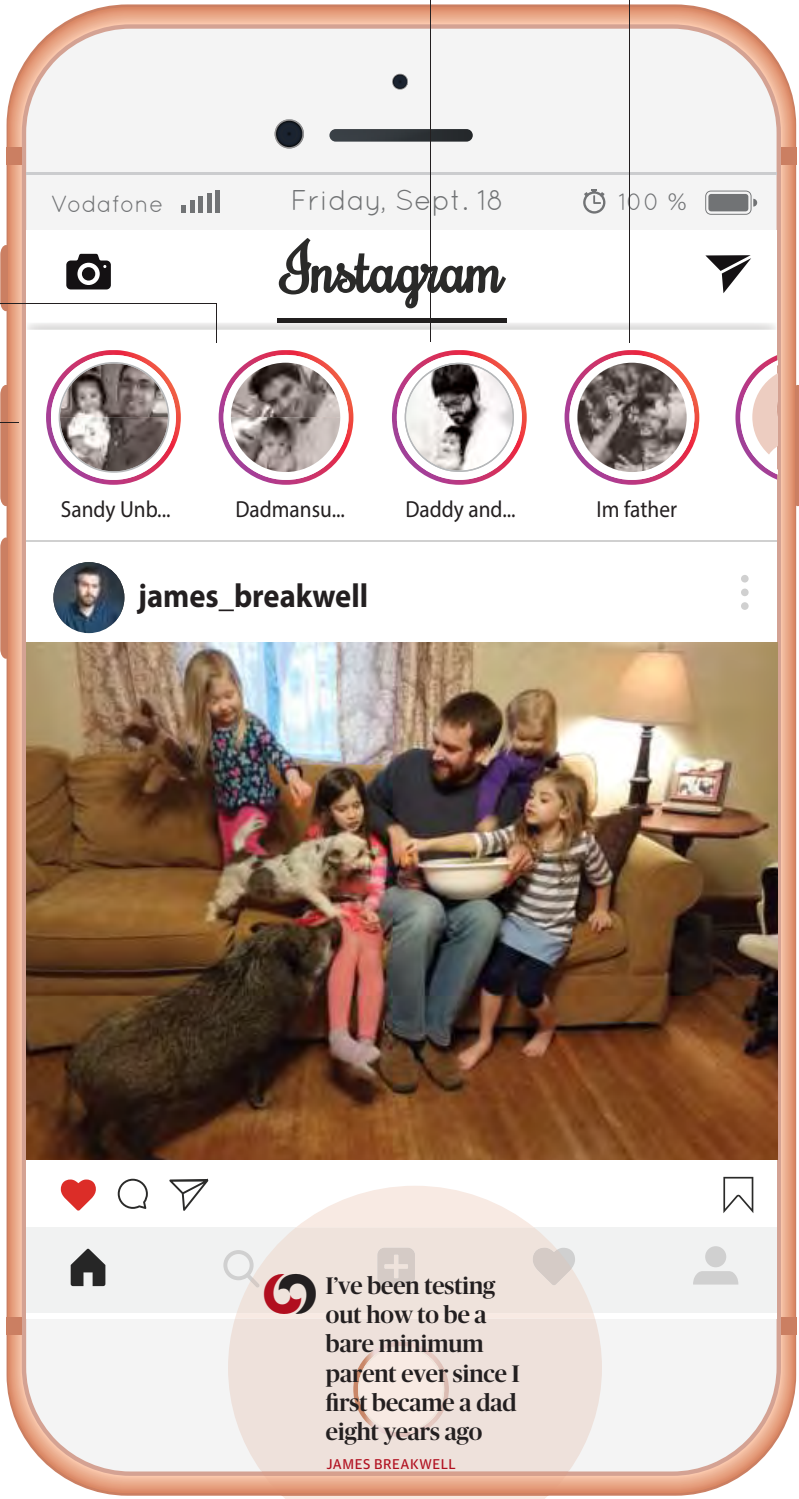
@daddyandreyana

This Gujarat-based father (who prefers anonymity) created an account dedicated to his 11-month-old daughter, Reyna, after encountering only "mommy" bloggers with invaluable parenting tips. He found few fathers, especially those who understood the Indian cultural context. His posts include tips for young fathers, and what to pack for the hospital before delivery is one of them.



@i.m.father

With captions such as "Fathers don't babysit, it's called parenting", Chandigarh-based Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal encourages parents to spend time with their children outdoors, just like he does with his son Avraj. Professionally-shot photos (think cake smashes and photoshoots in the park) are interspersed with candid selfies, all of them paired with an inspiring (and sometimes cheesy) caption.



Bringing up DAD

SINDHURI NANDHAKUMAR

Twitter's funniest dad, James Breakwell, has been regaling audiences since 2012 with his tweets about his four daughters. His account (@XplodingUnicorn) has over a million followers, and features quotes and quips from his children. (Breakwell: Hey! We don't lick people. Two-year-old daughter: I do).

The social media star's second book, *Bare Minimum Parenting: The Ultimate Guide to Not Quite Ruining Your Child*, which promises to "teach you to get by while doing less" as a parent, is only a few days old, but has already got netizens exchanging notes.

OTalk show host Jennifer Fulwiler tweeted, "If you were to sit down with an experienced parent, give him three shots of whisky, and then ask for his advice, that would be this book."

Breakwell rose to Internet fame in 2016 after Buzzfeed wrote about his hilarious tweets. He is, by his own admission, an underachieving parent. But he asks an important (and rhetorical) question about raising children: "Why work harder to be a great parent when your kid will turn out just as well if you're a mediocre one?" His book, he says, exists to counteract the droves of high-achieving parenting books already in print.

Family man

US-based Breakwell uses pseudonyms for his family, including for himself. But he uses actual images of his family on social media. "That way, people couldn't Google us to find our home address or figure out where my kids go to school," he explains. "It's hard to track somebody down based only on their picture. All little kids kind of look the same."

The concept of bare minimum parenting, he says, is one that he has been testing ever since he first became a dad eight years ago. "There have been times I've been tempted to try too hard, but usually I'm able to resist," he jokes.

In a recent tweet responding to allegations that his jokes were not all authentic, Breakwell suggested that "kids are more ridiculous than you think". He admits,

though, that his jokes are a mixed bag. "Some are real, some are exaggerated, and some are made up, but they're all inspired by my kids. If my four daughters haven't done them yet, somebody else's kids certainly have," he says. "That's why other parents relate to my comedy so strongly."

Laughs for all

But his humour is not just for parents. He has a *Star Wars* parody account on Twitter (@VeryLonelyLuke), where Luke Skywalker poses existential questions and profound reflections about life ("The Jedi pension plan just sucks"). He has three webcomics: *Unbelievably Bad* is a comic take on family life using Calibri font and the most basic shape tools available on Microsoft; in *Unfridgeworthy*, he takes drawings and paintings by his children and "makes up horribly inappropriate stories to go with them"; and in *Wombat Dojo*, we are introduced to the lives of two roommates and their pet wombat.

His children, he admits, do not think his tweets are funny. "To be fair, only half of them can read. The only social media network that matters to them is YouTube, and I have a very minor following there," he says.

Even though the extra followers and social media fandom have made humour less of a fun diversion and more of a survival mechanism ("I can either write jokes or I can have a nervous breakdown"), Breakwell sees his humour as a skill that his children should adopt. "I am not funnier than anybody else, but I'm good at isolating the funny things around me and sharing those moments with other people. Even the worst Monday morning is good for a few funny tweets."

While the audience for his new book consists largely of parents, its humour is relatable to anyone with children in their lives. "A lot of people recognise their younger siblings in the things I write about," he says.

Up next after *Bare Minimum Parenting* is a guided journal for children, designed to help them find humour in everyday situations.

*Bare Minimum Parenting: The Ultimate Guide to Not Quite Ruining Your Child*, published by BenBella Books, is available on amazon.in. Prices start at ₹209.

A slice of Italy

"Extraordinary Visions" attempts to present a portrait of Italy as seen through the eyes of the masters of photography

MURTAZA ALI KHAN

To commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the diplomatic relations between India and Italy and the 24<sup>th</sup> edition of Confederation of Indian Industry's Technology Summit at which Italy is the partner country, MAXXI, a national museum of contemporary art and architecture based out of Rome, has brought a photography exhibition to the Capital. Titled "Extraordinary Visions", the exhibition is an attempt to present a portrait of Italy as seen through the eyes of the masters of Italian photography.

Margherita Guccione, the director of MAXXI Architettura who has curated the exhibition along with Simona Antonacci, reveals, "The exhibition was first shown at

MAXXI Museum on the occasion of the celebrations 70 years of the Italian Republic, back in June 2016. Now, as it arrives in India, a country that plays a crucial role in the essential dialogue between the East and the West, between Asia and Europe, it endeavours to represent a happy stage in diplomacy based on art and culture." The

The exhibition is conceived like a journey through ordinary and sublime Italian landscapes, architectures of excellence and the world of art, places of power and places of everyday life

MARGHERITA GUCCIONE



Artistic touch: (left) Works of Silvia Camporesi and Fabio Ponzio vie for attention



works on display recount the cultural transformations that Italy has been witnessing in the recent decades.

Interestingly, the exhibition doesn't open with a photographic image. The honour is reserved for Alighieri Boetti's *Mappa*, a tapestry embroidered on canvas by Afghan women made in 1971 that represents a map of the world in which every country is distinguished by the colours of its national flag. Antonacci explains, "Boetti's

masterpiece mirrors how the art as a driving force for meetings between different and remote peoples and traditions. We decided to add this work of art at the exhibition in India because it specifically refers to the dialogue between Asia and Europe." She further adds, "We are very proud to present this exhibition in India on the occasion of the seventieth anniversary of diplomatic relations between Italy and India. The exhibition is also an

opportunity to improve the reciprocal knowledge and mark out new lines of creative development."

"Extraordinary Visions" brings together over 100 original photographs of 20 artists of international repute such as Luigi Ghirri, known for his metaphysical visions that helped redefine landscape photography, to Massimo Vitali, famous for his images of crowded beaches and swimming pools, to Franco Fontana, who pioneered the

use of saturated colorus for capturing the natural landscapes, to Letizia Battaglia, famous for her painful black and white images denouncing the Mafia activity in Sicily, to Gabriele Basilico, noted for his elegant and essential architectural visions, to Walter Niedermayr, known for his elegant images depicting man's dialogue with nature. Guccione says, "The show hosts not only the major Italian photographers coming from the generation of mas-

ters of landscape like Luigi Ghirri, Guido Guidi, and Mario Cresci, but also the young generation of artists that have chosen to use photography in an original way such as Silvia Camporesi whose photographs are taken in black and white and then coloured by hand with pastels, a technique that was used at the beginnings of photography."

The underlying idea behind the exhibition is to look at the image of contemporary Italy aimed at breaking the associated stereotypes. "The exhibition is conceived like a journey through ordinary and sublime Italian landscapes, architectures of excellence and the world of art, places of power and places of everyday life. We are very happy to open the exhibition in the Italian Cultural Institute, which is a very strategic place for dialogue between our two countries," sums up Guccione, who desires to present the show in Mumbai next year.

("Extraordinary Visions" will be on display at the Italian Institute of Culture in New Delhi till January 13, 2019.)

SHORT TAKE



Polish concert

To mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Independence of the Republic of Poland, the Polish Institute New Delhi, is hosting a concert by Trebunie Tutki, a Polish folk music band, at Little Theatre Group Auditorium, Mandi House, on Tuesday. Poland's unique cultural facet will be showcased via music orchestrated on traditional instruments like sheep bells, bagpipes and wooden horns.

Shedding light on the exhibition, Malgorzata Tanska, Director, Polish Institute New Delhi, says: "As part of the centennial celebrations of the country's Independence, we wanted to present some of the finest music and culture from Poland."

5 EVENTS WORTH-YOUR-WHILE



EXHIBITION

**Ecce Homo**  
Vadehra Art Gallery presents Kerala-born artist Gigi Scaria's solo exhibition titled 'Ecce Homo' - ('Behold the man or How one become what one is'). This ongoing show tells the artist's interest in issues connected with urban development, particularly those surrounding migration, economic development and urban architecture.  
**VENUE:** Vadehra Art Gallery, Defence Colony  
**TIME:** 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.



SPECIAL MENU

**Panipuri**  
Brew Buddy, a North Indian and Continental food joint in Gurugram, has come up with a new menu 'London ki Nasheeli Panipuri' for this November. The puris are served here with mashed boiled potatoes and chickpeas dipped in mint chutney, saunth chutney and dunked in either pudine ka pani or anar or chukandar ka pani.  
**VENUE:** SCO-41, Sector 29, Gurugram  
**TIME:** 12 noon to 12 midnight



FILM

**Gare Du Nord**  
This French film is a hybrid of fiction and documentary, imagination and sociology, above all a complex portrait of a familiar city space. Mapping the Parisian railway station, the director Claire Simon depicts a restless crossroads of stories, encounters and fantasies.  
**VENUE:** M.L. Bhartia Auditorium, Alliance Francaise De Delhi  
**TIME:** 10 a.m.



CUISINE

**Ramens special**  
Wok Tok at The Grand, New Delhi, a Pan Asian restaurant has come up with Ramens, a Japanese dish consists of Chinese-style wheat noodles served in a meat or fish-based broth. This specially curated menu offers piping hot dishes picked from Japan, Singapore, Thailand and other parts of Asia.  
**VENUE:** Wok Tok-The Grand, Vasant Kunj  
**TIME:** 12 noon - 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. - 1 a.m.



EXHIBITION

**Canvas**  
The ongoing art show of Delhi-based artist Yashpal's "Unearthly Rust", depicts a vintage, wooden door, with its copper-brown colours dripping in trickles. Yashpal tries to create unearthly rust that is unreasonably inconvenient to watch in reality but his paintings allows us to visualise them so easily and conveniently.  
**VENUE:** Triveni Kala Sangam, 205, Tansen Marg  
**TIME:** 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.



# An AI for an eye

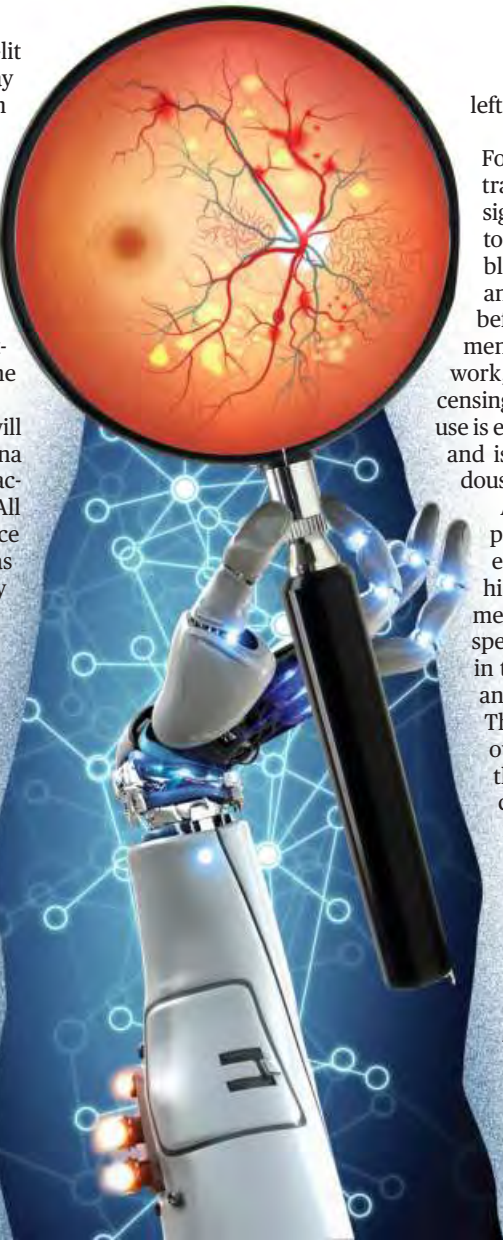
SOMA BASU

Remember those colourfully-lit weighing machines on railway platforms that would take a coin and give out a small cardboard ticket with the person's weight and fortune? The Chief Medical Officer at Madurai's Aravind Eye Hospital (AEH), Dr Ramasamy Kim, uses this analogy to explain how people could get a preliminary eye check-up done instead of visiting an ophthalmologist in the future.

"In one look, the machine will predict the condition of the retina and advise on the next step of action in seconds," he says. All thanks to artificial intelligence (AI) in ophthalmology. He has been working on the technology with Google since 2013.

"The impact," he says, "will be seen in patient care and diabetes management." He imagines a scenario where the scope of algorithms on smartphones will not require the consumer to even go near a machine. "People can take selfies of the eye on their phone cameras and have instant access to ophthalmic care."

The two organisations have been working on an automated tool that could detect diabetic retinopathy (DR), the second leading cause of blindness. DR is a condition where lesions develop in the retina of the eye of those living with long-standing diabetes. It puts them at risk of losing vision, if



Google is partnering with Madurai-based Aravind Eye Hospital on an AI-based algorithm to screen diabetic retinopathy and detect the early onset of blindness

left untreated.

In April this year, USA's Food and Drug Administration validated AI as a significant DR screening tool. "We now have to publish our research paper and await the certification before we can start implementing it in our routine work," says Dr Kim. The licensing of the AI algorithm for use is expected by the year end, and is foreseen as a tremendous boost to eye care.

As head of the Retina department, Dr Kim gets over 600 patients daily in his out-patient department, of whom many spend time and resources in travelling to the hospital and waiting for their turn. There are many more left out, who do not come to the hospital simply because of lack of awareness. Eye doctors recommend a mandatory annual examination for all people living with diabetes and every person above 40 years. Dr Kim says in a country like ours, where the patient volume is high, AI will make the diagnosis quicker, and also rev up treatment to avoid preventable loss of vision.

"If the captured image of the eye



Pioneering innovation: Dr Ramasamy Kim ■ R ASHOK

shows negative for DR, then the person will be advised to rescreen after 12 months. And in case of a positive result, the person would be asked to see an ophthalmologist for further evaluation and immediate treatment," explains Dr Kim.

He argues in favour of using technology effectively and efficiently in times when computers are available everywhere and to everybody but healthcare is not.

The World Health Organization estimates 71 million Indians live with diabetes and at least 20% of them suffer from DR. Of these, 20% are not even aware of their eye condition because they haven't been in to a doctor for examination. Those who come to an ophthalmologist get their retinal images graded manually in what is today a time-consuming process taking from few hours to few days.

AEH, however, has been working on a semi-automated format since 2003, tying up with diabetic clinics across Tamil Nadu. When a patient walks into the

clinic, a technician takes pictures of his/her retina with a fundus camera, and along with an online questionnaire answered by the patient, emails it to trained

### GOOGLE PREDICTS

Google has already debuted an algorithm to 97% accuracy that can identify a person's age, sex, ethnicity and smoking status and predict the five-year risk of a heart attack, all on the basis of retinal imagery. The AI for DR has been found to be 87% sensitive and 90% specific for detecting more than mild diabetic retinopathy.

Aravind staff who use a software to grade the image for DR. By the time patients are done with their diabetes check-up, they are also informed about the status of their eye and the necessary fol-

low-up action.

Aravind also has an established network of 71 vision centres across rural Tamil Nadu, that are supervised by trained technicians who take snapshots with retinal cameras of the inside of the eye of every person who walks in, and sends the digital reports to Aravind's doctors, who then call in a diagnosis and course of treatment. Now, with the Google algorithm in place, the process of collating information and grading retinal images will be standardised and faster.

Dr Kim has spent the last four years working on 10,000 retinal images, drawing every lesion, distinctive spots, bleeding in the retina due to diabetes that could occur in various permutations and combinations, to help Google develop the algorithm that would recognise the signs of the disease early. From June this year, Aravind Hospital started supplementing its DR grading process with the Google AI in 10 of its rural tele-consultation centres. "The results are ac-

curate," says Dr Kim, who is now working on 60,000 retinal images for matching the grading results from the machine and the human eye in order to fine-tune the algorithm. He says the algorithms pick up problems that trained people sometimes can't and different ophthalmologists can end up giving different opinions looking at the same image of the eye.

Google has created a database of 1,28,000 images from different sight centres around the globe, including two more in India – Sankara Nethralaya in Chennai and Narayana Nethralaya in Bengaluru. Dr Kim is one of the experts evaluating the data.

"The day is not far when AI will go solo, because there are two benefits of machine learning. More people will be able to check their eyes at a much lower cost, time, and effort, and doctors will be able to treat more patients who are at risk," says Dr Kim, allaying fears of doctors left with less work. "The AI, in fact, will throw up huge numbers and accurately spot the vision status and detect the multiple problems or vision-killing conditions. It only means I will get many more patients to treat and reduce the several rounds of redundant tests."

Though the challenge of a machine may lie in any false negative and deprive a patient of consultation, Dr Kim says AI is superior to anything that he has seen in DR screening. "The machine is able to see something beyond the human eye," he says, "and as a doctor, my only interest is in getting a greater number of patients at an early detected stage for successful treatment."

### DID YOU KNOW?

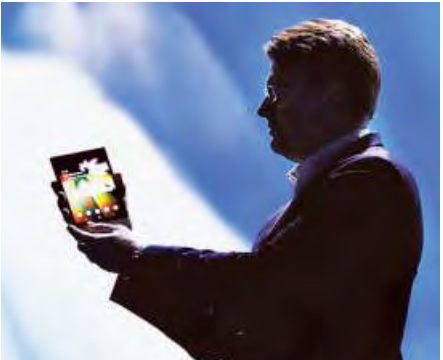
One of the first examples of AI being used in science was a project called Dendral in the 1960s, which helped organic chemists identify unknown organic molecules.

## TECH-A-BYTE



### Artificial Intelligence-powered television news presenter

Welcome to the age of robotic Artificial Intelligence-powered news anchors on television. China's official news agency Xinhua has unveiled a virtual newsreader who could be easily mistaken for a real human being. "The news anchor, based on the latest AI technology, has a male image with a voice, facial expressions and actions of a real person," reports Xinhua. "He learns from live broadcasting videos by himself and can read texts as naturally as a professional news anchor." The AI news anchor was jointly developed by Xinhua and Chinese search engine company Sogou.com. "It is a good effort," Noel Sharkey, emeritus professor of artificial intelligence and robotics at the University of Sheffield, told the BBC. "We will see it improve over time. The problem is that it could be very dull."



### A peek into the new phone-tablet foldable device

There has been a talk in the tech circles regarding foldable phones. Last week, Samsung at a developers conference in San Francisco gave the first glimpse of the product it is developing, which it said would be mass-produced in the coming months. The new product, which uses a new technology called Infinity Flex Display, is a tablet when unfolded or opened, and a phone when it is closed or folded. "We've been living in a world where the size of your screen can only be as large as the device itself. We've added a new dimension to help you browse, watch and multitask like never before," CNET quoted Justin Denison, Samsung senior vice president of mobile product marketing, as saying.

## GAMESPOT

JULIAN ALMEIDA

Child of Light Ultimate Edition for Nintendo Switch  
Developer + Publisher: Ubisoft  
Price: ₹1500 (\$19.99) for Nintendo Switch

Every once in a while, the lines of interactive entertainment and traditional art intersect in a very rare breed of video game. Giving us games like Okami, Limbo, Tearaway, Persona 5 and many more. Child of Light is one of them, a hand-crafted magical journey, and like most games today, it gets the re-release to Nintendo's new handheld, the Switch, in an Ultimate Edition. Like most of the games that make it to the Switch, it feels like a homecoming.

### Child of Light Ultimate Edition for Nintendo Switch

Princess Aurora, on the eve of Easter, falls into a deep coma, waking up in a magical dreamworld of Lemuria. With a firefly, Igniculus, as her companion, she has to find a way back to the real world, where her kingdom is in peril, with her father the Duke bedridden with grief, while the Black Queen has stolen the sun, moon, and stars from the sky.

Child of Light feels like an Enid Blyton novel come to life, except with a lot more magic. Told from the perspective of a simple side scroller, the story is entertaining, with a great pace, making you want to explore more and more of this dream world as Aurora flies around, meeting new people, finding new companions and defeating all manner of dark creatures to make her way back.

### How does it play?

While it's a side scroller much like the Mario games, it's also a role-playing game, with some deep turn-based combat systems like the ones seen in the Final Fantasy games. Once you get your sword and jump into battle, selecting magic or attacks with perfect timing will give you an edge over the monsters. You can cheat a little, thanks to Igniculus, by using



# Dance to the Light

Let in some gaming light and dance into your life with Child of Light and Just Dance 2019

the touchscreen to have him blind enemies or glow to heal yourself or your companions – who join and fight alongside you, as you progress through the story.

Traversal is the other half of the game and Child of Light adds the element of flight early on in the game, opening the world and its watercolour



skies for you to explore to your heart's content. There too, Igniculus plays an important role – from lighting your way in dark areas to blinding pursuing enemies enough for you to get away. The combat system is such that you will feel yourself wanting to jump into scraps with enemies and mini-bosses to get your fix. Agreed, this combination of gameplay elements is not everyone's cup of tea, but it is a beautiful game to dive into.

Child of Light sports a beautiful handcrafted aesthetic, with beautiful, windswept touches. For example, Aurora's hair moves like it would underwater as she runs across backdrops that are positively alive as well as eerie, and in the distance you can see giants roam the lands. Every frame looks like it belongs on the wall of a photo gallery, except in motion it's bewitching.

### Should you get it?

Child of Light is a ray of sunshine in this dark gloomy world of hyper-violent games

Action and adventure: Images from Child of Light and Just Dance 2019  
■ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

into a dance floor and getting you to sweat on some tracks. This year's edition features 40 hits, ranging from the catchy 'Finesse' by Bruno Mars and Cardi B to that earworm 'Havana' by Camila Cabello; as well as songs by Ariana Grande, Britney Spears, Dua Lipa and many more. If you prefer something more classic, you can pay a bit more for the Just Dance Unlimited service, which lets you dance to several new and old tracks.

### How does it play?

Just Dance's art style is quite unique. Rather than going for 3D models that are motion-



### JUST DANCE 2019

Developer + Publisher: Ubisoft

Price: ₹3,499 for Xbox One, Playstation 4 and Nintendo Switch, ₹2,999 for Xbox 360

captured, it instead has semi-realistic dancing silhouettes that wear all sorts of colourful neon dresses that really bring the tone of the song to life. All

### Just Dance 2019 What's it about?

Plain and simple, Just Dance is all about converting that living room

you have to do is mimic their movements either using Playstation 4's camera or Xbox One's Kinect. If you don't have those, you can use your smartphone to pair up with the motion on screen, just be careful not to break it. The Nintendo Switch gets the best deal here, with its motion-sensing controls and the docked mode.

The best accuracy is usually the more expensive of the sensors, but Just Dance is all about having fun, rather than getting technical. It is a game that little boys and girls love to dance to, and Ubisoft had recognised that, and added a new kids mode. This sort of transforms the whole game, with characters wearing cute animal costumes that aim more at storytelling without the negative effects of scoring systems, aimed at letting kids have fun. However, there was a hitch there, as parents complained about the game nagging kids with micro transactions, up-selling them to go for the Unlimited, which is being fixed rapidly by Ubisoft. Ideally though, they should have fixed it at the development stage and not after they got called out.

### Should you get it?

That said, Just Dance is thoroughly entertaining and the 2019 edition is great for the kids mode. With an Unlimited membership increasing the lifespan of the game, Ubisoft really needs to think of more killer features to make the year-on-year investment into Just Dance game instalments worthwhile.

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