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UNDERSTANDING DINOSAUR DNA

Scientists believe they now have an idea of what dinosaur DNA possibly looked like, a clue to determining why they came in such a variety of shapes and sizes

ISTOCK (IMAGE IS FOR REPRESENTATION ONLY)

The findings

- According to the BBC, scientists at Britain's University of Kent have uncovered genetic secrets that helped the creatures evolve quickly
- The number of chromosome pairs in dinosaurs may have been similar to birds, which have nearly 80 – almost thrice of the 23 that humans have
- This may have helped dinosaurs evolve into different kinds, similar to present day when there are several bird species
- Birds themselves are likely to be descendants of dinosaurs, as only the flying ones may have survived the massive asteroid impact 66 million years ago
- The discovery suggests that if scientists could make a chromosome preparation from a theropod (animal with three-toed limbs) dinosaur, it might have looked similar to that of a modern-day ostrich, duck or chicken
- Whether the 'avian-like' properties had a hand in the dinosaurs' dominance for millions of years is likely to be the focus of of future studies, the research says

The method

The team of scientists used mathematical techniques to extrapolate dinosaur DNA by working backwards from several species, but mostly birds and turtles, which are the closest modern relatives to the dinosaurs that have been extinct for millions of years

The findings, however, won't mean that scientists will recreate dinosaurs.

"We are not going to have Jurassic Park anytime soon"

PROF DARREN in interview with BBC

The fossil evidence and now our evidence reinforces the idea that rather than birds and dinosaurs being distant relatives, they are one in the same. The birds around us today are dinosaurs

DR REBECCA O'CONNOR, University of Kent professor, to BBC

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4 HELD, ARMY FOILS INFILTRATION BID

SRINAGAR: Four newly-enlisted militants, allegedly trying to cross into Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (POK), were held, while their three guides escaped in north Kashmir's Kalaroos on Sunday. Army spokesperson Colonel Rajesh Kalia said the four were held after they were tipped off about plans of three Al Badr terrorists to guide the four across LoC. The four have not been identified yet, but were in their early 20s. ››P6

BMC audit finds Andheri bridge 'beyond repair'

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MUMBAI: The bridge over Andheri station — a portion of which collapsed on the railway tracks on July 3 and killed two people — is beyond repair and needs to be completely rebuilt, civic officials said after inspecting it.

The plan to repair the bridge had first been mooted two years ago, but no tenders were floated. The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) chief approved the reconstruction plan, after the accident triggered a citywide inspection of 445 bridges. "The bridge will have to be shut, dismantled and reconstructed," said a BMC official. "A presentation is expected to be submitted to the civic chief."

Officials said it will take at least another year for the work to begin. For now, BMC has started removing paver blocks on opposite side of the collapse site to reduce weight on the bridge.

The bridge is a crucial east-west connector in Andheri and was built in 1950. Traffic in the area is expected to be hit when the BMC starts the work.

"The BMC should first provide an alternative," said transport expert A V Shenoy. "It shouldn't be completely shut for commuters."

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GROWTH STORY

Mangrove forests in 11 Mumbai spots grow 133 hectares in 10 years

HT SPECIAL

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MUMBAI: In the past decade, mangroves in 11 locations in and around Mumbai have grown by 133 hectares — the same as 90 Wankhede stadiums — a satellite study by the mangrove cell of Maharashtra's forest department has shown.

The study's findings contradict recent reports of rampant destruction of mangrove forests. The mangrove cell's survey comes after environmentalists expressed doubts about the Forest Survey of India's Indian State of the Forest Report (ISFR) 2017, which said there had been a 33% increase in mangrove cover in Mumbai's suburbs, and a 37% rise across the state. The state's study found that mangrove forests had indeed expanded at 11 locations in Mumbai and Navi Mumbai. It compared 2017-18 satellite images, with maps from 2005.

MOST GROWTH RECORDED IN?

- Kanjurmarg recorded the most increase (29 hectares), followed by Kopar Khairane (23 ha), Gorai (20 ha), Diva (16 ha) and Vikhroli (15 ha).

How are the forests growing? The state said mangroves were growing into new land around creeks where silt was being deposited. Further, the forest department's drive of planting more mangrove trees, measures to increase the protection of the land and awareness about mangroves contributed to the growth, the study said.

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■ **GOOD AS GOLD:** (From left) Hima Das, Muhammed Anas and Dutee Chand give India a triple treat in Jakarta on Sunday. PTI/AP

Silver streak: Hima, Anas, Dutee herald India's track turnaround

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JAKARTA: The three could not be more different. One is a junior world champion just getting a taste of life in the fast lane. The other is a Navy man on a national record-breaking spree since 2016. And the third, India's fastest woman, has been at the forefront of a global battle against gender testing.

On Sunday, at the Gelora Bung Karno Sports Complex in Jakarta, the three converged in a series of dramatic performances that first suggested, then insisted, and finally heralded India's track turnaround on the Asian Games stage. India had been on the slide after Busan 2002, when Saraswati Saha (200m), KM Beenamol (800m) and Sunita Rani (1500m) had emerged as the golden girls of Indian athletics.

On Sunday, Hima Das, 18, the only Indian to win at under-20 junior world championships in Helsinki last month, was the first to raise the bar when she clocked 50.79 seconds, finishing behind an inspired run by gold-medal winner Salwa Naser of Bahrain. Das broke the national record twice in two days — first in the heats (51 seconds), then in the final. "It is a silver but I am not disappointed. I've done my bit," Das, still out of breath, said moments after the finish.

It was then Anas's turn to step under the spotlight. From Kollam in Kerala, the 23-year-old put away thoughts of the floods in the home state, covering the 400m in 45.69 seconds – nearly half a second off his personal best of 45.24, but still enough to add to India's silver streak.

The last time an Indian man had won a silver in the 400m was KK Premachandran in 1982 at New Delhi.

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HOW DUTEE GOT HER GROOVE BACK

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NEW DELHI: Life hasn't been easy for the athlete since she was banned for having more testosterone than the then prescribed limit. She chose to fight back rather than give up.

This is why her silver medal is significant. ››P13

PRASAD ISSUES WARNING OVER POLL RIGGING VIA SOCIAL MEDIA

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NEW DELHI: India will make efforts to protect its citizens from influence campaigns on social media that could undermine the election process, Union information technology (IT) minister Ravi Shankar Prasad told a gathering of ministers from G-20 nations, the government said on Sunday.

"India had taken a serious note of reported misuse of social media platform data," a statement from the IT ministry quoted Prasad as saying at the G-20 Digital Economy Ministerial meeting in Salta, Argentina. "Such platforms will never be allowed to abuse our election process for extraneous means."

The comments come amid worry that data of users on web services such as Facebook and Twitter can be mined and misused in order to influence poll outcomes, a concern stemming from the Cambridge Analytica scandal. The minister also met messaging service WhatsApp's global head last week to convey the concerns over the spread of fake news in the country.

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1-poll debate good for India, says PM

SIMULTANEOUS POLLS 'Discussion honours Atal legacy'

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› Atalji took bold steps to bring about fundamental reforms... discussions are being held about simultaneously holding the elections
NARENDRA MODI, Prime Minister

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said it was a "healthy sign for our democracy" that India was in the midst of a debate on holding state assembly elections at the same time as Lok Sabha elections, and said the discussions were a tribute to former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, who "changed India's political culture".

Modi's comments, in his monthly 'Mann Ki Baat' radio address, come in the backdrop of chief election commissioner Om Prakash Rawat, on August 23, ruling out the possibility of holding simultaneous assembly and parliamentary elections anytime soon on the grounds that first a legal framework must be put in place.

"You must have noticed how Atalji took bold steps to bring about fundamental reforms, whether in our election process or about the shortcomings concerning the people's representatives. Similarly, you can see that presently efforts are afoot and discussions are being held about simultaneously holding the elections for Lok Sabha and for state assemblies," Modi said in the address.

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Dabholkar, Lankesh killings linked: CBI

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PUNE: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has, for the first time, established in court a direct link between the murders of activist-journalist Gauri Lankesh in Bengaluru and anti-superstition crusader, Narendra Dabholkar, in Pune.

The CBI, appearing before a Pune court on Sunday to ask for longer custody of Sachin Andure, the prime accused in the Dabholkar shooting, said a pistol recovered during raids in Aurangabad was connected to the Lankesh murder too, and had passed through Andure's possession.

"During Andure's interrogation, it was revealed that one of the arrested accused in the Gauri Lankesh murder case handed over a 7.65mm country-made pistol and three bullets to Sachin Andure," the CBI said in its remand report, adding that Andure then passed on this country-made pistol and three bullets on the evening of August 11, to his brother-in-law Shubham Surale, in Aurangabad.

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MONDAY INTERVIEW

'Will ensure better air quality in 2018'

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NEW DELHI: The government will ensure that 2018 is better than the previous year in terms of air quality in north India, Union minister Harsh Vardhan has said, addressing concerns over alarming levels of pollution.

"A lot of action has been taken to address all related aspects over the past couple of years," the minister told HT in an interview. He also spoke about the controversies and successes in making India clean and green.

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987 KILLED BY DRAINS, FIRES, TREE FALLS

Since 2013, 987 people have died in fires, tree fall incidents and by falling into open drains, an RTI reply from BMC's disaster cell showed. ››P2

BJP wants pre-poll pact in TN by Oct

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NEW DELHI: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) would announce an alliance in October with a regional player in Tamil Nadu for the 2019 national election, a leader said quoting the party's president, Amit Shah, who gave the information to the state unit.

Tamil Nadu has the highest Lok Sabha seats (39) after Uttar Pradesh (80), Maharashtra (48), West Bengal (42) and Bihar (40). It is crucial for the BJP to make inroads into states like Tamil Nadu since it had in 2014 peaked in other big states like Uttar Pradesh, where it won 71 seats.

"Shah told us during his visit in July that there will be an alliance between the BJP and a regional player and a formal announcement will be made by October," the leader said on condition of anonymity without elaborating on which party the BJP is looking to ally with.

"We have channels of communication open with both (Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam patriarch Karunanidhi's sons MK) Stalin and Alagiri," a second BJP leader said.

Karunanidhi, who died earlier this month, had named Stalin as his successor.

Stalin is likely to take over shortly as the DMK chief while Alagiri has claimed support of Karunanidhi's "true and loyal" followers.

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Cong candidates in 4 states next month

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NEW DELHI: The Congress is yet to shortlist candidates for the upcoming assembly elections in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan and Mizoram in spite of an August 15 deadline set by party president Rahul Gandhi for the announcement, according to three senior functionaries familiar with the matter.

However, the functionaries added, the process is moving faster than usual and is likely to be completed by the end of September for the polls scheduled in November-December. The process of identifying candidates in the Congress usually begins a month before the elections and the list is out roughly at the time of filing of nominations.

In June, Gandhi had formed screening committees to kickstart the selection of candidates for the four states. But the panels are yet to meet because the process to get feedback from workers on the ground is taking longer than anticipated though the members have informal discussions, the functionaries said.

A screening committee shortlists the candidates after going through the recommendations of state units for ticket allocation and forwards the names to the party's central election committee for final approval. At a rally at Bilaspur in Chhattisgarh on May 18, Gandhi had said that 90% of the candidates will be finalised by August 15.

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US senator John McCain dies after battling cancer

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WASHINGTON: US senator John McCain, a former prisoner of war in Vietnam who ran for president in 2008 as a self-styled maverick Republican and became a prominent critic of President Donald Trump, died on Saturday, his office said. He was 81.

A senator for Arizona for more than three decades, McCain had been suffering from glioblastoma, a brain cancer, since July 2017 and had not been at the US Capitol. His family said on Friday McCain was discontinuing cancer treatment. He died on Saturday with his wife Cindy and other family members at his bedside.

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SENIOR AKALI DAL LEADER 'ATTACKED'

Manjit Singh GK, president of the Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee (DSGMC), is reported to have been beaten up by people, claiming to be supporters of Khalistan, outside a gurdwara in Yuba City, California, on Saturday. In a video clip released by the news agency ANI, Singh is seen sitting on the ground, holding up his arms to protect himself from men surrounding him. Some people were eventually seen leading him to safety. Singh said he will not be deterred by the attacks. "We are not going to shy away... We will not be part of this fight for Khalistan." ››P6

INDIA HAS COME A LONG WAY: JAITLEY

In his first public statement after returning to office, finance minister Arun Jaitley said greater transparency and decisiveness has been the hallmark of the NDA government, compared to the years under the UPA. ››P11

Railways' revenue relief: In-train shopping, massages at stations

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MUMBAI: Dreading that long train journey? From December, you may be able to spend some of your travel time shopping.

The western and central railways plan to have items such as perfumes, bags, watches and travel essentials for sale — first on its premium trains, and then on all long-distance trains — to boost its revenue.

The move comes after the railway ministry asked all zonal railways to generate ₹1,200 crore from avenues other than ticket sales.

The western railways will float tenders for sellers in September, and plans to start the on-board sales on its Shatabdi trains from December; the central railways wants to begin on-board sales in October, in the AC coaches of the Konark Express, Chennai Express and Ernakulam-Hazrat Nizamuddin Duronto.

"The shopping experience will start with consumer goods on outstation trains," said Sanjay Mishra, divisional railway manager, western railways, confirming the proposal. "A tender will be floated by September-end and the service will begin by December."

A senior central railway official said they had already floated the tenders.

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After 2 years and 2 deaths, BMC decides to rebuild Gokhale RoB

BRIDGING THE GAP? In 2016, BMC said girders need strengthening; in-principle nod came recently

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MUMBAI: More than a month after the pedestrian pathway of Gokhale bridge collapsed on railway tracks at Andheri killing two people, an inspection by the civic body concluded that the 70-metre-long bridge is beyond repair and needs reconstruction.

The reconstruction bid has now received an in-principle nod from the civic chief.

This conclusion comes now despite the fact that the repair of the bridge has been stuck with the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) for over two years and no tenders were floated. The BMC had noted then that the girders needed strengthening.

"The bridge is now beyond repair. Like the Lower Parel bridge, it will have to be shut, dismantled and reconstructed. A presentation is expected to be submitted to the civic chief," said a BMC official, requesting anonymity. However, BMC officials said it will take at least a year for the work to begin.

Western Railway (WR), which decided to dismantle the pedestrian pathway of Gokhale bridge after the July 3 collapse, plans to not have a cantilever pathway. WR officials feel the bridge's weight is enough to sustain a pathway and they plan to construct it on top of the bridge. The remaining part of the bridge will be constructed by the BMC.

When this crucial connecter — built in 1950 and linking Andheri East to West — is dismantled, it will impact traffic adversely. Transport experts cautioned that the BMC should avoid a repeat of the confusion and chaos that was created when the Lower Parel bridge was shut.

"The BMC should first provide an alternative. It shouldn't be completely shut for commuters as it was initially done with the Lower Parel bridge. The move must be well-planned," said AV Shenoy, transport expert.

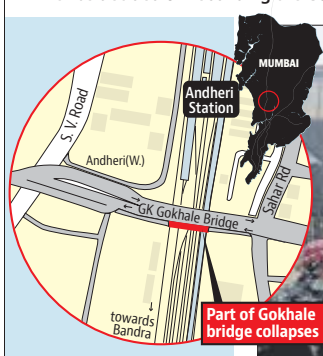
Meanwhile, the BMC has started removing paver blocks on the opposite side of the collapse site to reduce weight on the bridge. Paver blocks and utility cables were found to be exerting extra pressure on the bridge.

After the collapse, on the instructions of Union minister of railways, Piyush Goyal, audits of 445 bridges or structures crossing or adjacent to railway tracks have been started.

Joint inspection of over 40 bridges by the Railways, experts of IIT-Bombay and BMC officials has been completed so far.

RoB RECONSTRUCTION WORK LIKELY TO BEGIN BY 2019

BMC has decided on rebuilding the Gokhale bridge after July 3 collapse



ABOUT THE GOKHALE BRIDGE

70 metres Length of bridge

1950 Year in which Gokhale Bridge was built for road traffic

1976 Year in which the pedestrian portion of the bridge was extended

It is a cantilever type of bridge

THE JULY 3 COLLAPSE

The Gokhale rail overbridge (RoB) that connects Andheri East to West runs across the Andheri station, with exits for pedestrians

A part of the bridge — the staircase of the pedestrian exit — collapsed at 7.35am

The debris fell on six of the eight tracks of the WR, damaging the overhead equipment and part of Andheri platform number 8 and 9

Five people trapped under the debris were rescued by teams of NDRF, fire brigade, and police

Two people had died later because of the injuries

STEPS TAKEN NEAR THE BRIDGE

Railways has imposed speed restriction of 20kmph under the Gokhale bridge

BMC started removing paver blocks on the opposite side of the collapse site to reduce weight on the bridge

AFTER-EFFECTS OF THE MISHAP

After Union railway minister Piyush Goyal's announcement, experts from IIT-Bombay, Railways and BMC started audit of 445 rail overbridges

The auditing teams had earlier asked utility cables be removed from the RoBs at Ghatkopar and Kalanagar (Bandra East)

CR shut the pedestrian pathway of Ghatkopar RoB

Dismantling work of Delisle Bridge at Lower Parel started

Patri Pool RoB at Kalyan has been shut and will be dismantled soon

Corrosion in Byculla RoB could lead to closure of bridge

The team also found structural issues with pedestrian end of Currey Road RoB

'Open drains, fires, tree falls killed 987 in 6 yrs'

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MUMBAI: A Right To Information (RTI) reply by the civic body's disaster cell has revealed that Mumbai witnessed as many as 49,179 incidents that have caused death or injury to locals in the last six years.

Of the total number, maximum, at around 21,452 were related to tree fall cases, while 20,074 were due to fires, and short circuits.

Since 2013, as many as 987 people have died owing to such incidents.

The RTI, filed by activist Shakeel Ahmed Shaikh, lists data of such incidents spanning over six years starting from 2013. The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation's (BMC) response could throw a spanner in works of the Union government which recently released a liveability survey that places Mumbai among the top three liveable cities in the country.

The data given by the disaster cell and compiled from 2013 until July 2018 states that the most number of deaths, at around 328, was owing to people falling in manholes, nullahs, rivers, wells, creeks or drowning at sea.

This was followed by 234 deaths owing to house or wall collapse incidents. Nearly 208 deaths were registered because of fire or short circuit cases.

The records account for 85 deaths owing to people being trapped, 30 deaths in tree fall incidents, and 22 deaths because of road oil spills.

Least number of deaths was recorded owing to gas leakage or landslide which both stood at 7, each. Accidents which did not fit in the other categories were responsible in total for 66 deaths.

"In the last six years, there have been 987 deaths owing to various disasters. These many people were not killed even in a terrorist attack lately," said Shaikh.

"About 328 deaths have occurred only owing to people falling into manholes, nullahs or drowning in the sea. With such a high number of deaths in incidents that are avoidable, how can the city be termed most liveable?" he said.

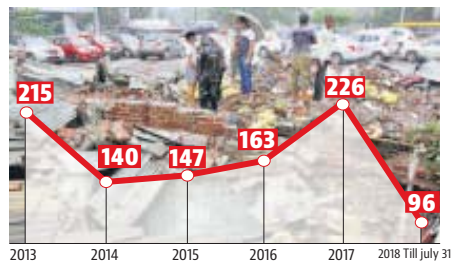
Mahesh Narvekar, director, disaster management cell, however, said that the data represented complaints and did not necessarily reflect the on-ground numbers. "These are calls which do not necessarily mean that these many incidents took place in the city. For example, if there is flooding at Hindmata, then we receive about a 100 calls for the same incident. However, the incident is only one."

Contrary to Narvekar's explanation of the numbers, the RTI reply mentions that there were 49, 179 recorded incidents and not 'calls' recorded by disaster cell since 2013.

A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE (YET AVOIDABLE) EVENTS

According to the data made available through the RTI, there has been no consistent decrease in the number of disasters in the past five years

YEAR-WISE DEATH TOLL DUE TO AVOIDABLE DISASTERS



PREVENTABLE DISASTERS between Jan 1, 2013, and July 31, 2018 ● Deaths

Tree/branch fall	Building/wall collapse	Road oil spills
21,452 ● 30	2,704 234	1,119 ● 22
Fire/short circuit	Gas leakages	Landslide
20,074 208	1,291 ● 7	71 ● 7
Human or animals being trapped	Falling into open drains/drowning	Other incidents
1,323 ● 85	639 328	506 ● 66

MUSLIMS TO REVIVE DEMAND FOR 5% QUOTA

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MUMBAI: After the Maratha and Dhangar communities, the Muslims in Maharashtra have decided to intensify their demand for 5% reservation in government jobs and education by holding non-violent agitations.

A Muslim Reservation Joint Action Committee (MRJAC) was formed on Sunday, in a meeting held at the Anjuman-e-Islam School, to decide future strategies to get their demand approved from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led state government. Nearly 60 different groups from the community have come together to raise the issue, ahead of the 2019 elections.

Currently, around 50 Muslim sub-castes get reservation under the Other Backward Classes, Scheduled Tribe and Vimukt Jati categories in the state. However, the community is asking for reservation for all in the quota.

The former Congress-Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) government had approved 5% reservation for the community in government jobs and education by promulgating an ordinance in 2014. Although the decision was struck down by the Bombay high court (HC), the court in an interim order had allowed reservation in education on grounds of the community's backwardness. The current BJP government however did nothing and the ordinance lapsed. The BJP has said it is against reservation on religious grounds.

Educationist PA Inamdar, who is heading MRJAC, said the community is demanding reservation on the basis of social and educational backwardness. "We want the state to give 5% reservation benefits in both government jobs and education to Muslims as it's a proven fact that the community is socially and educationally backward. We have reports of four different committees to prove our side," said Inamdar. "Let the state come out with the decision, we are prepared to challenge the HC's decision. We are also ready to fight for our rights through silent agitations and legal means," he said.

Hussain Dalwai, Congress' Rajya Sabha MP, who has taken the initiative to bring all the community organisations on one platform said they will hold conferences in all five divisions of the state to raise awareness. "We are demanding reservation on the basis of socio-economic backwardness and not on religious grounds," he said. The Congress has been claiming that Marathas, Muslims and Dhangars need reservation.

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MOVING IMAGES

A series that celebrates the city, through its people

For flight attendant Sameera Sayed who travels across the globe frequently, nothing matches the comfort of Mumbai. SATYABRATA TRIPATHY/HT

The flight attendant

"Mumbai to me is home, where the sea breeze is warm and I can take a cab alone even at 2am," says Sameera Sayed. "I love the vibe of this city. You can go out at night with friends yet feel safe, unlike in many other cities such as Delhi and Patna."

The 23-year-old lives in Andheri and has been a flight attendant for three years. When she's not in the city, the things she misses most are visits to Marine Drive and desi khaana. "I eat hamburgers and dream of biryani," she says, laughing. "Vada pav tastes better when I land. The seaside feels like so much fun."

WHEN SHE'S NOT IN THE CITY, THE THINGS SAMEERA SAYED MISSES THE MOST ARE VISITS TO MARINE DRIVE AND DESI KHAANA

She misses biryani so much, she adds; that khichdi — more easily available — has become a welcome substitute. "I once called four restaurants in London until I found a plate of dal khichdi. Three of them didn't have it."

She misses having everything at her fingertips too. "I've lived in Andheri all my life, gone to college here… everything is close to home in Mumbai, shopping malls, restaurants and pubs."

The city is, in many ways, her Goldilocks zone. "Jaipur is too hot, Toronto's too cold," she says. "The weather in Mumbai is just right."

TEXT: LAVINA MULCHANDANI

WR wants AC train doors to open, shut faster to reduce delays on route

MUMBAI: The Western Railway (WR) is looking to reduce the opening and closing time of doors in the new air-conditioned (AC) locals to minimise the delay caused to other local trains in the future. As many as 12 new AC trains are expected to be in the city by March 2019.

"The software in the new AC local trains will be examined at the Mahalaxmi car shed and the doors will also be inspected. We will be working on reducing the closing and opening time of the automatic doors," said Sanjay Mishra, divisional railway manager, WR.

Currently, the automatic doors take up to 60 seconds for closing and opening. "If the issue with the doors is not addressed then there could be major delays in the future if two AC local trains operate in close proximity on the tracks as the closing time period of the doors is high," said a senior Western Railway official.

HT had, in February, reported that the AC local train seemed to be delaying other train operations on the fast corridor.

The reason is the technical problem with its automatic doors. A regular local train halts at every station for nearly 20 seconds whereas an AC local halts for nearly one minute. This is because the automatic doors take 60 seconds from opening to closing. As a result, other locals behind the AC local get delayed.

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'RK Studios sale is a big opportunity'

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MUMBAI : While the real estate market is still coming to terms with the slowdown, news of RK Studios, a two-acre prime property in Chembur, being put on sale, is being seen as a big development for the city by developers and real estate agencies.

Residential property rates in Chembur, where the studio is located, are currently between ₹16,000 to ₹18,000 per square foot, said industry experts.

Two acres works out to 87,120 square feet in plot size, and the buildable area can be two and half times or more of that, according to the Floor Space Index (FSI) norms, depending on land use.

The new Development Plan for the city has capped base FSI for residential development in suburbs at 2.5. It is as high as five for commercial development.

The RK Studios property in Chembur which is being put on sale. HT FILE

Shirish Baijal, chairman and managing director of Knight and Frank, real estate consulting firm, welcomed the news. "It's a rare piece of land which is close to several infrastructure projects like Metro and eastern freeway. Both the projects provide public and private commuting options which developers will be interested in. In addition, it's a huge area which provides flexibility to builders for mixed-use development of land."

Anuj Puri, chairman of Anarock Property Consultants, expressed a similar opinion. "Chembur has a vibrant residential market and the prime location of the studio makes it ideal for both retail and residential properties."

Despite the optimism, developers and experts also pointed out that land values had dropped in the last two years.

"The present real estate market has become more prudent and mature. Land value has dropped by 25-30% in the last two years. The next usage of the land will also determine its price," said Pankaj Kapoor, founder and managing director, Liases Foras real estate research firm.

In June, City and Industrial Development Corporation (Cidco) had sold a 3.3-acre plot in Nerul, Navi Mumbai for the low cost of ₹181 crore at ₹1.33 lakh per square metre. The cheap going price was reflective of the sector slowdown as three years back a similar plot was sold for ₹2.92 lakh per square metre.

Experts said that RK Studios will also have to be settled vis-a-vis the liabilities already created on the plot. A major fire had gutted a part of the studio last year, destroying stage 1.

IN 24 HOURS

2 boulders fall on tracks near Khandala, disrupt CR services

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MUMBAI: Two incidents of boulders falling on the railway tracks between Monkey Hill and Khandala railway station were reported in the last 24 hours.

The rocks on the Central Railway line led to delays in the outstation trains entering and leaving the city.

On Sunday, at 12pm, boulders fell on the railway tracks and disrupted the line leading towards Mumbai, near Monkey Hill station on the Bhor Ghat.

The outstation trains which were delayed included the Chennai-Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) Express, Pune-Bhusaval Express, Hubballi-Lokmanya Tilak Terminus (LTT), and Pune-Karjat Passenger train. "The boulders were removed from the tracks and the train services resumed at 2.05pm. The first train to be operated after removing the boulders was the Chennai-CSMT Express," said Sunil Udasi, chief public relation officer, CR. A day before, on Saturday at 8.50pm, boulders fell on the railway tracks that disrupted both the corridors leading to the city and away from it, thus affecting trains on both the direction.

The boulders were removed and the train services began at 12.20 am.

The tracks near Monkey Hill where boulders fell. HT PHOTO

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Dabholkar murder: After Andure, CBI names Kalaskar as shooter

TELLS PUNE COURT Agency looking for bike the duo was allegedly riding on; seeks their joint custody

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PUNE: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has named Sharad Kalaskar as another "shooter" in the murder of rationalist Narendra Dabholkar. The federal investigating agency, while seeking an extension of Sachin Andure's custody, one of the alleged shooters in the Dabholkar case, told a local court in Pune that Kalaskar is another shooter in the case.

Kalaskar was among five persons arrested by the Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) earlier this month in connection with the seizure of crude bombs and firearms from various parts of the state, including Nallasopara.

"CBI is trying to trace the motorcycle used in the offence by accused Sachin Prakashrao Andure and Sharad Kalaskar, another shooter in this case," CBI said in its remand report for the extension of Andure's custody.

The court remanded Andure in CBI custody till August 30.

CBI officials said they will take custody of Kalaskar on Monday, the day when his ATS custody expires. "Kalaskar is to be interrogated together," said special public prosecutor Vijaykumar Dhakane.

CBI also told the court that it will take custody of another person accused in the murder case of journalist Gauri Lankesh.

Dabholkar was shot dead by two motorbike-borne assailants at Pune's Omkareshwar bridge on August 20, 2013. Lankesh was shot dead outside her home in Bengaluru on September 5, 2017.

Opposing the extension of Andure's custody, defence counsel Prakash Salsingikar cited a charge sheet filed by CBI in 2016 in the Dabholkar murder case. In its charge sheet filed against Virendra Tawde, whom the agency has accused as co-conspirator in the Dabholkar case, CBI had named Sarang Akolkar and Vinay Pawar as the assailants who had fired bullets at Dabholkar.

Salsingikar, while referring CBI's 2016 charge sheet against Tawde, said, "Is the CBI ready to say on record that the earlier investigation was wrong?"

CBI officials, however, said the names of Akolkar and Pawar were mentioned based on their sketches created by an artist after statements by witnesses.

PARTNERS IN CRIME?

Sachin Andure is taken to court in Pune on Sunday. RAHUL RAUT/HT PHOTO

SACHIN ANDURE, 26
A native of Aurangabad, he was arrested from Pune on August 18 after his name cropped up during the interrogation of three terror suspects. According to ATS, Andure was seated pillion on a motorbike and shot Narendra Dabholkar on the bridge near Omkareshwar temple while he was out on a morning walk on **August 20, 2013**

SHARAD KALASKAR, 25
Also from Aurangabad, he was arrested by ATS on August 13 this year along with two others for possessing crude bombs, detonators, country-made pistols and explosive powder. He was first claimed to be the motorbike driver in the Dabholkar murder case and has now been named as another shooter

The CBI will also probe Kalaskar's and Andure's roles in the murder cases of CPI leader Govind Pansare and scholar MM Kalburgi, which are suspected to be linked with the Dabholkar case

DABHOLKAR CASE: TWISTS & TURNS

Aug 20, 2013 Rationalist and founder of Andhshradha Nirmoolan Samiti Dr Narendra Dabholkar is shot dead by two unidentified people

Dec 6, 2013 Goa police pick up two men in connection with the case: Mangesh Chaudhary, 30, and Munnabhai Rasool Ansari, 43, a Jogeshwari resident. On

December 7, 2013, another man was detained in Mumbai

Jan 20, 2014 Two suspected arms dealers are arrested by Pune Police based on ballistic reports and later released because of lack of evidence

May 9, 2014 CBI takes over investigation

Jun 2, 2014 CBI registers FIR against two unidentified persons involved in the shooting

Jun 10, 2016 CBI arrests Dr Virendra Tawde, an alleged activist of Sanatan Sanstha and Hindu Janjagriti Samiti almost three years after the rationalist's murder

Sept 7, 2016 CBI files charge sheet against Tawde

Aug 18, 2018 Maharashtra ATS arrests Sachin Andure claiming him to be one of the two shooters who shot Dabholkar in 2013

Aug 26, 2018 CBI names Sharad Kalaskar as another "shooter" in the murder of Dabholkar

LOVE THY BROTHER

(Clockwise from top) A festival of love, why not across communities? An NGO in Thane organised a special celebration for policemen at Mahajan Wadi Hall in Thane on Sunday. Just like the elders, children spread the message of love towards nature, in Navi Mumbai; a picture perfect moment for a family in Bhandup. PHOTOS: PRAFUL GANGURDE/BACHCHAN KUMAR/ VIJAYANAND GUPTA/PRATIK CHORGE

Vajpayee's death was declared late: Sena MP

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MUMBAI: Senior Shiv Sena leader and Member of Parliament (MP) Sanjay Raut has stirred controversy by suggesting that the declaration of the death of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee had been delayed to ensure that Prime Minister Narendra Modi could give his speech on Independence Day at the Red Fort. The BJP's spokesperson said such claims were not worthy of a response from the party.

Vajpayee died at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in New Delhi on August 16. He had been life-support in the days leading up to his demise.

"Before common people, rulers of our country need to understand the meaning of 'Independence' (Swaraj). Atal Bihari Vajpayee died on August 16 but his condition has started deteriorating from August 12-13. To avoid national mourning, lowering the national flag to half-mast at Red Fort and cancellation of PM Modi's speech from the Red Fort, Vajpayee bid adieu to this world on August 16 (or declared his death)," Raut said in his weekly Sunday column in the party mouthpiece, Saamana.

Sanjay Raut HT FILE

The article comes at the time when the ruling BJP is trying hard to form pre-poll alliance with the Sena for the Lok Sabha and state Assembly elections scheduled next year. The Sena is in alliance with the BJP in the state as well as the Centre. Despite the alliance, the party leadership has consistently attacked the BJP at the Centre and the state through the Saamana.

"I have not read the article but such kind of claims are not worthy of getting any response from the party," said Madhav Bhandari, spokesperson of the state BJP unit.

In his column, Raut claimed that the National Conference leader, Farooq Abdullah, had been manhandled by some people in Srinagar for shouting slogans like 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' and 'Jai Hind' at a condolence meeting for Vajpayee but the culprits had been shielded by the government.

Hinting that Modi had failed to eliminate corruption, he said, "Since the country got independence, people are searching for real independence…PM Modi says they are taking strict action against all found taking bribe but bribery has not reduced."

Three arrested for murder of informer Avinash Bali

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MUMBAI: The MIDC police arrested three men for allegedly murdering Avinash Bali, 40, a police informer and also the key eyewitness in the 2011 murders of Keenan Santos and Reuben Fernandez, who was found dead in Andheri (East) last Monday.

Navinchandra Reddy, deputy commissioner of police for Zone 10, said, "Our police team led by inspector Kedari Pawar and sub-inspector Bhujbal traced the accused to Lucknow and Nalla Sopara."

Senior inspector Nitin Alaknure said, "The accused were produced before a magistrate court on Sunday and have been remanded in police custody for further probe."

The main accused is Nilesh Shukla, 38, while his aides are Vanshbahadur Singh alias Jagga, 48 and Ankit Dubey, 19. Jagga is Shukla's driver, and the duo was traced yesterday to Lucknow. Dubey, who was Shukla's personal bodyguard, was nabbed from Nalla Sopara.

POLICE BELIEVE BALI MOCKING NILESH SHUKLA ABOUT HIS IMPOTENCY MAY HAVE BEEN THE TRIGGER FOR THE LATTER TO ATTACK HIM WITH A HAMMER

Explaining the motive, a police officer said it was Bali who had tipped off the police about Shukla's illegal activity in 2008, after which the latter was arrested in a narcotics case.

Bali then helped Shukla and they ended up becoming friends. Shukla was out on bail in the 2008 case and had other narcotics cases registered against him with the DRI, the police said.

Things worsened this year after Bali, as per Shukla's claim, started eying the latter's wife and mistress. Shukla claimed before the police that Bali called him "impotent" when talking about the two women, which had enraged him.

A third motive for the murder is that Bali was unable to return a lot of money he had borrowed from Shukla.

Bali's body was found in Shukla's office in Apollo Industries Estate in Andheri (East) at 2.40 am on Sunday, with injuries to his head and his private parts.

It was Shukla who had called Bali for a meeting where the two ended up having a heated argument. Prima facie, police believe Bali's "impotent" comment about Shukla may have been the trigger for the latter to attack him.

Soon after the murder, Shukla's aides helped him destroy evidence while he left for Nainital in his car. Shukla was finally nabbed in Lucknow.

Man dupes 60-yr-old of ₹1.26L, gives out his number for sex chat

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MUMBAI: The Andheri police is on the lookout for a cyber fraudster who allegedly duped an elderly couple of ₹1.26 lakh and later created a fake profile on a social networking site with the man's mobile number on it, asking people to call for sex chats.

The 60-year-old man received incessant phone calls from men asking for sex chats. The social media profile had pictures of women in it.

The fraudster had earlier duped the elderly couple of ₹1.26 lakh. When the duo said they would approach the police, the fraudster created the fake social media profile.

According to Andheri police, the elderly man's wife, 58, is the complainant is the case and runs a business. The couple live in a housing society in Andheri.

The elderly woman had received a friend request from the accused on the social media site in 2017. She accepted the friend request and the duo had spoken about a business deal.

The accused, claiming to be a financial advisor, duped the elderly duo around May this year of ₹1.26 lakh on the pretext of investing their money in insurance and mutual funds.

After a few months, when the duo cross-checked with the insurance company, they learnt that the accused had never invested their money anywhere.

REVENGE?

- The accused, claiming to be a financial advisor, duped the elderly duo this year of ₹1.26 lakh on the pretext of investing their money
- After a few months, the duo learnt that the accused had never invested their money and asked him to return it, failing which they said would approach the police
- The accused created the social media profile on July 12 with photos of women in it. He gave the man's number, asking people to call for sex chats
- A caller informed the man about the profile.

The elderly duo then asked the accused to return their money, failing which they said they would approach the police.

The accused created the social media profile on July 12 with photos of women in it. He gave the mobile number of complainant's husband saying anyone can call on it for sex chats.

The senior citizen received several phone calls from men and one of the callers informed him about the social media profile. The couple approached the Andheri police last week and lodged a first information report (FIR) against the accused. The police said the probe is on.

DENIED HIS CUT, ACCUSED TURNS WHISTLEBLOWER IN JOB SCAM

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MUMBAI: Thirty-eight –year-old Rufus Dabre was part of an elaborate job racket being done in the name of Union railway minister Piyush Goyal. But when the mastermind left him empty-handed, he decided to turn whistleblower.

When police checked Dabre's bank account, they found it to be empty. Dabre told the police that he was being used by the main accused Manjit Singh Chitole and the other middlemen.

On Sunday, the MRA Marg police arrested Kailash Rajendra Usankar, one of the middlemen from Manikpur in Vasai.

According to police inspector Avinash Pawar, Dabre said he was assigned to find job aspirants in his area and promise them jobs as a railways constable or a technician under Goyal's minister quota. Dabre had collected ₹45 lakh from seven applicants in Vasai and handed over the money to Usankar, and was promised a cut of ₹1 lakh per applicant.

When he never got his commission, he decided to email Goyal's personal secretary, Pravin Nikanthrao Gedam, informing him of the scam. Goyal instructed Gedan to register a police complaint.

Police found that Dabre along with six other people were involved in the racket, masterminded by Chitole.

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3 FRIENDS HELD FOR ABETTING TEEN'S SUICIDE

AMBERNATH: Three men were arrested by Ambernath police on Saturday for abetting suicide of their 17-year-old friend whom they were harassing for money and treats for the past several months. Mohammed Zain, 17, allegedly committed suicide by jumping in front of a train on Friday. Sai Chalwadi, Michael C and Aniket Gaikwad, all in their 20s, were produced in the local court on Saturday and remanded in police custody. As per complaint registered by Zain's father, the accused often harassed his son for money and sought lunch and dinner parties. At times they would even take his pocket money. HTC

Retired police employee cheated of ₹50,000

KOLHAPUR: Kerba Raut, a retired employee from police department, fell prey to vishing following which he lost ₹50,000 from his account. Raut was fooled into giving his ATM card details. HTC

LAPTOPS, CELL PHONES STOLEN DURING IIT-B HALF MARATHON

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MUMBAI: At least six people have lodged a complaint with the Powai police on Sunday after unknown persons broke into their vehicles parked outside the IIT-Bombay campus in Powai and stole several laptops and cell phones while a half-marathon that happened on Sunday morning.

Navin Reddy, deputy commissioner of police for Zone 10, confirmed the development.

He said the local police have registered a case of theft and are investigating the matter further.

Around 2,600 people participated in IIT-B half marathon, with some parking their vehicles outside the venue.

Police said five or six people found their belongings missing and their car's glasses broken when they returned to their vehicles. They said participants blamed the organisers for not providing adequate safety arrangements to avert such incidents.

Police also said the organisers had not them of the marathon and hence there was no security bandobast provided accordingly.

DCP Reddy said no prior permission was taken from local police by the organisers.

One organiser said participants were requested not to bring their vehicles to the venue citing lack of parking space. "The theft took place outside the campus; hence the organisers are not responsible for any incident that occurs outside," one of the organisers said.

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Colleges help Kerala tide over its crisis, one gesture at a time

EXTENDING HELP MU dept heads to donate day's salary, colleges to hold on-campus fund-raisers

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MUMBAI: As relief pours in for flood-hit Kerala in the form of cash and kind from all over India, University of Mumbai (MU) has decided to chip in to help rebuild the marooned southern state.

In a meeting held at the varsity on Friday, vice-chancellor Suhas Pednekar requested colleges affiliated with MU to collect funds for the cause.

After the meeting, all department heads decided to donate a day's salary.

"The university has requested all the colleges to urge their staff and students to contribute for Kerala flood victims. They could either direct the funds to us or the state to ensure their contribution reaches those in need," said a varsity official .

While the university is encouraging colleges to initiate drive to raise funds, several colleges have already sent clothes, food grains and sanitary products to Kerala.

"Our students and staff launched a drive to collect essentials such as ready-to-eat items and eatables with a longer shelf life. Everything we collected was sent to Kerala last week," said Marie Fernandes, principal of St Andrew's College in Bandra.

Students of GN Khalsa College, Matunga, collected clothes and gave it to a non- governmental organisation (NGO) for distribution in Kerala.

"We also plan to organise a fund raiser soon," said principal Kiran Mangaonkar.

Last week, students from Jai Hind College in Churchgate had organised a similar drive on college campus. "It's heartwarming to see students take such initiatives and work non-stop so that aid and funds reach Kerala through reliable sources. A few of them are in touch with NGOs to find out what exactly so that it can be sent at the earliest," said principal Ashok Wadia.

INITIATIVES TAKEN TO COLLECT AND DISPATCH AID

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"They (colleges) could either direct the funds to us or the Maharashtra government in order to ensure that their contribution is reaching those in need," said an official from the university. After the meeting, all department heads decided to donate one day's salary towards Kerala flood victims

Jai Hind College, Churchgate, collected food, medicines and clothes and sent them to a relief camp in Kerala through a local NGO

Students of Jai Hind College pack essentials they collected. The items were sent to Kerala through a local NGO. HT PHOTO

St Andrew's College, Bandra, collected ready-to-eat food items and sanitary products such as soaps and detergent,which will distributed at relief camp

GN Khalsa College, Matunga, has already sent the first batch of clothes to Kerala through an NGO. The college now plans to organise a fund-raiser soon

Our students and staff launched a drive to collect essentials such as ready-to-eat items and eatables with a longer shelf life. Everything we collected was sent to Kerala last week.
MARIE FERNANDES, principal, St Andrew's College

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FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED

76K FYJC seats up for grabs from today

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MUMBAI: More than 76,000 seats at junior colleges across Mumbai Metropolitan Region(MMR) are up for grabs for the first of the first-come, first-served (FCFS) rounds, which begins today.

The state education department has uploaded a tutorial on its admissions website [https://mumbai.11thadmission.net/] to help students understand the process of claiming 76,211 under FCFS.

In addition, 19,094 vacant seats in various quotas across minority and non-minority institutes in the city. These seats are not a part of FCFS rounds.

The state education department released the list of vacant seats for FCFS rounds on Saturday.

Students who are yet to secure a seat after five rounds of admission can look at the seat matrix and decide colleges of their choice.

At least 16,000 students in MMR are still to get a seat.

At the end of fourth admissions rounds, around 60,000 students from MMR had not secured a seat in any of the college.

In the fifth round, 47,576 students applied for the special merit list of which 38,567 secured

SEAT MATRIX

- **76,211:** Seats on offer during first-come, first-served rounds
- **11,708:** Arts
- **30,183:** Science
- **32,160:** Commerce
- **2,160:** MCVC
- **19,094:** Quota seats
- **8,975:** Minority
- **5,586:** In-house
- **4,593:** Management

prominent colleges in the city such as Jai Hind College and Mithibai College still have anywhere between 100 and 200 vacant seats (Science).

"We have one whole division in science stream that needs to be filled. We hope the admissions happen fast so that the academic year for all these students can begin soon" said Ashok Wadia, principal of Jai Hind College.

Students can apply for the FCFS rounds in phases. Those scoring 80% and above can pick from the vacant seats on August 27, followed by those scoring 60% and above on August 29. Those who have scored 35% and above can choose from seats available on August 31.

Students who had been allotted colleges of their first preference but did confirm admissions or those who failed to get colleges of their choice can are eligible to apply during FCFS rounds.

UP IN THE AIR

Members of the Cirque du Soleil acrobatic dance troupe offer a sneak peek of their upcoming shows at the Lakme India Fashion Week on Sunday. PRODIP GUHA/HT

7-fold rise in preventable disease fatal for newborns

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MUMBAI : Just three years after being declared free of neonatal tetanus, India has witnessed a seven-fold rise in cases of tetanus neonatorum — a fatal disease which is easily preventable.

Although most cases are being reported from Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, the number is below World Health Organisation (WHO) standard — one case per 1,000 births.

Neonatal tetanus [tetanus neonatorum] occurs in newborns, usually owing to umbilical infection. It is a fatal disease characterised by spasmodic contraction of voluntary muscles, especially the ones in the neck and jaw. It is caused by Clostridium tetani, a bacteria.

As per WHO reports, without medical care, deaths owing to neonatal tetanus is nearly 100%. In India, the disease is caused owing to lack of hygiene while managing umbilical cord during childbirth and application of cow dung to the exposed parts of the severed cord in infants.

The data accessed by National Health Portal — single point access for authenticated health information by ministry of health and welfare — cases of neonatal tetanus have jumped from 113 in 2015-16 to 875 in 2017-18. More than 80% of the cases are reported from rural parts of the country. In past three years, Maharashtra has reported five (2015-16), 25 (2016-17) and seven (2017-18) cases respectively.

Dr Jayashree Mondkar, head of neonatology department, Lokmanya Tilak Municipal General Hospital, Sion, said in past five years, she hasn't seen a single case of tetanus neonatorum in Mumbai and most cases were reported from rural parts of the state. "The bacterium grows in deep wounds and less oxygenated environments, so it affects infants with penetrating injuries (such as umbilical cord injuries) not managed well," said Mondkar.

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CRYPTIC CLUES

Across

1 It displays theatrical action (8)
5 Help given by a dealer (4)
9 More trouble about the opening of Paris subway (5)
10 Idea for consideration (7)
11 They advance and charge (12)
13 It's expedient to find a place to visit (6)
14 Be an unwanted visitor from abroad (6)
17 Undercover instructions (6,6)
20 He's in the right position not to be found out (7)
21 Gives out incorrect times (5)
22 Go to the Scots to find people working together (4)
23 One who is lying may be framed by this (8)

Down

1 We object after rising to get writing problems (4)
2 So point out there's more than one choice (7)
3 Parsimonious companions? (5,7)
4 Make firm pay up (6)
6 Each one is right in the square (5)
7 Try to get in the act though very unpopular (8)
8 Sounds suitable wear for an early funeral (7,5)
12 Vinegar and oil is bound to help the wound (8)
15 Transport essential to divers (7)
16 The syllabus includes each part of a meal (6)
18 A clergyman has no head for crime (5)
19 Employed to collect various dues (4)

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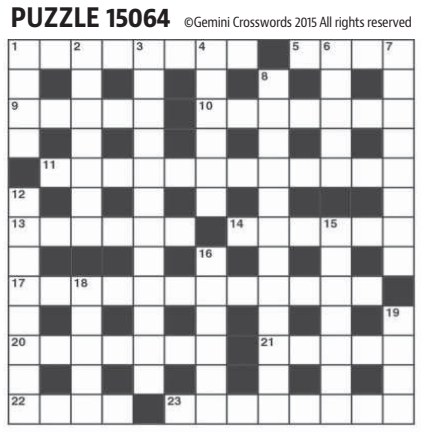

QUICK CLUES

Across

1 Member of a deputation (8)
5 Motion picture (4)
9 Relinquish (5)
10 Parallelogram with equal sides (7)
11 In various places (4,3,5)
13 Engross attention of (6)
14 To lament (6)
17 Be very expensive (4,3,5)
20 In earnest (3,4)
21 Likeness (5)
22 Indecent (4)
23 A detached piece (8)

Down

1 Dexterous (4)
2 Generosity (7)
3 Worldwide traveller (12)
4 Crowd of people (6)
6 Permeate (5)
7 Showing great skill (8)
8 There to be had (3,3,6)
12 Extravagantly imaginative (8)
15 Set in motion (7)
16 Tentative suggestion (6)
18 Scatter over a surface (5)
19 Immediately following (4)

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AFTER DISASTER, IT'S NOW TIME TO REBUILD THE MAROONED STATE

The Union government has taken up the task of providing more funds to the rain-ravaged Kerala and has made easier for people in Kerala to apply for the government's subsidized housing loan scheme and released funds for the same (Govt eases lending rules, gives more aid to Kerala, August 26). The rain has hit most part of Kerala and a number of people have become homeless in the deluge. First of all, the houses need to be sanitized and require additional funds to bring back the household to shape. It is time to extend more support to the affected people there. The need of the hour is help and that too monetary benefit.
NIKHIL KRISHNAN MANI

RAHUL GANDHI SHOULD LEAD CONGRESS INTO 2019 LOK SABHA POLLS

It appears that Congress is vying to reclaim lost ground at the 2019 Lok Sabha elections (Rahul forms key panels with eye on 2019 LS polls, August 26). However, the Mahagatbandhan will be like a rudderless ship without any Captain, as there are too many aspirants vying the top post. It is better if the Congress party fights the upcoming elections on its own strength and project Rahul Gandhi as the face of the party. This will help the grand old party send out a strong message to the ruling party.
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Mangrove cover rise? Study does not show ground reality: Experts

133-HA INCREASE Activists say the study excludes Thane, Bhiwandi and Vasai, where mangrove destruction is rampant

HT SPECIAL

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MUMBAI: The mangrove cell of Maharashtra's forest department has said that there has been a 133-hectare rise across 11 locations in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR), owing to conservation and punitive action against encroachers. However, environmental groups have said the study published by the state cell could have ignored areas where forests are under threat.

"As there is more manpower, concentrated efforts were carried out at each location to safeguard these trees, and satellite images prove this," said N Vasudevan, additional principal chief conservator of forest, state mangrove cell. "Another reason is increased awareness among citizens through regular exchange of information through media reports."

"These are sites where plantations undertaken by the cell and NGOs were successful. However, massive unprecedented destruction continues in areas such as Uran, Thane, Bhiwandi, Vasai-Virar, Mira Bhayander, and Palghar. The cell needs to come out with the data for these locations as well," said Stalin D, director of NGO Vanashakti.

Vasudevan said this was a first of many reports for the Konkan coast. "We will be coming out with a location-wise analysis of all districts where rejuvenation, restoration or basic increase in mangrove cover has taken place," he said.

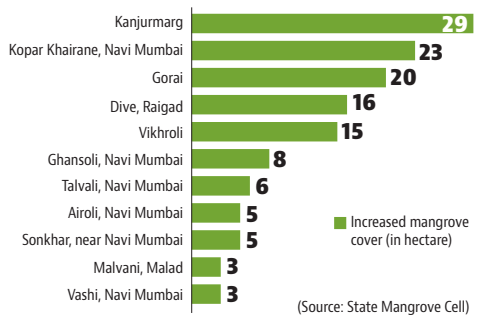
"There might be isolated cases of mangrove destruction, but the overall scenario shows a significant improvement due to efforts from the administration and directions from courts which have been followed strictly," said Virendra Tiwari, chief conservator of forest (mantralaya), state forest department.

Experts said vigilance across MMR regarding mangrove conservation had increased as a direct result of the cell's efforts. "The cell managed to remove 8,000 tons of trash from different mangrove areas that led to strengthening of trees and rejuvenation of such sites. After witnessing bureaucracy for a long time, I have seen few examples of immediate response to such ecological issues, which this cell is doing actively," said Satish Tripathi, former additional chief secretary and forest secretary, Maharashtra.

Destruction of mangrove forests and construction work within 50m of mangrove areas was banned by the Bombay High Court in 2005, after a public interest litigation was filed by the Bombay Environment Action Group. Seven years later, the mangrove cell came into existence based on the order.

SMALL STEPS INCREASE CITY'S GREEN FOOTPRINT

A study by the state mangrove cell has claimed that there has been a 133-hectare rise in mangrove cover across 11 locations across the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR)



(Source: State Mangrove Cell)

According to the India State of Forest Report (ISFR) 2017, Mumbai suburbs have 6,400 hectares, south Mumbai has 277 hectares, and Navi Mumbai has 1,471 hectares of mangrove cover

Of this, 5,471 hectares are reserved forest land, which is looked after by the Mumbai mangrove conservation unit of the state mangrove cell. The rest of the land is privately owned

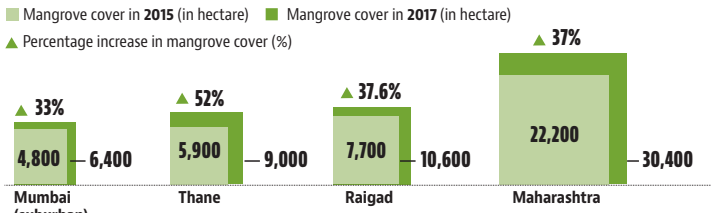
Thane district has 9,000 hectares of mangrove cover and Raigad (which includes Navi Mumbai) has 10,600 hectares. Over 10,000 hectares of land is privately owned and is yet to be awarded the reserved status

Mangroves stabilise coastlines and act as carbon sinks by trapping CO2 from the atmosphere. This process, called carbon sequestration, helps control global warming.

The state mangrove cell released satellite images, highlighting the increase in mangrove cover.

MAHARASHTRA'S MANGROVE COVER

In Maharashtra, mangroves are found along 320 sqkm of coastline, covering 53 creeks and seashore
The India State of Forest Report (ISFR) 2017 records the change in mangrove cover across the state



(Source: India State of Forest Report (ISFR) 2017 prepared by the Forest Survey of India)

Cop accused of illegal detention faces probe

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PALGHAR: The superintendent of police (SP) of the Palghar police station has ordered an inquiry into the allegations that a police sub inspector (PSI) had illegally detained and assaulted two youngsters, including a 15-year-old.

The youngsters, identified as Shailesh Santosh Kusekar, 20, and Shailesh Bendya, 15, are both residents of Dasturpada, Palghar. The assault had allegedly been done at the behest of a builder who had encroached on their land, and then approached the PSI after a protest broke out.

After their release, the victims' family members approached Rajendra Gavit, member of Parliament (MP) from Palghar. The issue was raised by Gavit during the district planning committee (DPC) meeting, headed by district collector Prashant Narnaware. The cop had misused his powers, Gavit said. Meanwhile, SP Gaurav Singh said he had taken cognisance of the case and launched an inquiry. Action will be taken against the PSI if proven guilty, he said.

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They won't let BMC's money go to waste

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ECO-FRIENDLY WAYS

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MUMBAI: The Lokmanya Nagar Co-operative Housing Society in Matunga (West) has been processing its entire organic waste within the society premises since January, thus saving the municipal corporation the cost of transporting waste to landfills.

Organic waste comprises of fruit and vegetable wastes, seeds, leaves, egg shells, coffee grounds (including paper filters), tea bags, used paper napkins, meat and dairy wastes and corncobs. It also consists of horticultural waste such as leaves, weeds, branches, twigs, hay and sawdust.

Built in 1947, the society, with 148 units in 10 buildings (each consisting of five storeys) treats it daily output of 25kg of organic waste in automatic tumbler machines.

The society took to the project on Republic Day and since then, has treated over 5,000kg of organic waste and produced 500kg of manure, which is used to nurture over 300 plants and a 1,500 square-feet garden.

Yashwant Joshi, the secretary of the society, said, "We had started segregating waste in the society since 2016. Last July, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) sent us a notice asking us to treat waste at source."

Joshi said they consulted several experts before implementing the procedure. "We took the notice positively, and with an aim to protect the environment, we consulted experts in waste management and had regular meetings with citizens," said

Shekhar Vaidya, the chairman of the society, said that it took them some time to adjust to the process but people responded well. "In August 2017, we began with mechanical compost drums and broke the waste down using vermiculture and sawdust. After a two-month trial, we decided to use the same technique but an automated version of it. Our house keeping staff was trained to use the machine," Vaidya said.

Joshi said every 15 days the society generates around 45 kg of compost. "While 90% is used within the society, the remaining is sold to society members. Since the results were fantastic, other societies have been visiting us to understand the benefits of composting," he said.

Tanaji Laxman Ghagh, assistant head supervisor, solid waste management, BMC said, "The residents are under a misconception that it was our notice that led to their efforts. We issued a letter for awareness but the response has been great. Not only are they treating their wet waste completely, they are slowly moving towards a zero-waste model as dry waste is being collected and treated by us. Only a fraction of their waste is going to city landfills."

BMC's environment status report 2016-17 showed 73% of city's waste was organic, 17% was sand, earth and stone, 4% was recyclables, 3% was dry waste, and 3% was plastic.

Residents must compost waste as it curtails pollution in the area, reduces carbon footprint, decreases dependency on garbage trucks, which in turn, reduces traffic congestion, helps sandy soil retain water and nutrients, suppresses diseases and harmful pests and encourages community activity.

The Lokmanya Nagar Co-operative Housing Society treats its daily output of 25kg of organic waste in automatic tumbler machines and has treated over 5,000kg of organic waste since January 26. HT PHOTO

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PCI asks state to submit report on arrest of two journalists

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MUMBAI: The Press Council of India (PCI) asked the chief secretary of Maharashtra, the director general of police (DGP), secretary, Home (police) and the superintendent of police (SP), Palghar, to submit their reply in connection with the arrest of two journalists, Hussain Khan and Ram Parmar, on June 22 by the Palghar police, while they were covering a dacoity the previous night.

The PCI said the incident is a violation of press freedom under the Press Council Act, 1978.

Anupama Bhatnagar, secretary, PCI, in a reply to Ramakant Patil, the president of Palghar District Patrakar Sangh (PDPS), said the incident violates sections 13(1) and 15(4) of the Press Council Act, 1978 and asked the state to submit their reply within two weeks after the receipt of the communication.

PALGHAR DISTRICT
PATRAKAR SANGH MENTIONED PALGHAR POLICE MUST SQUASH SECTION 353 (OBSTRUCTION TO GOVERNMENT WORK) AGAINST THE TWO JOURNALISTS

Patil said, "We want action against the concerned police officers – the then police inspector Kiran Kabadi and police sub-inspector Toufeek Sayyed."

THE CASE

On June 21, late at night, a dacoity had taken place at Waghoba Ghat in Palghar. The two journalists had been to Palghar police station to get inputs on the incident. At the police station, when Khan was recording a police van entering the station, Sayyed snatched Khan's phone and punched him in the chest. The police locked Khan in a room and when Parmar questioned Sayyed about Khan's illegal detention, Sayyed tried to assault him too. He also threatened to book the journalists.

While Khan was detained at the police station for six hours, Parmar was picked up from his home on June 22 and arrested under Section 353 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

The case was transferred to Kelwe Coastal police station and both the journalists were put in a lock-up. The Palghar court rejected their bail as Section 353 was triable before sessions court. The two reporters were lodged in Thane Central jail for four days and were granted bail on June 25 by the sessions court.

CITY TO REMAIN COOL, AS LIGHT RAIN CONTINUES

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MUMBAI: For the fifth consecutive day, Mumbai recorded intermittent spells of light showers.

On Sunday, the suburbs recorded 6.4mm rain between 8.30am and 5.30pm, while 3.2mm of rain was recorded in south Mumbai.

The night temperature dropped to 23 degrees Celsius in south Mumbai – 2 degrees Celsius below normal – and 23.5 degrees Celsius in the suburbs – 1.4 degree Celsius below normal.

The day temperature was a degree Celsius below normal in south Mumbai and close to the normal mark in the suburbs.

The weather bureau predicted a few spells of light to moderate rain for Monday.

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10 KILLED, THREE INJURED IN CAR, TRUCK COLLISION

SURAT: Ten people were killed and three injured after a car and a truck collided in Gujarat's Surat district on Sunday, police said. The accident happened on the national highway near Baleshwar village, an official said, adding that those who died were travelling in the car. "A Toyota Innova car with 11 passengers lost balance...crossed on to the other side of the road. It rammed into a truck coming from the opposite direction," deputy superintendent of police Hetal Patel said.

Mehbooba revamps PDP, brings new V-P, gen secys

SRINAGAR: Former chief minister and PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Sunday nominated senior leader and former minister Abdul Rehman Veeri as the party's vice-president, a PDP spokesman said here. He said Ghulam Nabi Lone Hanjura, Abdul Haq Khan, Mehboob Iqbal, Surinder Choudhary and F C Bhagat have been nominated as general secretaries.

Eleven resorts sealed in Nilgiris district

UDHAGAMANDALAM (TN): Eleven resorts constructed on the elephant corridor in Nilgiris district were sealed on Sunday in compliance with a Supreme Court directive to crack down on illegal structures in the area. The process of sealing the resorts, including the one owned by actor Mithun Chakraborty, officials sources said.

BONDING

PM follows 55 women on Twitter on Raksha Bandhan

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday followed on Twitter 55 women, including sports and media personalities, to mark Raksha Bandhan. The women include professional badminton player Ashwini Ponnappa, tennis players Sania Mirza and Karman Kaur Thandi, athlete P T Usha, former Miss India and child rights activist Swaroop, and journalists Romana Isar Khan, Sweta Singh, Padmaja Joshi, Sheela Bhatt and Shalini Singh. Others followed by the prime minister on the micro-blogging platform include actor Koena Mitra, weightlifter Karnam Malleswari, photo journalist Renuka Puri and some BJP members and state government ministers. Some of those followed by Modi, thanked him and wished him on Raksha Bandhan.

Army foils infiltration bid, four held

CRACKDOWN Army says newly recruited militants were nabbed while trying to cross into PoK, three Al Badr terrorists escaped

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SRINAGAR: Four newly enlisted militants allegedly trying to cross into Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) were held while their three guides escaped in North Kashmir's Kalaroos on Sunday.

Army spokesman Colonel Rajesh Kalia said the four were held after they were tipped off about the plans of three Al Badr terrorists to guide the four across the LoC. "The army, in a joint operation with police, laid an ambush and trapped the terrorists," he said. The four were captured after a brief gunfight.

"Extreme restraint was exercised and an opportunity was given to the terrorists to surrender. While the four newly-recruited terrorists surrendered, the three Al Badr terrorists deserted the new recruits and fled under cover of fire," Kalia said.

The security forces had launched a manhunt to trace the three. The four were not immediately identified. But reports said they are in their early 20s and residents of North Kashmir's Handwara. They said one of them was pursuing MBA while another is a diploma holder in operation theatre management.

There has been an increase in the number of educated local youth in the militant ranks particularly after Hizbul Mujahideen commander Burhan Wani's killing in 2016. They include at least two PhD scholars.

Local media reports said the four held in Kupwara district had announced they had joined militant ranks while their pictures, showing them wielding guns and pistols, had gone viral on the social media on Saturday.

ONE OF THE MILLITANTS WAS PURSUING MBA WHILE ANOTHER IS A DIPLOMA HOLDER IN OT MANAGEMENT

The police had on Saturday said they had busted three hideouts, seized weapons and held four militant sympathisers from south Kashmir, where three policemen and a political worker were killed on Wednesday.

The spike in violence coincided with Satya Pal Malik's appointment as Jammu and Kashmir's 13th governor. Malik has the state's direct administrative control.

Jammu and Kashmir has been under the governor's rule since June when the Bharatiya Janata Party withdrew support to Peoples Democratic Party-led coalition government. Malik's immediate challenge is to hold local bodies' elections later this year.

The elections had been delayed after the coalition government told the Centre that the situation was not conducive to hold them.

There are approximately 225-250 militants operating in Kashmir. About 150 of them are locals. So far, 142 militants have been killed in different encounters with security forces this year.

Pilgrims en route to the holy cave shrine of Amarnath, in Sheshnag Lake, Kashmir. PTI FILE

Amarnath yatra concludes, over two lakh pay obeisance

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SRINAGAR: Over 2.85 lakh pilgrims paid obeisance at the Amarnath cave shrine, situated at a height of 3,880 metres in south Kashmir Himalayas, as the two-month-long annual Hindu pilgrimage concluded on Sunday.

The number of pilgrims visiting the shrine this year rose to 2,85,006 from 2,60,003 in 2017 and 2,20,490 in 2016. A record-breaking 6.35 lakh devotees had visited the cave in 2011, followed by 6.22 lakh in 2012.

The pilgrimage concluded peacefully this year, amid tight security. Some 238 companies of central security forces, along with the police and the army, guarded the pilgrimage.

The security was strengthened after a suspected militant attack on a bus in south Kashmir's Anantnag claimed the lives of eight pilgrims last year.

The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), along with the police, ensured sanitisation of roads, opening parties and accompanied the pilgrims from Jammu to the base camps in Kashmir. The army took charge of corridor protection and securing higher reaches.

The vehicles were radio tagged and CCTV cameras were installed along the routes.

Bad weather during the first week had dampened the initial enthusiasm of the pilgrims.

After a rush in the first month, the number of pilgrims reduced to a trickle in the second month, prompting calls for curtailment of the pilgrimage period, he added.

Bhupinder Kumar, additional chief executive officer of the Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board, along with Piyush Singla, deputy commissioner, Ganderbal, visited the shrine and reviewed the sanitation and camp cleaning initiatives early on Sunday, he said.

Farooq Abdullah engages former solicitor-general for Art 35A case

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SRINAGAR: The National Conference (NC) has engaged former solicitor-general of India, Gopal Subramanium, to defend Article 35A of the Constitution, which has been facing a legal challenge in the Supreme Court, the party said on Sunday.

"Party president and member of Parliament from Srinagar constituency, Farooq Abdullah, yesterday held detailed discussions with senior lawyers in Delhi in the context of petitions challenging the state's special status in the Supreme Court," an NC spokesperson said on Sunday.

Abdullah was accompanied by NC provincial presidents for Kashmir and Jammu Nasir Aslam Wani and Devender Singh Rana, he added.

Subramanium is a former chairman of the Bar Council of India and has been a part of numerous landmark cases.

The Article 35A, incorporated in the Constitution through a 1954 Presidential Order, accords special rights and privileges to the citizens of Jammu and Kashmir and denies property rights to a woman who marries a person from outside the state.

Khalistan issue: Delhi Sikh leader assaulted in US

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Manjit Singh GK

WASHINGTON: Manjit Singh GK, president of the Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee (DSGMC), was allegedly beaten by people claiming to be supporters of Khalistan outside a gurdwara in Yuba City, California, on Saturday.

In a video clip released by the news agency ANI, Singh is seen sitting on the ground, holding up his arms to protect himself from men surround him, some of whom were eventually seen leading him away to safety.

"I am hurt," he told PTI. They pushed me and kicked me... It was a brutal murderous attack."

Singh added that he will not be deterred by the attacks. "We are not going to shy away... We will not be part of this fight for Khalistan."

Despite several attempts, Singh could not be reached by Hindustan Times for a comment and a response on details of the alleged attack was awaited from the Yuba City police department.

Singh is visiting the United States in connection with the preparation of the celebration of the 550th birth anniversary Guru Nanak Dev ji. He claimed that he was attacked in New York also.

Leaders of the Shiromani Akali Dal, of which he is a member, have condemned the attack.

"The dastardly attack on S Manjit Singh GK was not an attack on an individual but on the Dastar (Turban) of a Sikh. It was an attack by agents of ISI on a party that is fighting the battle of justice for Sikhs. @sushmaswaraj ji please take it up seriously with the US government," wrote Harsimrat Kaur Badal, SAD leader who is also the Union minister for food and processing, in a tweet.

The Sikhs for Justice, an advocacy group that seeks justice for the victims of the 1984 riots, claimed, in a statement issued on Sunday, that Singh and his supporters instigated attacks against "Khalistani activists" who were peacefully protesting against the visiting DSGMC official.

Railways to turn coaches into clinics to help villagers

BULLET TRAIN PROJECT Ministry plans to set up bore-wells, renovate schools, carry out industrial training programmes as sops for villages where land will be acquired for tracks

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NEW DELHI: With healthcare being one of the primary concerns of people whose land is required for the Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train project, the Railways has decided it will take several measures, including the conversion of rail coaches into prefabricated polyclinics, according to officials familiar with the developments. The move is also aimed at easing the land acquisition process. The first such polyclinic is likely to be inaugurated by the first week of September.

This decision was taken after the National High Speed Rail Corporation (NHSRCL) discovered that villagers who own large tracts of land wanted access to health and education infrastructure in their immediate vicinity. There were also demands for potable water. The land acquisition process for the 508-km long corridor is currently underway. The railways is hoping that such measures will help build confidence in the people and allow speedier acquisition of the land. According to NHSRCL, about 1400 hectare land is required for the project and only 0.9 hectare has been acquired so far.

In Maharashtra, the compensation to land owners will be five times the market rate and in Gujarat it will be as per the 2016 act with a 25% premium.

"We have been receiving all kinds of requests. The decision to provide these services will be taken in coordination with the district administration. For instance, in Palghar, I received the request for the opening of a health unit. They have a dilapidated building in the area and we are renovating it. We're also arranging for doctors and nurses since getting doctors in the area is difficult. Now, doctors will visit Varthan village in Palghar twice a week," said Achal Khare, managing director of NHSRCL.

According to surveys, people living in places where land will be acquired need access to healthcare and education. BLOOMBERG

A second NHSRCL official said that similar requests have been received from other villages, and that at several places, government buildings are not available for health units.

"Some containers have already been purchased while container-shaped railway coaches will be purchased later. The interiors will be changed as per the requirement of a polyclinic. A total four coaches will be procured and two-coach sets will be used to build a clinic. The construction of a concrete structure will take time and we want the land at the earliest. The coaches will be transported and converted," said this person who asked not to be named.

Some of the villagers have also demanded drinking water, bore wells for ground water and renovation of schools.

"For drinking water, we will see if ground water is available, otherwise alternative arrangements will be made depending on the location. We will try to provide everything they are demanding. Some are also demanding solar lighting. Some district authorities may have also planned something, so we are consulting with them to avoid duplication," Khare said.

The corporation is also open to sponsoring industrial training, if required, and will also create self-help groups to start poultry- or goat-farming.

The foundation stone for the Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train project was laid by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Japanese counterpart Shinto Abe last year. Known in Japan as the 'Shinkansen,' the introduction of the bullet train will mark the country's shift from an era of slow-speed trains to high-speed ones. The 35 bullet trains, with 10 coaches each, which will initially run on Mumbai-Ahmedabad route, will have one business class coach and nine standard coaches each. The trains will come with advanced operational technologies and offer a variety of passenger amenities.

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The project has faced opposition from farmers whose land is being acquired, and been criticised for its cost (around ₹1.1 lakh crore, of which around ₹10,000 crore would be used in acquisition of land).

Delhi Metro's first chief E Sreedharan recently said that bullet trains are for elites and India needs a safe rail system. The land acquisition process is underway for the 508-km long corridor. The lowest fare is expected to be R250 and there will be a cap of R3,000 on the fare.

RK Singh, former chairman of the Railway Board, said: "Land acquisition is a major headache for any infrastructure project. Railway, especially has suffered a lot,. This is a big problem and the all the demands of land owners can't be met as company has to strike a balance to the ensure it is financially viable."

Landslides, triggered by heavy rains, in Ramsoo and Magarkote areas of Ramban district, had completely blocked vehicular movement on the highway since Saturday morning. HT PHOTO

Jammu-Srinagar NH reopens after 2 days

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JAMMU: The 294 km-long Jammu-Srinagar national highway, a vital surface link with the rest of the country, reopened partially late on Sunday after remaining closed for nearly two days due to major landslides near Rambanm.

The landslides had triggered a complete shutdown of vehicular movement on the highway, leaving more than a thousand vehicles stranded at different locations, and massive traffic snarls on the both ends of the blocked stretch. Hundreds of trucks, load carriers and passengers vehicles were seen parked along the highway since the wee hours of Saturday.

A major road clearance operation was launched immediately after the landslide but intermittent rains hampered the early reopening of the arterial road, an official told PTI.

"After hectic efforts, the road was cleared for one-way traffic this evening and accordingly the stranded vehicles are being allowed towards their respective destinations," the official said.

They said the road clearance operation was still going on in full swing to remove the remaining debris, the official added.

Earlier in the day, the authorities used explosives to blast the huge rocks which had rolled down on the highway.

The landslides were triggered by rains in Ramsoo and Magarkote areas of Ramban district.

Though the landslides from a couple of lactations were cleared on Saturday evening, but a fresh landslide again blocked the highway near Ramsoo town.

On Sunday, a few stranded passengers were seen crossing the affected area on foot to reach other side of the highway for their onward journey to their respective destinations. While number of vehicles have returned to the places of their origin.

More than 1,000 vehicles were stranded at various locations on the highway including Udhampur, Kud, Ramban, Ramsoo and Qazigund.

Meanwhile, hundreds on the stranded passengers had a night halt at Ramban, in a camp established by the local administration, where they were provided free lodging and food.

ITINERARY SPAT

K'taka CM tries to play peacemaker

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HD Kumaraswamy HT PHOTO

BENGALURU: Karnataka chief minister HD Kumaraswamy turned peacemaker on Sunday after a spat between the state's tourism minister Sa Ra Mahesh and Union defence minister Nirmala Sitharaman during her visit on Friday to flood-hit Kodagu district, tweeting that it was "time to forgive each other".

Sitharaman's sparring with Mahesh at a function in Kodagu had also evoked a rebuttal by Karnataka's deputy chief minister G Parameshwara of the Congress. In the letter tweeted from his official handle on Sunday, Kumaraswamy said Mahesh "has tirelessly worked to oversee the rescue and relief operations on the ground". While he did not mention the tiff, he said "it was unfortunate" the defence minister had to "go through certain inconveniences".

Kumaraswamy said he has spoken to Sitharaman on phone. "I believe this is the time for all of us to forget small differences and forgive each other and join hands for the rehabilitation of the flood affected people in Kodagu," he said.

Sitharaman, who is a Rajya Sabha MP from Karnataka, was visiting the state on Friday to survey the ground situation in Kodagu, for which the state has sought a ₹2000-crore relief package from the Centre.

On Friday, asked to wrap up a press conference by the state minister, Sitharaman had lashed out at Sa Ra Mahesh, saying: "I am following a minute-to-minute programme, minister... Central minister follows the minister in-charge here. Unbelievable."

Karnataka's deputy chief minister G Parameshwara of the Congress spoke in defence of Mahesh.

"State Governments derive their powers from our Constitution not from the Centre...," he tweeted. In a statement, on Saturday, the ministry of defence said, "...the personal remarks made against the RM were in bad taste, which do not merit a response."

OLD WINE IN NEW BOTTLE

Assam's rice-based heritage brews to hit the markets in new avatars

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GUWAHATI: For centuries, tribes and communities in Assam have been brewing alcoholic drinks in their homes and using them not just as intoxicants but also as part of social and traditional rituals.

But in a few months from now, these popular brews are all set to get a makeover—from being manufactured in state-of-the-art facilities to modern packaging—and hit the markets in new avatars.

Two rice-based brews – 'Xaj pani', used by Ahom and Tiwa communities; and 'Judima' of the Dimasa tribe – would be available by end of this year.

Rice-based traditional alcoholic beverages like 'Sake' from Japan, 'Yakju' from Korea or 'Sato' from Thailand are integral part of many Asian countries.

In Assam, too, such brews are part and parcel of most indigenous communities.

Besides Ahoms, Tiwas and Dimasas, Karbis have their 'Hor Alank', 'Jou Bishi' of the Bodos, 'Sai Apong' of the Mishings, 'Lao Pani' of the Lalungs or 'Photika' of the Kacharis.

Each tribe has its own unique recipe, but the brews are usually made by preparing a cake of steamed glutinous rice mixed with herbs and spices, and letting it ferment for several days.

Apart from being intoxicating, the herbs mixed with the cake (called starter culture) are also believed to have therapeutic properties, claim the makers. The ingredients and the quantities used are kept secret and hence the slight variation in taste from one household to another.

Though consumed widely, there was no uniformity of taste, alcohol levels and shelf life of these brews. Research to standardize these liquors started nearly a decade ago at the Jorhat-based Assam Agricultural University (AAU).

"Over the years, we were able to bring uniformity in starter culture, control alcohol content, improve shelf life and also remove the foul odour of 'xaj pani'," said Dr Madhumita Barooah, professor of biotechnology at the AAU.

"We have been able to increase shelf life to 7 months, keep alcohol content at around 10%, stop fermentation process from continuing beyond a certain period, and done away with use of starter culture by introducing bacteria and other substance needed for fermentation," she added.

In the meantime, the state government decided to promote these heritage alcoholic beverages and brought about amendments to the excise policy last year to encourage commercial production.

This drew interest of local entrepreneurs. One of them was Jorhat-based North East Agro Products and Services, which is planning commercial production of 'Xaj pani'. "We were interested in promoting local brews and the state's move made us take the leap. We got in touch with AAU and got the technology transferred to our company," said Akash Jyoti Gogoi, director NEAPS.

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FLOOD FURY

Kerala begins long walk home

FUTURE TENSE

Nearly 1,50,000 return to their flood-ravaged homes; schools, colleges to reopen Wednesday

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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: More and more people on Sunday quit various relief camps in flood-battered Kerala and returned to tidy up their once submerged homes.

Chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan said that 1,435 relief shelters were still operating, housing a total of 462,456 people, down from 6,05,000 people in 1,822 camps on Saturday.

Vijayan said that with schools and educational institutions set to open from August 29, all camps in such places should be moved to other buildings.

On Sunday, while a large number of camps in the northern districts were wound up, the shelters continued to function in southern districts like Chengannur, Alappuzha, Ernakulam, Pathanamthitta, Kottayam and Thrissur.

Saji Cherian, a CPI (M) legislator from Chengannur, told the media that while a good number of people returned to their home on Sunday, the last of the inmates would be back in their houses by September 1.

Congress legislators Anwar Sadat and VD Sateeshan insisted that there should be no forcible move to close the relief camps.

According to figures provided by the Kerala government, Sunday saw 16,255 volunteers cleaning 14,485 homes and 254 public establishments, including roads in the flood-ravaged districts.

Governor P Sathasivam's Office quoted Prime Minister Narendra Modi as saying that the financial mechanism to meet the rescue and relief operations during any notified disaster was governed by the guidelines on the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) and National Disaster Response Fund.

State Congress president MM Hassan said Congress president Rahul Gandhi would visit the flood affected districts on August 28 and 29.

"The state unit of the Congress with the help of sponsors will construct 1,000 new houses," he said, and demanded that the immediate assistance of ₹10,000 announced by the Kerala government should be hiked to ₹25,000.

Ever since monsoon rains began lashing Kerala on May 29, a total of 417 people have died. The flood fury has also caused unprecedented destruction and, at one point, forced more than one million people to take shelter in relief camps.

65,000 PEOPLE RESCUED BY FISHERMEN

State fisheries minister J Mercykutty Amma said on Sunday that fishermen rescued 65,000 marooned people from flood-hit areas in the state during rescue operations.

In the worst hit Pathanamthitta district alone, about 70% of the total number of people marooned were rescued by local fishermen who had to all along work in inclement weather, she said. "Fishermen in 669 mechanised country boats rescued a total of 65,000 people marooned in all districts," she said at a function.

(With PTI inputs)

A woman shows her documents that were damaged due to floods in Kerala at Annamanada in Thrissur on Sunday. PTI

When the Mahatma helped Kerala in 1924

Press Trust of India

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: Nearly a century ago when floods ravaged Kerala, Mahatma Gandhi had termed the misery of the people as "unimaginable" and stepped in to mobilise over ₹6,000 to help them, records show.

If the present rain fury has claimed over 290 lives and displaced over 10 lakh people, the massive floods that crippled the state in July 1924 are believed to have claimed more lives and caused widespread destruction.

Mahatma Gandhi, through a series of articles in his publications 'Young India' and 'Navajivan', had urged people of the country to generously contribute for the relief of the flood-hit' Malabar' (Kerala).

Following his appeal, people from various walks of life, including women and children, had donated even their gold jewels and meagre savings to help the flood-affected people.

Many skipped a meal daily or gave up milk to find money to contribute to relief fund mobilised by Gandhi, according to the journals penned by him.

The "Father of the Nation" had mentioned in one of his articles in 'Navajivan' about a girl who had stolen three paise to contribute to the relief fund.

"Malabar's misery is unimaginable," Mahatma had said in the article titled 'Relief Work in Malabar'.

He said he had to "confess" that the response to his appeal had been "more prompt" than he expected. "It has been proved not once but many times that, by God's grace, compassion does exist in the hearts of the people."

Many funds had been launched for collecting relief amounts and people could contribute whichever one they choose.

"I would only urge that pay, they must," Mahatma Gandhi had said.

The massive flood that lasted for around three weeks in July 1924 had crippled and submerged various parts of the then Kerala including hilly Munnar.

flooddiary

CM ASKS MALAYALIS TO DONATE ONE MONTH'S SALARY

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: As relief and rehabilitation work is on in flood ravaged Kerala, chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Sunday urged all Malayalis to donate one month salary to rebuild the state,where the death toll has now touched 302 and over four lakh are still in relief camps. The receding flood waters left mounds of mud and debris in homes. PTI

Idukki has gone back by 40 years: Kerala minister

IDUKKI: The hilly district of Idukki has been thrown back by 40 years following Kerala's worst flooding in a century, power minister MM Mani said on Sunday. "What our forefathers built in the past 100 years to take Idukki to where it was, has been washed away. Idukki has gone back by 40 years," he said. This is one of the worst disasters Idukki has witnessed, he lamented. Long considered home to settlers, the main occupation in Idukki is farming. But with its numerous hills and treacherous terrain, life has never been easy in the district. IANS

60% coffee crop destroyed in Karnataka's Kodagu

BENGALURU: With heavy rain and floods devastating Karnataka's Kodagu district, the country's largest coffee-growing region is staring at heavy losses as many of its plantations are in ruins, a top official said. "We were expecting a good coffee output this year, but due to heavy rains and floods, about 60% of the berries in the district have been destroyed," Coffee Board chairman M.S. Boje Gowda said. As many as 45,000 growers produce 40% of India's coffee. IANS

Kerala floods due to slaughtering: BJP MLA

BENGALURU: BJP MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal kicked up a fresh row by saying the devastating floods in Kerala occurred because of slaughtering of cows in the open. "In Kerala, people openly slaughter cows. What happened? Within a year, a situation like this (flood) arose. Whoever hurts the Hindu religious beliefs will face such consequences," he said on Saturday. The BJP MLA was apparently referring to an incident in Kerala last year, where a group of men slaughtered a cow in the open, triggering a controversy. PTI

FOR THE ONES PROTECTING OUR BORDER

Women tie rakhis on the wrists of BSF jawans on the occasion of Rakshabandhan at Attari-Wagah border post near Amritsar on Sunday. PTI

Shivpal fuels SP feud day after Mulayam's 'no respect' remark

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LUCKNOW: A day after Samajwadi Party patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav's "no one respects me now" observations, the feud appears to have resurfaced in Yadav family with senior party leader and MLA Shivpal Singh Yadav targeting the SP leadership for not giving him any responsibility.

Shivpal Singh Yadav though did not name anyone while speaking on the issue, but his reference to Samajwadi Party chief and nephew Akhilesh Yadav was obvious. "I have not been given any responsibility. I want some responsibility given to me and all of us fight (2019 Lok Sabha elections) together. This is the only way to success. I have been waiting for the past one- and-a-half year. How long will I tolerate this utter neglect," said Shivpal Singh Yadav in Kannauj on Sunday. Shivpal Singh Yadav has met chief minister Yogi Adityanath more than once in recent months.

The meetings, though have been described personal, Shivpal Singh Yadav's decision to express his feelings soon after Mulayam Singh Yadav's "no one respects me now" statement have assumed political significance.

There are speculations that Shiv Pal Singh Yadav may form his own party or join a leading political party to be part of the NDA ahead of 2019 Lok Sabha elections. Shivpal Singh Yadav, however, said he respected party patron Mulayam Singh Yadav and would not leave him under any circumstances.

"We are respecting Netaji and will continue to do so. I have been with Netaji and will remain with him. Those not giving him (Mulayam Singh Yadav) any respect owe everything to Netaji. They started their innings in politics with Netaji and have been benefitted," said the SP MLA.

At a programme in Lucknow on Saturday, the SP patriarch had also referred to SP ideologue Ram Manohar Lohia to make his point that though people did not respect him now, he may get respect after his death.

FIR against MP Congress MLA for hitting BJP worker

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BHOPAL/DHAR: A first information report (FIR) was filed against Madhya Pradesh Congress legislator Umang Singhar and some others for allegedly hitting and threatening a BJP worker in Dhar district, 250 km south east of Bhopal, police said.

The police lodged the FIR on Saturday night following a complaint by Pradeep Gadiya, the BJP worker and resident of Tanda village. The incident took place in his village on Saturday when Gadiya accompanied BJP MP Savitri Thakur and officials who were visiting the village to give a cheque of ₹4 lakh to a family following the death of their daughter due to electrocution on Friday.

Police said Singhar snatched the cheque from the hand of the official and when Gadiya objected to his behaviour, he hit him and threatened him with dire consequences.

Dhar SP Virendra Singh said the FIR had been lodged against the MLA.

(With input from Chhotu Shastri in Dhar)

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Mumbai's...

"Over the past two years, natural factors such as siltation led to a favourable growth of mangrove trees. Good survival rate of saplings planted, increased manpower in the cell, and awareness among citizens are other reasons," said N Vasudevan, additional principal chief conservator of forest, state mangrove cell.

Kanjurmarg recorded the highest increase, at 29 hectare, followed by Koparkhairne (23 hectare), Gorai (20 hectare), Diva (16 hectare) and Vikhroli (15 hectare). Malvani, Airoli, Ghansoli, Vashi and Talvali saw an increase between three to five hectares. According to ISFR, Mumbai suburbs have 6,400 hectares of mangroves; Mumbai city has 270 hectares. (100 hectares = one square kilometre).

Environmentalists said the data might be accurate, but mangrove destruction continues to take place across MMR, and the cell needs to highlight that as well.

Railways...

"If we get a good response, we will introduce the shopping experience on a pilot basis by October. But, we first want to ensure the products are of good quality. Passengers can start shopping on all premium trains by December," said the official, who did not want to be named

"The idea is similar to the products available on flights. The aim is to ensure a pleasurable shopping experience for commuters, which is why our focus will be on operate that run during the day," said a senior western railway official.

The railway ministry is also planning to install coin-operated Body Mass Index kiosks across major railway stations in Mumbai, taking off from the earlier, ubiquitous weighing machines.

So far, however, no concrete step has been taken.

The ministry has proposed some other ways to increase revenue. These include setting up robotic massage chairs for foot massages at railway stations, mobile applications to track suburban trains, and exhibitions at major railway stations in India.

Dabholkar...

The CBI said they recovered this pistol during the August 21 raids from one Rohit Rege's residence in Aurangabad. Rege got the pistol from Surale.

Judicial magistrate first class (JMFC) Hemlata Jadhav extended the CBI's custody of Andure till August 30.

"The weapon will now be sent for ballistic tests to determine whether it had anything to do with Dabholkar's murder," said CBI counsel Vijaykumar Dhakane. "CBI is in the process of taking custody of another accused in the Gauri Lankesh murder case being investigated by the SIT Karnataka," the remand report of Andure has stated.

While the CBI has not named the Lankesh suspect it wants to arrest in the Dabholkar case, agency sources, who asked to remain anonymous, confirmed to HT that Amol Kale's name was being mentioned.

Based on the chargesheet, defence advocate Prakash Salsingikar asked the prosecution if the CBI was ready to admit that its earlier line of investigation, which incriminates two individuals named Asarng Akolkar and Vinay Pawar, was "obsolete".

To that, Nandkumar Nair, superintendent of police at CBI's special crime branch, claimed that the chargesheet merely claimed that the sketch made by eye-witnesses "resembles Sarang Akolkar", and does not directly incriminate him.

Narendra Dabholkar was shot dead by two motorbike-borne assailants in Pune on August 20, 2013 at 7.25 am, while Gauri Lankesh was shot dead on September 6, 2017, outside her residence by three unidentified men.

Silver streak...

"I don't know what happened to me in the final. I could've run better but I'm happy with silver," said Anas.

And finally, the 22-year-old Chand, who fought against and successfully overturned a hyperandrogenism ban after qualifying for the Rio Olympics in 2016, showed her sprit was far from crushed by the public battle against arbitrary gender classification in sport.

Chand missed the gold by just 0.02 seconds in a photo finish, clocking 11.32. The last time an Indian won a 100m medal at the Asian Games was in 1998 when Rachita Mistry won bronze. The last time India won a silver in 100m was in 1986 when PT Usha finished second in Seoul (even the great Usha could not clinch an Asian gold). "People said many things about me. The same girl today came back and won a medal for the country. It is really big achievement for me," said Dutee.

The accolades were led by none other than Usha, who won three individual gold medals in Seoul 1996 for India's best track performance by a single athlete.

"What an excellent show! It will inspire youngsters back home because it will help them believe that we also can do well in sprints. The 100m was a real close decision and we could have won gold. It was an excellent sprint by Dutee. She had a point to prove, and she did. It's not easy for a girl to come back after everything she faced in the last two years," Usha, 54, said.

"Both Anas and Das did well, but Dutee's performance stood out."

BJP wants...

Shah is likely to attend a memorial meeting for Karunanidhi in Chennai on Thursday. "There is no reason for us to reject the DMK's invite," a BJP leader said.

Shah's possibility of attending the event is seen in the light of the BJP's plans to forge the alliance.

P Muralidhar Rao, BJP's general secretary in-charge of Tamil Nadu, had held a 20-minute meeting with Alagiri ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Chennai to pay tributes to Karunanidhi on August 8. It was seen BJP's attempt to reach out to Stalin's estranged brother.

Alagiri subsequently wrote to former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's foster daughter after his death and described the BJP veteran as a "great person", who showed great interest in Tamil language and culture.

The BJP had fielded nine Lok Sabha candidates in Tamil Nadu in 2014 when it contested the election in alliance with six smaller regional parties. It won just one and polled 22.22 lakh votes. The Congress drew a blank and polled just 17.51 lakh votes despite fielding 39 candidates.

The BJP's alliance disintegrated in 2016 when the assembly elections were held in Tamil Nadu. The party's votes dropped to 12.28 lakh. The Congress, which had an alliance with the DMK, polled 27.74 lakh votes.

"We have more votes than the Congress in Tamil Nadu," a BJP general secretary said. "When the regional parties will decide to align with a national party, the BJP will have an edge over the Congress."

Tamil Nadu is set to witness a multi-cornered contest with two main regional players – the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) and the DMK – and over half a dozen other smaller parties vying for the 39 Lok Sabha seats.

The AIADMK is struggling with the leadership tussle between TTV Dhinakaran and chief minister Edappadi K Palaniswami. Dhinakaran is the nephew of former late chief minister J Jyalalithaa's loyalist, VK Sasikala.

Milan Vaishnav, the director and a senior fellow in the South Asia Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, said Shah and the BJP have been working to shape Tamil politics to their advantage since Jayalalithaa's death.

The Telugu Desam Party's exit from the National Democratic Alliance and a lack of understanding with the Shiv Sena for 2019, too, has made states like Tamil Nadu crucial for the BJP.

"However, the BJP's leverage has declined over the past year with the narrowing of their perceived electoral advantage. Any potential Tamil ally will be able to drive a hard bargain," Vaishnav said.

Observer Research Foundation's senior fellow N Sathiya Moorthy said a pre-poll alliance will be difficult for the BJP. "Hindutva and minority-related issues will be a problem, particularly for a party like the DMK." He said the DMK left the NDA ahead of the 2004 election because it felt continuing with the BJP was hurting its interest.

"AIADMK, under J Jayalalithaa, had transferable votes. That is questionable now. Moreover, an alliance with TTV Dhinakaran, against whom the Centre has filed so many cases, can hurt the prime minister's clean image."

Ashoka University's political science assistant professor Gilles Verniers said the national parties may have to keep renegotiating the terms as the situation unfolds. "The first challenge for the BJP (or the Congress) is to find reliable interlocutors to negotiate an alliance, as both the DMK and the AIADMK are currently embroiled in a messy and poorly executed succession transition."

Prasad issues...

In March, Cambridge Analytica was found to have misused a partnership with Facebook to glean user data in order to create psychological and political profiles that could then lead to targeted influence campaigns. The company is believed to have used such tactics in 2016 for the Brexit vote and the US presidential elections.

Facebook chief executive officer Mark Zuckerberg said after the scandal that the platform was changing the way it shared data with third-party applications, and apologised for the "breach of trust".

Data of Indian users was also believed to have been harvested, and Prasad told Parliament last month that the Central Bureau of Investigations will investigate if any information relating to Indian voters was illegally obtained or misused.

Prasad also told the G20 meeting, which included his counterparts from 18 others countries and the European Union, that India was taking all possible steps to make the cyberspace safe. The meeting was held on August 23 and 24.

In his speech, the minister spoke in connection with a raging debate on privacy, saying "privacy cannot prohibit innovation nor can privacy become the shield for the corrupt or terrorists. We need data to improve business but the data must be anonymous, objective, and taken with consent", according to the statement.

While it was unclear from the government release if Prasad was referring to anything in particular, the comment comes against the backdrop of the opposition to the Aadhaar programme that has been challenged in the top court for being a threat to Indians' right to privacy.

Prasad said the Supreme Court too had elaborated these aspects while upholding right to privacy, and hence a "fine balance needs to be struck between data availability, innovation, anonymity and privacy".

India's digital infrastructure includes 1.21 billion mobile phones, of which 450 million are smartphones; nearly 500 million internet subscriber, and optical fibre connectivity to 250,000 village clusters, Prasad said in his speech, giving the leaders a sense of India's digital infrastructure scale.

1-poll debate...

The issue of holding simultaneous assembly and Lok Sabha polls has divided parties. While Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), the Shiromani Akali Dal, the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, the Samajwadi Party, and the Telangana Rashtra Samithi have supported the idea, Congress, the principal Opposition party, the Trinamool Congress, the Aam Aadmi Party, the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, the Telugu Desam Party, the Left parties, and the Janata Dal (Secular) are opposed to the move.

"The government and the Opposition, both are putting forth their viewpoints. This is a good development and a healthy sign for our democracy. I must say that developing healthy traditions for a sound democracy, making constant efforts to strengthen democracy, encouraging open-minded debates would also be appropriate tribute to Atalji," Modi said in his address.

The Election Commission has maintained that any extension or curtailment of the term of assemblies -- which will be needed if India adopts a simultaneous polls model -- will require a constitutional amendment, besides working out the logistics with regard to the availability of VVPAT (paper trail) for electronic voting machines.

In his address, Modi elaborated on Vajpayee's contribution to good governance, bringing up the 91st Amendment Act, 2003, that restricted the size of the Cabinet in states to 15% of the total seats in the state assembly, and talked about how he was instrumental in increasing the limit under the anti-defection law from one-thirds to two-thirds of the members of a party.

"India will remain ever grateful to Atalji for bringing the 91st Amendment Act, 2003.... For many years in India, the political culture of forming a very large Cabinet was being misused to constitute jumbo cabinets not only to create a divide, but also to appease political leaders. Atalji changed it," Modi said, adding that the effort resulted in saving of money and resources besides improving efficiency.

The amendments to the anti-defection law resulted in defining clear guidelines to disqualify the defector, the PM added.

The BJP is in the midst of organising events in memory of Vajpayee -- who died on August 16 -- in order to perpetuate his legacy.

Modi expressed gratitude to all MPs who presented an "ideal approach" in the Monsoon session of Parliament, which was one of the most productive sessions in recent years, with several important bills passed. These included the bill providing for death penalty to child rapists, the triple talaq bill, which was passed by the Lok Sabha, and bills amending the SC/ST prevention of atrocities act, and the bill giving constitutional authority to the black classes commission.

Modi also spoke about the floods in Kerala, which have caused widespread damage and destruction in the state. Expressing solidarity with the people of Kerala, the PM said that citizens from all walks of life across the country have come in support of those whose lives were devastated in the floods.

"From Kutch to Kamrup, from Kashmir to Kanyakumari, everyone is endeavouring to contribute in some way or the other so that wherever a disaster strikes -- be it Kerala or any other part of India -- human life returns to normalcy," he said.

The Congress criticised the remarks made by the PM on the issue of simultaneous polls in his address. "There are 7-8 months left for the Lok Sabha polls and if the Prime Minister wants simultaneous elections, we wish him good luck. The Election Commission has ruled out simultaneous polls, nation says it can't happen and logistically these are not possible," said Congress spokesperson Abhishek Manu Singhvi.

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The head of the screening committee for Madhya Pradesh, Madhusudan Mistry, said the shortlisting of candidates will only start after September 4 and majority of contestants will be finalised by the end of next month. "We have already visited Bhopal twice and held discussions with state leaders. We will clear majority of seats by September-end," Mistry said.

He is being assisted by Mahila Congress general secretary Netta D'Souza and the Congress legislature party (CLP) leader in the Uttar Pradesh assembly, Ajay Kumar Lallu, as the other members of the panel. In Rajasthan, the screening committee, headed by former union minister Kumari Selja, will formally meet for the first time on August 31 and September 1, according to a Rajasthan Congress office-bearer familiar with the development who asked not to be named.

Apart from Selja, the panel for Rajasthan has Karnataka leader Shakir Sanadi and Lalitesh Tripathi, a former legislator from Uttar Pradesh.

In Chhattisgarh, the committee, headed by former Assam Congress chief Bhubaneswar Kalita, will begin the process of shortlisting the candidates from September 15, according to a Chhattisgarh Congress office-bearer who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The panel members – Rohit Choudhary and Ashvinbhai Kotwal – are touring different districts with All India Congress Committee (AICC) secretaries to identify the winnable candidates from among 1,900 applicants for 90 seats, he added.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Congress are going head-to-head in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chattisgarh in what is considered by experts as a precursor to the 2019 general elections. The BJP is in power in all three states.

In his Bilaspur rally, Gandhi had said that tickets will be given to workers dedicated to the party's ideology and not to those who parachute into the Congress at the time of elections.

"We will not give tickets to those who have been airdropped from helicopters or have come from other parties," he had said, asserting that party workers will be consulted before fielding candidates. Gandhi has often disapproved of granting tickets to those leaders who come to the party only to contest polls and fly out after getting defeated. He has also stressed the need for giving "due respect" to Congress workers in ticket allocation.

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Time to break the medical omerta

J&J must compensate Indian, US metal toxicity victims on a par

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Multinational pharma major Johnson & Johnson (J&J) is in the eye of a rising storm for double standards in compensation payouts to patients in the US and India who used its faulty metal-on-metal Articular Surface Replacement (ASR) hip implant. J&J's DePuy Orthopaedics unit recalled its ASR systems from markets around the world in August 2010 after reports of high failure rates and pain and inflammation from metal toxicity. Since then, the company has agreed to pay $4.4 billion to patients following lawsuits in the US.

Marketed as more durable than existing implants, the metal-on-metal hip replacement systems ended up releasing microscopic amounts of metal ions, which led to bone damage and tissue death from metallosis (metal poisoning). Close to 4,700 people received the faulty implant in India before the recall, but only 1,080 have been tracked. Of them, only 275 underwent revision surgeries, while the others are being monitored for side effects. With the manufacturer, orthopaedic surgeons and hospitals making little effort to reach out to them, more than 3,600 patients have slipped through the cracks and continue to live in pain. A health ministry committee set up in February 2017 to examine complaints from patients said J&J "suppressed" information on the side effects. Mumbai-based ASR hip recipient Vijay Vojhala had to haggle with J&J for two years before it agreed to foot the bill for a revision surgery in 2012. By then, metal toxicity led to the then 40-year-old to lose teeth, hearing in his right ear, his job, and his ability to walk without pain, all because of the omerta code between big pharma, hospitals and doctors in India. The health ministry committee has recommended ₹20 lakh as compensation, which is a fraction of the US $247 million paid out to six patients in Dallas in November last year. Vojhala and a dozen other patients like him who have suffered are considering a class action suit against J&J demanding matching compensation.

The government must make sharing information on drug and device recalls transparent to ensure that Indian patients are empowered and treated on par with those elsewhere.

In a time of loss, a bit of cheer on Onam in Kerala

Malayalis set aside their grief for a much loved king on his annual visit to the state

A pookalam (traditional flower arrangement) made of dustpans, brooms and gloves to bring in the festival of Onam at a relief camp in Kerala said it all. Despite the horrendous flooding in which over 250 people died, a million people were displaced and property worth thousands of crores destroyed, the resilient Malayali still retains a sense of humor. Despite a fairly tough future -- chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan estimates that the state will take a decade to get back to normal -- the festival was celebrated across the state in a remarkable coming together of all faiths. The tragedy has unleashed a spirit of camaraderie unseen in an intensely political state. Churches, mosques and temples have all done their bit to make Onam a a little happier for people.

According to the legend of Onam, a beloved king Mahabali was so popular that the gods felt threatened and banished him to the netherworld in a deceitful manner. But such was the longing of his subjects to see him again, that he was permitted to return once a year, on Onam when people await him with a grand feast, dressed in new clothes amid festivities such as the famous snake boat races. It is the story of the perennial return of the man who has lost his home and land, something the indomitably courageous Malayalis can take heart from at this time. Kerala has much to celebrate in the manner in which the rescue and relief operations were conducted. Reports of unparalleled generosity from the rich and the poor and the proactive role played by the state government have given people hope in the midst of such loss. Even the controversy about foreign aid has not got much traction within the state.

The government has done well to divert its Onam celebration funds for flood relief. The extent of loss and deaths have yet to be ascertained accurately but for one day, on Saturday, the people of Kerala set aside their grief and put their best face forward for a much loved king on his annual visit. Well played, Kerala.

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SHASHI SHEKHAR

Hindi can be our bridge to the world

Indian languages could open the doors to a world of possibilities. We must open our eyes to them

We are the children of India and India is our mother. In this way, while carrying out a son's responsibilities, we support the efforts to make Hindi the official language of the United Nations.' This announcement by Sir Anerood Jugnauth, Mauritius's minister mentor, minister of Rodrigues and minister of defence, evoked a long and rapturous applause from the audience at Port Louis's Abhimanyu Unnuth Convention Centre. Was this another announcement by a seasoned politician made just for the sake of formality?

Seen from a distance, it may appear so, since politicians the world over say such things to mislead people. But no, Mauritius is very different. Bhojpuri and Indianness have kept this island, located thousands of kilometres away, connected with India. A living example of this was the 11th World Hindi Conference co-hosted by the two countries. It was attended not just by politicians from Port Louis but representatives from various parts of Mauritius. When I compare it with the ninth edition of the World Hindi Conference in Johannesburg, I can discern a big difference. The South African government had left no stone unturned in making it a grand occasion, but there was little enthusiasm among the local people. Participants like us discovered that we were surrounded by indifference.

Mauritius was the exact opposite.

At Aapravasi Ghat, when we asked questions in English, the lady who was our guide said if we wanted, she could converse in Hindi. Aapravasi Ghat is a World Heritage site. Girmitya (indentured) workers from India landed here when they came to Mauritius. Since then, thanks to those who have settled abroad to earn a living, Hindi is spoken in 140 countries across the world and 1.2 billion people understand it. Do we still need to assert that Hindi opens the doors to a world of enormous possibilities? We simply need to open our eyes to them.

Consider Mauritius. The country has enormous strategic and economic potential. That is why Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Ramnath Kovind, during their visits to the country, strengthened the emotional bonds between India and Mauritius by unveiling a statue at Ganga Talab and planting a sapling of the venerated peepul tree.

The message they were trying to send out: India and Mauritius share a common religion and culture. The World Hindi Conference was another such endeavour. Apart from this, India is playing a big role in the development of Mauritius. We are building a metro network and have carried out a number of projects including building high quality roads. It is worth noting that the roads built by Indians in Mauritius are much better than the other roads built there.

Still, I believe long-term goals cannot be achieved just by putting together a few resources in the name of language, religion, culture and economic progress. In Mauritius and other countries with a large Indian population, why shouldn't India set up institutes that impart technical knowledge and education in medicine and engineering where the younger generation can acquire the skills to become self-reliant? We already give an Overseas Citizen of India card to Indians settled in many countries. The recipients of this certificate can do business or work in India. They can buy residential land and are eligible for a host of other rights. There are restrictions on buying agricultural land and voting, but by acquiring the requisite skills, they can empower themselves in a way that can benefit both, their own country and India. Helping the representatives of Generation Next become self-reliant won't just help India and Mauritius, it will also strengthen our socio-cultural links.

Sushma Swaraj at the 11th World Hindi Conference in Mauritius, August 20 PTI

There's a special reason I am saying this.

India's policymakers have always suffered from not being able to envision long-term goals. They manage to give short-term solutions, but fail to look at the bigger picture. You may want to look at China's example. Through the One Belt One Road Initiative (OBOR) and China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), China has begun to fulfil the long-term needs of its country and citizens. Its leaders know that there's a certain darkness that lurks behind the shiny façade of economic progress. Those who dream of progress also have to think about how they'll deal with an economic downturn. Where will they relocate polluting industrial units if the need arises? With the rising population, how will they create opportunities for their young people? How can they collaborate with other countries and utilise their natural and human resources for their own benefit? China is doing all this, but India is yet to do it.

Why can't we make a beginning with countries that have an emotional connect with us? In this ashwamedha yagna (traditional ritual by kings to prove their imperial sovereignty by sending a horse into other territories) if we take along the children of Hindi and other Indian languages, there cannot be any scope for failure.

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Our development agenda has to be sustainable

This is important because when tragedies such as the Kerala floods occur, it's the poor who suffer the most

KUSALA RAJENDRAN

Many cities are caught in a 'perfect storm' of population growth, escalating adaptation needs and substantial development deficits created by a shortage of human and financial resources, increasing levels of informality, poor governance, environmental degradation, biodiversity loss, poverty and growing inequality', noted the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in 2014. The flood disasters in India, especially the recent events in Kerala, only reiterate this statement.

The 2018 floods in Kerala have no parallels in the state's recent history; the last such was in 1924. The intensity of flooding then was probably the same but with a much lower impact. What has changed between 1924 and now? I recount the backdrop of my small village named Thalayolaparambu in central Kerala. Built in 1934, my riverside home was in the middle of a large coconut plantation, bordered all around by canals. The compound was flooded during most monsoons but not our home, built a couple of meters above the ground, probably based on the experience of the 1924 floods. Over the years, the region has been transformed and the numerous canals have been reclaimed, to make approach roads. The 2018 flood inundated the ground floor of most houses in this region, but spared ours.

A narrow strip of land with its highlands transforming to steep slopes, midlands and coastal tracts, Kerala it picturesque, and is a favourite destination for tourists. But this topography is also sensitive to anthropogenic alterations. Construction projects, deforestation and excessive quarrying affect the stability of hilly regions. Madhav Gadgil (former professor at the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore), an expert on Western Ghats ecology, shared his concern recently that "rainfall is the natural trigger, but the severity of outcome is entirely man made".

Reclaiming of wetlands, conversion of paddy fields and alteration of flood plains are the most widely accepted reasons for flooding, as in the case of the Cochin International Airport, which had to be closed due to water logging. It is ironic that the airport has been awarded with the highest environmental honour 'Champion of Earth Prize -2018' by the United Nations, for its operations based on solar power, with panels installed on reclaimed wetlands and former paddy fields. The airport is just about 400 metres from the Periyar river. Local people point out how a creek and three irrigation canals were realigned to make space for the runway, which is now flooded. It is not unusual that runways get flooded, and for airports remain closed following intense rains. But what happened at the Cochin airport is an example of a river recapturing its flood plains.

The 2013 Uttarakhand flood, which happened due to a cloudburst, was followed by numerous landslides. The river overflow was caused by the intensity of the rainfall together with the blockages in the river due to debris. There are also numerous urban examples like the 2015 Chennai flood. Clogged drainages, unplanned underpasses, shrinking wetlands, fading green cover, vanishing lakes and other inherent problems of urbanisation are considered as the culprits.

Although the reasons and zones of impact may vary, there are many common underlying reasons, such as unplanned and excessive development, poor management of tourism, reduction in forest cover and encroachment of water bodies and wetlands. We all know that development comes with a cost, but as tragedies of such dimensions strike, it is the poor who suffer the most. The biggest lesson from the recent flood is that developmental agenda should be sustainable, transparent, socially and economically inclusive and protective of ecological systems.

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The US-Taliban talks should not worry India

In the meantime, Delhi should do nothing that would allow Islamabad to blame it in case things go wrong

SHAKTI SINHA

Afghanistan is the modern equivalent of the fable of the "six blind men of Hindustan". The US and the Taliban talked to each other at Qatar with the former represented by a senior diplomat, Alice Wells. This development wasn't foreseen by analysts as the US's declared policy has is that such talks must be led by Kabul.

In retrospect, the first portends that change were inevitable was the unprecedented declaration of ceasefire by both the government and the Taliban, a first for the latter since hostilities began 16 years ago. Stepped-up American armed support gave Afghan security forces greater ability to resist the Taliban offensive across the country. As a result, the Taliban has not gained territory despite its change in tactics targeting district administrative centres and a provincial capital (Farah City).

Ghani's present offer of ceasefire comes in the background of Taliban's direct assault on Ghazni, located on the Kabul-Kandahar highway and is the gateway to unstable provinces of the South East. The attack was repelled after a week's sustained counter-attack by Afghan security forces supported by US airpower. Over 150 security men lost their lives. There was evidence that the attackers came from Pakistan, with Afghan allegations of direct Pakistani army involvement. That the injured have been treated in hospitals in Pakistan has not been denied, with the Pakistani army blaming alleged intra-Taliban fighting in Afghanistan for it. Ghani called upon General Bajwa to prevent cross-border attacks. He also invited Imran Khan to visit Afghanistan. There is now general acceptance in Afghan and US circles that the road to peace in Afghanistan runs through Rawalpindi, the headquarters of the Pakistani army. China's initiative in convening trilateral dialogue bringing together Afghanistan, China and Pakistan indicated seriousness on the part of Kabul to bring Islamabad on board the peace process. Whether the resultant Afghanistan-Pakistan Action Plan for Peace and Solidarity will deliver is open to debate.

The last few months also saw an unusual grassroots peace march that began in Helmand's capital city of Lashkar Gah in March after a suicide attack at a wrestling match that killed 14 persons. After seeming to flag, it revived when suicide attacks targeting civilians surged across the country. The 600 km march reached Kabul on June 18, called upon the government and the Taliban to cease fighting, enter into negotiations and also said that foreign troops should leave Afghanistan (the last was seen as a sop to the Taliban, which did not react to the march).

RECENT HISTORY SUGGESTS THAT WHOSOEVER RULES KABUL TRIES TO VEHEMENTLY ASSERT AFGHANISTAN'S SOVEREIGNTY AND NOT ALLOW PAKISTAN TO DOMINATE IT POLITICALLY OR MILITARILY

The peace march and mutual ceasefire was facilitated by a nationwide consultation of the national ulema council involving over 5,000 mullahs. It is estimated that the Taliban have killed hundreds of ulema for declaring that the war in Afghanistan was not jihad. Meanwhile, Indonesia called a three country meeting of ulema, from Afghanistan, Indonesia and Pakistan. Though the Taliban refused to participate, the declaration at this May meeting helped develop the alternative narrative of peace. The Afghanistan National Ulema Council held a two-day national consultation on June 4,5 that was significant for its inclusiveness — besides the dominant Hanafi School, there were representatives from the Deobandis, Salafis, Azharis, Islamists, Sufis and Shias. Though the site was attacked with some causalities, the meeting denounced suicide bombings and the bloodshed in Afghanistan.

Ashraf Ghani's declaration of a nine-day ceasefire came three days after this, and, most unusually, the Taliban declared a shorter three-day ceasefire. The Islamic State-Khorasan didn't join in, and launched a suicide attack in Nangarhar where the two sides were supposed to have been celebrating Eid together; its reach, however, is limited to parts of three provinces only.

Even as momentum for peace has been building up, violence levels have not come down. The attack on an electoral registration camp in a Hazara (Shia) suburb of Kabul that killed 60 people is symptomatic of this. Similarly, the Taliban's Spring Offensive saw coordinated attacks across the country. And the number of direct targeted attacks on civilians in 2018 has doubled over 2017, particularly targeting the electoral registration process and the Shia minority.

Will the combinations of all these factors help nudge the Taliban and other armed groups towards peace? Possibly, if the Pakistani army plays along. Prior to the Qatar meeting between the US and the Taliban, US Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo, talked to Pakistan's army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa over the phone in early June. In hindsight, other statements by the US indicated that the two sides were moving towards a common understanding on Afghanistan.

These developments should not perturb India. Peace in Afghanistan is in India's interest. The Taliban has said that it regards India as a friend and development partner of Afghanistan. History also suggests that whosoever rules Kabul tries to assert Afghanistan's sovereignty and not allow Pakistan to dominate it politically or militarily. In the meantime, India should do nothing that would allow Pakistan to blame it in case things do not go as per plan.

Will the US-Taliban talks lead to peace in Afghanistan? Or will it be like the Paris peace accord that allowed the US to exit Vietnam, got everybody a Nobel Peace Prize, but didn't result in peace?

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HARSH VARDHAN, Union minister, Science & Technology; Environment, Forest & Climate Change; and Earth Sciences

'Air quality to be better this winter than 2017'

Union minister Harsh Vardhan has weathered a storm for insisting that India cannot rely on international estimates for air pollution-related disease and deaths, pushing through a controversial DNA Technology Bill that critics say threatens privacy, getting the country's top labs to develop "pollution-free" firecrackers, and participating in his neighbourhood Ramlila.

He spoke to HT's Health & Science Editor **Sanchita Sharma** about the controversies and the successes in his ministries' efforts to make India clean and green. Edited excerpts:

Should we expect cleaner air across north India this winter?
Absolutely, 100%. A lot of action has been taken to address all related aspects over the past couple of years.

There was reasonable improvement in air quality in 2017 compared to 2016, and we will ensure 2018 is better than 2017. The 'good' and 'better' days (in terms of Air Quality Index) are more in number as compared to last year, and the 'bad' and 'worse' days are decreasing. The dissemination of information through the national Air Quality Index (AQI) has led to higher awareness and the demand for action.

The Centre has allocated ₹1,151 crore for agricultural mechanisation in Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi-NCR from 2018-20 to reduce the burning of crop residue.

Apart from establishing farm machinery banks for custom hiring, financial assistance at 80% of the project cost to farmer co-ops, self-help groups... and 50% of the cost to individual farmers will be provided by the Centre.

We'll also regularly review the graded action plan (to control of air pollution) implementation. Another example of our seriousness was the government's decision to leapfrog from BS-IV to BS-VI fuels, a step that no other country has taken.

Was there pressure from vehicle-manufacturers on the fuel change?
No, there's no pressure from the industry on banning vehicles not conforming to BS-VI emission norms by April 1, 2020. About three to six months will be provided to automobile manufacturers for the registration of the vehicles manufactured before April 1, 2020, to exhaust the inventory.

No new BS-IV vehicles manufactured before April 1, 2020, will be registered after June 30 (2020).

How is the work progressing on pollution-free crackers?
I have requested CSIR (Council for Scientific & Industrial Research) to get all related labs to produce pollution-free crackers. I'm told they have made a significant headway, and they are constantly in touch with the cracker industry.

Can any firecracker be pollution-free?
You can say minimum polluting—certainly a lot less than what we have today. Once the results are out, only then we can say how successful the project has been.

With cleaning the air high on the agenda, why have thermal power plants been granted extension till 2022?
The new norms for thermal power plants have been discussed for close to a decade, but it was this government that notified it. We have not amended our notification. What we have done is only to draw a clear roadmap for compliance by 2022.

Why were specific targets to reduce air pollution by 35% over three years and 50% over five years in 100 non-attainment cities removed from the national clean air programme (NCAP)? Do you plan to set a new timeline?
A blanket pan-India target of 35% reduction in three years and 50% reduction in five years may be difficult to evaluate and implement. A percentage

Union environment minister Harsh Vardhan has said his ministry is getting a comprehensive study done on the impacts of outdoor air pollution on community health with the help of AIIMS. HT PHOTO

reduction target and timeline can only be with respect to a specific city after reviewing its action plan and capacity.

But a general minimum indicative target for five years for the top 10 most polluted cities to begin with can be indicated in the NCAP based on general international experiences.

Has a budget been set for NCAP?
₹300 crore has been allocated to NCAP for a 'pollution abatement' scheme for 2018-19 and 2019-20. The draft memorandum for expenditure has been sent to ministries concerned, including finance, for comments. The approval is yet to come and is subject to appraisal by a competent authority.

You and the NCAP say there are no conclusive data available to establish direct correlation of death/disease exclusively due to air pollution. Do you expect air pollution to damage the health of Indians differently than other pollutants such as tobacco smoke and pesticide, chemical and heavy metal contamination?
We do acknowledge that air pollution has significant health impacts that have increasingly been becoming a major environmental challenge. But it is erroneous to refer to it as a major health crisis on modelling-based statistical estimation that has used no direct experimental data. Though various respiratory and other aliments can be attributed to air pollution, there is no concrete field-based experimental study to correlate death with air pollution in the country. The ministry is getting a comprehensive study done on the health impacts of outdoor air pollution on community health. It will be done simultaneously at 20 leading medical centres with the technical support from AIIMS (All-India Institute of Medical Sciences), ICMR (Indian Council of Medical Research), PGI-Chandigarh, AMCHSS-Thiruvananthapuram etc.

There are fears that the DNA Technology (Use and Application) bill may lead to breach of privacy.
I'd say these fears have been over-addressed. Over the last three years, the bill has been subjected to all sorts of technical scrutiny by stakeholders outside government as well as by the law ministry, home ministry and the high-powered committee headed by the home minister. There is no need to be worried about privacy issues. The bill has been introduced in the Lok Sabha and I sincerely wish it becomes law in the next session.

Why is Taj Mahal turning yellow? What's being done to protect it?
There is as yet no scientific method to assess whether the Taj Mahal is turning yellow or not. Reports indicate that areas of the Taj that have undertaken cleaning using mud packs have regained colour, so it's incorrect to say the Taj is turning yellow without adequate scientific evidence. Our ministry had requested ASI (Archaeological Survey of India) to institute a scientific method.

The main concern is air polluting industries. Since particulate matter deposits may make it look somewhat discoloured, there's a moratorium on orange, red and green (grades of pollution, white industries being the cleanest) industries.

The Compensatory Afforestation Rules 2018 to utilise ₹660 billion for tree plantation are being criticised for giving gram sabhas no role in how the money is spent. Former environment minister Jairam Ramesh has called it a "blatant breach of assurances" given by your government. What's your response?
Till now, the criticism was why hasn't it been notified. Now after all sorts of scrutiny—it was put in the public domain, sent to state governments and related stakeholders and all concerned, and their views and comments were incorporated—it's in the stage where it is being implemented and states are going to be helped. Raising superfluous objections now carries no meaning.

They may be for political reasons. And whenever there is a need, we will address all concerns to everyone's satisfaction.

Which environment ministry successes are you especially proud of?
All of them, but I was particularly happy with the response to the campaign against plastic pollution. With increased awareness, state governments were able to push through new restrictions on single-use plastic.

We've streamlined clearance processes, and environmental, CRZ (coastal regulation zone) and forest clearance processes have been moved online. The process is now transparent, speedy and efficient, which in the earlier days was a major hurdle for developmental projects, including strategic projects for national security. District, state authorities and regional offices of the ministry have been empowered to grant clearances to ensure speed and accountability. The average time taken is now around 160 days, down from over 600. The amendment of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, to take bamboo out of the definition of "trees" to encourage farmers to grow bamboo outside forests will enhance their income and give impetus to about 20 million people involved in bamboo-related activities. One tonne of bamboo provides 350 man-days of employment.

Do you support sex education in school?
It is necessary to educate everyone appropriately at a very young age. It is better that young children are informed about various body parts and their functions by their parents and teachers because it will help children discuss questions related to sex and gender with their parents and teachers and get correct answers. It would be disastrous if children get half-baked information from peers or other sources.

Tell us about your Ramlila experience.
(Laughs) I regularly visited Ramlilas in Geeta Colony, which was my constituency for 20 years, and once they practically forced me to participate. They assigned me to the role of Janak. Lav Kush (Ramlila committee) heard about it and requested me to play Janak. Since it's in my parliamentary constituency, I agreed. I've gone on stage thousands of time, but only once before to act.

Who will be BJP's face in Delhi elections in 2020? Is the party going to field you again?
I was approached by the party and RSS (Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh) to join politics in 1993. Since then, till today, I have never, either directly or indirectly, decided what I want to do.
I have always been guided by the decision and the wishes of the party.

Have you got any feelers from the party?
No, I haven't.
Not yet?
(Laughs) No not yet about it.

DNA profiling bill will violate privacy, says Congress

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NEW DELHI: The Congress on Sunday accused the government of attempting to carry out "360-degree profiling" of citizens, and claimed that the DNA profiling bill was violative of the privacy and autonomy of people.

Accusing the government of repeatedly displaying "intrusive and nosy behaviour", Congress spokesperson Abhishek Singhvi said the BJP-led government wants "an India that is defined by them".

"This government...has repeatedly made attempts at doing 360- degree profiling of its citizens. Surveillance breeds conformity...," Singhvi said.

The DNA profiling bill, based on the one prepared by the Law Commission recently, states that national and regional DNA data banks will be set up for maintaining a national database for identifying victims, accused, suspects, undertrials, missing persons and unidentified human remains. Noting that the "big brother syndrome" is deeply embedded in this government, Singhvi gave examples where the government tried to intrude into the privacy of its citizens.

"The example of Aadhaar misuse.... A perfectly valid comprehensive structure was brought by us, but the government distorted it and made it a snooping device," Singhvi claimed.

Moreover, collection of data through "tainted global firms" such as Cambridge Analytica is another example of the government trying to attack the privacy of its citizens."

He also raised the question of protection of data under the DNA Technology . "This huge DNA laboratory to collect DNA...how is it safeguarded in the laboratory? No provision has been made to safeguard, protect it," he claimed.

"The government of India must respond and give us answers as to why it is not able to wait for data protection act. The country should be told of all the details for the objective behind this bill. Ample safeguard of a comprehensive nature must be added," the Congress leader said.

When contacted, a BJP spokesperson refused comment.

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Zimbabwe President Emmerson Mnangagwa (left) arrives with his wife Auxilia to take his oath of office in Harare on Sunday. Mnangagwa was officially sworn in after winning a bitterly contested election that marked the country's first vote since Robert Mugabe was ousted from power. AFP

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TWO DEAD, 255 INJURED IN IRAN QUAKE

TEHRAN: A strong 6.0-magnitude earthquake struck western Iran near the border with Iraq on Sunday, killing two people and injuring more than 250, officials said. The shallow quake hit 26 km southwest of the city of Javanrud in Kermanshah province, the US Geological Survey said, near the site of a powerful quake last year that killed hundreds. Kermanshah governor Houshang Bazvand told state broadcaster IRIB that two people were killed and 255 injured. The head of the emergency department at Kermanshah University of Medical Sciences said the two dead were a pregnant woman and a 70-year-old man who suffered a heart attack. Kermanshah is still recovering from a devastating 7.3-magnitude quake that struck last November, killing 620 people in the province and another eight people in Iraq. **AFP**

Floods threaten Hawaii as Tropical Storm Lane leaves

HONOLULU: Tropical Storm Lane, greatly diminished from the major hurricane it was, drifted away from the Hawaiian coast on Saturday, but lingering showers threatened to trigger more flooding and landslides. The National Weather Service lifted all tropical storm warnings and watch advisories for Hawaii. But a flash flood watch remained in effect for Oahu, home to state capital Honolulu and 70% of Hawaii's residents, through Sunday, emergency management officials said. **REUTERS**

Iran's parliament sacks finance minister Karbasian

TEHRAN: Iran's parliament voted Sunday to sack finance minister Masoud Karbasian. Critics of Karbasian said the government had failed to do enough to shore up the economy as President Donald Trump began restoring sanctions after withdrawing the US from Tehran's 2015 nuclear deal with world powers. **AP**

Iran says 'no third party' will limit its support to Syria

DAMASCUS: Iran's defence minister Amir Hatami said on Sunday his country will continue its support of the Syrian government to ensure improved security in the region, adding that the nature of the two countries cooperation won't be decided by a "third party". Israel has expressed concern over Iran's growing influence in Syria, accusing Iran of seeking to establish a foothold near the frontier with the Jewish state. **AP**

8 people, 6 of them kids, killed in Chicago fire

CHICAGO: Eight people, including six children, were killed when a fire broke out on Sunday at a Chicago apartment, officials said. Two other people were hospitalized in very critical condition, a Chicago fire department spokesman said. Fire commissioner Jose Santiago said one of the children who died was an infant. Officials have not released the names or ages of the victims. **AP**

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JEREMY CORBYN

Leader of UK's Labour Party reported for alleged anti-Semitism in speech made in 2013

1. Speaking at a London conference five years ago, Corbyn said Zionists had no sense of irony, despite "having lived in this country for a very long time". The comments has angered some of his MPs and led to Jewish lawmaker Luciana Berger to say that she felt "unwelcome in my own party"
2. The Labour Against Antisemitism group, which filed the complaint, said it was reporting Corbyn "for anti-Semitism and for bringing the party into disrepute"
3. Corbyn said he had used the term Zionist "in the accurate political sense and not as a euphemism for Jewish people". However, he also committed to being "more careful" with the language he used.

McCain loses battle with cancer

MAVERICK REPUBLICAN 81-year-old advocated closer ties with India, was known for his independent views and actions

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WASHINGTON: John McCain, a Republican senator and presidential contender who advocated close ties with India, , died on Saturday, a day after his family announced he had decided to discontinue treatment for an aggressive form of brain cancer that was diagnosed last summer. He was 81.

"With the senator when he passed were his wife Cindy and their family," McCain's senate office said in an announcement. "At his death, he had served the United States of America faithfully for sixty years."

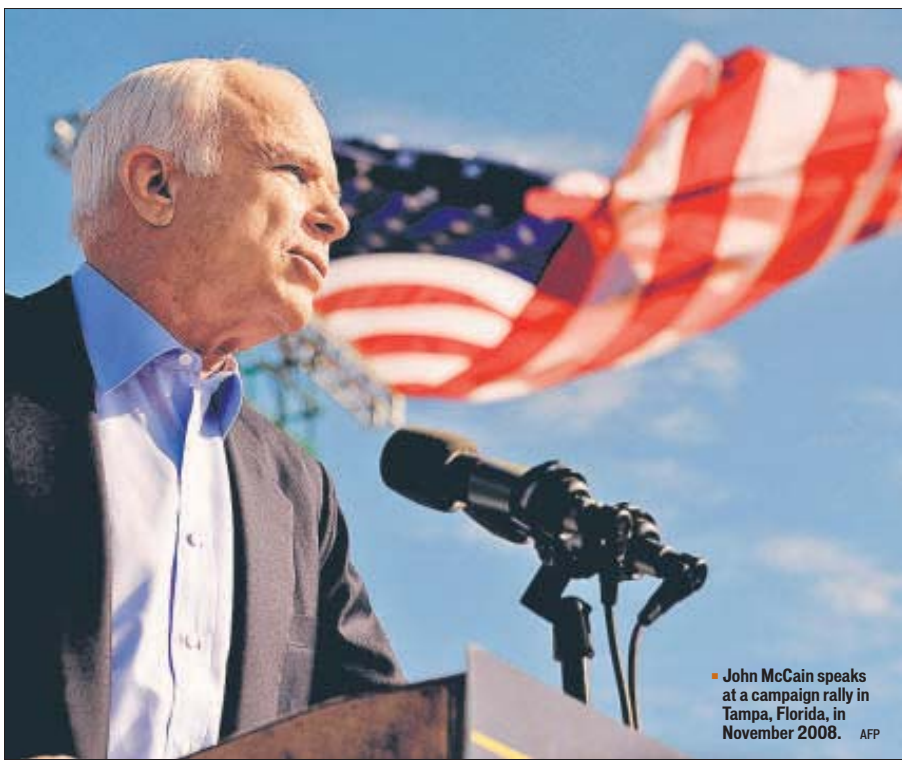
A war hero who endured more than four years of torture at the hands of his captors during the Vietnam War, McCain served two terms in the House of Representatives and six terms in the Senate, representing Arizona.

Known for fiercely independent views and actions, McCain earned a reputation for probity and fairness in public life, sometimes going against the party line. During his presidential run in 2008, a woman at a rally called his Democratic rival Barack Obama an "Arab", to which he famously replied: "No ma'am. He's a decent family man, citizen, that I just happen to have disagreements with on fundamental issues."

More recently, McCain was unsparing in his criticism of President Donald Trump, a fellow Republican, and attacked him on many issues that they disagreed on. Trump's statement on McCain's passing reflected their tense and acrimonious relationship.

"My deepest sympathies and respect go out to the family of Senator John McCain. Our hearts and prayers are with you!" Trump tweeted.

In Congress, where there is widespread bipartisan support for closer ties with India, McCain was among the leading voices. "The emergence of a strategic partnership with India has been one of the most consequential bipartisan successes of recent US foreign policy," he said in a major foreign speech at US think tank Carnegie in November 2010, as then president Barack Obama was on his way to India for the first of his two visits.



John McCain speaks at a campaign rally in Tampa, Florida, in November 2008. AFP

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His statesmanship, courage, conviction and understanding of global affairs will be missed.
—NARENDRA MODI, India Prime Minister

A great statesman, who embodied the idea of service over self. It was an honour to call him a friend of the UK.
—THERESA MAY, UK Prime Minister

McCain was an American patriot and hero whose sacrifices for his country...were an inspiration to millions.
—JUSTIN TRUDEAU, Canada Prime Minister

McCain was guided by the firm conviction that the value of all political work could be found in serving freedom, democracy and the rule of law.
— ANGELA MERKEL, German Chancellor

In 2014, McCain was the first senior US politician to call upon Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi, just a month after he was sworn in.

And on the eve of Modi's 2016 US visit, during which the prime minister addressed a joint session of Congress, McCain argued for India to be accorded a special defence status equal to that of close US allies and partners.

"Asking India to increasingly take on global responsibilities, yet not providing the associated benefits, is not a sustainable strategy," he had written in an op-ed.

McCain also introduced a bill to define India as a "global strategic and defence partner". The bill failed, but the Congress would go on recognise India as a "major defence partner" later in 2016, codifying a designation announced earlier by Obama during the 2016 visit by Modi.

In Vietnam, McCain's Hanoi Hilton jailor recalls 'stubborn' prisoner-of-war

HAIPHONG: A prisoner of war in the "Hanoi Hilton", navy pilot John McCain was known as uncompromising, frank and an avid reader who fiercely debated the war with his Vietnamese jailors.

One of them, the former director of the infamous Hoa Lo prison, recalls verbally sparring with the famous inmate and says McCain's refusal to budge on his views eventually earned his admiration.

"It was his stubbornness, his strong stance that I loved when arguing with him," retired Col Tran Trong Duyet told AFP.

In the decades following the Vietnam War, McCain forgave the enemies who once held him captive, and helped reconcile the two countries that today enjoy strong ties.

His five and a half years in prison began in October 1967 when McCain was thrown into the French-built jail after his Skyhawk divebomber was shot down over Hanoi's Truc Bach lake.

Fished out with a broken leg and two broken arms he was shipped to the cold, crowded facility where some 500 prisoners of war were held.

McCain was held in solitary confinement and suffered from dysentery. For months on end, he was fed only bread and pumpkin soup. He communicated with fellow inmates by tapping codes on the thick concrete walls.

In his memoirs, McCain wrote that solitary "put me in a pretty surly mood" and that he would ward off depression by hollering insults at guards. And then there were the interrogations and beatings. "Ropes were put on me and I sat that night bound with ropes," McCain wrote after his 1973 release.

Duyet denies McCain or others were mistreated and says he punished any fellow guards who stepped out of line.

"There was no torture, Vietnamese people saved him," Duyet said in an interview earlier this year at his home in Haiphong, where he displays both photos of American POWs and more recent images of himself in military uniform posing with US officials.

McCain visited the Southeast Asian country several times after the restoration of diplomatic ties in 1995, even returning to the "Hanoi Hilton" for an emotional meeting with another former jailor.

Duyet never got a chance to reconnect with McCain, but imagined what he might say if he had. "If he came to Vietnam, I would greet him, not as a former prisoner and a jailer, but as two veterans, from both sides of the battlefield, now meeting again in the spirit of reconciliation," he said. **AFP**

Japan's Abe seeks fresh term as party head, record tenure as PM

TOKYO: Shinzo Abe confirmed on Sunday he would run in his ruling party's leadership election, putting him on track to become Japan's longest-serving premier and bolstering his dream of reforming the constitution.

Abe is expected to be re-elected head of the conservative Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) easily, with the vast majority of lawmakers behind him and only one challenger, former defence minister Shigeru Ishiba.

"I have decided to lead Japan as the LDP leader and the prime minister for three more years, and with this determination, I will run for the leadership election next month," Abe told reporters in a televised news conference.

Winning the September 20 run-off would effectively keep the hawkish Abe in power for another three-year term at the helm of the world's third-largest economy, with no real political party opposition to speak of.

His rival Ishiba has also identified demographic concerns and the regional security threat from nuclear-armed North Korea as the two biggest challenges facing Japan. **AFP**

Oz PM rewards allies, keeps rebels in cabinet

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CANBERRA: Australia's new prime minister announced a peace-making Cabinet on Sunday that does not punish his rivals in a bruising power struggle that ousted his predecessor days ago and divided a government that lags in opinion polls.

The fractured conservative coalition government needs to present a united front to voters ahead of elections due by May.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison won a ballot of government lawmakers for the leadership on Friday against rival Peter Dutton.

Morrison had been loyal to his predecessor, Malcolm Turnbull, whom Dutton had demanded prove he had the support of ruling Liberal Party lawmakers in a ballot. Turnbull resigned.

Morrison, who last week was the treasurer, returned Dutton to the home affairs ministry he had held under Turnbull.

Mathias Cormann, a party power broker who backed Dutton, retained his finance portfolio.

Australia's first female foreign minister, Julie Bishop, announced earlier Sunday that she had quit the Cabinet.

The 62-year-old Bishop had had been deputy leader of the ruling party since 2007 and failed to become prime minister in Friday's leadership ballot.

Opposition lawmaker Penny Wong paid tribute to Bishop for her trailblazing role in foreign affairs.

Bishop will be replaced as foreign minister by Marise Payne, Australia's first female defense minister.

In Ireland, Pope 'begs for God's forgiveness' for Church abuses

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DUBLIN: Pope Francis "begged for God's forgiveness" on Sunday for multiple abuse scandals within the Irish church but faced accusations by a former Vatican official that he had personally ignored allegations against senior clergy.

In front of 45,000 supporters at the Knock shrine in the west of Ireland, the pope sought forgiveness over the "open wound" of the church's sexual abuse scandal and demanded "firm and decisive" measures to find "truth and justice".

At a later Mass to tens of thousands of flag-waving worshippers at Dublin's Phoenix Park, the showpiece event of the two-day visit to the former Catholic stronghold, he also confessed to other abuses by the Irish church, including at its so-called "mother and baby" homes.

But in the city centre around 5,000 abuse victims and their supporters braved the weather to attend the "Stand for Truth" rally.

The scandal has dogged the visit, and intensified overnight when a former Vatican envoy to the US accused Francis of personally ignoring sexual abuse claims against prominent US cardinal Theodore McCarrick, who was forced to resign last month.

Pope Francis arrives in Knock, Ireland on Sunday. REUTERS

Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano wrote in a letter published in the National Catholic Register that he had told Francis of the allegations in 2013, but that he had responded by lifting sanctions imposed on McCarrick by predecessor Pope Benedict.

"He (Pope Francis) knew from at least June 23, 2013 that McCarrick was a serial predator," wrote Vigano, adding that "he knew that he was a corrupt man, he covered for him to the bitter end."

The Vatican said it had no comment to make on the claims.

Irish Prime Minister Leo Varadkar on Saturday directly urged the pope to take action against abuses and ensure justice for victims worldwide.

"Holy Father, I ask that you use your office and influence to ensure that this is done here in Ireland and across the world," he said, calling the scandals a "stain" on the church and state.

The pope met eight abuse victims on Saturday, including a woman assaulted by a priest when she was in hospital aged 13.

Paul Jude Redmond, who was illegally adopted from a Church-run "mother and baby home" because his mother was unmarried, also met the pope. He said the pontiff appeared "genuinely shocked" by the stories of abuse.

But at a news conference in Dublin on Saturday by the group Ending Clergy Abuse, victim Mark Vincent Healey said the pope's speech in Dublin was a "total missed opportunity".

The pontiff is in Ireland to close the 2018 World Meeting of Families — a global Catholic gathering that addressed issues including the treatment of gay people in the Church. It is the first papal visit to Ireland since John Paul II spoke in front of 1.5 million people during a visit in 1979.

The Church's role and standing has been badly dented by the abuse scandals and the Irish have shed traditional Catholic mores, voting earlier this year to legalise abortion after approving same-sex marriage in 2015.

In Tuam, a town in western Ireland, hundreds joined in a silent vigil on Sunday in solidarity with victims of the "mother and baby" homes -- institutions accused of being punishment hostels for unwed pregnant women. "Significant quantities" of baby remains found in makeshift graves at the site of one such home in Tuam last year shocked the country.

AFGHANISTAN: ISLAMIC STATE LEADER KILLED, SAYS GOVT

KABUL: The head of Islamic State in Afghanistan, Abu Saad Erhabi, was killed in a strike on the group's hideouts in Nangarhar province on Saturday night, authorities said on Sunday.

Ten other members of the militant group were also killed in a joint ground and air operation by Afghan and foreign forces, the National Directorate of Security in Kabul said in a statement.

A large amount of heavy and light weapons and ammunition were destroyed during raids on two Islamic State hideouts.

The jihadi group's Amaq's news agency carried no comment on the issue, and there was no immediate reaction from the Nato-led Resolute Support mission that trains and advises Afghan forces.

The provincial governor of Nangarhar said Erhabi was the fourth Islamic State leader in Afghanistan to be killed since July 2017.

The group has developed a stronghold in Nangarhar, on Afghanistan's porous eastern border with Pakistan, and become one of the country's most dangerous militant groups.

The local affiliate of Islamic State, sometimes known as Islamic State Khorasan (ISIS-K) after an old name for the region that includes Afghanistan, has been active since 2015, fighting the Taliban as well as Afghan and US forces.

Former ISIS-K leader Abu Sayed was killed in a strike in the eastern province of Nangarhar and Sayed's predecessors were killed joint US and Afghan operations.

The exact number of Islamic State fighters in Afghanistan is difficult to calculate because they frequently switch allegiances, but the U.S. military estimates that there are about 2,000.

More than 150 Islamic State fighters surrendered to Afghan security forces this month in the northwestern province of Jawzjan, where the group is fighting for control of smuggling routes into neighbouring Turkmenistan. **REUTERS**

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Neil Simon, Broadway's master of comedy, dies at 91

NEW YORK: Playwright Neil Simon, a master of comedy whose laugh-filled hits such as The Odd Couple, 'Barefoot In The Park and his Brighton Beach trilogy dominated Broadway for decades, has died. He was 91.

Simon died on Sunday of complications from pneumonia while surrounded by family at New York Presbyterian Hospital in Manhattan, said Bill Evans, his longtime friend.

In the second half of the 20th century, Simon was the American theatre's most successful and prolific playwright, often chronicling middle class issues and fears. Starting with Come Blow Your Horn in 1961 and continuing into the next century, he rarely stopped working on a new play or musical. His list of credits is staggering.

Simon was the recipient of four Tony Awards, the Pulitzer Prize, the Kennedy Center honours (1995), four Writers Guild of America Awards and an American Comedy Awards Lifetime Achievement honour. In 1983, he had a Broadway theatre named after him when the Alvin was rechristened the Neil Simon Theatre.

In 2006, he won the Mark Twain Prize for American Humour.

In a 1997 interview with The Washington Post, Simon reflected on his success: "I know that I have reached the pinnacle of rewards. There's no more money anyone can pay me that I need. There are no awards they can give me that I haven't won. I have no reason to write another play except that I am alive and I like to do it." **AP**

Neil Simon in New York in October 2009. NYT

AFGHANISTAN'S ASHRAF GHANI

Resignation of security officials not accepted

KABUL: Afghan President Ashraf Ghani on Sunday rejected the resignations of the intelligence chief and the interior and defence ministers, as the government faces fierce criticism over an increasingly deadly insurgency.

Ghani called on defence minister Tariq Shah Bahrami, interior minister Wais Ahmad Barmak and intelligence chief Masoom Stanekzai to continue their duties, after rejecting their resignation letters submitted on Saturday and demanding they help bolster the country's defences.

Earlier on Saturday Ghani's national security adviser Mohammad Haneef Atmar resigned, a blow to the embattled unity government before elections scheduled for October.

The Ghani administration has been widely criticised for its inability to counter the energised insurgency.

The Taliban have intensified assaults on police and troops across the country and the Islamic State group has targeted the capital Kabul. **AFP**

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Vijay Mallya AFP/FILE

SPECIAL COURT TO HEAR MALLYA'S CASE UNDER THE NEW LAW TODAY

MUMBAI: Vijay Mallya is listed to appear before a special court here on Monday as part of the first action initiated against an absconding accused under the newly enacted fugitive economic offenders law. People aware of the matter said while it is certain that Mallya may not appear in person as he is contesting an Indian extradition case in London, it is expected that his authorised legal representative may submit a reply to the court of special PMLA judge MS Azmi as part of his official response to the notice. The same court, on June 30, had issued notice to Mallya to appear before it on August 27 after the Enforcement Directorate charged the liquor baron under the new law as it enlarged its money laundering probe against him and others in a ₹9,000 alleged bank fraud case.

SBI to customers: Switch to chip-based debit cards

NEW DELHI: Country's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI) has asked its customers to get their ATM-cum-debit cards with magnetic stripe replaced with the one with EMV chip before December 31. The Reserve Bank on India (RBI) had asked banks to issue only chip-based and PIN enabled debit and credit cards with an aim to protect customers from frauds. EMV chip card protects against counterfeit (skimming) card fraud. EMV chip card and PIN protects against both counterfeit (skimming) and lost and stolen card fraud.

SAIL starts process to exit non-operational JV firms

NEW DELHI: India's largest steel maker SAIL has started process to exit some of its joint ventures that are either non-operational or non-performing, the public sector major has said in a report. The steel maker is also exploring options to monetise its investment in certain JV firms, the latest report said. "SAIL has initiated actions for closure/exit from certain joint venture (JV) companies which are either non-operational or non-performing," Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL) said in its annual report 2017-18.

FPIs need to fill single form for registration, bank a/c

NEW DELHI: The government has introduced a single application form for foreign investors to enter into the domestic capital market as part of the exercise to improve ease of doing business. Earlier, foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) had to file a separate form to register themselves with the market regulator Sebi. Besides, they had to approach bank for opening bank account, income tax department for PAN (Permanent Account Number) and market intermediaries for Demat account. Finance minister Arun Jaitley in his 2017-18 Budget speech had said a common application form for FPIs would be devised with a view to enhance operational flexibility.

Grofers expects its revenue to cross ₹2,500 cr in FY19

NEW DELHI: Online grocery firm Grofers expects its revenue to cross ₹2,500 crore this fiscal on the back of strong addition of new customers along with increasing cart sizes of existing users. The SoftBank-backed firm, which competes with the likes of Alibaba-funded BigBasket as well as e-commerce majors like Flipkart and Amazon, currently has a monthly revenue run rate of about ₹150 crore (translating into ₹1,800 crore for the year).

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Warren Buffett to buy stake in Paytm

INDIA ENTRY Deal to pick up around 4% in Paytm will mark Berkshire Hathaway's first investment in an Indian company

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NEW DELHI: Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway is set to buy a small stake in One97 Communications Ltd, the parent of Paytm, making it the billionaire investor's first investment in an Indian company, according to two people aware of the development.

Paytm, India's largest payment services provider, has been in talks with Berkshire Hathaway since early February to raise about ₹2,200-2,500 crore ($300-350 million) at a valuation of about $10-12 billion, the two people cited above said on condition of anonymity.

An email to Berkshire Hathaway did not elicit a response. A Paytm spokesperson did not respond to an email seeking comment.

The deal, which is likely to be announced within the next two weeks, will be Berkshire Hathaway's first investment in the country's buzzing startup ecosystem. It will also be the company's first investment in a privately-held technology company in the world. In the past, Berkshire Hathway has selectively invested in some publicly listed tech companies, most notably International Business Machines (IBM) Corp. and Apple. Berkshire recently exited IBM, but still owns Apple stock.

In May, several publications reported that Berkshire Hathaway tried to invest in ride-hailing firm Uber. However, the talks were not successful.

Buffett, known as the Oracle of Omaha, did set up Berkshire India in 2011 and partnered with Bajaj Allianz to sell insurance. However, Berkshire exited the partnership two years later, citing excessive regulation, according to a CNN report.

Berkshire Hathaway's entry into India has been long awaited and the imminent deal would mark a ringing endorsement of India's internet and tech ecosystem from one of the world's most renowned investors, especially since the country's startup ecosystem has also attracted a fair share of scepticism due to frothy valuations and unsustainable financials over the past five to six years.

Paytm already has a strong capital table with a bunch of globally renowned investors such as Japan's Softbank Group, China's Alibaba Group and Ant Financial. It also counts SAIF Partners and MediaTek as investors.

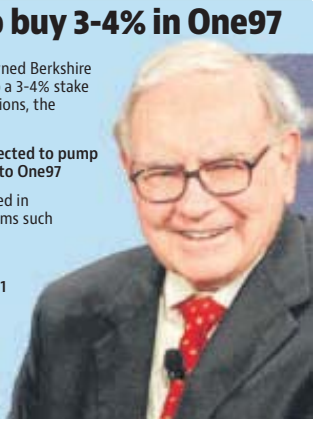
Paytm claims to have touched $4 billion in monthly gross transaction value, with the number of transactions touching a peak of 1.3 billion in the quarter ended June, *Mint* had reported in July.

Founded by Vijay Shekhar Sharma in 2000, One97 started out as a mobile payments and mobile recharge business and currently ranks among the top three consumer internet companies in the country. The company has created a host of payment solutions where consumers can transact via the Paytm digital wallet and Paytm Bank.

In the last two years, Paytm has also aggressively built its e-commerce marketplace by selling consumer goods, apparel, footwear, smartphones, bus tickets and movie tickets.

Buffett to buy 3-4% in One97

- **Warren Buffett**-owned Berkshire Hathaway will pick up a 3-4% stake in One97 Communications, the parent of Paytm
- **The US giant is expected to pump ₹2,200-2,500 crore into One97**
- Berkshire has invested in publicly-listed tech firms such as IBM and Apple
- **Buffett had set up Berkshire India in 2011 and partnered with Bajaj Allianz to sell insurance. Berkshire exited the deal two years later**



Jaitley cites IMF report to defend NDA govt's economic track record

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NEW DELHI: In his first public statement after returning to office from a three-month post-surgery break, finance minister Arun Jaitley on Sunday said greater transparency and decisiveness has been the hallmark of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government, compared to the years under the United Progressive Alliance (UPA).

In a Facebook post, Jaitley said while high inflation, high fiscal deficit, high current account deficit, a standstill infrastructure, power sector, allocation of natural resources were the focus of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) report in 2014, the recent IMF staff report released last month says India has come a long way since the UPA demitted office.

"The last four years have seen a series of reforms, both legislative and otherwise, which have been carried at by the government. The system have been substantially cleaned up and made more transparent. Decisiveness has led to easier decision-making and made the economy stand out before several other countries." Jaitley's comments comes amid the ongoing controversy over the back series GDP (gross domestic product) data showing better economic performance during the UPA years.

Referring to the back series data, the Congress was quick to point out that the Indian economy grew at an average of 8.36% and 7.68% during the UPA-I and UPA-II, respectively, while the NDA averaged just 7.33% in its four years.

The statistics department has since put the report out for public comments, saying that the recommendations of the committee has not been accepted yet.

"Jaitleyji is finding solace and comfort in an international report of the IMF, given that the negative ground reality in India and accepting it, will completely expose the BJP's non-development and anti-development policies," said Jaiveer Shergill, national media panellist of the Congress party. "Rather than comparing 2014 with the record of 2018, he should read his own government arm, NITI Aayog's report, which says that unemployment is at a seven-year high, and by the government's own submission in Supreme Court, NPAs (non-performing assets) are on the rise and India has also seen an increase in farmer suicides," he added.

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Union finance minister Arun Jaitley PTI/FILE

Liberty House looks to turn ABG Shipyard facility into a steel plant

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MUMBAI: Liberty House, the London-based metals group founded by India-born billionaire Sanjeev Gupta, plans to build a steel plant in place of the existing ship-building facility if its bid to buy troubled ship maker ABG Shipyard is accepted.

Gupta's Liberty House has placed a bid of ₹5,200 crore for ABG Shipyard, which owes close to ₹19,000 crore to creditors.

In the three rounds of bidding held for this asset, Liberty House has emerged as the sole bidder. The company's resolution plan for the ship builder is pending at the Ahmedabad bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT). In a August 22 interview, Gupta said that if Liberty House were to win the asset, he would re-purpose the facility to recycle metal scrap.

As it stands now, Gupta said, "ABG is a junkyard. It has been vandalized and now you will only find stray dogs there. The ship-building business is not something we're planning on. The yard is well-located; it's got a good shiplift. It can be used for breaking ships for scrap and that serves our green steel (recycled steel) objective. The business model we have in mind is completely different."

Mumbai airport stake: Changi, ADIA among potential bidders

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MUMBAI: GVK Group is in talks with at least four companies to sell a significant minority stake in Mumbai International Airport Pvt. Ltd (MIAL), two people directly aware of the discussions said.

Four of the potential bidders, namely Singapore's Changi Airport, German airport operator AviAlliance, India's sovereign wealth fund National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) and Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA) are in advanced negotiations to buy a stake in MIAL, the people cited above said, requesting anonymity as the talks are private.

The interested parties are expected to make non-binding offers by September 10 when an internal deadline set by Citigroup, which is managing the transaction, ends, the people said.

Alongside GVK Group, South Africa's Bidvest Group, which has about a 13.5% stake in MIAL has also begun a parallel process to sell its entire stake, said the two people cited above.

GVK's plan to sell a stake in MIAL is part of its efforts to deleverage and free up cash for new projects such as the ongoing second airport in Mumbai.

GVK Power & Infrastructure Ltd, which runs the airport business through GVK Airports Holdings Pvt. Ltd, had a debt of ₹12,854 crore at the end of March. "The group is looking to raise anywhere between ₹4,000 crore to ₹6,000 crore from the transaction and will continue to retain a stake in MIAL post the deal," the first person cited before said. "The transaction value will depend on the overall valuation of MIAL, which is expected to be around ₹16,000 crore or more."

The second person cited before said "all the four bidders have been given data room access by GVK so that they can finalize their respective bids".

MIAL runs the Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport—one of the busiest in India—as a special purpose joint venture company. A consortium led by GVK holds a 74% stake in Mumbai airport. GVK owns a 50.5% stake, while the Bidvest Group, and Airports Co. South Africa Ltd hold 13.5% and 10%, respectively. The remaining 26% is held by state-run Airports Authority of India (AAI).

Under a 30-year concession, the government granted MIAL the right to operate, maintain and develop Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport. The airport services the Mumbai metropolitan area. In, 2010, GVK acquired a 13.5% stake from Bidvest paying around ₹650 crore. State-run AAI has the right to buy stakes in MIAL, according to previously agreed terms, before it's sold to a third party.

Responding to a query from *Mint*, a spokesperson for Bidvest Group confirmed the development and said the group was looking to exit its investment in MIAL.

Boarding call for investors

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- GVK owns 50.5% in Mumbai International Airport Private Limited

INDIA ALLAYS EXIT FEARS, TO STAY ENGAGED IN THE RCEP

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NEW DELHI: Allaying fears that India may exit Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) trade negotiations to avoid giving more market access to China, an informal group of ministers (GoM) headed by trade minister Suresh Prabhu has decided that India will remain engaged in the 16-member trade grouping.

India will tell RCEP members in the upcoming Singapore Ministerial that it can't offer tariff liberalization above 86% of traded goods to all member countries, a top government official said on condition of anonymity.

The GoM, which was set up earlier this month to finalize India's strategy for RCEP in the view of growing opposition to the trade deal from within and outside the government, also includes power minister Piyush Goyal, defence minister Nirmala Sitharaman and housing and urban affairs minister Hardeep Puri. "We will affirm that any tariff liberalization beyond 86% needs to be discussed and finalized bilaterally between two RCEP member countries," the official aware of the RCEP negotiations said. The Singapore Ministerial of RCEP is scheduled to take place on August 30 and 31.

India does not expect conclusion of negotiations by December as proposed by many RCEP members given many unresolved issues, the official said.

Bank of Baroda has already sent the request for proposal (RFP) to its 10 empanelled investment bankers MINT

BoB looks to sell 2 international units

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MUMBAI: Bank of Baroda (BoB) is looking to sell its offshore subsidiaries in Ghana and Trinidad and Tobago, as part of a strategy to rationalize international operations, according to two bankers familiar with the matter. This is the first attempt by any state-owned bank to sell its international units.

Bank of Baroda has already sent the request for proposal (RFP) to its 10 empanelled investment bankers, said the people cited above. The two subsidiaries' total business constitute less than ₹1,000 crore.

Both Bank of Baroda (Ghana) Ltd and Bank of Baroda (Trinidad and Tobago) Ltd run three retail branches, each. "Some of these subsidiaries are not performing as per expectation. Hence, we decided to exit," said the first banker, requesting anonymity.

"Unlike Uganda and Kenya, which are both listed subsidiaries, Ghana and T&T are not core to our business." In June, Bank of Baroda had closed down its Bahrain and Nasau branches, and is currently in the process of closing its Bahamas branch.

According to a July 23 Indian Express report, public sector banks (PSBs) have shut 37 overseas branches and are expected to close down another 70 by the end of the year, following the government's roadmap on rationalizing banks' foreign operations.

An email query to Bank of Baroda did not elicit any response.

Earlier, Bank of Baroda was forced to shut operations in South Africa after its loans to companies owned by three Indian origin businessmen—brothers, Ajay Gupta, Atul Gupta and Rajesh Gupta—who were considered close to former South Africa president Jacob Zuma, came under the scanner for alleged money-laundering.

Such incidents, along with the need to preserve capital at a time when state-run banks are struggling with high levels of debt and low profitability, has prompted the government to kick start the rationalization process.

Challenges for Goyal as Jet board meets

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MUMBAI: At an annual general meeting earlier this month in Mumbai, Jet Airways (India) Ltd's founder and chairman Naresh Goyal apologised to his company's shareholders who lost money, while listing out several steps to improve growth and corporate governance. The airline subsequently deferred announcing its June quarter results to August 27.

The carrier will have to punch above its weight when Goyal and other directors meet later on Monday to discuss cost-cutting steps and ways to turnaround its financial woes.

Indian airlines have been hammered by higher jet fuel prices, a weaker rupee and intense competition, restricting its ability to raise fares to cover higher costs. While the sector faces headwinds, Jet Airways, which is essentially a full service carrier, also faces stiff competition from no frill carriers, which operate on a comparatively lower cost model. Shares of Jet have lost more than half of their value in the past year, according to BSE data.

"We were scared about our future with the airline when the management asked us to consider pay cuts," said a pilot with Jet Airways, on the condition of anonymity. The pilot was referring to one of the steps planned by Jet Airways to cut costs and conveyed to employees earlier in August. "However, we understand that the management is working hard to turn around the finances and bring down costs."

Jet Airways had net debt of ₹8,082.65 crore as on March-end, according to its annual report. Its costs are also high, accentuated by a recent rally in fuel prices and the cost of debt servicing.

"Jet's cost structure/debt levels have improved, but it needs to do more because of intense competition in the industry," SBI Cap Securities said in a July 16 report. Jet Airways plans to cut non-fuel costs by 12-15% in the coming quarters. Goyal, who owns a 51% stake in Jet Airways, has in the past steered his airline through difficult situations.

In 2013, when Jet Airways was battling with higher costs, Goyal managed to get Abu Dhabi-based Etihad Airways take a 24% stake for ₹2,050 crore.

In the recent past, Jet Airways signed an enhanced cooperation pact with Air France-KLM, expanding its opportunities in Europe and North America.

Goyal built Jet Airways from scratch. For over two and a half decades, since 1992, he kept the carrier afloat while many of its contemporaries shut shop.

The rules of the game have, however, changed with no frill carriers with lower cost structure and deeper pockets like IndiGo and SpiceJet ruling the domestic skies, and competition from full-service airlines like Tata-Singapore Airlines' Vistara and state-owned Air India.

Naresh Goyal, chairman of Jet Airways MINT/FILE

China's Didi suspends carpool service after woman's murder

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BEIJING: China's riding hailing giant Didi Chuxing on Sunday suspended a carpool service following the rape and murder of a 20-year-old woman by a driver, the second such incident in months that has triggered widespread concerns about the safety of taxi hailing services.

A statement by the company, the largest in the world by number of trips, admitted deficiencies in its Hitch service and that it will be suspended from August 27.

There have been "disappointing mistakes," the statement said, adding the service will remain suspended until a complete revaluation. Hitch is one of Didi's 10 services, which connects car owners and passengers travelling on the same route.

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Two top executives from the department have been removed from their posts. Chinese media reported that the victim, Zhao, had booked and boarded a Didi taxi in the city of Wenzhou in the eastern Chinese province of Zhejiang on Friday afternoon.

"After realising that the driver was not taking a normal route, Zhao sent a number of text messages to friends and family asking for help. When Zhao's family later tried to contact her, Zhao could not be reached, and the family informed the police," the website *Sixth Tone* reported.

"On Saturday morning, the driver, surnamed Zhong, was arrested. He admitted to raping and killing Zhao, whose body was found hours later by the side of the road," the report added.

FEELING THE PINCH

Higher prices, costlier loans may hit car sales this festive season

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MUMBAI: Rising interest rates and higher car prices could hit consumer sentiment this festival season, even as demand is likely to be subdued in Kerala, where the worst floods in more than a century have left more than 380 people dead, according to dealers and auto company executives.

Barring July, car sales have grown at a fast pace since January on the back of a recovery in rural demand and a slew of product launches and upgrades. Car sales in India are considered as factory dispatches to dealerships. Auto makers may have to trim dealer inventory if retail demand fails to keep pace.

The festival season, which started with Onam this month and will end with Diwali in November, is crucial for companies as consumers traditionally consider it auspicious for big-ticket purchases such as cars.

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Factors such as two straight repo rate hikes in June and August and nine straight months of retail inflation above the central bank's medium-term target of 4% are likely to affect consumer sentiment, said executives at dealerships.

"Enquiries have reduced by about 20% compared to the same period last year as consumers are concerned about uncertain fuel and food prices. We are expecting a subdued festive season despite new launches," said a Honda Cars India Ltd dealer in New Delhi, adding that about 40% of car buyers take loans.

A Maruti Nexa dealership executive in western Mumbai concurred. "Enquiries and footfalls are marginally lower than last year, though we have high expectations owing to new products and festive schemes. There is a delay in intent to purchase because even car prices have risen," the executive said.

The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) June consumer confidence survey of over 5,000 individuals in six metropolitan cities found that 83% of respondents believe prices would rise 12 months from now, with only 48.2% of respondents expecting general economic conditions to improve a year hence. As many as 27.7% expect economic conditions to worsen.

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Mental health matters too

WHY YOU SHOULD CARE As new health care rules cover mental illness, experts tell us what it means

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MUMBAI: If you look at any health insurance policies in the market, it mentions that all mental illnesses are excluded from the cover. This is set to change soon. Recently, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI), complying with the government's Mental Healthcare Act, 2017, issued a directive that every insurer in the country will now have to make a provision in their medical insurance plans for treatment of mental illness.

"When we were framing the Mental Healthcare Bill which then became an Act, the 11-member group was very clear that medical insurance for mental health has to be brought under the insurance ambit of medical insurance. The genesis of the IRDA circular is a provision of the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017, which says mental illness can't be excluded from medical insurance. The circular issued by IRDAI is in continuity with it," said Akhileshwar Sahay, a mental health activist and a member of the Government of India National Mental Health Policy Group.

After IRDAI, in a circular dated August 16, said mental illness should be treated on the same basis as physical ones, all insurers will have to rework their existing health policies.

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THE CHANGE

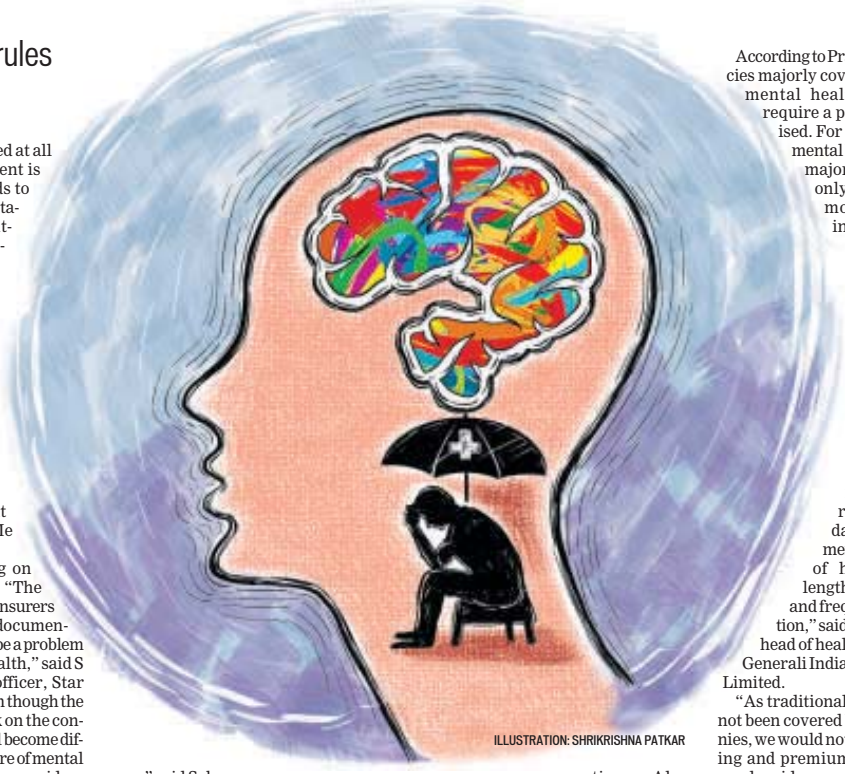
"Psychiatry was not covered at all before this and the treatment is expensive if a patient needs to undergo therapy or consultation," said Dr Smitha Vatwani, psychiatrist at Mumbai-based Shradhha Rehabilitation Foundation.

According to therapists, people suffering from mental health issues prioritise physical health. "One of the major problems seen among people facing mental health issues is the thought that why they should shell money for a mental problem," said Gitanjali Palekar, co-founder and therapist at Mumbai-based Mind & Me Mental Health Services.

Insurers are reworking on health insurance policies. "The only point of concern is that insurers make payments based on documentary evidence, which might be a problem when it comes to mental health," said S Prakash, chief operating officer, Star Health Insurance Ltd. "Even though the insurance model does work on the concept of trust, verification will become difficult owing to the very nature of mental illnesses. However, if service providers are 100% genuine, mental health coverage can be seamless," he said.

LIMITATION

Like any physical disease, there will be a waiting period for a pre-existing mental ailment too. "Pre-existing conditions in case of mental illness will get the same treatment as the case with physical illness," said Sahay.



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According to Mahavir Chopra, director, health, life and travel insurance, Coverfox.com, the waiting period for pre-existing mental illness in health insurance is likely to be up to four years. Another limitation is that most insurance policies provide cover in case of in-patients. "Treatment of mental illness out of hospital is a norm rather than an exception. Also, unlike physical illnesses, where treatment is short-term, except for chronic illness, treatment for all mental illness is long-term and the medicines are expensive. Bi-polar disorder and schizophrenia could be for life. In such cases, saying that it will be covered only in case of hospitalization would be a mockery of the entire process," said Sahay.

According to Prakash, insurance policies majorly cover in-patients and all mental health issues may not require a patient to be hospitalised. For the same reason that mental health plans may also majorly cover in-patients only, Prakash said, this move may not hit the insurers financially.

THE COST

Inclusion of mental illness in health insurance cover will come at a cost. But how much will it cost?

"The insurers are yet to decide on premiums and ultimate cost to be incurred, as the insurers would require details such as data on incidence on mental illnesses, chances of hospitalization and length of stay, average cost and frequency of hospitalisation," said Shreeraj Deshpande, head of health insurance, Future Generali India Insurance Company Limited.

"As traditionally mental health has not been covered by insurance companies, we would not have an idea on pricing and premiums as of now," Deshpande said.

The regulator has mandated it to be covered in the existing health plans and without branching the product, it will be difficult to include mental health," Prakash said.

According to Chopra, the premium of all health insurance policies are likely to go up as insurance companies have to include treatment of mental illnesses.

These expenses give tax benefits

ARCHIT GUPTA

The one lament of the salaried is there are no tax benefits on their expenses. Freelancers or those in a business or professionals, on the other hand, are allowed to reduce expenses from their receipts. The Income Tax Act allows at least some of the expenses of the salaried as deductions.

COMPANY-LEASED CAR

The taxable portion of the salary can be significantly reduced if the company provides the car rather than employee owning the car. Irrespective of whether the car is owned by employee or employer, if the car is used only for official work, then it will not be taxable for the employee.

If the car has been provided by the employer and it is used wholly for official purposes, the value of perquisite taxable in the employee's hands is nil. If the car is used both for official and personal purposes, and maintenance expenses are reimbursed by the employer, taxable perquisite would be ₹1,800 monthly (for small cars with capacity of less than 1.6 litres) or ₹2,400 monthly (for bigger cars).

If maintenance expenses are borne by the employee, perquisite value is ₹600 (small cars) or ₹900 monthly (big cars).

If a car is owned by the employee and maintenance charges, including driver's salary (if any) is reimbursed by the employer, perquisite value is nil again if the vehicle is used for official purposes. However, if a vehicle is used partly for official and partly for personal purposes, the actual reimbursement made by employer towards maintenance will be reduced by ₹1,800 a month and ₹2,400 a month for small cars and big cars, respectively.

SCHOOL FEES

School fees can be a significant portion of your annual expenses. Did you know that you can claim tax deductions on school fees and are also eligible to be claimed under section 80? A family can split expenses such that one person can claim school fees. The deduction, however, can only be claimed by the person who is actually making the payment. Tuition fees paid to educational institution, university, college, school within India is eligible. Deduction is available irrespective of the class attended by the child, but all of these must be situated in India. The deduction is available only for full-time education.

TELEPHONE BILLS, BOOKS AND PERIODICALS

Official phone calls and keeping yourself up-to-date with the goings on in your area of work can prove to be costly. The employer may structure your salary so you can claim your telephone bills. Whatever money is spent to make official calls can be claimed by you without any tax impact. Similarly, you can ask for a part of your salary to be paid as 'books and periodicals'. You can claim this on actual basis

DISABLED DEPENDANTS

The disabilities that are covered under include mental retardation, cured leprosy, locomotor disability, hearing impairment and vision impairment. These can be claimed under section 80DD. Where disability is 40% or more but less than 80%, maximum deduction is ₹75,000. Where there is severe disability (disability is 80% or more) maximum deduction of ₹1,25,000 can be claimed.

ON SPECIFIED DISEASES

Diseases such as dementia, cancer and renal failure are not uncommon anymore. Claim for these diseases are also covered under the income tax Act. Expenses for treatment of these can be claimed under section 80DDB. Such a deduction is available for any expenses incurred towards treatment of certain specified medical diseases or ailments for self or any of the dependents. In case the individual on behalf of whom such expenses are incurred is a senior citizen, a deduction up to ₹1 lakh or actual expenses whichever is less, can be claimed by the taxpayer. However, for those less than 60 years old, the maximum deduction is restricted to ₹40,000.

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Link overdraft account with UPI 2.0

WHAT IS IT?

United Payments Interface 2.0 or UPI 2.0 is an extended version of the existing UPI system that was launched in 2016. UPI 2.0 was launched recently by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). UPI is basically a platform that allows multiple bank accounts belonging to any member bank to be connected through one mobile application. You have the option to use app enabled for UPI payments or mobile banking apps that also include UPI features along with other banking features. You can send money to any UPI-enabled bank account without using details.

NEW FEATURES

There are four main benefits with the new version. You can now link your overdraft account to UPI. Another feature named 'mandate' will allow you to pre-authorise a transaction from your bank account to be debited later. Also now when you receive a collect request you will be able to check the invoice and verify the details of the transaction before you pay for it. Earlier you could only verify the amount. The last feature gives a customer additional security in the form of a signed intent or QR solving issues related to tampered QR and non-verified entries while assuring the authenticity of the other party.

CAN YOU USE IT?

UPI 2.0, which will be operated by NPCI, is already operational with HDFC Bank Ltd, ICICI Bank Ltd, RBL Bank Ltd, State Bank of India, Axis Bank Ltd, IDBI Bank Ltd, Yes Bank Ltd, IndusInd Bank Ltd, Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd, HSBC Bank and Federal Bank Ltd. Most large banks are working to enable their apps for UPI 2.0. The third-party apps and merchants are looking to implement UPI 2.0. According to NPCI, these app providers should be ready to provide the services to their customers in the next 45 days. NPCI said it will be working with all other banks to get them enabled. REVATI KRISHNA

TRIP AND TIPS

Shopping overseas? Make sure you claim your tax refund

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MUMBAI: If you plan to go overseas this year for your annual holiday, besides booking your accommodation, internal travel options, finalizing the food and drinks options, you may also want to take notes for tax refund in case you plan to shop. Did you know that you can claim value added tax (VAT) refund on your shopping in select countries? Here is how:

THE PROCESS

Many travellers on their holiday to their favourite destinations tend to shop either for themselves or for their family back home. Some countries in the European Union, United Kingdom and Singapore allow you to claim a refund at the airport on goods you would have purchased. This could include clothes and cosmetics.

However, services and goods such as hotel bills, goods bought online and consumable goods that you have already consumed will not qualify for a refund.

In order to get a refund, the process should start with shopping. When you approach the shopkeeper for bill payment, you have to inform the retailer that you want to claim tax refund.

The retailer will give you a refund form along with the bill of your purchase.

You should ensure that you keep both the bill and the refund form with you. Most countries impose a minimum amount of transaction for refund.

On the day of your journey, make sure you reach the airport early to claim the refund. Airports have a separate counter for tax refund. Before reaching the counter, you have to fill the refund form provided by the retailer with the bill of purchase.

SHUTTER STOCK

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO GET YOUR REFUND–IN CASH AND ON YOUR CARD. IN CASE OF CASH, YOU MAY HAVE TO PAY A FEE

You have to mention your name, credit card details, bill details, passport number and your signature. Some countries may allow you to do it electronically for which you don't have to fill different refund forms.

THE COST

There are two ways to get your refund—in cash and on your card. In case of cash, you may have to pay a fee.

For instance, in UK if you ask for a refund in cash, you will be charged around 1.50 pounds. In case you take the refund on your card, you may not have to pay a fee. Remember that the card refund is likely to come with a delay of four to eight weeks.

Next time when you are travelling overseas and end up shopping, don't forget to claim your refund before heading back to your country.

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HOW TO FILE INCOME TAX RETURNS ONLINE

The revised deadline to file your ITR (August 31) is around the corner. Here's a guide to file your returns online.

1 **Step 1:** If you want to file your ITR on the government portal, visit www.incometaxindiaefiling.gov.in. Click on login or register and enter the relevant details to create an account

2 **Step 2:** Choose the assessment year, ITR form name and submission mode

3 **Step 3:** ck how you wish to verify the returns after filing. E-verify by Aadhaar or EVC generated by netbanking or offline route by sending an ITR-V to the Central Processing Centre, Bengaluru.

4 **Step 4:** After this, fill your general information (name, date of birth and email ID) and details regarding income, deduction and TDS paid, bank details and verification

5 **Step 5:** Tax portals such as Clear Tax ease the process. You just need to upload your Form 16 in PDF format. Income and tax details will be automatically retrieved and you will just have to manually fill details not mentioned in your Form 16, such as income from other sources.

TERM OF THE DAY

TOP-UP INSURANCE

WHAT IS IT?

Top-up insurance plans are plans which provides you a cover after you may have exhausted the sum assured limit of your base insurance plan. For example, a top up health plan covers your hospitalisation cost after you exhaust the threshold of your base plan.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

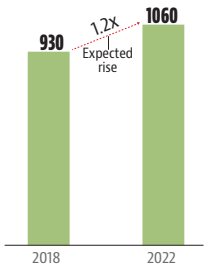
Suppose your health insurance plan covers you for ₹7 lakh. If you think this may not suffice, you may take a top-up health plan, say for ₹4 lakh, which can be used only after you have exhausted the initial cover of ₹7 lakh. Some examples are HDFC Ergo's Health Suraksha top-up plan, Apollo Munich Optima Plus. among others.

LIFESTYLE-RELATED DISEASES ARE ON THE RISE

Findings of a survey on diseases related to lifestyle and how India tackles them money-wise

Chart 1

People suffering from lifestyle diseases in India (in mn)



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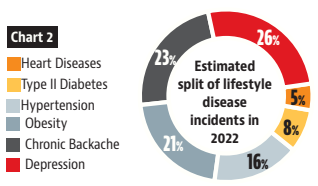
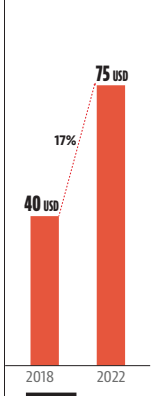


PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE SPEND IS EXPECTED TO GROW BY 30% IN 4 YEARS



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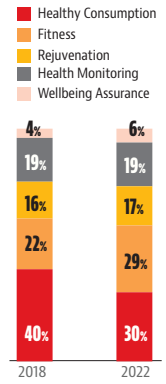
Annual Per capita spend on preventive health care measures is consistently growing



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Spend will see a more balanced focus on diet control as well as fitness

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Country	G	S	B	Total
China	78	59	37	174
Japan	40	34	48	122
South Korea	27	30	37	94
Iran	14	14	12	40
Indonesia	12	13	25	50
India (9th)	7	10	19	36

G: Gold S: Silver B: Bronze

Medals tally updated after Day 8 of the competition.

Africa imports spoil India's triple quest for gold on track

CLASS APART Dutee, Hima and Anas pipped at the post by Bahrain, Qatar's runners of African origin

Dutee Chand (left) finishes 0.02 sec. behind Bahrain's Edidiong Odiong (right) in the final of the women's 100m event. GETTY IMAGES

India's Hima Das celebrates after winning silver medal in women's 400m event. AFP

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JAKARTA: A day after Tajinderpal Singh struck gold in shot put with an Asian Games record, three runners — quartermilers Muhammad Anas and Hima Das and 100m sprinter Dutee Chand — provided the silver lining at the Gelora Bung Karno Sports Complex here on Sunday.

The medals could well have had been gold had three Bahraini imports from African nations not spoilt the party. The Indians gave it all but ultimately had to succumb to the superiority of the African athletes, some of them medal winners at World Championships.

However, the day belonged to sprinter Dutee Chand, who has been battered by allegations of hyperandrogenism, a condition characterised by excessive levels of androgens --- male sex hormones in the female body.

The sprinter had got a major relief after the Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS) in Lausanne suspended the International Association of Athletics Federations' (IAAF) hyperandrogenism regulations for six months.

NOT HER PERSONAL BEST BUT GOOD ENOUGH

Competing in a field that had the likes of Edidiong Odiong, a top Bahrain athlete of African origin, Dutee timed 11:32, not quite her personal best, which is 11:24 set at Almaty in 2016. But it was good enough for silver.

Had the Olympic Council of Asia's (OCA) controversial policy of allowing non-Asian athletes to compete for Asian countries not been there, Dutee would have been on top of the podium. Odiong timed 11:30, just .02 second ahead of the Indian.

India sprint queen PT Usha had won a silver medal at the 1982 Asian Games in New Delhi with a timing of 11:67 seconds, while at the 1986 Games in Seoul she had an identical timing on way to silver. Dutee won the 'prized medal' for India after a gap of 32 years.

The trend of Indian athletes being dominated by Bahraini athletes of African origin continued in both the women's and men's quarter-mile events where Guwahati's Hima Das and Kerala's Muhammad Anas too had to settle for silver after Bahrain's Naser Salwa, born in Nigeria, and Qatar's Hassan Abdalelah, from Sudan, won the events.

While Anas timed 45.69, Hima clocked 50.79, which was a national record. The Guwahati sprinter has improved the national record twice in two days --- first in the semi-final heat and then in the final on Sunday.

Hima said she was "satisfied with the performance" and a silver was a "good effort".

Anas, whose personal best is 45.24, a national record, clocked 45.69, just .80 second off the gold medallist from Qatar. Anas said he was not too sure of competing in 200 metres. "The two races ---heats and semis --- have taken a toll on my body. I'm unlikely to compete in 200m, although I will compete in the mixed relay event," said Anas.

'RAN WITH MY EYES CLOSED'

Dutee said she justified her credentials. "In the final I rushed through the first 40 metres. I was running with my eyes closed. I wanted to better my timing, medal or no medal.

"When I opened my eyes, the race was over. I did not know what had happened. People said you have won a medal, but I did not believe, I did not pick flag until I saw the result on screen

"2014 was very a bad year for me. People said many things abut me. The same girl today came back and won a medal for the country, it is really big achievement for me," Dutee said

MISSED BRONZE

India's 10,000m runner Lakshmanan Govindan lost his bronze after he was disqualified for going off track. Govindan had finished third (29:44.91 seconds) behind Bahrain duo of Hassan Chani and Abraham Cheroben. His disqualification helped China's Changhong Zhao get bronze.

Yahiya Muhammed Anas during the men's 400m final. PTI

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Nicol David is all smiles at the podium on Sunday. AFP

NICOL DAVID WINS RECORD FIFTH GOLD IN SQUASH

JAKARTA: Malaysian squash legend Nicol David celebrated her 35th birthday in style on Sunday as she won a record-extending fifth gold medal. The former long-time world number one grittily came from behind in the fifth set to beat 19-year-old compatriot Sivasangari Subramaniam 11-13, 11-9, 5-11, 11-6, 11-8 in Jakarta. It added to David's near-flawless record at the Asian Games, where she has lost once in six visits since her debut in 1998 - the 2002 final against Hong Kong's Rebecca Chiu.

No singles medal for Chinese shuttlers

NEW DELHI: For the first time since 1970, China will return home from Asian Games without a medal in singles event. After Indonesia's Anthony Ginting defeated Chen Long on Sun day to leave the men's semi-finals lineup without a Chinese competitor, Japan's Akane Yamaguchi beat Chen Yufei in the women's quarter-finals to leave the women's category without a Chinese player in the kast four. While Chinese presence has always been there in the semi-finals since 1970, there were no men from the country in the 2002 Busan Asian Games.

Unified Korea team grabs historic gold medal

PALEMBANG: Athletes from North and South Korea combined to win an Asian Games gold medal for the first time in their history with victory in the women's 500 metres dragon boat racing on Sunday. The two Koreas, competing together after a rapid improvement in cross-border relations, took gold with a time of two minutes and 24.788 seconds, edging past China on 2:25.092. It was the first gold at a major Games for a Unified Korea team, and came nearly three decades after their last title together -- in the women's team event at the 1991 world table tennis championships. North and South Korea have also joined forces in rowing and women's basketball.

Chelimo slams pollution after marathon gold

JAKARTA: World champion Rose Chelimo made light of brutal conditions on Sunday to scoop Asian Games gold for Bahrain with a runaway win in the women's marathon. The Kenyan-born athlete produced a devastating break from the leading pack after the 25-kilometre mark in Jakarta and ploughed a lonely furrow as she crossed the line to win in a modest time of two hours, 34 minutes and 51 seconds. Despite smashing her rivals in a slow race to take gold, Chelimo admitted that Jakarta's heat and poor air quality had caused her problems. "It was bad, it was too hot," the 29-year-old said. "I felt something in my throat too. The air here, you feel like it's hard to breathe.

She fought to run, then ran to win

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NEW DELHI: "People don't see the extensive work that goes into winning a medal. Every day, I train. On the track, in the gym, thrice a day. I left my house at a young age, and haven't lived with my family. I don't even spend holidays with them. When I lose, they'll say, Dutee has grown old. Her age is against her. When I win a medal, they think it's hyperandrogenism. No one thinks of the hard work I've put in."

This was what 22-year-old sprinter Dutee Chand said only a few months ago. HT had visited her in Hyderabad, where the athlete lives and trains, shortly after the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) published its new rules concerning hyperandrogenism in women athletes.

The amended rules titled 'Eligibility regulations for the female classification (Athletes with differences of sex development)', which were published in April, regulate women athletes' participation in international track and field events based on their level of naturally-occurring testosterone.

Dutee, who had been dropped from the 2014 Commonwealth Games on account of having more than the then prescribed limit, had challenged these rules at the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, and won her case. IAAF's new rules are an outcome of this case — 100m, the category Chand runs in, is exempt.

In the past four years, Chand has felt her humiliation keenly—from people in her village who asked her point blank whether she was a man to news reports that declared her as one. Calling her gender into question was also an insidious way of questioning Chand's capability as a professional woman athlete. A punishing training schedule was overlooked, and biases surrounding gender and sex took over people's perceptions.

THE 22-YEAR OLD HAD TO MOVE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT AGAINST IAAF'S HYPERANDROGENISM RULE THAT PUT A BAN ON HER PARTICIPATION. SHE GOT THE RULING IN HER FAVOUR.

CHANGE OF RULE

Which is why Chand's spectacular finish on Sunday, in 11.32 seconds to bring home silver, is significant. She did not, as the rules had then suggested, undergo medical intervention or quit. She fought her case and IAAF amended its rules.

Now, women athletes with a free testosterone level higher than 5 nmol/l competing in categories from 400m to one mile races will need to lower it if they wish to remain eligible. Not surprisingly, the new rules too have been challenged at CAS, this time by South African athlete Caster Semenya.

The shifting goalposts, whether of testosterone limits or of competitive categories, affect everyone — it's not just women like Chand or Semenya who come under scrutiny, but all women athletes, irrespective of their own levels, who are being subjected to an imposition on naturally occurring hormone levels.

Which is why Chand is two times a winner: she fought to run, and she ran to win.

INDIANS IN ACTION TODAY

ATHLETICS
5:10pm: Women's long jump final (Neena Varakil and Nayana James)
5:15pm: Men's javelin throw final (Neeraj Chopra and Shivpal Singh)
5:15pm: Women's 400m hurdles final (Jauna Murmu and Anu Raghvan)
5:30pm: Men's High Jump (Chetan Balasubramanya)
5:45pm: Women's 3000m Steeplechase final (Sudha Singh and Chinta)
6:00pm: Men's 3000m Steeplechase final (Shankar Lal Swami)
6:35pm: Men's 800m qualification (Jinson Johnson, Manjit Singh)

BADMINTON
10:30am: Women's singles semi-final (Saina Nehwal v Tai Tzu Ying of Chinese Taipei)
10:30am: Women's singles semi-final (PV Sindhu v Akane Yamaguchi of Japan)

BOXING
5:15pm: Men's light fly 49kground of 16 (Amit v Enkhmandakh Kharkhuu of Mongolia)
6:15pm: Men's bantam 56kg round of 16 (Mohammad Hussamuddin v Enkh-Amar Kharkhuu of Mongolia)
7:00pm: Men's light welter 64kg round of 16 (Dheeraj v Nurlan Kobashev of Kyrgyzstan)
3:00pm: Men's middle 75kg round of 16 (Vikas Krishan v Tanveer Ahmed of Pakistan)

CANOE/KAYAK SPRINT
8:30am: Canoe TBR 1000m men heats
NB: Finals will be played on the same day

EQUESTRIAN
6:30am: Jumping individua l 1st qualification (Kaevaan Kevic Setalvad, Chetan Reddy Nukala and Zahan Kevic Setalvad)
6:30am: Jumping team 1st qualification

HOCKEY
12:30pm: Women's tournament Pool B (India v Thailand)

KARATE
9:00am: Men's -75kg 1/16 final (Sharath Kumar v Muil Kim of Republic of Korea)
12:42pm: Men's -84kg quarterfinal (Vishal v TBD)

SQUASH
11:00am: Men's team Pool B (India v Indonesia)
5:00pm: Men's team Pool B (India v Singapore)
11:00am: Women's team Pool B (India v Iran)

TABLE TENNIS
10:30am: Men's team Group D (India v Macau)
2:30pm: Men's team Group D (India v Vietnam)

INDIA ROUNDUP

Archery teams enter compound finals

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Abhishek Verma in action during compound team semi-final. REUTERS

JAKARTA: India were assured of at least two more silver medals from the 18th Asian Games after its men and women progressed to the final of the compound archery team events here today.

The Indian men are the defending champions and they lived up to their reputation by getting the better of Chinese Taipei 230-227 in the semi-finals.

The trio of Abhishek Verma, Aman Saini and Rajat Chauhan were slow to get off the blocks before getting their act together to prevail 57-57, 56-57, 55-58, 59-58 in the four-set encounter.

The Indian men, who had earlier defeated Qatar (227-213) and Philippines (227-226) on way to the semi-finals, will play South Korea in a repeat of the 2014 Incheon Asiad title clash.

Earlier in the day, Indian women bettered their last edition's performance by entering the summit clash of the compound team. The Indian women, who had returned with a bronze medal from Incheon four years ago, too, beat Chinese Taipei 225-222 in the semi-finals to progress to the gold medal match.

The Indian women's team, comprising Surekha Jyothi Vennam, Muskan Kirar and Madhumita Kumar, witnessed a slow start in the final as they lost the first two sets 55-58, 55-57 before finding their mojo back to pocket the next two 57-55, 58-52 and seal the tie in their favour.

The Indian women had earlier defeated hosts Indonsia 229-224 in the quarter-finals. The two medals from the compound teams have come as a welcome relief for the Indian archery contingent after the recurve archers drew a blank from the Games.

BOXER SARJUBALA IN QF

Former world silver-medallist boxer Sarjubala Devi advanced to the quarterfinals but Manoj Kumar and Shiva Thapa were ousted after pre-quarterfinal losses on Sunday.

Sarjubala, competing in the flyweight 51kg category, defeated Tajikistan's Madina Ghaforova 5-0. Manoj was defeated by Kyrgyzstan's Abdurakhman Abdurakhamanov in the welterweight 69kg category, while Shiva spent less than a minute in the ring before referee stopped the contest in favour of China's Jun Shan in the lightweight 60kg category.

Fouaad gallops to silver, restores equestrian glory

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SHARAD DEEP

JAKARTA: For young Fouaad Mirza, the horse is not just an animal but 'an athlete' who feels the pulse of his rider and responds accordingly. On Sunday, Bangalore's Fouaad won silver in individual jumping with a score of 26.40, reminding one of the glorious days of Indian equestrianism, when during the 1982 Asian Games hosted in New Delhi, India won medals aplenty.

Raghubir Singh, Ghulam Mohammed Khan and Prahlad Singh had won gold, silver and bronze in what is till date the country's best performance in the sport at Asian Games.

Fouaad came second to Japan's Oiwa Yoshiaki who clinched gold (22.70), while China's Hua Tian Alex (27.10) won bronze.

SILVER FOR TEAM TOO

There was double joy for Fouaad as he also helped India win the team silver with a score of 121.30. Rakesh Kumar, Ashish Malik and Jitender Singh were the other members in the team. Japan finished on top with a score of 82.40 while Thailand bagged bronze with a score of 126.70. The team silver was also India's first since 1982.

Indian riders have won four consecutive bronze medals, with the last coming at the 2006 Doha Asian Games.

Competing on the big stage for the second time, the 26-year-old Fouaad didn't feel the pressure even after fumbling on the second of the 11 fences. Astride Seigneur Medicott, he continued to flourish at the Jakarta International Equestrian Park, located on the outskirts of Jakarta.

Fouaad, who has been training under German Olympian Bettina Hoy, is the first Indian to win in Europe. He topped the dressage and cross-country qualifiers with a score of 22.40 and at one point was in reckoning for gold with a steady showing on the German horse with which he has been training for the last one year.

"Mistakes do happen. I should have put more weight behind while crossing the second hurdle. My horse was fantastic and took my commands perfectly," said Fouaad, who comes from a family where horse riding is the biggest passion. "I am very much happy with my silver, but gold would have been much better."

"I have been taught to read one lesson at a time and don't bother about the last lesson. So, after committing a mistake on the second hurdle, I thought there were nine more lessons to be learnt," said Fauaad, who admired his team members for their collective effort in winning the team silver.

He, however, said winning a medal in a 'one-star' event was just the beginning and he would continue to be inspired till he wins a medal at the Olympics — a 'four-star' event where the competition is tougher. "I feel that I can make it to the Tokyo Olympics," he said.

He would soon be returning to Germany for training as before the 2020 Olympics he will have six opportunities to make the cut for the quadrennial showpiece.

His father and coach Hasneyn Mirza too was ecstatic. "I was waiting for this day. I have been a horse rider and have won the nationals a number of times, but I always aimed for an international medal for my son. As opposed to our apprehensions, the horses were put under tight security at the stable here."

Fouaad Mirza at the awards ceremony on Sunday. AFP

results

ATHLETICS
Women's 400m hurdles qualification: Anu Raghvan (3rd) , Jauna Murmu (8th); both qualified for the final.
Women's 100m semi-final: Dutee Chand (5th), qualified for the final.

BOXING
Men's Welter 69kg round of 16: Manoj Kumar lost to Abdurakhman Abdurakhmanov of Kyrgyzstan 0-5.
Women's fly 51kg round of 16: Sarjubala Devi beat Madina Ghaforova of Tajikistan 5-0.
Men's light 60kg round of 16: Shiva Thapa got knocked out by Shan Jun of China.

BRIDGE
Men's team semi-finals: India finished 4th with 93.67 points, secured a bronze medal.
Mixed team semi-finals: India finished 3rd with 109.67 points, secured a bronze medal.

CANOE/KAYAK SPRINT
Canoe TBR 500m women final: India finished 1st in tail race, overall finished 7th.
Canoe TBR 500m men final: India finished 4th in tail race, overall finished 10th.

GOLF
Women's team round 4: India finished 8th with +3.
Women's individual round 4: Ridhima Dilawari tied 17th, Sifat Sagoo and Diksha Dagar tied 22nd.
Men's team round 4: India finished 7th with -3.
Men's individual round 4: Rayhan Thomas and Aadil Bedi tied 13th, Naveed Kaul tied 23rd, Mohan Singh 53rd

HOCKEY
Men's Pool A: India beat Republic of Korea 5-3

TABLE TENNIS
Women's team preliminary round: India beat Qatar 3-0; India lost to China 0-3; India beat Iran 3-1.
Men's: India beat UAE 3-0.

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Saina, Sindhu assured of at least two bronze medals

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Saina Nehwal AFP

JAKARTA: The roar was deafening. On the adjacent court, local hero Jonathan Christie was decimating Hong Kong-China's Vincent Wong in the men's quarter-finals. Not many would have even seen Saina Nehwal and Thailand's Ratchanok Intanon enter the courts for the women's quarter-final, unpack their kits and commence the proceeding.

With the GBK badminton complex packed to the rafters, it seemed both competitors were initially finding it difficult to come to grips with the charged up atmosphere. Saina looked edgy and Intanon, who tried to display a cool demeanour, looked like something was bothering her.

Having lost to the Indian in the previous four outings — the last one coming in the BWF World Championships this year — it was but natural that she was keen to avenge the loss. And what better way to do it than on the biggest continental stage.

The Thai was well on her way to 'thrashing' Saina, before an amazing turnaround by the Indian saw her ensure a maiden individual medal at the continental games and become the second player after Syed Modi to earn a medal for the country in 36 years.

In the end, the 21-18, 21-16 score-line was not a true reflection of how close Saina came to losing the match. PV Sindhu too later assured India of at least a bronze after a tough contest against another Thai opponent, world No 11 Nitchaon Jindapol, winning 21-11, 16-21, 21-14 in 58 minutes.

In the semi-finals, Saina will face Chinese Taipei's Tai Tzuying who beat Japan's Nozomi Okuhara 21-15, 21-10 and Sindhu will face Akane Yamaguchi who beat China's Chen Yufei 21-19, 21-11.

Perhaps rattled by the crowd and 'unable to move that well' in the first games, saw Saina trail by nine points (3-12) at one stage. Intanon was finding all the right angles, while Saina seemed to have hit a low point, unable to accurately judge the backline or retrieve the net placements of her rival.

The match seemed headed for a washout and Saina herself said after the contest that she 'had given up hope of winning the first game'. But a couple of long rallies opened her up and she also closed her eyes and ears to 'the deafening roar around.'

Picking up the pieces, Saina started to fight back, winning most of her points with accurate backline placements. She looked to have sorted out Intanon's high toss, which was bothering her during the first half of the opening game.

A net dribble following a long rally finally saw her come on par with Intanon at 17-17 and then when Intanon shot wide of the sideline to win the first game, the match was well and truly in Saina's grasp. Playing the second game on her terms, Saina was always in the lead and the laboured movement gave way to fluent court coverage. In fact, after the first game, she 'started deriving energy from the partisan crowd'. A shell-shocked Intanon was inconsolable after the defeat.

One gold doesn't make me a wrestling hero: Bajrang

LOOKING AHEAD The 24-year-old is now eyeing a medal at the Tokyo Olympics

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NEW DELHI: Bajrang Punia's gold medal-winning feat at the Asian Games happened the same day Sushil Kumar tasted a first round loss.

To many, the baton had been passed on in Indian wrestling that day. Despite two Olympic medals in 66kg, Sushil has struggled since shifting to 74kg category in 2013. Add to that, he will be 37 by the time the Tokyo Olympics will be held in 2020 and Punia looks set to spearhead India's wrestling challenge there.

Punia is not giving too much thought to it though.

"One Asian Games gold medal does not make me the leader among current wrestlers. Because Sushil Kumar did not get a medal and I got it, I don't become a hero. There are many seniors like Mausam Khatri, Sumit who I look up to. I never hesitate to ask them if I have any doubt over any technique," Punia said over phone from SAI centre in Sonepat.

The 24-year-old spent just one day at home after returning from Jakarta and is back to training. "My mother wanted me to stay longer as I rarely stay at home. But the World Championships are in October and I need to prepare as much as I can. My family wants an Olympic medal," said Punia, who has even put a Tokyo Olympics medal as his WhatsApp display image. "I will not change it until I succeed," he adds.

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> BAJRANG PUNIA, Indian wrestler

WIDER GAP AHEAD

But the gap between Asian Games and Olympics is too wide and Bajrang knows it. At the Asian Games, he won three bouts via technical superiority (a 10-point margin) but in the final he faced a tough challenge. Despite leading 6-0, his rival Japan's Daichi Takatani equalised with an ankle tap and a single leg takedown.

"My technique is not perfect. I have huge scope for improvement. Even during the final the Japanese successfully targeted my leg and got eight points. During the breaks in the finals my coaches told me to attack him and not give him points," said Punia, who won the final by 11-8 margin.

"I had lost to him in the Asian Championships six months ago. But I did not take pressure as it would have hampered me. There was no mental block. I am happy my strategy worked."

TARGET SET

Punia, who is also a 2013 World Championship bronze medallist, will travel to Azerbaijan in the first week of September. He will then return to India for a short period before flying to Budapest for the October 22-28 World Championships.

"It will be a 15 to 20 day camp in Azerbaijan. I have been travelling with my coach, physio and one or two sparring partners. I need to perfect my technique and power," he said.

"Such exposure trips are important. There are a lot of new techniques to be learnt ahead of bigger battles. Also my foreign coach (Shako Bentinidis) has been a great addition to my team. Since he joined me five to six months ago, my game has improved."

A good result in the World Championships will earn Bajrang 2020 Olympics qualification.

"That is the ultimate aim — an Olympic medal. By winning the Asian Games, I have got the confidence of doing well in bigger competitions. I also kept intact the golden run for India in the 65kg category, in which Yogeshwar Dutt had won gold in 2014. Now I want to emulate him at the Olympic level too," he said.

SKEET SHOOTERS FAIL BUT INDIA MAKE GAINS TO FINISH THIRD

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PALEMBANG: India's shooting campaign at the Asian Games ended on a disappointing note after four skeet participants failed to qualify for the finals here on Sunday.

Sheeraz Sheikh and Angad Vir Singh Bajwa finished 13th and 14th respectively on day two of the qualification, failing to make the men's finals with scores of 120 and 119.

Mansour Alrashidi of Kuwait clinched the gold, edging out Di Jin of China 4-3 in a shoot-off after they both shot 52 in the finals to set a new Games record. The bronze went to Saif Almansoori, also from Kuwait.

WOMEN FOLLOW SUIT

In women's skeet, Ganemat Shekhon and Rashmi Rathore finished 10th and 12th respectively. They shot 112 and 111, which was not good enough for a top-6 spot in the finals. The gold went to Thaliand's Sutiya Jiewchaloemmit, Meng Wei of China took the silver and Kim Minji of South Korea bronze.

India had won two silver medals in other shotgun events, trap and double trap, through teenagers Lakshay Sheoran and Shardul Vihan.

"The shotgun team's performance has been quite consistent at the Games. Skeet event was a bit disappointing," said India shotgun coach and team leader Mansher Singh.

"We had three juniors representing in all three events – trap, double trap and skeet – and two of them won medals. The future is bright but we need to groom them well," he added

The last two days of the competition were medal-less but India did well overall, winning nine medals including two gold to finish third in the standings. China topped the tally with eight gold (15 total) and South Korea was second three (12).

WOMEN'S TT TEAM ENTERS QUARTERS

JAKARTA: The Indian women table tennis players made a positive start to their campaign at the Asian Games by reaching the quarter-finals of the team event here on Sunday.

The Indian team comprising Mouma Das, Ayhika Mukherjee and Sutritha Mukherjee defeated Qatar 3-0 in the first match but lost to China 0-3 in the second tie. The Indians, however, outplayed Iran 3-1 in their next match to join China in the last eight round.

In the first tie against Qatar, Mouma Das gave India a 1-0 lead after registering a comfortable 11-3 11-2 11-4 win over Maha Ali before Ayhika extended the lead 2-0. Ayhika beat Aia Mohamed 11-2 12-10 11-2 11-3. Sutirtha then made it 3-0 for India after beating Maha Faramarzi 11-3 11-3 11-6 to pocket the first tie.

In the second tie, the Indians were no match for the Chinese, losing 0-3 before bouncing back by beating Iran.

Meanwhile, the India men's team, comprising G Sathiyan, Achanta Sharath Kamal and Harmeet Desai, won their first match 3-0 against UAE. PTI

In first go, bridge assures two medals

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NEW DELI/JAKARTA: India were assured of two more Asian Games medals on Saturday after the men's team and mixed team reached the semi-finals in bridge.

Bridge has been introduced for the first time in the Asian Games.

Billionaire Shiv Nadar's wife and philanthropist Kiran Nadar is part of the six-member mixed bridge team that finished top after seven qualification rounds with a total of 102.77 points.

The men's team was placed fourth with 162.61 points after playing 13 qualification rounds.

India's supermixed team however failed to qualify for the semi-finals that will be held on Sunday. The top finishing team will play the fourth team while the second and third will take on each other in the semifinals.

Both the losing semi-finalists will win a bronze.

Apart from Nadar, the mixed team is comprised of Kiran Hema Deora, Himani Khandelwal, Bachiraju Satyanarayana, Gopinath Manna and Rajeev Khandelwal. Jaggy Shivdasani, Rajeshwar Tewari, Ajay Khare, Raju Tolani, Debabrata Majumder and Sumit Mukherjee make up the men's team.

Esports makes dazzling debut, gives hope to India

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JAKARTA: Gaming is no more for entertainment only. If you are an expert, you have an opportunity to win laurels for the country. Gaming has been a passion among Indian youth. And by the time it becomes an official discipline at the 2022 Asian Games, esports would have a big chunk of competitors from India.

On Sunday, esports kicked off its Asian Games journey as a demonstration sport at a glittering ceremony with over 150 athletes — including nine from India — from 18 different countries, tussling for supremacy in an electrifying atmosphere.

The Indians could make it to the national side only after winning in the South Asian Regional qualifiers. Navaneetha Anand, Ankur Diwakar, Tirth Mehta, Karan Manganani, Tanmay Kumar, Abhineel Bajoria, Giridhar K Sajeev, Harsh Maan and Vishwajeet Singh Tomar are trying their luck in games like Pro Evolution Soccer, Hearthstone, Clash Royale and Arena of Valor.

"It's a big day for gaming world over that the disciplines finally gets its real shape. We too have millions of people back home, playing games on their mobiles and other gadgets, and now they have a target to achieve something into it," director of Esports Federation of India, Lokesh Suji said on Sunday.

Rampant India score over Korea to enter semi-finals

After beating South Korea, the Indian men's hockey team will play their final Pool A match of the Asian Games against neighbours Sri Lanka on Tuesday. AFP

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JAKARTA: Defending champions India didn't push too hard as they won 5-3 against Korea on Sunday to reach the men's hockey semi-finals on Sunday. The holders appeared a bit slow in moving the ball but never lost focus against their rivals in what was their fourth win in as many as matches.

Rupinderpal Singh, Manpreet Singh, Lalit Kumar Upadhyay, Akashdeep Singh and K Chinglensana Singh shared five goals whereas captain Manjae Jung scored a brace and Jang Jonghyun shot one for Korea.

Following the blocking of Harmanpreet Singh's penalty corner hit by a Korean defender in the very first minute, India earned their only penalty stroke in the match that the lanky Rupinderpal made no mistake in converting to make it 1-0.

Within four minutes, Chengalesana intercepted a cross and scored to leave the Koreans struggling at 2-0. The lead helped India raise their pressure on the Korean defence, but custodian Doopya Hong managed to thwart strikes from Mandeep and Akashdeep in quick succession.

Within seconds of the start of the second quarter, Hong managed to clear Rupinder's drag flick off a penalty corner but an unmarked Lalit exploited the defensive lapse to make it 3-0.

A tense Korea raised their game and created a few chances but lack of co-ordination between the vanguards failed to give them a breakthrough.

A change in ends brought some cheer for the Koreans when captain Manjae Jung scored back-to-back goals to reduce the margin to 2-3. He first scored a field goal and then converted a penalty corner.

India, however, went on scoring two more goals. Manpreet ran down from the left flank and shot the ball into the net with reverse hit (4-2), and four minutes before the final hooter Akashdeep had his first field goal in style (5-3).

Coach Harendra Singh, while admitting some lapses on the part of Indians, said the pace of the match was a bit slow and there should have been more goals if the frontline had been more sincere.

"For us, it was a quarter-final match and we were ready for this. Koreans also played well. They fought back even after trailing by three goals. We have learnt many things from the match, and our boys are playing well," said coach Harendra.

Meanwhile, Pakistan maintained their position atop Pool B table after they defeated Malaysia 4-1 later on Sunday. They will play Bangladesh in their final league match on Tuesday.

RESULT

India 5	Korea 3
Rupinder Pal '1	Jung 33, 35
Chinglensana '4	Jonghyun 60
Lalit Kumar 16	
Manpreet 49	
Akashdeep 55	

standings

GROUP A

Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
India	4	4	0	0	53	12
Korea	4	3	0	1	32	9
Japan	4	3	0	1	18	9
Sri Lanka	4	2	0	2	-14	6
Indonesia	4	0	0	4	-36	0
HK-China	4	0	0	4	-53	0

GROUP B

Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
Pakistan	4	4	0	0	39	12
Malaysia	4	3	0	1	28	9
Bangladesh	4	3	0	1	1	9
Oman	4	2	0	2	-5	6
Thailand	4	0	0	4	-24	0
K'khstan	4	0	0	4	-39	0

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SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

No. UADD/UCSLP/08/2018/9359 Bhopal, Date : 25/08/2018

Bids are invited in single stage and two envelope system for appointment of Concessionaire for implementation of Urban Cluster based LED, Street Light Projects on Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) basis on behalf of Lead Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) for the clusters as per following details :

S No.	Project	Bid Security, in INR	Cost of Bid Form, in INR	Project Duration	Call
1	Implementation of Urban Cluster LED Street Light Project for Jabalpur Cluster. **Tender No. 65336 UADD/ JABALPUR/25/08/2018**	20,00,000/-	50,000/-	Development Period-12 Months Operations Period - 84 Months	IInd Call
2	Implementation of Urban Cluster LED Street Light Project for Ujjain Cluster. **Tender No. 65344 UADD/ UJJAIN/ 25/08/2018**	25,00,000/-	50,000/-	Development Period-12 Months Operations Period - 84 Months	IIIrd Call
3	Implementation of Urban Cluster LED Street Light Project for Chhatarpur Cluster. **Tender No. 65346 UADD/ CHHATARPUR/ 25/08/2018**	7,50,000/-	30,000/-	Development Period-12 Months Operations Period - 84 Months	IVth Call
4	Implementation of Urban Cluster LED Street Light Project for Sagar Cluster. **Tender No. 65351 UADD/ SAGAR/ 25/08/2018**	12,50,000/-	50,000/-	Development Period-12 Months Operations Period - 84 Months	IVth Call

2. Following are the Participating ULBs in each Cluster :

a) Jabalpur Cluster : Jabalpur (Lead ULB), Sihora, Panagar, Katangi, Majholi, Patan, Bhedaghat, Barela, Shapura, Katni, Kemore, Barhi, and Vijayraghavgarh.

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c) Chhatarpur Cluster : Chhatarpur (Lead ULB), Nowgong, Maharajpur, Ghuwara, Satai, Barigarh, Bijawar, Garhi-Malhera, Buxwaha, Chandla, Bada-Malhera, Harpalpur, Lav-Kush Nagar, Khajuraho, Raj Nagar, Tikamgarh, Niwari, Prithvipur, Baldeogarh, Khargapur, Palera, Jeron Khalsa, Tarichar Kalan, Jatara, Lidhora Khas, Bada Gaon, Kari and Orchha.

d) Sagar Cluster : Sagar (Lead ULB), Bina-Etawa, Khurai, Garhakota, Rehli, Deori, Makronia Bujurg, Rahatgarh, Banda, Shahpur, Shahgarh, Damoh, Hatta, Tendukheda, Patharia, Hindoria and Patera.

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1. Name of the work : Raising & strengthening & launching apron of Nuna right embankment from Teragaon to Gadarmito from RD 10.00 Km to 20.800 Km under NABARD Assistance RIDF-XXIV
2. Amount put to Tender : Rs. 10,21,49,181.00
3. Bid Document Cost : Rs. 10,000.00 (online)
4. E.M.D. : Rs. 10,21,500.00 (online)
5. Class of Contractor : Special Class & Super Class
6. Period of Completion : 18 calendar months (548 Days)
7. Other details are as follows.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender online for bidding		Date of Opening of Technical Bid (Cover-I)
		From	To	
Chief Engineer FC & Basin Manager, LMB, Bhubaneswar	CELMB KID 03 OF 2018-19	29.08.2018 1000 Hrs	18.09.2018 1700 Hrs	19.09.2018 1100 Hrs

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No: Tender Online RWC 16-18 Date: 23.08.2018

1. Name of the work : Construction of road and Bridge works.
2. Class of contractor :
   a) Estimated cost more than Rs. 1.50 Crore & upto Rs. 4.00 Crores — a) A Class & Special Class (of Odisha PWD) relevant class of other licensing authorities
   b) Estimated cost more than Rs. 40.00 Lakhs & up to Rs. 1.50 Crores — b) B class & A Class (of Odisha PWD) relevant class of other licensing authority.
3. Time for completion : Noted against the Package as per Annexure
4. Summary for key dates is provided below :
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Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender online for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bids
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Superintending Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Cuttack.	Tender Online RWC 16-18	29.08.2018 at 11 A.M.	15.09.2018 up to 5.00 P.M.	12.09.2018 up to 5.00 P.M.	17.09.2018 at 11.00 A.M.	Will be intimated later.

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NINE POINTS IN THREE GAMES, THERE ARE NO NEGATIVES ABOUT THAT. WE DIDN'T CONCEDE A GOAL SO THERE IS NOTHING NEGATIVE ABOUT THAT.
› JURGEN KLOPP, Liverpool manager after their 1-0 win against Brighton

shortstories

PAKISTAN'S IRFAN RECORDS BEST T20 FIGURES

GROS ISLET: Pakistan fast bowler Mohammad Irfan bowled the most economical spell (4-3-1-2) in Twenty20 history on Saturday, only conceding a run from his final ball. The left-armer, playing for Barbados Tridents against St Kitts and Nevis Patriots in the Caribbean Premier League (CPL), also took the wickets of the usually big-hitting West Indies internationals Chris Gayle and Evin Lewis but ended up on the losing side anyway.

Former India batsman Gopal Bose dies at 71

NEW DELHI: Former Bengal captain Gopal Bose died after suffering a cardiac arrest at a Birmingham hospital on Sunday. He was 71 and is survived by his wife and son Arijit. An opening batsman, Bose had scored 3,757 runs in 78 first-class games with eight hundreds and 17 fifties. He also took 72 wickets with his handy off-breaks. He was the first cricketer from Bengal to play an ODI against England in 1974, which was incidentally only the second ODI that India played. Bose was the manager of the Virat Kohli-led India team that won the U-19 World Cup in 2008.

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7.00am: Day 10; live on Sony Ten 2 & HD 2, ESPN, ESPN HD, Ten 3 & HD 3

CRICKET
QUADRANGULAR SERIES
9.00am: India 'A' v SA 'A', live on Star Sports 1 & HD 1

TENNIS
US OPEN
8.30pm: Day 1; live on Star Sports Select 1 & SHD 1, Select 2 & SHD 2

FOOTBALL
PREMIER LEAGUE
12.30am (Tue): Man Utd v Tottenham, live on Star Sports Select 1 & SHD 1

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'India came of age at Trent Bridge'

FIGHT IS ON Engineer, Doshi feel the emphatic comeback by Virat Kohli's team in third Test has put England under pressure

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LONDON: India end a deserved break after the Trent Bridge high and head to Southampton on Monday to build up for the crucial fourth Test against England, starting at the Rose Bowl on August 30. Prithvi Shaw, the 19-year-old opener, and fellow batsman, Hanuma Vihari have joined the team and await their first net session.

The manner in which Virat Kohli and his team have turned things around after going down 0-2 has put pressure on England and many believe the visitors can complete a historic comeback victory and emulate Don Bradman's Australia of 1936-37.

India have won only three Test series in England. A key member of the first, in 1971, was wicketkeeper-batsman Farokh Engineer.

The former India stumper believes Kohli's team can better the achievements of the past if they win this series. India won 2-0 in 1986 under Kapil Dev and 1-0 in 2007 under Rahul Dravid.

"I'm absolutely delighted, as every Indian is, with how India came back, that too after losing the toss," said the Manchester-based Engineer.

"They didn't show much fight at Lord's, but put their heads down at Trent Bridge. (Hardik) Pandya came up with an all-round performance."

Kohli has banished his 2014 blues with two centuries, and the buzz around him is much like the attention Sachin Tendulkar used to get, especially in England where he played five series in 21 years. Kohli is the focus of the British media, be it India's fightback, England's poor batting or Joe Root's captaincy.

"Conditions here are very different from India. The ball swings, and no cricketer is complete unless he takes wickets or scores runs in England," said Engineer, who played 46 Tests from 1961-1974.

▪ The comeback win by Virat Kohli's India has impressed both Farokh Engineer and Dilip Doshi. REUTERS

FAMILIAR BUZZ

He reminisced on a 19-year-old Tendulkar scoring his first Test century at Old Trafford in 1990. "He scored his first 100 after having dinner at my house," he recalled.

"We had a barbecue in Manchester the previous night... Sachin at that stage was a wonder boy.

"The buzz around Virat is unmistakable. He had a lot to prove after 2014, and he has done that. I will be the happiest man being 2-2 coming to the Oval. India is very capable of doing that (win the series)."

UNFAIR COMPARISON

Former India left-arm spinner, Dilip Doshi, who played for Nottinghamshire, is based at Trent Bridge for long. "Sir Gary Sobers recommended me to the county, he was my godfather," he said with pride.

He is delighted with India's 203-run win. "The speed with which India turned things around tells me this team has come of age," he said. "These players fully understand what they have to do; the series will get more interesting from here."

Doshi played 33 Tests between 1979 and 1984 and took 114 wickets — he has 898 first-class scalps — said it was unfair to compare Tendulkar and Kohli in any way. "Virat loves responsibility, takes on challenges and at the same time is pragmatic. If he gives off his best and still loses, he will accept it. He leads from the front," he said. "You can't compare players of different eras, but Virat has the makings of an all-time great player.

"Tendulkar was a different kind of player, Kohli is different, although I have no doubt Sunil Gavaskar has to be the greatest opening batsman the world has seen. Close to him will be Jack Hobbs (England's pre-WW I batsman). I feel, Virat will still get better because he is hungry to learn."

Pant's take-off six reminds Engineer of own Test debut

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LONDON: Former India stumper Farokh Engineer sees a bit of himself in the 20-year-old Rishabh Pant who passed his Test debut against England at Trent Bridge with flying colours.

Pant took seven catches in a composed showing but his fearlessness was hailed after becoming the first Indian to get off the mark in Test cricket with a six, hoicking England leg-spinner Adil Rashid over long on off the second ball he faced.

"I'm very impressed, he has tremendous reflexes," he said on Sunday. "I love to see youngsters make a mark. He didn't show any nerves and hit the second ball for a six. My first three balls I faced in Test cricket, I hit them for fours, but that was out of sheer nervousness."

Engineer made his Test debut against England at Kanpur in 1961, becoming popular for his sharp keeping to the famed spin quartet and aggressive batting in an era when playing in the air was a strict no.

"Rishabh has guts and confidence. Some nerves are bound to happen being his debut. He wanted to get off the mark quickly and that is the shot he plays. But he was bubbling," Engineer added. However, Engineer, who played for Lancashire in the English County and lives in Manchester, felt Pant can improve his keeping with minor adjustments. The Delhi Ranji skipper replaced Dinesh Karthik in the eleven for the game.

NEEDS MINOR TWEAKS

Pant's one blemish during India's 203-run win in Trent Bridge was dropping Jos Buttler when he was on one. He went on to make 106, but it didn't hurt India as they were already in control of the match.

"He gets up too soon. One must rise with the ball. He also positioned himself a bit too back, the slip cordon also. Jasprit Bumrah once called him forward. If I meet him, I will tell him. A wicket-keeper should stay as low as possible to move quickly and even turn half-chances into catches. But he will learn. Overall, his performance was brilliant," said Engineer.

▪ Rishabh Pant

INDIA ROUNDUP

ANAND DRAWS AGAIN IN ST LOUIS CHESS

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STLOUIS, USA: Former World Champion Viswanathan Anand played out yet another draw with Alexander Grischuk of Russia to remain in joint sixth spot as the Sinquefield Cup chess tournament draws to a close here.

For the records, the seventh draw in as many games did not help Anand's cause much even though the Indian ace remains within striking distance of the leader American Fabiano Caruana, who held Norwegian World Champion Magnus Carlsen to a draw after being down and out for some part of the game.

The Indian is now under pressure to win at least one game of the remaining two to stay within chances of a podium finish.

TWO BOXERS ADVANCE IN WORLD YOUTH C'SHIP

BUDAPEST: Two Indian women boxers advanced to the quarter-finals of the youth world championships with comprehensive wins here. Sakshi (57kg) and Jony (60kg) entered the last-eight stage after fetching unanimous victories. Sakshi defeated Hungary's Viktoria Matesz, while Jony got the the better of New Zealand's Pelea Fruean. However, Lalita went out of the tournament after being out-punched by Germany's Alina Popp.

ARJUN MAINI CLAIMS POINTS AT SPA

SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS, BELGIUM: Arjun Maini made sure he finished the weekend at Spa with a strong P8 finish in the Sprint Race in the FIA F2 circuit on Sunday. He started the race in P14 and lost two places off the start and was in P16 by the start of Lap 2. Maini then went on to overtake four cars ahead of him in the middle part of the race and with two laps to go, was in P12. He managed his tyres brilliantly throughout the race which allowed him to push hard in the latter part. Maini capitalised on this by claiming P8 from Sette Câmara in the final lap of the race.

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Stage set for 'Big Four' battle

US OPEN With Federer, Nadal, Djokovic winning a Grand Slam this year, intense competition awaits with Murray back in fray

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NEW YORK: From the pits of despair in Paris, record-setting Novak Djokovic now eyes a third US Open title in New York where for the first time since Wimbledon last year, the sport's 'Big Four' will be reunited.

Djokovic became the first man to win all nine Masters titles with victory over Roger Federer at Cincinnati on Sunday.

Having captured, against all the odds, a fourth Wimbledon in July, the Serb suddenly finds himself as joint-favourite with world No 1 Rafael Nadal to triumph at Flushing Meadows.

Champion in 2011 and 2015, and a five-time runner-up, Djokovic sat out the 2017 US Open to nurse an elbow injury.

His physical limitations were still evident when he slumped away from Roland Garros in June after a shock quarter-final loss to Marco Cecchinato, threatening to skip Wimbledon to mend his shattered self-confidence. Fast forward three months and Djokovic is once again the man to beat.

"It's a wonderful feeling. It's been a couple of tough months for me with an injury but then winning Wimbledon and Cincinnati," said Djokovic who opens his US Open campaign against Hungary's Marton Fucsovics.

Djokovic's Wimbledon triumph took his Grand Slam title collection to 13, just one behind Pete Sampras.

He will head for New York buoyed by his dominance over his three major rivals as well — he leads Nadal 27-25, Federer 24-22 and Andy Murray 25-11.

World No 1 Nadal, who won the US Open last year to add to his 2010 and 2013 victories, skipped Cincinnati after triumphing in Toronto the week before. The Spaniard clinched an 11th French Open in June to take his majors tally to 17 before falling to Djokovic in a five-set, 5-hour 15-minute semi-final loss at Wimbledon.

"Tennis is a high-demanding sport in terms of physical effort," said 32-year-old Nadal who faces an emotional first round against compatriot David Ferrer who will be playing his last Slam before retirement. "I cannot forget that I am older every year."

Federer also knows that the clock is ticking.

The 20-time Grand Slam winner won the last of his five US Opens in 2008.

Now 37, the Swiss maestro would become the oldest New York champion in the Open era should he manage to lift the trophy again on September 9 and second oldest of all time.

TOUGH ROAD

While the Fab Four will be back in action at a Grand Slam after a long time, this year's US Open should be more of a contest between Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic given their current run of form. Andy Murray has only played seven matches since his surgery in January and Roger Federer's form has only dipped since clinching the Australian Open. HT takes a look at their potential road to the final:

RAFAEL NADAL

The defending champion opens campaign against compatriot David Ferrer

While he's tipped to breeze through the initial stages, he might face Dominic Thiem or Kevin Anderson in the quarter-final. Also, he might have to take on former champions Juan Martin del Potro or Andy Murray in the semis

ANDY MURRAY

In the same half of the draw as Nadal, Murray opens his campaign against Australia's James Duckworth

If the Scotsman can go past the first two rounds, he might face Del Potro, Stefanos Tsitsipas and Grigor Dimitrov in the third, fourth and the quarter-final rounds respectively

ROGER FEDERER

The five-time US Open champion will face Japan's Yoshihito Nishioka in the first round

Nick Kyrgios, Hyeon Chung and Fabio Fognini could be his toughest challenges till the fourth round before his potential showdown with Novak Djokovic in the quarter-final draw

NOVAK DJOKOVIC

Djokovic opens against Hungarian Marton Fucsovics

The winner of his potential quarter-final against Federer could face Alexander Zverev, David Goffin or Marin Cilic

OTHER CONTENDERS

ALEXANDER ZVEREV: Having hired former world No 1 Ivan Lendl in his coaching team, the current world No 4 should pose a formidable threat to the Fab Four

MARIN CILIC: Although he's seeded seventh, the former US champion might create a few upsets at the top

JUAN MARTIN DEL POTRO: The 2017 semi-finalist would want to replicate his run and take a step further this season.

WHAT'S NEW

On the clock: For the first time at a Grand Slam, on-court clocks will count out the 25 seconds players are allowed to serve. The clocks will also monitor warm-up times.

Electronic eyes everywhere: For the first time at a Grand Slam, electronic line call reviews will be available on all match courts, not just the show courts.

TV TIMING

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FEDERER TO END 10-YEAR WAIT?
But he was knocked out by 2009 champion Juan Martin del Potro in the quarter-finals last year having had to negotiate two five-setters in the opening rounds.

Despite defending his Australian Open title, Federer's hopes of a ninth Wimbledon were blown apart in a five-set loss to Kevin Anderson in the quarters.

It was his earliest exit at the All England Club in five years.

"I won the US Open five times. So I stand here pretty happy, to be quite honest. It's not like, God, the US Open never worked out for me. It hasn't the last couple years, but it's all good," said the Swiss legend who begins against injury-plagued Japanese left-hander Yoshihito Nishioka.

Murray, the 2012 champion, is set to play his first Slam since a hip injury suffered at Wimbledon last year.

His comeback has been far from smooth after spending almost a year on the sidelines and has played only seven matches since his return.

The former world No 1 has even seen his ranking nosedive to 378 in the world — making him Britain's eighth-best player!

Outside of the 'Big Four', Del Potro, at a career-high three in the world, remains a dangerman. Amongst the 'Next Gen', world No 4 Alexander Zverev is still a work in progress. The German's run to the last-eight at the French Open this year remains his best performance at the majors while his last two visits to New York ended in a pair of second-round losses.

Serena seeks to cap comeback year with Slam

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NEW YORK: Former world No 1 Serena Williams, riding an emotional rollercoaster as she adapts to juggling tennis and motherhood, seeks to end 2018 on a high with a record-equalling 24th Grand Slam title at the US Open.

The US great counts six US Open victories among her 23 Slams and with one more would match Australian Margaret Court's record for most major singles titles.

She could also join Court, Evonne Goolagong and Kim Clijsters as the only mothers to win Grand Slam singles titles, but since an impressive run to the Wimbledon final — where she fell to Angelique Kerber — Williams has endured a lackluster buildup to the hardcourt showpiece in Flushing Meadows.

"I'm still at the very beginning, this is a long comeback," she said after a second-round loss to Petra Kvitova — winner of five titles this year — in Cincinnati.

She had shrugged off an even bigger disappointment two weeks earlier — a 6-1, 6-0 loss to Johanna Konta in San Jose that was the most lopsided defeat of her career.

Williams later revealed she had learned shortly before that match that the man convicted of killing her sister Yetunde Price in 2003 had been released on parole, something she "couldn't shake out of her mind".

It was another instance of personal matters intruding on the tennis court in a way they never have before, with Williams opening up about her struggles with post-partum emotions since the birth of daughter Olympia last September, and wrestled with feelings of inadequacy that many new mothers experience. "I have been through a lot of stuff in my life, but I have never been through this," Williams said.

And then there's her game, worryingly inconsistent in six tournaments so far this year — including the French Open where she withdrew before the fourth round with a pectoral injury.

"Basically, my whole game needs to improve," Williams said, although she wasn't stepping up the pressure on herself in her last chance to avoid her first season since 2011 without a Grand Slam singles title.

"I feel like I have to be nice to myself," the United States star added.

"I have to just be happy, continue to work hard. I've been working incredibly hard. I feel like it will for sure pay off eventually." Awarded the 17th seeding, nine spots above her world ranking, Williams nevertheless faces a tough early road with a potential third-round clash with her sister Venus and a possible fourth-rounder against world No 1 and top seed Simona Halep, who won her first Grand Slam title at Roland Garros this year.

Serena Williams last won US Open in 2014.
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EPL ROUNDUP

Late Newcastle own goal makes it three wins for Sarri's Chelsea

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NEWCASTLE: Chelsea kept up their 100 percent start to the Premier League season by snatching a 2-1 win at a stubborn Newcastle United on Sunday, grabbing victory thanks to a late own goal by DeAndre Yedlin.

Eden Hazard had blasted Chelsea ahead in the 76th minute from the penalty spot after defender Fabian Schar had tripped Marcos Alonso, allowing the visitors a breakthrough after they had monopolised possession.

Newcastle boss Rafael Benitez had played a dogged 5-4-1 formation in an effort to shut out his former club. They created little at the other end, but they drew level when Spanish forward Joselu headed in at the near post in the 83rd minute. Chelsea got back in front with a fortuitous goal four minutes later from Yedlin, who had stretched his foot out to block a shot from Alonso which had looked to be going wide.

Eden Hazard

SALAH'S STRIKE SENDS LIVERPOOL TOP
LIVERPOOL: Mohammed Salah's 23rd-minute strike was enough to earn Liverpool a 1-0 win over a dogged Brighton and Hove Albion and give them an early top spot in the Premier League with three wins out of three.

The breakthrough came when James Milner robbed Yves Bissouma as Brighton tried to play the ball out from the back and a quick exchange of passes from Sadio Mane and Firmino ended with a clinical finish from Salah.

RESULTS

Watford 2	**Palace 1**
Pereyra 53	Zaha 78
Holebas 71	
Fulham 4	**Burnley 2**
Seri 4	Hendrick 10
Mitrovic 36, 38	Tarkowski 41
Schurrle 83	
Newcastle 1	**Chelsea 2**
Joselu 83	Hazard 76
	Yedlin 87 (OG)

IS CHELSEA GOING UP FOR SALE?
LONDON: Russian billionaire Roman Abramovich has hired an investment bank to consider the sale of his club Chelsea, the Sunday Times newspaper reported.

A source at the club denied Abramovich planned any sale. The Sunday Times said the move by the Russian followed his rejection of an offer to buy a minority stake in the club by US private equity firm Silver Lake Partners.

Vettel cruises to victory in Belgium

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BELGIAN GP

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SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS, BELGIUM: Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel sped away from first corner carnage to celebrate a commanding Belgian Grand Prix victory on Sunday and trim Lewis Hamilton's Formula One lead to 17 points with eight races remaining.

Hamilton, last year's winner in Belgium, started from pole position but finished second for Mercedes while Red Bull's Max Verstappen gave his army of Dutch fans something to cheer with third place.

In the battle of four times world champions, Hamilton now has 231 points to Vettel's 214.

"I had a great start, I'm not sure Lewis saw me as he pushed me to the left in the first lap, but after last year I ended up short, and this year it was the other way around," said Vettel of his decisive pass on Hamilton.

The start provided most of the afternoon's excitement, with Fernando Alonso's McLaren flying over Charles Leclerc's Sauber at the La Source hairpin after being rammed by Renault's Nico Hulkenberg. All three retired as the safety car was deployed for four laps but Leclerc had reason to thank the 'halo' head protection system — introduced this season — for allowing him to step away unscathed. Television close-up images after the race showed the structure heavily marked by the impact.

Ferrari's Kimi Raikkonen, a four times winner in Belgium, and Red Bull's Daniel Ricciardo also collided at the start and retired after pitting.

At the front, Vettel swiftly seized the lead from Hamilton down the Kemmel straight on the opening lap and never looked back, taking the chequered flag 11.0 seconds clear of Hamilton.

"He drove past me like I wasn't even there on the straight," said Hamilton, who was quick to offer congratulations.

Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel (right) pipped championship leader Lewis Hamilton to trim the gap on top to 18 points. REUTERS

RESULTS

S Vettel (Ferrari)	1:23:34.476
L Hamilton (Mercedes)	11.061
M Verstappen (Red Bull)	31.372
V Bottas (Mercedes)	1:03.605
S Perez (Force India)	1:11.023
E Ocon (Force India)	1:19.520
R Grosjean (Haas)	1:25.953
K Magnussen (Haas)	1:27.639
P Gasly (Toro Rosso)	1:45.892
M Ericsson (Sauber)	lapped

Classification	Points
Lewis Hamilton	231
Sebastian Vettel	214
Kimi Raikkonen	146
Valtteri Bottas	144
Max Verstappen	120

SPORTS ROUNDUP

BOGEY-FREE ROUND NO CONSOLATION FOR WOODS

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PARAMUS, UNITED STATES: Tiger Woods, a day after narrowly making the cut, shot a bogey-free three-under 68 but still lamented his play at the Northern Trust in New Jersey on Saturday.

"That's not going to get it done," the former world No 1 said after three birdies in a morning round at the FedEx Cup play-offs event. "These guys are making a boat load of birdies as soft as it (the course) is and I just haven't made any."

He left the Ridgewood Country Club with seven birdies so far this week compared to six birdies and an eagle by Brooks Koepka in Friday's second round that propelled the US Open and PGA Championship winner into the tournament co-lead with Jamie Lovemark.

MOHORIC WINS TOUR OF GERMANY
STUTTGART: Slovenia's Matej Mohoric was crowned the overall Tour of Germany champion on Sunday after finishing second behind home favourite Nils Politt in Sunday's fourth and final stage in Stuttgart.

It was second stage-race win in a fortnight for Mohoric, who won Saturday's stage in Merzig to take the red jersey, following victory last weekend on the four-day BinckBank Tour through Belgium and the Netherlands.

VALVERDE SPRINTS TO VUELTA VICTORY
MADRID: Alejandro Valverde produced a vintage ride as he sprinted to victory on stage two of the Vuelta a Espana as Michal Kwiatkowski, who finished second to the Spaniard, moved into the leader's red jersey.

N KOREA TO HOST ASIAN YOUTH WEIGHTLIFTING
JAKARTA: The Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships will be held in the North Korean capital Pyongyang next year. The Asian Weightlifting Federation and North Korea's Sports Minister Kim Il Guk signed an agreement on Sunday for North Korea to hold the championships from October 27 next year.

SHORT PASSES

Ancelotti gives Gattuso a lesson as Napoli win

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MILAN: Carlo Ancelotti gave former protege Gennaro Gattuso a lesson in football as Napoli came from two goals down to beat AC Milan 3-2 in Serie A here on Saturday.

Seasoned coach Ancelotti — who took over as coach of the Italian league runners-up this summer — was in charge of his first home game at the San Paolo Stadium.

The 59-year-old's side also trailed before getting past Lazio 2-1 in the season opener in Rome last weekend.

AC Milan were playing their first match of the season after their game against Genoa was postponed because of the bridge disaster in the port city.

But it was to be a bitter defeat for AC Milan coach Gattuso, 40, who played under Ancelotti when the latter was in charge of AC Milan, winning the Champions League together in 2007 when they beat Liverpool 2-1.

Hugo Lloris

LLORIS APOLOGISES FOR DRINK DRIVING CHARGE
LONDON: Tottenham Hotspur and France captain Hugo Lloris has apologised after he was charged for a drink driving offence by British police on Friday.

Lloris, who won the World Cup with France last month, was stopped by police in central London in the early hours of Friday.

"I wish to apologise wholeheartedly to my family, the club, my team-mates, the manager and all of the supporters," he said.

Barcelona, Atletico scrape past La Liga new boys

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MADRID: Barcelona and Atletico Madrid were both made to work hard for their narrow 1-0 victories over newly-promoted duo Real Valladolid and Rayo Vallecano on Saturday.

Ernesto Valverde's side were second best for large parts of their visit to the Jose Zorilla, however a second half strike from Ousmane Dembele ultimately proved the difference.

Valladolid thought they had equalised in injury time but Keko's header was ruled out for offside with the help of VAR.

PITCH PROBLEMS CAUSE CONCERN
The reigning La Liga champions were furious at the state of the surface in Valladolid, which started to cut up during the pregame warm-ups and Valverde called on the league to act.

"I've not seen anything like this for a long time" he said of the playing conditions. "We were worried because we didn't want anyone to get injured running on it. We've got these grand ideas about playing in America but we need to look closer to home and make sure pitches are playable here, first."

Barca maintain their 100 percent record, while Valladolid have one point from two outings.

Atletico, meanwhile, endured no such hardship with the state of the grass in their first home game at the Wanda Metropolitano.

They were more frustrated by resilient local rivals Rayo Vallecano until Antoine Griezmann scored a decisive winner.

Ousmane Dembele

RESULTS

Atletico 1	**Vallecano 0**
Griezmann 63	
Valladolid 0	**Barcelona 1**
	Dembele 57
Espanyol 2	**Valencia 0**
Granero 62	
Iglesias 68	

"We didn't start well and took time to find our play," coach Diego Simeone said.

LA LIGA LAUNCH INVESTIGATION
Meanwhile, La Liga have opened an investigation into the pitch at Real Valladolid.

"Following the conclusion of the game between Valladolid and Barcelona, a disciplinary case will be opened in order to clarify who is responsible for the state of the pitch at the Jose Zorrilla stadium not meeting the minimum conditions demanded by the competition," La Liga said in a statement on Sunday.

MUMBAI DARSHAN

Richardson nets three in Pro Team's win

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MUMBAI: Richardson Lobo notched up a fine hat-trick to power Pro Team to a thumping 4-0 win over Madanpura FC in the Mumbai District Football Association's Third Division league at the St Xavier's ground, Parel, on Sunday.

Mastan Sawood score the fourth goal for the winners.

Earlier, Kedar Baing scored the lone goal as Nyass SC overcame Madanpura FA 1-0.

RESULTS
Third Division: Nyass SC 1 (Kedar Baing) bt Madanpura FA 0; Pro Team 4 (Richardson Lobo 3, Mastan Sawood) bt Madanpura FC 0.

BHARADIA CRACKS 98
Cricket Club of India cueist Mukund Bharadia was in fine form as he quelled a spirited challenge from Aashit Pandya of Dombivali Gymkhana in a second round match of the Khar Gymkhana Open Handicap Snooker Tournament.

Bharadia, playing to a handicap of 20 points, warmed up with relatively minor breaks of 30 and 68 points before he strung one of 98 – which is currently the highest in the tournament. Extended to the decisive fifth frame, Bharadia completed a satisfying 116-25, 103-25, 51-73, 24-74, 70-28 win with a run of 45 points in the decider.

Juhu Vile Parle Gymkhana's Mahadev Bhogle put up a tactical show to pulls off a straight 3-0 win over Catholic Gymkhana's Ralph Fernandes.

RESULTS
Second round: +5 Mukund Bharadia (CCI) bt +25 Aashit Pandya 3-2; +35 Mahadev Bhogle (JVPG) bt +45 Ralph Fernandes (Catholic Gym) 3-0; +50 Anant Mehta (NSCI) bt +40 Rahil Patel (JVPG) 3-0; +45 Angad Bhatty (Otters) bt +45 Akshay Vasani (ARC) 3-2; +25 Kartikeye Sharma bt +45 Rishabh Panchmia (MCF) 3-1; +25 Mayank Bhavsar (KVSC) bt +45 Mehraz Memon 3-0; +10 Asutosh Padhy (JVPG) bt +45 Rajesh Mayavanshi (MHC) 3-2; +40 Amit Sapru (Park Club) bt +50 Pankaj Vanjari (Dadar Club) 3-0.

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MUMBAI

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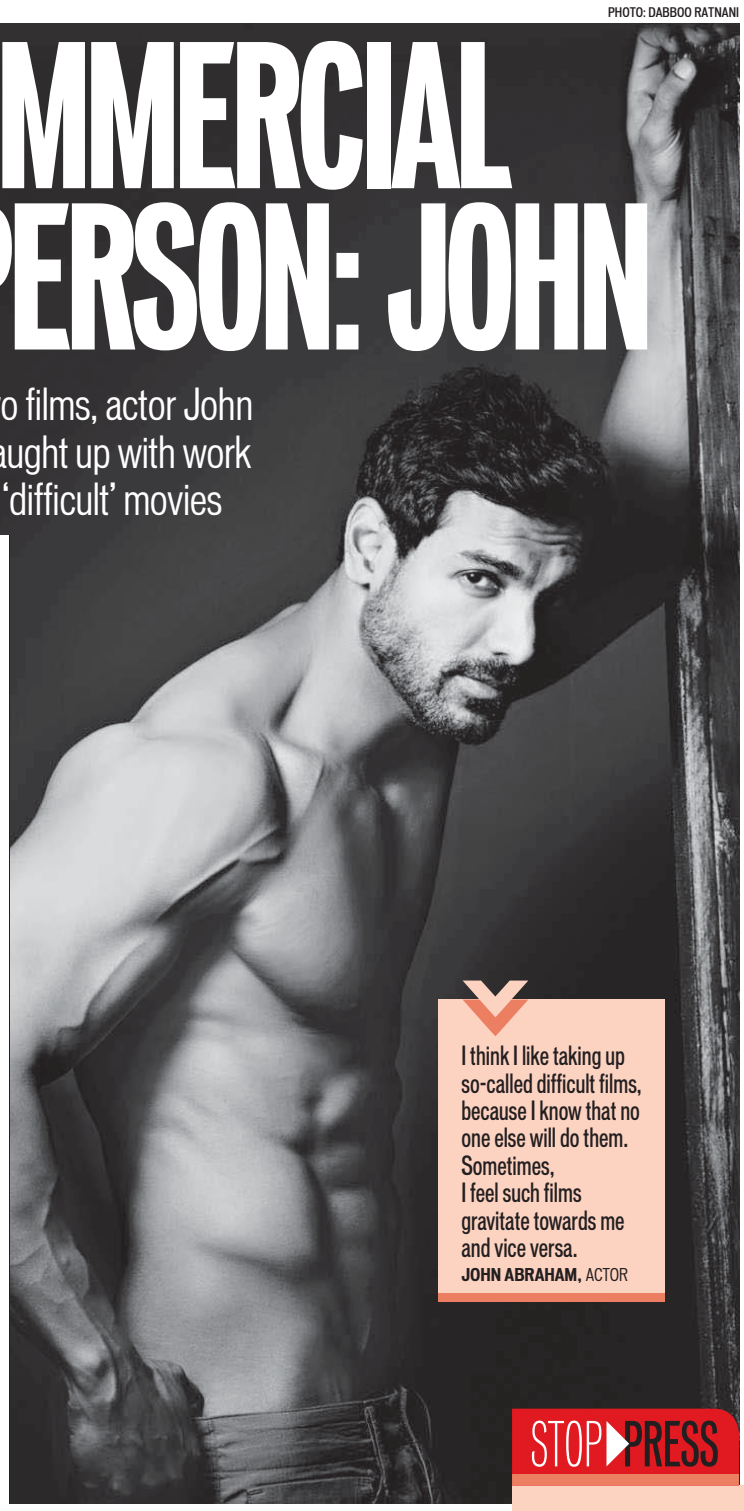
I AM A COMMERCIAL CINEMA PERSON: JOHN

High on the success of his last two films, actor John Abraham says he has been too caught up with work to celebrate; adds he loves doing 'difficult' movies



Prashant Singh

Right from the beginning of his career, actor John Abraham has had a tryst with 'challenging' roles in films such as Water (2005), No Smoking (2007) and Madras Café (2013). And even 15 years after his debut, the actor seems to be high on tough films. The actor is currently busy shooting for RAW, following the release of Parmanu: The Story of Pokhran and Satyameva Jayate (SJ), and he will later begin filming Batla House with film-maker Nikkhil Advani.

Does John plan to restrict himself to "difficult" films from now on? The actor says, "It surely looks like that (laughs). I think I like taking up so-called difficult films, because I know that no one else will do them. Sometimes, I feel such films gravitate towards me and vice versa. I get excited when there's a film and someone tells me, 'Hey, it looks tough and challenging. How are you going to do it?'."

John is currently riding high on the success of SJ. "I am an absolute commercial [cinema] person and I love that at its best. With SJ, I hope we gave the audiences a great 'commercial cinema' experience." The Welcome Back (2015) star feels he is fortunate vis-à-vis RAW and Batla House. "They are probably two of the best scripts I have ever heard. They just gravitated towards me. So, sometimes, what seems [to have happened] by design may have worked out by default. I think I've been very lucky with such things as well," he says.

John has no qualms in admitting that he has other films and scripts in store that will "blow people's minds". He says, "People are going to be like, 'How did you decide to do something like this?' So, now, we are trying and do everything that seems impossible," says the actor.

Of late, John has been extremely busy, to the extent that he couldn't find time to celebrate the success of his last two films. "The day SJ released, I went back to shoot for RAW, so I have had no time to sit, ponder, wonder or celebrate. I still have almost a month of shooting to do for RAW, so there is a lot of that film left. We finish shooting sometime in the middle of September," he says.

In his recent films, the actor has been working with relatively newer directors, including writer Milap Milan Zaveri, who directed him in SJ. "I think Milap came into this film with a lot of fire in his belly. Honestly, I think the best compliment he got from me and Manoj (Bajpayee; SJ co-star) was when we went on record saying that although many may feel that technically, he is a better writer than a director, but with SJ, he has proved that he is a better director in this film than a writer. He has done a fantastic job and people will take him very seriously after this," he says.

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> **JOHN ABRAHAM,** ACTOR

'Craft doesn't have a gender'

Yashika Mathur

With her gritty thrillers such as Talvar (2015) and Raazi (2018) having audiences on the edge of their seats, film-maker Meghna Gulzar has left the stereotypes surrounding "women directors" far behind. She says, "I don't think I've had to face being stereotyped, but I won't say that the sentiment did not exist. When I was making my first film 17 years ago, the sentiment was that female directors would tell stories that will always be about women, and that no male star would want to work with them. A lot of times, that did happen. But we also had a lot of male directors who made films with women in the centre of the story. Why is there no prejudice against them?"

The director is quick to point out that classic hits such as Pakeezah and Sujata were directed by men. She also says a film's success is based on a good story and not the gender of the film-maker helming the project. "Why do alarm bells ring when a woman tells a woman's story? And what do you call a Farah Khan in all this? If you ask me, it's the content. If the content connects with the audience, it doesn't matter who makes it. Craft doesn't have a gender. A male director can be as sensitive or insightful as a female director," she says.

While her first few films did not resonate with audiences, Meghna emerged as a winner with Talvar, which was based on the Arushi Talvar murder case. The success of the film, (starring Irrfan, Konkona Sensharma and Neeraj Kabi) helped strengthen the director's belief in good content. "If there are any stumbling blocks in the story, I don't think it's the gender — it's the content. I was still an unsuccessful film-maker when I began casting for Talvar and I was a woman film-maker, but the first three people we approached for the film said yes to it. How did that happen? What worked for me, is the content," she says, and adds on a lighter note, "You can't change your gender, so you should try to make content that's difficult to reject."

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> **MEGHNA GULZAR,** DIRECTOR

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HILARY SWANK DOESN'T OWN A TELEVISION

Hilary Swank says she doesn't own a television, and feels it is "stupid" of her. "I don't own a television. So, I'm not an avid television watcher. That's obviously stupid of me because I've been told that television is where all of the great writing is," Swank said. – IANS

I ALWAYS FEEL LIKE AN OUTSIDER: SHRUTI

It has been over a year since Shruti Haasan made her last appearance on the big screen and the actor says it was a conscious decision to stay away from the camera, as she wanted to reassess her career.

"I am producing films and getting back into music full time. So, I needed to step back and kind of reorganise things. I believe it is important for an artiste to take some time off to be with themselves," she said.

"I have been in films, but I always feel like an outsider. I think that's my strength and my weakness. But I like to keep it to myself and do my job. I am not someone to look back and think about it," she added. – PTI

Shruti Haasan

I don't regret romancing, singing or dancing around trees: Rishi Kapoor

Rishi Kapoor

Monika Rawal Kukreja

Not one to mince his words, veteran actor Rishi Kapoor remains equally unperturbed by what people say about his films, roles and the controversies that come along. Thankful that he's still getting great scripts, the actor hopes to continue doing good work. In a candid chat, Kapoor talks about his 46-year career in Bollywood, his latest film Mulk and why he doesn't regret anything in life.

Are you enjoying the kind of roles you are getting in your second innings in Bollywood?
I enjoy whatever I did in whichever period. I have no regrets about romancing, singing songs or dancing around trees. I made my name and earned money and reputation in the first 25 years of my career. Even now, God has been kind to give me good work, and the strength to imbibe these characters and portray them. I'm delighted and indebted for this opportunity, and hope that I can get more roles like these.

How has it been to work with the younger crop of actors?
They're hard working and good, but at the same time, these are more relaxed actors. They do one or two films. In our times, we used to work in 10 films at a time.

Why didn't you direct again after Aa Ab Laut Chalen (1999)?
I just can't do it. Time bhi nahi aur bandwidth bhi nahi. It needs a lot of patience, and my passion is acting, not direction. It was a passing phase, but I'm no longer interested in it.

Your latest film, Mulk, ran into controversies around its release. Do you think today's audience has become too sensitive?
It's a commercial film and we took cinematic liberties to make it engrossing. I think we're taking the perspective of trolls too seriously. That's bulls**t. Our population is so huge, what percentage of India is that [trolls] a reflection? Their outlook hardly matters.

Do you feel film-makers are taking it upon themselves to make films that send a message?
Aisa toh nahi hai, but we do look for newer subjects. Films are basically a reflection of society. A subject of rape has been shown in films since the time Raj Kapoor made Prem Rog (1982), BR Chopra made Insaaf Ka Tarazu (1980), and Rajkumar Santoshi made Damini (1993). So, it's not new.

Is it unfair on the audience's part to expect that Bollywood should touch upon all social issues?
What's wrong with that? If one can serve the society through cinema, they must. But you can't distort facts.

The Delhi High Court recently said that actors can't be held liable for dialogues they say on-screen. Your views?
If the censor [board] allows the film, how can you challenge that? How can one take some objection after a film has been censored?

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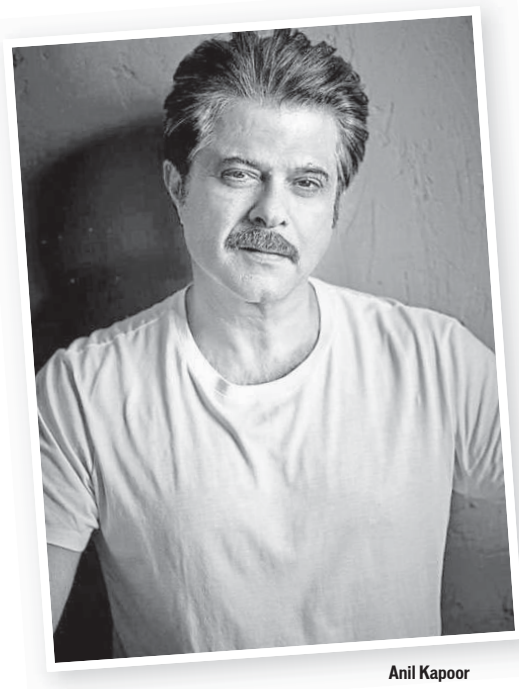
A special connect: Anil Kapoor reveals his 'emotional hook' with Manmohan Desai



Anil Kapoor

Prashant Singh

Anil Kapoor has been one of Bollywood's leading men for 35 long years (after debuting with Woh 7 Din; 1983). But the actor readily admits that besides his artistic sensibilities, he has always sworn by the "emotional hook" when it comes to choosing his films. He says, "An emotional hook can come from anything — your parents, brother, children, friends or even a film-maker. For instance, when I did Deewana Mastana (1997), my emotional hook was the late Manmohan Desai. He wanted us to do a film together, but unfortunately, he passed away. So, when I was doing Deewana Mastana, I was like, 'Manmohanji should feel we have made a good film'."

The Fanney Khan actor has felt the same 'emotional hook' for other projects too. "When I did (the TV show) 24, I did it for my country, so that Indians could be like, 'Oh, he is an Indian actor who is working abroad'. So, the hard work and passion for cinema is there, but you have to also find an emotional hook," he says.

In fact, Kapoor is also happy with his son Harshvardhan Kapoor's film choices. "If you look at Harsh's choices, he is constantly trying to improve his craft and become a better actor rather than trying to become a bigger star right at the start. Agar star banna aapke naseeb mein ho toh ho jaayega apne aap. When I did films with MS Sathyu (Kahan Kahan Se Guzar Gaya; 1981), Bapu (Woh 7 Din; 1983) and Mani Ratnam (Pallavi Anu Pallavi; 1983), all the movies got critical acclaim but maybe, they weren't as successful commercially," he says.

Recalling his initial days in the industry, Kapoor says he tried to spread the word in the industry that he was a good actor. "So, people started recommending here and there. I remember meeting so many film-makers such as Mahesh Bhatt, JP Dutta and even Shyam Benegal. Even when I was in Kolkata, shooting for Sathyu's film, I met Mrinal Sen thinking I would get some work in his films," he says.

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LOOK BACK

Veterans in one frame!

Actor Sonam K Ahuja tweeted this throwback photo of her father Anil Kapoor with actors Anupam Kher and Madhuri Dixit-Nene. "Dad, look what I found! Do you guys remember this?" she wrote with.

PHOTO: TWITTER/SONAMKAPOOR

QUOTE HANGER

ALIA IS GOOD BUT THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEBODY FAR MORE BRILLIANT THAN HER. SHE SHOULD KEEP HER EYES OPEN TO SEE THAT.

MAHESH BHATT, FILM-MAKER

I DON'T LOOK BACK. I AM NOT VERY RETROSPECTIVE AND I AM NOT VERY [WORRIED] ABOUT FUTURE PLANNING. I LIVE IN THE MOMENT.

SOHA ALI KHAN, ACTOR

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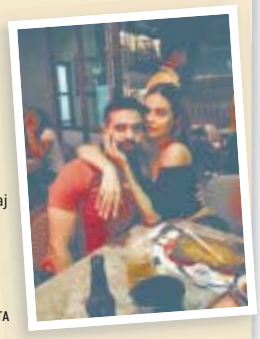

Two is company!

Actor Esha Gupta dined out with her friend, Yuvraj Arora and posted this picture on Instagram. "I can't let you go cus you know too much.." she captioned it.

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Street lights add authenticity in Varun-Anushka's next

Anushka Sharma and Varun Dhawan (inset) in Sui Dhaaga - Made in India

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SHARAT KATARIYA WANTED TO CAPTURE THE SMALL-TOWN ESSENCE IN SUI DHAAGA – MADE IN INDIA.

It goes without saying that Indian craftsmen — across length and breadth of the country — go out of their way to preserve India's traditional art. In fact, Sharat Katariya's next, Sui Dhaaga — Made in India, encompasses their trials and tribulations. And to make all of it look authentic, Anushka Sharma, Varun Dhawan as well as Sharat have put their best foot forward.

"While Anushka plays an embroiderer, Varun plays the role of a tailor from the heartland of India. And since they play innocent village folk — namely Mauji and Mamta — who dream to make a name for themselves, Sharat wanted to capture the small-town essence and so went all out to make the scenes look as authentic as possible. That's why you will see the use of real street lights in a few sequences that were shot in Chanderi (Madhya Pradesh)," says an insider from the film's unit.

Says Anushka: "Craftsmen work day and night. So, Sharat wanted to show how a craftsman in such places (Chanderi) work through the night. That's when we learnt that many such artisans use the bright street lights to aid their professional needs and we wanted to capture the same in our film."

Varun, on his part, feels that Sharat has "got some very heartfelt moments while shooting these scenes (under street lights)." He says: "These talented artists generally go on the roof of their houses and start working at night. Mauji and Mamta's character takes a leaf out of this dedication, ambition and entrepreneur spirit. We shot some amazing sewing and embroidering scenes using the street lights of Chanderi and they are really touching."

– HTC

SATISH KAUSHIK ON HIS LONG-TIME FRIENDSHIP WITH SALMAN

Rishabh Suri

Sunil Grover, Satish Kaushik and Salman Khan enjoying their meal at a restaurant in Malta

Veteran actor Satish Kaushik had a blast shooting for director Ali Abbas Zafar's upcoming film, Bharat, at Valletta, Mdina and Birgu in Malta, with Salman Khan.

Calling the film's scale "epic", Satish says, "The project is shaping up really well under the captainship of Ali. I had a lot of fun on the set. Though I can't reveal anything about my character, I play a unique and quirky role. The production is of Hollywood standards."

Satish reveals that he had a lot of fun with Salman and other co-stars during filming. Having been friends for many years, the duo knows how to keep each other relaxed on set. "Having Salman as a co-star is always a delight. We celebrated 15 years of Tere Naam (2003; Kaushik directed the Salman-starrer hit) on August 15 in a unique way. We revisited our old days and partied all night," he says.

"It was a nice break for us. During lunch breaks, the unit normally eats the low-calorie food that's prepared on set, but Salman offered to treat me and Sunil for lunch," Satish signs off.

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'PEOPLE STILL REMEMBER ME AS SITA'

Deepika Chikhalia, who is making a comeback to acting with a Gujarati film, says though she would like to work in TV again, she is keen to try roles that defy her set image

Kavita Awaasthi

Arun Govil as Ram and Deepika Chikhalia as Sita in Ramayan

Though Deepika Chikhalia did many movies before and after Ramananad Sagar's Ramayan (1987), she is still remembered for her performance as Sita in the iconic TV show. After her last film Khudai (1994) with the late actor Rajesh Khanna, the actor now returns to the arclights with the Gujarati remake of the hit Marathi film Natsamrat (2016) starring Nana Patekar, and a Hindi film, Galib. Deepika talks about her comeback, working on television, and her image as Sita.

Why did you choose to comeback with a Gujarati film?

I was toying with the idea of taking up acting again for years. I got many offers for TV shows too in the last couple of years and the roles got better and better. But I had a time constraint as I have two young daughters who needed me and I wasn't comfortable leaving them at home and working full time. When I got the offer to play the wife's role in the Gujarati version of Natsamrat, I felt the role was perfect for me as we didn't move away too much from my image as Sita. I could identify with it as it is a strong silent character who wears a sari and a bindi. I enjoyed doing the role and hope the audiences love it. As for a Gujarati, I speak it very well so I felt comfortable. I have also shot for a Hindi film called Galib, which is a film about a terrorist, and will do the rounds of the festival circuit soon.

Television made you a household name and even today people remember you as Sita. What kind of reaction do you get when people see you on the streets or at the airport or malls?

Back then, it was all about devotion. The respect and love we all got was unbelievable. But even today, people still remember me as Sita and keep telling me how much they loved my role. The best part is that people feel I haven't changed much and I look just like I did when I acted in Ramayan. It is a huge compliment. It makes me feel quite special that people still recognise and remember me as it has been so many years since the show ended.

Are you looking at only doing films now or working on television too?

I would like to do television at some point, as most of the offers I got were from television. But the time constraint was always a problem. I can't shoot for 12 hours a day. I want to do films for now. I would also like to do plays and any role that interests me. Right now, I am keen to try roles that are unlike Sita's image. Today, for me, it is not about being established as an actor in the industry as I already have a name. When I started out, I wanted to be established as an actor. Today I have a name in the industry, and I want to look at roles that satisfy me creatively. I am looking for roles that are strong — perhaps a comedy or a negative role.

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DEEPIKA CHIKHALIA, ACTOR

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Yami Gautam has a special Kolkata connection

One of Yami Gautam's biggest fans is Atul Sureka (below), who recently got her name tattooed on his arm

Yashika Mathur

Actor Yami Gautam's fan following must be nationwide, but one person stands out among the crowd. Atul Sureka, a lawyer from Kolkata, has been such an admirer of the actor that now he has got her name tattooed on his arm to show her his love.

Atul got a chance to meet Yami for the first time in February 2017, and ever since, the actor has looked at him as a special fan — she really appreciates the fact that this man has followed her work, right from the time she debuted with Vicky Donor (2012). "Atul lives in Kolkata and came to Yami's notice through social media. His constant appreciation of Yami work has impressed her a lot, and she makes it a point to meet him every time she visits Kolkata on a work-related trip. So much so, that now her team informs him when she's about to go to the city," says a source close to the actor.

Yami, who will soon be seen in Batti Gul Meter Chalu, is thankful to her fans for always encouraging her. "[Atul] really came across as a genuine fan and [he was] so shy. When I met him, he couldn't even look up and talk much. The biggest quality in a fan has to be about love and respect, and that's what I saw in him," says the actor.

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SPOTTED

A bunch of Bollywood celebrities were photographed by our shutterbugs all across town. Vicky Kaushal was spotted exiting an eatery in Juhu, while the cast and crew of Paltan took time off to celebrate at a five star in the vicinity . All smiles presumably post a good meal, Sushmita Sen was photographed in Bandra (W). Yami Gautam perfected the denim-on-denim look as she attended an event at Lower Parel. Anushka Sharma aced her airport look in an all white ensemble and round shades, while Kriti Kharbanda kept it simple in trousers and a tank top. Also seen at the Mumbai airport were Hrithik Roshan, Dharmendra and Sunny Deol.

Hrithik Roshan

Vicky Kaushal

Dharmendra and Sunny Deol

Kriti Kharbanda

Anushka Sharma

Sushmita Sen

Yami Gautam

LAKMÉ FASHION WEEK, MUMBAI

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KEEPING UP THE GLAM GAME

Clockwise from top: On Day 4, actor Malaika Arora walked the ramp for designer Anushree Reddy; On Day 3, actor Soha Ali Khan flaunted ensembles by labels Kanika Goyal, Shanti, and Poochki; On Day 4, actor Varun Dhawan walked for designer Kunal Rawal at the Lakmé Fashion Week Winter/Festive 2018

(From left) Shariq Patel, Roop Kumar Rathod, Arjun Rampal, JP Dutta, Sonu Nigam, Shatrughan Sinha, Anu Malik, Shakti Kapoor, Javed Akhtar, Sonal Chauhan, Monica Gill, Nidhi Dutta; (Sitting) Siddhant Kapoor, Harshvardhan Rane, Gurmeet Chaudhary, Sonu Sood and Luv Sinha

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Enjoy dishes such as e Souza's Prawn Recheado and Bogmalo Pork Chilly. At Bombay Vintage, Colaba. From 12pm to 1am.

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Abhishek Upmanyu and Karunesh Talwar will tickle your funny bone at this show. At Canvas Laugh Club, Lower Parel. From 8.30pm.

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Laugh out loud with comedians Karan Talwar and Kajol Srinivasan at this show. At Pair A Dice Cafe, Andheri. From 8pm.

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Watch French thriller L'assassin habite au 21. At Alliance Française Auditorium, Marine Lines. At 6.30pm.

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GENIUS

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HAPPY PHIRR BHAG JAYEGI

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GOLD

CAST : Akshay Kumar, Mouni Roy, Kunal Kapoor, Amit Sadh
Synopsis: The film shows independent India's first Olympic gold medal in hockey.
Fun Cinemas, K Star Mall, Chembur, 9.45am, 1pm, 4.15pm, 7.30pm, 10.45pm, **Carnival**, Sangam, Andheri, 10am, 1pm, 4.30pm, 7.25pm, 10.25pm, **Movietime**, Cubic Mall, Chembur, 10am, 1pm, 4pm, 7pm, 10pm, **Suncity Mukta A2 Cinemas**, Vile Parle, 9am, 2.10pm, 7.45pm, INOX, R-City, **Ghatkopar**, 10.05am, 1.15pm, 4.25pm, 6.20pm, 7.35pm, 9.30pm, 10.45pm, **Cinepolis**, Fun Republic Mall, Andheri (W), 9.45am, 1pm, 4.15pm, 7.30pm, 10.45pm, **PVR**, Citi Mall, Andheri (W), 9.45am, 1pm, 3.45pm, 7pm, 10.15pm, **INOX**, Inorbit Mall, Malad (W), 9.50am, 1pm, 4.10pm, 7.20pm, 8.20pm, 10.30pm, **INOX**, Raghuleela Mall, Vashi, 10.05am, 1.15pm, 4.25pm, 7.35pm, 10.45pm, **Balaji Movieplex**, Kopar Khairane, 9.45am, 4.15pm, 7.30pm, 10.30pm, **PVR**, Growel, Kandivali (E), 9.15am, 12.30pm, 3.45pm, 7pm, 10.15pm, **INOX**, Raghuleela Mall, Kandivali (W), 10.20am, 1.20pm, 4.30pm, 8.05pm, 10.30pm, **Metro INOX Cinemas**, Marine Lines, 10.05am, 1.15pm, 4.25pm, 7.35pm, 10.45pm, **Cinepolis**, Viviana Mall, Thane, 10am, 12.30pm, 1.15pm, 4.30pm, 6.45pm, 7.45pm, 9.30pm, 11pm.

ENGLISH MOVIES

MILE 22

CAST: Mark Wahlberg, Lauren Cohan, Ronda Rousey, Iko Uwais
Carnival, Sangam, Andheri, 1.05pm, 6pm, **INOX**, R-City, Ghatkopar, 9.15am, 11.15pm, **Cinepolis**, Fun Republic Mall, Andheri (W), 12.10pm, 9.05pm, **PVR**, Citi Mall, Andheri (W), 9.30am, 1.45pm, 6.15pm, 10.45pm, **INOX**, Worli, Atria Mall, 1.10pm, 3.20pm, 8.10pm, **INOX**, Inorbit Mall, Malad (W), 11.30pm, **INOX**, Raghuleela Mall, Vashi, 9.10am, 2.35pm, 7.10pm, 10.35pm, **Metro INOX Cinemas**, Marine Lines, 9am, 6pm, 11.15pm, **Sterling Cineplex**, Fort, 10am, 8.15pm.

THE MEG

CAST : Jason Statham, Li Bingbing, Ruby Rose, Rainn Wilson
INOX, R-City, Ghatkopar, 10.10am, **INOX**, Inorbit Mall, Malad (W), 2.45pm, **Metro INOX Cinemas**, Marine Lines, 1:35pm, 10.55pm.

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE — FALLOUT

CAST: Tom Cruise, Rebecca Ferguson, Michelle Monaghan, Henry Cavill
Synopsis: Ethan Hunt takes it upon himself to save the world.
INOX, R-City, Ghatkopar, 5.25pm, **INOX**, Inorbit Mall, Malad (W), 9.05am, 5.15pm, **Movietime**, The Hub, Goregaon, 10.30am, 10pm, **INOX**, Worli, Atria Mall, 3.30pm, **INOX**, Korum Mall, Eastern Express Highway, Thane, 1.55pm.

CHRISTOPHER ROBIN

CAST : Ewan McGregor, Hayley Atwell,
Synopsis: Winnie-the-Pooh is back with his friends to help Christopher regain his sense of imagination.
Metro INOX Cinemas, Marine Lines, 4.05pm, 8.40pm.

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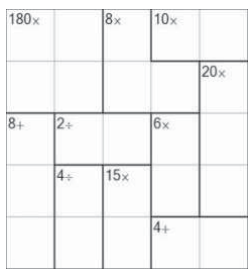

Place numbers into the puzzle cells so that each row and column contains each of the digits from 1 to 5. No number is to be repeated in any row or column. Each bold-outlined cells contain a hint of a number and one of the mathematical symbols + x - /. The number is the result of the operation represented by the symbol to the digits contained.

CALVIN AND HOBBES

Bill Watterson

DID YOU KNOW?

Apart from the theme of the film, i.e. wrestling, even the titles were going to be the same for Aamir Khan's Dangal and Salman Khan's Sultan (both 2016). The director of Sultan, Ali Abbas Zafar, had revealed that the first draft of his film was titled Dangal.

SCRAMBLE - 2826

Solve the four anagrams and move one letter to each square to form four ordinary words

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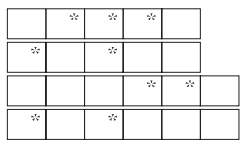

Now arrange the letters marked with an asterisk (*) to form the answer to the riddle or to fill in the missing words as indicated.

Art is the _____ of civilizations.
- Beverly Sills (9)

SCRAMBLE SOLUTION: Yearn, shirt, paints, glumly
ANSWER: Art is the **signature** of civilizations. - Beverly Sills

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YOU SHARE YOUR BIRTHDAY WITH

AARON PAUL: He is an American actor, who is best known for playing Jesse Pinkman in the Breaking Bad series (2008-2013). He was also seen in films such as Smashed (2012) and Hellion (2014).

ARIES (MAR 21 - APR 20)
Someone may try to win your affection with the promise of a whirlwind romance, so take your call. Stiff competition cannot be ruled out on the professional front, but you will remain strong. Although inflow of money decreases, you still have enough to put your ideas into practice.
Lucky Number: 22; Lucky Colour: Blue

TAURUS (APR 21 - MAY 20)
On the academic front, you may have to put in some extra effort to fare well. Blindly trusting someone in matters of investment is not recommended. Sticking to a routine will be important to remain fit. Temper tantrums of a family member threaten to spoil the domestic environment.
Lucky Number: 17; Lucky Colour: Orange

GEMINI (MAY 21 - JUN 21)
You are likely to make efforts to change your nature and be more acceptable to others. Enjoying the company of your loved ones is on the cards. Time spent with your beloved promises to be satisfying. The required formalities are likely to get completed and make you a proud owner of property.
Lucky Number: 2; Lucky Colour: Purple

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 22)
You are likely to gain financially. Raising capital for a venture may not prove to be very difficult. Enjoying success in something special on the academic front is foretold and will add to your prestige. Excellent feedback can be expected from higher-ups for your performance on the professional front.
Lucky Number: 3; Lucky Colour: Saffron

LEO (JULY 23 - AUG 23)
This is not the right time to switch jobs, as you can get a raw deal. Keep your performance in order at work, instead of worrying about others. Don't let up on preparation for a competition on the academic front. Receiving an out-of-town guest is indicated. Envy and suspicion threaten to mar a perfectly romantic evening.
Lucky Number: 7; Lucky Colour: Yellow

VIRGO (AUG 24 - SEPT 23)
A religious ceremony connected with wedding or some other event is about to get underway, bringing joy and happiness. You will find things easing out on the academic front. You will not long for your lover much, as he or she makes it a point to meet you. A wise investment made previously promises rich returns.
Lucky Number: 15; Lucky Colour: Green

LIBRA (SEPT 24 - OCT 23)
You may need to brush up on your knowledge regarding a chosen subject on the academic front. Those in the academic field may get the break they had been seeking for long. Financial constraints that you had been experiencing of late will become a thing of the past. You may decide to get fit again.
Lucky Number: 5; Lucky Colour: Green

SCORPIO (OCT 24 - NOV 22)
A job well done can take you places on the career front. Your good physical condition will make strenuous activities child's play. Money invested in some lucrative schemes may start giving good returns. Those who are following a hectic schedule will find the support in family. Your luck holds on the academic front.
Lucky Number: 4; Lucky Colour: Purple

SAGITTARIUS (NOV 23 - DEC 21)
Wealth comes your way from unexpected sources. Good performance at work will be acknowledged by those who matter. You will get the opportunity to express your love for the one you admire. Those who are unwell will find their condition distinctly improving. Money will not be a problem.
Lucky Number: 6; Lucky Colour: Violet

CAPRICORN (DEC 22 - JAN 21)
You may be at your wit's end because of someone not listening to your side of the story in a contentious issue. Not making the right move on the academic front may put you in the dock. This is not the day to invest money based on guess work. Generate enthusiasm at home before taking on a new initiative.
Lucky Number: 11; Lucky Colour: Cream

AQUARIUS (JAN 22 - FEB 19)
On the professional front, getting involved in someone else's business will not be in your best interest. You will need to remain focussed, amid distractions, on the academic front. Funds for a new venture may not be forthcoming. It may be difficult to fathom the mood of your partner today.
Lucky Number: 7; Lucky Colour: Yellow

PISCES (FEB 20 - MAR 20)
A chance meeting with somebody influential may prove to be a great help on the academic front. There is a fair chance of getting a property in you name. A commitment you are scared of making will no more seem threatening. Tensions prevailing in your life for some time now will simply disappear.
Lucky Number: 17; Lucky Colour: Orange

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A WARDROBE OF FESTIVITIES

Akshata Shetty

If you are planning to revamp your closet this festive season, then Day 4 of the Lakmé Fashion Week Winter/Festive 2018 was the place to be. From ethnic wear for your next family gathering, pantsuits for your next business meeting to chic bohemian outfits which will get you party ready in a minute, there was something for everyone on the runway.

For the brides-to-be, fashion designers such as Anushree Reddy, Etika, Moksha Shah and Hiral Shah showcased the perfect bridal wear. Reddy's line 'Sitara' revolved around the modern day bride. Speaking about the collection, she says, "It's for the new-age modern bride who is confident and knows herself. She isn't scared to experiment at all and wants it all. Basically, she is someone whose feet are on the ground, and eyes are on the sky. That's the attitude we wanted to showcase, and the clothes pretty much translate that."

Prints, embroidery, ruffles and most importantly, layering were the highlights of Day 4. Fashion designer duo Saaksha Bhat and Kinnari Kamat (of Saaksha & Kinni) incorporated a lot of layers and jackets in their creations. "Jackets and layering are an integral part of our vibe and our brand. There's this connotation that India is a hot country and you can't layer. We are trying to break that stereotype and that mould. You can layer lightly, effectively and efficiently," says Bhat.

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Fashion designer duo Vineet and Rahul were inspired by the moonlight, which reflected in their colour scheme including grey, white and charcoal, hand block printing and choice of fabrics.

COLOUR ME BRIGHT

From multi-coloured digitally printed, hand embroidered lehengas to rexine mini pinafore splashed with red zari work,fashion designer Yogesh Chaudhary's Rangoli collection was one colour riot

Blends of monotones, earthy shades, sharp cuts and some contemporary blocking appeared seamlessly in Kunal Rawal's Winter/Festive menswear collection.

The motifs from Jodhpur's architecture, mainly the traditional doors and jharoka windows, which reflect the beauty of the city, appeared on almost all the creations in the form of prints or embroidery.

The fine detailing on soft and sheer fabrics, each outfit from fashion designer Anushree Reddy's creation brought together sensual colours with delicate handcrafted three-dimensional appliqué fleur, butterflies, leaves and fictional characters.

A model walks in a classy black sherwani embellished with threadwork, designed by Sonam and Paras Modi.

BOHEMIAN CHIC

A melange of classic bandhani, patola and ikat, Saaksha and Kinni's collection was inspired by Gujarat. Drawstrings played an important role in the collection as they appeared on sleeves, sides and hemlines of the garments.

FLOWER POWER

The 'Soul Stirring Sisters' collection fashion designer duo Rixi Bhati and Tinka (of Half Full Curve) were inspired by Japanese textiles and costume motifs along with lots of floral designs. The floral embroidery was the highlight of this collection which was created on a variety of tunics, shrugs, poncho tops and kimono blouses among others.

TRUE BLUE

Adding glamour with a dash of sparkle was fashion designer duo Pankaj and Nidhi, who returned to Lakmé Fashion Week after three years, had everything you need for the next party. "The collection is perfect for Winter/Festive because it's in a beautiful winter palette of midnight blue and hues of cobalt blue and electric blue. It's an evening wear collection and is great for the party season," says designer duo Pankaj and Nidhi.

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Improve your vision naturally by adopting these five exercises

Soma Das

If your day starts and ends with pouring over your smartphone or computer, then you may end up suffering from eye fatigue and eye diseases. But there is a lot that you can do to boost your eyesight. Eat right and opt for antioxidant-rich foods such as leafy greens, egg yolks, yellow pepper, pumpkin, sweet potatoes, and carrots. Yellow and green vegetables also help in preventing blindness.

Include fish in your diet and foods that are rich in sulphur such as garlic and onions that prevent cataract. Here are five exercises for healthy eyes:

- **Palming:** This exercise relieves stress and boosts eyesight. Rub your palms together to generate heat, and gently place them against your eyes for a few seconds. Repeat five times.
- **Eye rolling:** This is another beneficial exercise. Roll your eyes a few times in clockwise direction. Then take a break, and roll them anti-clockwise. Repeat five times.
- **Refocusing :** It is a good exercise for your eye muscles. At intervals, look away from your screen to the farthest thing or place that you can see. It can be the end of the corridor, the office room or the farthest building you see from a window. Put your thumb down in front of your eyes, and focus on the thumb for a few seconds followed by the distant place. Repeat five times.
- **Blinking:** It helps improve one's eyesight. You'll need a blank wall and a place to sit. Close your eyes for two seconds, then open them and blink rapidly for five seconds. Repeat five times.
- **20-20-20 rule:** This exercise helps you enhance your vision to see distant objects. Every 20 minutes, look at something located 20 feet away for 20 seconds.

Palming relieves stress and boosts eyesight PHOTO: SHUTTERSTOCK

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'Eating in moderation has always worked for me'

HEALTH-STRUCK WITH SANDEEPA DHAR, ACTOR

Anjali Shetty

Which is the one breakfast item that you must have?
It would be a vegetable juice. No matter how late I'm running, I make sure I don't miss my vegetable juice.

One fattening food item that you just can't resist?
It would definitely be chocolates. I'm a huge chocolate addict.

How do you get back in shape post a fattening indulgence?
The first thing that I do is totally cut off carbs post 6pm. That always works for me and I instantly lose weight with that little trick.

Do you prefer mini meals? What do they normally contain?
I'm the kind of a person who eats frequently but I eat small portions of food. I have mini meals that are a good combination of proteins, fibres and carbohydrates. I'm not a fan of deep-fried food items and junk food. So, I usually eat soy chips, salami sandwich or a delicious avocado toast.

A diet plan that always works for you?
Eating in moderation has always worked for me.

Do you work out at home? What are the exercises you follow?
I do most of my workout at home. I practise ashtanga yoga five times a week with the assistance of my trainer. Apart from this, about three times a week, I also train for mixed martial arts.

Do you prefer outdoor or indoor physical activity?
I've always been an outdoor kind of person. So, I prefer an outdoor physical activity over indoor.

Which are your favourite physical activities?
Dancing, swimming and trekking.

A health tip that you rely on.
I always eat right. No matter how much one exercises, if the diet isn't correct, it's not going to help you. There are times when I don't get to work out and I think I'm saved just because I eat right. I'm extra cautious about what I eat and maintain a balanced diet between proteins and carbohydrates. Also, I avoid eating junk. So that's my word of advice for anyone who wants to lose weight or lead a healthier lifestyle.

ON THE FAST TRACK

With the month of Shravan on in Maharashtra, and most of us taking the vegetarian route, here are simple ways through which you can balance your diet

Anjali Shetty

In Maharashtra, the holy month of Shravan will be observed till September 9 this year. During this month, many observe fasts and stay away from non-vegetarian foods. Experts share that during this period, one has to be careful about what they eat and maintain a balance of their protein intake too. Protein plays a very important role in our body; it builds and repairs tissues, makes enzymes, hormones, and other chemicals.

Rasika Parab, nutritionist, Fortis Hospital, shares that as per the Hindu calendar, the month of Shravan is considered to be auspicious. "As we all know, non-vegetarian food items such as eggs, chicken, fish, etc. are the best source of protein in our daily diet, but by going vegetarian, we shouldn't be compromising on our protein intake. One must be very tactful to include good quantity of vegetarian protein sources in the daily diet during this month," she says.

Though there are no specific foods that need to be restricted during this month, but it is essential to consume seasonal fruits and vegetables. Jaee Khamkar, dietician, Fortis Hospital, says, "One can ensure good protein intake by having a combination of milk and milk products, soy and soy products, beans, lentils, legumes, nuts, seeds such as sesame seeds, sunflower seeds, etc., while whole grains such as quinoa are a good source of protein too."

Delnaaz T Chanduwadia, dietician, Jaslok Hospital And Research Centre, says, "There is a certain section of people, who do not consume pulses during this month. Pulses are the most basic and widely consumed source of protein. If they are not eaten one should have cottage cheese, curd, nuts and seeds to keep up the protein intake."

Also, milkshakes make for a good way to ensure peanuts, sago and dry fruit intake, suggests Dr Heena Ansari, nutritionist, Axis Hospital.

FOODS TO AVOID DURING THIS TIME

Chanduwadia adds that during fasting, it is important that we do not fuel our systems with junk under the pretext of fasting for most of the day. She says, "It is vital to avoid foods that are deep-fried and spicy. It's important to consume foods that are steamed or roasted. Those having weight issues should avoid simple or refined carbohydrates, for example, sago."

Although fasting helps detoxify our body, food items that are consumed during fasting need to be chosen carefully. Parab says, "Fried chips, sabudana wada, etc. are not healthy options, but potato bhajia with curd or yoghurt, thalipeeth with curd, rajgira bhakri, khamang kakdi, sweet potato salad, bhagar, etc. can be included. Include more of fruits, milk and milk products in this diet. Drink plenty of water and other liquids like buttermilk, lassi, milkshakes, coconut water, lemonade, etc."

ALTERNATES TO OPT FOR

Khamkar suggests the use of sago and limiting the intake of potato and sweet potato during this time. She says, "Consume rajgir (barnyard millet) flour or water chestnut flour in the form of thalipeeth or added to milk as porridge base, instead. Replace the deep-fried potato and banana-based foods varieties, with boiled or roasted preparations. Have fresh fruits and dry fruits as fillers."

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DOS AND DON'TS OF THE SHRAVAN DIET

Dos
- Hydration is important during this time. Apart from the stipulated two to three litres of water, it is important to consume foods that have a lot of fluid, for example, gourd vegetables
- Have raw vegetable juices or smoothies. They are a good way to detox
- During fasting, you can have shingada (water chestnuts), rajgira (amaranth), bhagar (barnyard millet) and sweet potatoes
- Drink a lot of coconut water, fruit juice, buttermilk and lemonade.

Don'ts
- Avoid foods that contain, garlic, onion, leafy vegetables, salt and alcohol
- Avoid foods that make the body acidic (deep fried foods)
- Avoid foods that cause flatulence (beans, peas and potatoes)
- Avoid spicy foods.

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