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## Gujarat elections PM addresses election rally in Prachi, Morbi

Ahemadabad, Nov 29 (Agencies): Poll fever peaks in Gujarat. Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses election rally in Prachi and Morbi

Addressing his second rally at Prachi in Gujarat, Prime Minister Narendra Modi asked the congress party why they did not allow OBC Commission to get Constitutional Status for all these years whereas they are seeking the votes of the

**Khattar's arrogant behavior reason for my resignation: Suraj Pal Amu**

Gurugram (Haryana) [India], November 29 (ANI): Haryana's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Chief Media Coordinator Suraj Pal Amu said on Wednesday that he has resigned from the party because of Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar's arrogant behavior.

"With a heavy heart, I have resigned from the post due to chief minister Khattar's behaviour. I have never seen a BJP chief Minister so arrogant who does not respect party workers and community representatives. I am older than him in the party," Amu told ANI after resigning from the post today.

He added that there was democracy in BJP, but Khattar wanted to subvert it.

"My next agenda is to slap Farooq Abdullah on Lal Chowk. If he has the audacity, I challenge him to meet me there," Amu said.

The BJP leader grabbed headlines nationwide after he announced a bounty of Rs 10 crore for beheading film Padmavati's actress Deepika Padukone and director Sanjay Leela Bhansali.

On Tuesday, Amu lashed out at Khattar for not meeting the members of the Shri Rajput Karni Sena in connection with the Padmavati row despite giving an appointment.

Speaking to ANI, Amu said the chief minister's behaviour had come as an insult to them and hinted towards a possible resignation.

## Superstition in top gear C'garh CM Raman Singh buys 19 Pajero SUVs with identical numbers

New Delhi: Looking to win his fourth term, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Raman Singh recently purchased 19 Mitsubishi Pajero SUVs - each having '004' at the end of the number plate.

While some say that the CM decided to purchase the sturdy SUVs with off-roading capabilities because Chhattisgarh has several Maoist-affected areas,

OBC communities. He said that it was BJP who brought in the move and passed it in Lok Sabha but stalled in the Rajya Sabha, where Congress has the majority. He even assured that he will bring the issue out on the floor of the House again when the parliament will meet next.

In his address, PM also accused Congress of inaction over One Rank One Pension.

Earlier in the day Prime Minister began his election campaign from Morbi in poll-bound Gujarat. Addressing

## All I want is freedom, still not free: Hadiya

New Delhi: She may have been freed from her father's custody by the Supreme Court but Kerala woman Hadiya on Wednesday said that she is still not free and that she would like the 'basic right' to meet her husband.

Born into a Hindu family and named Akhila Ashokan, Hadiya converted to Islam after marrying Shafin Jahan, a Muslim. Her parents had not recognised the marriage and had accused Jahan of being a terrorist who wanted to take their daughter to Syria. On Monday, the Supreme Court ordered that

## Musharraf praising terrorist outfits a 'tragic moment': Farooq

Srinagar (Jammu and Kashmir) [India], Nov 29 (ANI): National Conference (NC) chief Farooq Abdullah on Wednesday condemned former Pakistan president Pervez Musharraf over his statement in support of terror outfits, the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and the Jamaat-ud-Dawah (JuD), and termed it as 'a tragic moment'.

"I feel sad that a man of his integrity, who has been the chief of the Pakistan Army as well as the president, has praised something like this. It is a tragic moment," Abdullah told ANI.

He added, "Any terrorist outfit is going to destroy not only their country, but every other country where terrorism is being promoted. I'm sorry if the ex-president of Pakistan thinks the LeT

was going to protect Islam."

He also called upon Prime Minister Narendra Modi to devise ways to initiate talks with the neighbouring nation to combat the problem "which has been there for the last 70 years," and suggested for both countries to forget the past.

"Time has come when the prime minister speaks that we have to find a solution which will be better. Time has come to start finding ways of talking with Pakistan and finding a solution which will be in the interest of people of Pakistan, India, and the people of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh," Abdullah said, adding the people were paying the price for the rift between the two countries.

Abdullah further

the gathering, Prime Minister launched a scathing attack on the Congress party and said that in good and bad times, the Jan Sangh and the BJP stood with the people of Morbi which is not the same about the Congress and their leaders. PM said that BJP government initiated a mass movement in Gujarat to conserve every drop of water and this was done understanding the adverse impact of lack of water.

PM Modi said that Development for BJP is not about winning polls but it is about serving every citizen.

While Jahan has said that he is happy Hadiya is free from 'illegal captivity' and will seek legal advice on when he can meet her, Hadiya herself said on Wednesday that she should have the basic right of meeting the person she loves. "I asked for freedom from court. I wanted to meet my husband but the fact is

that I'm not free till now and that's the truth," said the 25-year-old. "I am demanding basic rights that every Indian citizen has. It has nothing to do with politics or caste. All I want is to talk to people like."

A day earlier, Hadiya She brought to the Sivaraj Homeopathy Medical College amid tight security by Kerala police from Coimbatore. College Principal G Kannan said she would continue her course under her Hindu name Akhila Ashokan. She will undergo a 11-month internship at the institution as directed by the apex court.

contended that "wars have not solved situations, nor have they given us any solutions."

Earlier in the day, former Pakistan president Pervez Musharraf came out in support of the terror groups, the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and the Jamaat-ud-Dawah (JuD), saying they were the biggest force against the Indian Army in Kashmir.

Speaking on Pakistan's ARY News, Musharraf also said he liked the global terrorist, JuD chief Hafiz Saeed, and that he had met him.

**C'garh bans use of fire crackers in six cities**

Raipur (Chhattisgarh) [India], Nov 29 (ANI): The Chhattisgarh government has ordered a ban on bursting fire crackers in six of its cities, including the state capital -Raipur, ahead of the wedding season from December 1 to January 31.

The Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board said the ban will be implemented every year during the period to curb pollution in the state.

"The decision has been taken by the Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board to control pollution and hence came up with the order of banning bursting of crackers in six big cities from December 1 to

Adding that he has been often asked about Gujarat's model of development, PM said that for Congress, 'development' was giving hand pumps but for BJP, it is SAUNI Yojana and large pipelines that carry Narmada waters.

Prime Minister will later address rallies at Palitana in Bhavnagar and Navsari in south Gujarat. The polling for the two-phase elections in the state, having total 182 assembly seats, will take place on December 9 and 14 and votes will be counted on December 18.

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## Can't frame guidelines on enforcing penal provision in dowry cases: SC

NEW DELHI, Nov 29 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Wednesday said it can't frame guidelines on how to investigate cases of dowry harassment as it will amount to going beyond the statutory provisions.

Chief Justice Dipak Misra, Justice A.M. Khanwilkar and Justice D.Y. Chandrachud said this indicating it will revisit the judgement by a two-judge bench which had directed the formation of committees to scrutinize the complaints of dowry harassment before police act on them.

The two-judge bench headed by Justice A.K. Goel had laid the guidelines to be followed in dealing with the complaints of dowry harassment.

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The Union Minister for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Dr. Harsh Vardhan lighting the lamp to inaugurate symposium on "Indian Strategy for Quality Infrastructure", during the 33rd Asia Pacific Metrology Program General Assembly Meeting, in New Delhi on November 29, 2017. The DG, CSIR, Dr. Girish Sahni and other dignitaries are also seen.

## Jaitley defends IBC ordinance, says no loan waiver for big defaulters

New Delhi, Nov 29 (Agencies): Finance minister Arun Jaitley said that government has not waived any loans of big NPA defaulters dismissing rumours that loans of capitalists are being written off by banks.

"P Chidambaram ji and Anand Sharma should apologise to the people for having allowed their government to loot the public money, where as Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji is only enriching people of India," BJP leader G V L Narasimha Rao told ANI here.

Rao's statements come after Chidambaram and Sharma criticised the prime minister saying that "achhe din" had not arrived even after 42 months.

"Prime Minister Modi is putting money in the pockets of the people. They (Congress) will never accept the reality, because certainly the Congress has had very bad days in these three and a half years," Rao added.

Entrepreneurship Summit (GES).

Speaking to ANI, Singh said, "Prime Minister is an asset for us. He is an icon. He is a respected personality across the world. Anand Sharma and other Congress people are blind and they are not excepting the fact that India is developing a lot under Prime Minister Modi's leadership. The recognition India is getting from the world under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The minister's statement comes after the opposition party criticised Prime Minister Modi for hosting US President Donald Trump's daughter Ivanka Trump at Global

direction of the wind, which is why the decision was taken," the press release stated.

The decision comes in wake of state Chief Minister Raman Singh and PWD Minister Rajesh Munat's orders to keep the pollution level under control. "The initiatives taken by the chief minister to curb pollution has brought it under control," it added.

Pitching for 'Make in India' programme to the entrepreneurs, Prime Minister Modi said, "Indian women continue to lead in different walks of life. Our space programmes, including the Mars Orbiter Mission, have had immense contribution from women scientists. Kalpana Chawla and Sunita Williams, both of Indian origin, have been part of US space missions."

Palace of the Nizam of Hyderabad. He is a prime minister and he must not forget that."

Prime Minister Modi invited Ivanka Trump, who is also a senior advisor to the White House, to the international summit of entrepreneurs, during his visit to the United States of America in June.

Speaking at the event, Ivanka praised the prime minister, noting that "from your childhood selling tea to becoming PM, you've proven that transformational change is possible."

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ENTERTAINMENT

# Rama to wrestle with Durjan Pehlwan in Tenali Rama



**SP Correspondent**  
New Delhi: Nov. 29; Rama's challenges are increasing with each episode. Pandit Rama Krishna who has been

wrestler a.k.a Pehlwan who challenge him for a wrestling match.

Rama's (Krishna Bharadwaj) quandaries are never ending and Tattacharya (Pankaj Berry) never leaves an opportunity to add on to his problems. A Pehlwan named Durjan (Nirbhay Wadhwa) enters Vijaynagar dabar and challenges King Krishnadevraya (Manav Gohil) to send his best wrestler in the aakhada so that he could fight him. He declares that no one can defeat him.

Krishnadevraya who is confident about his wrestler accepts the challenge and sends his best wrestler for the match however Durjan defeats him. An Overconfident Durjan insults Krishnadevrya and his kingdom. Seizing this opportunity, Tattacharya declares that

Rama Krishna will defeat him in aakhada. Krishnadevraya also agrees to this challenge and ask Tenali to fight against Durjan. Rama Krishna who is left with no options accepts the challenge and decides to fight Durjan and his two partisans.

How will Tenali fight the Pehlwan? Will Tenali be defeated?

Nirbhay Wadhwa who is playing the role of Durjan said, "I have worked with Contiloe before working then again is like homecoming. Working as a Pehlwan was fun as the entire cast on the set enjoys what they do. The environment on the set is delightful and I got to learn a lot from the senior cast of the show."

To watch Tenali tackling this situation, tune into Tenali Rama, Monday – Friday at 8pm only on Sony SAB!

## One that I shall never forget: Big B on IFFI honour

New Delhi [India], Nov 29 (ANI): Bollywood megastar Amitabh Bachchan, who was conferred with the 'Indian Film Personality of the Year Award' at the closing ceremony of International Film Festival of India (IFFI) on Tuesday, has described the evening as one that he shall never forget.

The veteran star was honoured for his outstanding contribution to the Indian film industry.

Big B took to his blog to thank Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Smriti Irani, who presented the award to him at the 48th edition of IFFI.

"Thank you Smriti ji Hon Minister for Information & Broadcasting and the trouble you took in organising a most memorable evening for me .. one that I shall never forget .." he wrote.

The 'PINK' star also took to Twitter to express his delight as he posted, "A most humbling evening at the IFFI awards .. honoured and filled with such gratefulness to IFFI and the extremely endearing words by Akshay Kumar, Karan, and the dignitaries .."

Akshay Kumar, who was also present at the event, honoured the 75-year-old by saying that while America had Superman, Batman and Spider Man, India had Angry Young Man (Big B)

# How to keep your child warm yet stylish this winter

New Delhi [India], Nov 29 (ANI): Time has come to say good-bye to ice creams and hi to hot milk.

The temperature is going down and days are becoming shorter, that means winters are here. But the circle of fashion never stops; be it for grown-ups or kids. Parents, who aim to keep their little ones warm yet stylish, here are a few tips given by Karan Jain and Archana Jain owners of Cranberry Club.

**Leather Jackets:** Leather jackets are not limited to adults only, even children can wear them. Teaming them with denims

would not only save the child from the chilling weather outside but also him/her give a stylish look. Caps: Today, we have dozens of caps available in various cute designs; from a panda cap to a cap with ears or with tassels which look adorable on kids.

**Warm Toes:** Keeping your family's feet toasty warm is a must for getting the most out of winter days. To achieve that wonderfully contradictory combination of warm feet and cold cheeks, look for shoes that are insulated and waterproof (or at the very least water-resistant). For babies, you can't beat the eskimo style boots and suede baby

bootes.

**Mittens:** These should have thumbs, so kids can play actively outdoors. For cool weather, children can wear lighter mittens, fleece or wool, with Velcro fastenings or elastic cuffs. Velcro fastenings that allow an adult to put the child's hands in them first before fastening the Velcro; these also tend to stay on better.

**Blazers:** Colorful casual blazers are a good pick for winters. Kids look cute in colourful outfits. There are different material and fabric options for blazers. It's best to stick with blazers as they are very comfortable.

## Stars react to their 2018 Grammy nominations

New Delhi [India], Nov 29 (ANI): The Recording Academy on Tuesday announced the 60th annual Grammy nominees and since then social media has been active as fans and artists alike celebrated being recognised for one of the biggest nights in music.

Jay-Z leads this year's nomination slate with eight surrounding his '4:44' album, followed by Compton's Lamar with seven and R&B-pop singer-songwriter Bruno Mars with six.

Coldplay will battle it out with Ed Sheeran in the pop

vocal album category, while they are also nominated for best pop duo/group performance for their collaboration with The Chainsmokers on 'Something Just Like This.'

Check out the reactions to the 2018 Grammy nominations:

**The Chainsmokers:** "Thank you to the @RecordingAcad and @coldplay for this great honor! Today is a great day! Blessed to have his opportunity and our fans #grammys"

**Khalid:** "Woke up to find

out that I'm nominated for 5 Grammys. I'm in shock. I'm so thankful man this is unbelievable. First voice I hear in the morning is a phone call from my mom telling me how proud she is of me. I could cry m hahahaha."

**Lady Gaga:** "I'm humbled & grateful that my album 'Joanne' was nominated & also my song 'Million Reasons.' Thank u so much Monsters & Grammy Voters for believing in this music and me. I love u so much. This is a day to truly celebrate lots of hard work, perseverance & gratitude through music."

**Kelly Clarkson:** "Thank you so much @PriscillaRenea @mozellmusic and Jesse Shatkin for writing me such a badass song! Love So Soft is so much fun to sing and perform, and this Grammy nomination is for all of us! #earnworkmakeshethedreamwork #grammys2018" **Kevin Hart:** "Wow....I am blown away right now. I can't believe that I got a Grammy nomination for my last stand up comedy special 'What Now'....Super Dope Diggity people."

Others pointed out the irony of the actress playing a mystery writer and amateur detective who advocated for victims in 'Murder, She Wrote,' the long-running CBS show.

## Actress Kadian Noble details alleged sexual assault by Weinstein

Washington D.C. [USA], Nov 29 (ANI): Aspiring actress Kadian Noble, who has sued Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein, on Tuesday, held a press conference where she described in detail the alleged assault in France. Noble said that Weinstein assaulted her and forced her to perform sex acts on him in front of a mirror in his room at LeMajestic hotel during the Cannes Film Festival in 2014, reports TMZ. "And I kept saying no, and I just felt so stupid. But at the same time a massive part of me had shut down. It makes no sense that I didn't run out of the room."

And all I was able to do was just say no," she said. Even after the assault, Noble recalled, she was waiting for Weinstein to call her. "I'd been mentally battered but I was still holding onto some type of hope," she said. The 31-year-old, on Monday, sued Weinstein, his brother, Bob Weinstein, and the Weinstein Co., saying they violated U.S. sex trafficking laws when the disgraced Hollywood mogul allegedly assaulted her in 2014.

## How to choose the right jewellery for different necklines

New Delhi [India], Nov 29 (ANI): Whether fancy or ordinary, nothing adds more oomph to your look than jewellery. It is the most powerful add-on to an outfit as the right piece can accentuate the overall look thereby reflecting your style spirit.

One has oodles of options for styling and accessorising ensembles with different necklines. Choosing the right jewellery can sometimes be a lot harder than usual.

Here are a few jewellery tips from Eena Kapoor, AVP Design at BlueStone.com, to help you get the right look:

**- Deep V Neckline:** It provides the perfect frame for long pendant necklaces; opt for a dainty diamond pendant for a classy and understated look especially for office outfits. Remember to keep it minimal when it comes to the corporate look.

Layering is never out of trend when accessorising for parties. A layered necklace in gold and delicate dangling earring can add all the

glamour you need. It is preferable to wear it with a dark coloured outfit to make your jewellery stand out. You can layer pendants in different lengths as they look very discreet and gives a modish look.

**- One shoulder neckline:** Given that a one shoulder dress or top can be a little dramatic, the jewellery paired with it should do this gorgeous asymmetrical style some justice. Go for a pair of bold statement earrings – dangling or oversized studs – and skip the necklace entirely. You can also add a statement or cocktail ring to the outfit to add a little drama.

**- Boat neck:** The boat neckline is a classic style and needs a classic accessory. A string of pearls look terrific with boat neck outfits – western or Indian. It adds length and depth to the shallow neckline and all the necessary poise and sophistication to the attire. It can be worn for both parties

and work. For a more charismatic look, you can also go for a pair of oversized studs with intricate designs and a diamond bracelet for a glamorous look.

**- Sweet heart neckline:** When wearing a sweetheart neckline, remember to create a well-balanced appearance to even out the effect of a wide neckline. A statement necklace with a short chain length that sits closer to the neck is an ideal style for this neckline. A bold chunky necklace in gold or precious gemstones will complement the neck design and enhance the outfit.

**- Cowl neckline:** It is preferred to avoid wearing anything in the neck with a cowl neckline as it is already decorative. However, if you really want to add something, a choker style necklace is perfect for a cowl neckline. Team it up with a pair of oversized diamond studs in floral motifs for a subtle and formal look. You can also opt for chandelier earrings or hoops that would give a contemporary look.

## Hathway partners with Microsoft to provide an unbeatable combination for the digital generation

Chennai (Tamil Nadu) [India], Nov 28 (ANI-BusinessWireIndia): Hathway, India's largest high-speed cable broadband service provider and Microsoft, the leading platform and productivity company and leader in software, hardware and services on Tuesday announced a first of its kind initiative to take the Indian broadband industry into a new phase.

As part of this partnership, Hathway will offer all their customers a one-year subscription to Office 365 Personal that includes Microsoft products like Word, Excel, PowerPoint, One Note, Outlook Access and Publisher.

As part of the subscription, customers will also have access to 1 TB of cloud storage space on OneDrive.

All these benefits will be given at no extra cost to all high-speed broadband subscribers paying Rs. 999 per month and getting

speeds up to 200 Mbps and practically unlimited data of 1000 GB.

The service will be currently available in Chennai and Bangalore and will be subsequently scaled up across other cities.

India is witnessing a huge paradigm shift in the way entertainment is consumed. From a fixed television format of viewership, the country is witnessing the 'anytime any device any place' pattern.

With mobile phones and SMART TVs being used for communication, commerce, content, and entertainment, millennials find the limited storage space on devices a big concern area. With this offering customers now will be able to store, access and share any file any time on any device and in a safe and secure manner.

"We always keep our customers as the center of our universe. Our strong belief in 'customer-first' has always inspired us to walk an extra mile towards identifying

and fulfilling even the latent needs of our customers. With the tremendous growth in data consumption across multiple devices, we observed that customers are feeling an acute need for better storage options. This initiative should address that need along with safe and secure ways of sharing and viewing files online with top-notch cloud storage offered by Microsoft," said MD, Hathway, Rajan Gupta.

"We are happy and proud to be the first player in India to combine unmatched speed and practically unlimited data offer with now almost limitless storage of data. With this initiative, we not only aim at delighting our consumers but also speed up the penetration of our digital footprints," Gupta added. "Office 365 Personal is built to help consumers get things done from nearly anywhere on their favorite device. Office 365 and OneDrive make up a strong platform for consumers to be more productive, work

across multiple devices, stay connected with Skype, enable document sharing, store files and share pictures and other digital memories with OneDrive. For us, the partnership with Hathway was an obvious way of helping our consumers to coordinate, share experiences and be more productive in their everyday life," said country general manager, consumer and devices sales, Microsoft India, Priyadarshi Mohapatra.

In today's scenario, netizens are hooked onto multiple devices and are always juggling between uploading and downloading pictures, videos, documents, files, movies and other heavy work-related documents. Average phone and SMART TVs offer 16 GB storage, which is clearly not enough for an increasingly digitally connected world. Hence the automatic choice of providing cloud storage with broadband connectivity which will help address the issue very aptly.

OneDrive is online personal storage that you get with either a Microsoft account or Outlook.com.

Consumers can use OneDrive to save documents, photos, and other files in the cloud, share them with friends, and even collaborate on content. The

## GES 2017: Women entrepreneurs laud PM Modi's political journey

Hyderabad (Telangana) [India], Nov 29 (ANI): At the culmination of the first day of the Global Entrepreneurship Summit here on Tuesday, women entrepreneurs hailed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's political journey as "one that's a testament of attaining what you dream of."

Rajlakshmi Borthakur, a Microsoft One Drive cloud storage will offer all subscribers top-notch security and safety –

- Access data and files anytime, anyplace, any device

- Share heavy files securely via a link with no need to upload the files anymore

- Access your files without being online, always have your most important files with you

- Data security against viruses and malware

- No fear of data loss on the devices with the cloud storage (ANI-BusinessWireIndia)

woman entrepreneur who found a special mention in Advisor to U.S. President Donald Trump Ivanka Trump's speech told ANI that the Prime Minister's career is an inspiration to entrepreneurs worldwide.

Meanwhile, San Francisco-based Dara Dotz, who was also recognised by Ivanka, said that the summit was a great place for entrepreneurs to look for mentorship, as this was a key struggle faced by the budding entrepreneurs.

"Ivanka, in her empowering speech, spoke about the importance of mentorship for entrepreneurs. However, this still remains a challenge. The Indian economy is very warm and engaging for us as entrepreneurs. I am hoping to look for mentorship through this summit," she said.

Ivanka trump, in her speech, recognised three women-15-year-old Reyhan Camalova from Azerbaijan, Dara Dotz from San

Francisco and Rajlakshmi Borthakur from Bengaluru.

Dara spent over a decade working in underserved communities around the world. She witnessed firsthand that many times people need very simple items – a bucket for carrying water, a splint to treat an injury, or a part to fix a generator. Daraco-founded Field Ready to provide life-saving supplies through 3-D printing. Today, Dara's company responds to disasters all over the world and delivers humanitarian aid with cutting-edge technology.

Rajalakshmi works in the healthcare sector and owns Terra Blue. She invented a smart glove that predicts, manages, and detects different diseases and disorders using Artificial Intelligence. Now her company aims to make specialty healthcare accessible in even the most remote places in India.

Reyhan is the founder of a company that harvests

energy from rainwater.

"These women represent the vision, ambition, and grit of every entrepreneur here today. You are saving lives, creating jobs, and bringing hope to our communities. You are transforming our societies one business, and one customer, at a time. You prove to the world that we have the power to rise above the challenges of our day – to pioneer new pathways forward – and to leave our mark on this moment in history," Ivanka said while delivering the inaugural address of the GES 2017 earlier in the day.

On a related note, the three-day summit is being hosted for the first time in South East Asia by the Governments of India and the United States.

With the theme of "Women First, Prosperity for All," the three-day summit will witness majority of women participants, with over ten countries being led by all-female delegation.

## ISL 2017

# MCFC skipper Goian confident of team's defence line

Mumbai [India], Nov 28 (ANI): Captain Lucian Goian, ahead of his team Mumbai City Football Club's match with FC Pune, said that he is confident that his team's defence line could keep any team at bay.

In the opener against Bangalore FC, Mumbai City lost after conceding two goals but bounced back in the home game against FC Goa winning 2-1.

The team will now face FC Pune who also have a similar track record — having lost their first match to Delhi Dynamos 2-3 before recording a thumping 4-1 victory at Atletico de Kolkata.

The heartening aspect of Pune's victory was the return to form of their star striker Marcelinho, who booted two goals.

However, Goian seems confident of his team and his defence line.

"I know that him (Marcelinho) along with Ben Gordon arrested 'again' over money brawl

Washington DC [USA], Nov 29 (ANI): Former NBA player Ben Gordon, who has had all sorts of trouble with police in the past, was yet again arrested in Los Angeles for allegedly involving in a brawl with a man over money.

According to TMZ, Gordon went to his old apartment to retrieve his security deposit and involved in a dispute with a guy about the money, after which the 34-year-old threatened the man and dealt with him roughly.

The man reportedly handed some money to Gordon out of fear, after which the NBA player left.

However, the man called police later and Gordon was caught by the cops when he came back to demand the rest of his security deposit.

The ex-NBA player was released only after a \$50,000 bail.

Controversies around Gordon are not new.

Earlier, he was placed on a psychiatric hold in the NYC for allegedly locking himself in his gym with a woman.

He also encountered police in June when he pulled fire alarms at his apartment complex.

## CoA chief Vinod Rai confirms meet with Kohli over pay hike

New Delhi [India], Nov 28 (ANI): Committee of Administrators (CoA) chief Vinod Rai on Tuesday confirmed that he will meet India skipper Virat Kohli and other concerned persons to discuss a possible pay hike for cricketers. Earlier, Anil Kumble, former head coach of the Indian team, had met the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) in Hyderabad on behalf of the team to discuss salary raise for centrally contracted players and coaching staff. He also gave a presentation to the BCCI office bearers on the revised compensation

Alfaro, they're good players and it won't be easy. But like I'd said in Bangalore too, we don't like making plans for specific players. We're playing against 11 players and our plan is to stop all 11 of them. We've seen most of these players play last season too and we're sure we can use that to our advantage," the 34-year-old said.

Goian, who is second in the tackles list with 18, behind FC Goa's Moroccan Ahmed Jahouh's 21, admits every Mumbai defender will have to come good like they did in against Goa.

"You have to understand that when a team defends, it's 11 players who defend. It starts from the strikers through the midfield and then at the back. In Bengaluru, we had a bad

game and we didn't play like the way we can. But we managed to rectify that against FC Goa and I believe we can be the same strong defensive unit as we were last season," he added.

The encounter is also expected to throw up key battles especially on the wings as Raju Gaikwad and Gerson Viera try to stop the Pune wingers from putting in the dangerous balls for their forward line, while new recruit Marcio Rozario along with Goian will look to deny Marcelinho & Co any breathing space in front of the goal.

Another key battle will be in the centre of the midfield between FC Pune City's Marcos Tebar, who will be looking to dictate the pace, and the vastly experienced Achille Emana, a former FC Toulouse player, who can

breakdown rival defences with his measured passes.

"Emana is the perfect number 10," insists Goian. "He loves to be on the ball and he can make all the difference with his ability to pass. He's immensely experienced and we're sure he can be a key cog in the wheel," he added.

Abhinav Ruidas is the dark horse in this battle. Having earned two 'Emerging Player of the match' awards in both the games, the most by any player so far in this edition of the ISL, he will be aiming to convert these honours into goals.

Another key player for the Islanders is last year's Golden Glove winner Amrinder Singh as he will be looking to extend his dominant performance under the bar.

Hamilton says hasn't been 100% post winning 4th F1 title

Johannesburg [South Africa], November 29 (ANI): Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton has admitted that he has failed to generate the same intensity as he had shown during the entire year since being crowned four-time world champion.

The British driver became a four-time world champion following a ninth-place finish at the Mexican Grand Prix, the race which was eventually won by the Red Bull's Max Verstappen.

However, Hamilton failed to continue the momentum as he finished at the fourth and second spot respectively in the final two races of his spectacular 2017 season.

Though the 32-year-old conceded that his performance levels did take

a dip after clinching the title, he insisted that he has "zero concerns" ahead of 2018.

"There's zero concern. And all I can say is the week after I won the championship I partied a lot, with my family, and celebrated, and that's what you do," Sport24 quoted Hamilton, as saying.

"I have tried my hardest to stay on it but I wouldn't say it was 100% of what it was while in the season. You want to enjoy it. I do still try and turn up and do the job but it's not so easy. I can tell you that before all the other races that was not the case," he added.

Hamilton further emphasised that his approach to races was affected as a result of his celebrations after being crowned champion. He, however, expressed

confidence that he would be able to quickly switch back to the mentality that made him a champion.

"So sleep, energy has definitely been different on these last couple of races. But nonetheless I still tried to approach them the same," Hamilton said.

"But if you don't prepare the same, there's no way. So I'm not bothered about that. And next year that will go back to how it was in the second half of the season," he added.

Hamilton spent much of his time in the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix chasing his Mercedes team-mate Valtteri Bottas around the 21-corner track. He eventually finished at the second spot to hand victory to Bottas in the season's final race.

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Rai, however, did not

confirm about the time of meeting. It is believed that Kohli, former India Skipper MS Dhoni and head coach Ravi Shastri will meet Rai in the national capital during the third and concluding Test match against Sri Lanka.

The meeting can have a discussion on 'cramped scheduling' of Indian cricket team matches, which was recently brought out by Kohli, ahead of the second Nagpur Test.

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English wicket-keeper Jonny Bairstow and Australian opener Cameron Bancroft. Gilchrist and Vaughan, who are a part of the commentary panel at BT Sport, were featured in a video parodying the incident. "Goodness, I was not

expecting that, I was just expecting a handshake," the former Aussie wicket-keeper said, as Vaughan thumped him on the forehead.

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## Premier League: Manchester United beat Watford by 4-2

Watford [England], November 29 (ANI): Manchester United on Wednesday beat Watford by 4-2 at the Premier League at Vicarage Road in Waterford.

Man United had scored three goals in the first 31 minutes.

United's Ashley Young had the first two goals.

While Anthony Martial picked off Watford with the third goal, but in the second half the opposition came back with some goals.

Substitute André Carrillo's crossed for the second goal, which was finished by Abdoulaye Doucoure.

After the half hour there was a third goal when United's Romelu Lukaku picked up Waterford's Christian Kabasele's clearing header.

But it was United's Jesse Lingard that sealed the win for the team.

## Rangana Herath ruled out of third Test against India

New Delhi [India], Nov 29 (ANI): Sri Lanka veteran spinner Rangana Herath has been ruled out of the third and final Test against India starting in New Delhi on December 2.

Leg-spinner Jeffrey Vandersay, who is uncapped in Tests, is likely to be named as his replacement.

Herath, 39, complained of back pain after the second Test in Nagpur, where India thrashed the Islanders by an innings and 239 runs.

Herath's performance in the ongoing Test series hasn't been impressive.

He went wicket-less in the first rain-affected Kolkata Test match which ended in draw.

However, he did well with the bat and scored crucial 67 in the first innings for the tourists.

In Nagpur Test, Sri Lanka's senior-most bowler on their current tour of India, finished with figures of 39-11-81-1.

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## I-League 2017

# Aizawl FC, Kingfisher East Bengal finishes game to 2-2 draw

Kolkata (West Bengal) [India], Nov 29 (ANI): Aizawl FC held Kingfisher East Bengal to a 2-2 draw in a dramatic late finish at the Salt Lake Stadium in the opening round of the 2017-18 Hero I-League. Eduardo Ferreira opened the scoring for the hosts before Katsumi Yusa doubled the lead. However, William Lalunfela scored a brace that meant the Red and Golds could only muster one point against the defending champions at home. Kingfisher East Bengal lined up in a 4-2-3-1 formation with goalkeeper Mirshad and defenders Mehtab Singh and Deepak Kumar. Mohammed Rafique

## KP wants England to drop Jake Ball for Adelaide Test

Johannesburg [South Africa], November 29 (ANI): Former batsman Kevin Pietersen wants England to make a change in their bowling line-up ahead of the second Test of the five-match Ashes series, beginning December 2 at the Adelaide Oval.

The 37-year-old has called on the visitors to drop fast bowler Jake Ball as he is simply not up to the standard.

Pietersen was supposedly not impressed by Ball's performance in the opening Ashes Test, which was eventually won by

Australia by 10 wickets at the Gabba in Brisbane. Ball managed to pick just one wicket in the match to put England's bowling attack particularly under scrutiny.

"I wouldn't play Ball in the next Test match, absolutely not. Absolutely no chance. Is Jake Ball any good? I don't think so. Not at this level. Not in Australia, from what I've just seen," Sport24 quoted Pietersen, as saying.

Meanwhile, the former batsman suggested that England should hand debut

cash prizes after winning medals, I thought that I could also support my family if I win cash prizes."

However, despite bringing pride to the country, Jha has not yet received any financial help from the government.

"Government has only given assurance by far and no financial help. The Raman Singh government in Chhattisgarh has also assured me of a government job." Jha, who has five world championship medals now aims for the upcoming Para Olympics. He secured silver medal in para-arm wrestling world cup at Poland under 80 kg category.

"When I used to see players are awarded with

the cars very well. In the last sector you just can't follow," Sport24 quoted Hamilton, as saying.

Hamilton could be seen struggling throughout the race in Abu Dhabi as every time he tried to close up to within a second of Bottas' rear wing, he lost ground as he was unable to follow too close or attack. Explaining the same, Hamilton said, "It's one of the worst tracks in the sense that you need 1.4s advantage to pass the car in front. And we've got the same car, we've a couple of tenths between us so I was never going to overtake unless he made a big mistake and went off, which he didn't."

Earlier, Hamilton became a four-time world champion with a ninth-place finish at the Mexican Grand Prix, the race which was won by the Red Bull's Verstappen.

Mumbai [India], November 27 (ANI): Indian skipper Virat Kohli, who has been playing non-stop cricket for the past year and a half, has been rested from the 15-member squad for the three-match ODI series against Sri Lanka, beginning December 10 at the Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association Stadium in Dharamsala. In Kohli's absence, India's vice-captain and opener Rohit Sharma has been named to lead the limited-overs squad against the islanders, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced. Kohli, however, will continue to captain the Test squad in the third game of the ongoing three-match series, which will be held at the Ferozshah Kotla Stadium in New Delhi from December 2.

as Kareem Omolaja guided the ball towards the striker who was unmarked from David Lalrinmuana's set-piece.

Just as the hosts believed they had got the three points in their kitty Lalithanga Khawling's flag-kick triggered a goalmouth melee and hero earlier, Eduardo Ferreira failed to clear the ball in front of him and Lalunfela was at it again as his left-footer found the back of the net, breaking Kingfisher East Bengal hearts.

Both Kolkata clubs now head into the much-anticipated derby on Sunday with draws to their record.

## Samachar Post

## Russia is India's all weather friend

Russia is our all weather friend. It always extended helping hand whenever India was in any kind of trouble. With the Indo-Russia agreement to combat terrorism, extremism and radicalism, it would be easier for India to fight these three evils out. Russia has never shown its back whenever India sought its help. It is an all weather and time tested friend of India.

It is Russia only which openly supported India in the war against Pakistan in 1971. It is because of the Russian help that India defeated Pak so badly in the war of 1971. It also supported India's cause at all international forums. Home Minister Rajnath Singh on met Secretary of the Security Council of the Russian Federation, Nikolai Patrushev in Moscow city and agreed to increase cooperation in the field of security to combat terrorism, extremism and radicalism.

The two ministers rightly have said that cooperation in the field of security is an important aspect of this bilateral relationship. They also agreed that terrorism must be fought unitedly and there were no good or bad terrorists. They further agreed to cooperate in combating new challenges, enhance exchange of information, building a data base, and in training of police and investigative agencies.

Both Russia and India have agreed to hold the next Joint Working Group to counter terrorism between India and Russia in 2018. An updated and more comprehensive agreement on Cooperation on Security between Ministry of Home Affairs of India and the Ministry of Interior of the Russian Federation was signed by the two Ministers.

This agreement provides a comprehensive approach for cooperation in security related issues, including Information Technology Crimes, Counterfeiting currency, Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, Trafficking in Human Beings, Economic Crimes, Crimes related to Intellectual Property, Cultural Property amongst others. A Joint Action Plan between the Narcotics Control Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs of India and the Ministry of Interior of the Russian Federation for the period 2018-20 was also signed by Shri Pankaj Saran, Ambassador of India to the Russian Federation and Mr. Igor Zubov, State Secretary and Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Interior of the Russian Federation on this occasion.

During his Russian visit, Rajnath Singh is also to hold meetings with Nikolai Patrushev, Secretary, Security Council of the Russian Federation, Vladimir Puchkov, Minister of Civil Defence, Emergency Situations and Disaster Relief of the Russian Federation and Alexander Bortnikov, Director, Federal Security Service of Russia. He will also pay a visit to the National Crisis Management Centre (EMERCOM) under Russia's Ministry of Situations. This is the 70th anniversary of establishing diplomatic relations between the two countries. So, India and Russia must celebrate them with full gusto and enthusiasm. India must strengthen its relations with Russia more and more in the days to come

## Stress during pregnancy affects the size of baby

Washington DC [USA], Nov 29 (ANI): Mothers-to-be, please take note! Taking stress during the beginning and the end of gestation period affects the growth of the baby.

A research suggests that babies are physically affected by the stress level of their mother during pregnancy.

The findings indicate that that stress during late gestation reduces offspring growth during dependence, resulting in a reduced body size throughout development, whereas stress during early gestation results in largely-unaffected growth rates during dependence, but accelerated growth and increased size after weaning.

Researchers from the Universities of New Mexico, Göttingen and German Primate Center, have proposed a hypothesis that largely predicts why there are highly variable patterns in the growth rates of disadvantaged offspring across 719 studies on 21 mammal species.

Lead study author Andreas Berghänel says that the idea is that prenatal stress affected an offspring depending on the timing of the stressor during pregnancy — yielding different outcomes before birth, after birth, and after weaning.

Berghänel states that prenatal maternal stress late in gestation causes mothers to invest less energy in their newborn, which leads to slower growth in the womb and during infancy, but doesn't affect growth later.

By contrast, prenatal maternal stress early in gestation additionally causes the foetus to be entirely reprogrammed to deal with a reduced life expectancy.

This new comparative study finds all of these predictions are supported in a large sample of studies that each measured the effects of prenatal stress on size and growth of newborn compared to an unchallenged control group.

They state that whether mothers are exposed directly to stressors via food restriction or other adversities or were experimentally manipulated to increase their 'stress hormones' for example, cortisol, the patterns of newborn's growth across developmental stage relative to the timing of the stressor remained the same.

Maternal stress during gestation causes numerous effects on infant physiology that extend well into adulthood. The research appears in the Journal of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

## Events &amp; Issues

Constitution's 68<sup>th</sup> anniversary

## Sacrosanct, flexible &amp; survived

By Dr S Saraswathi (Former Director, ICSSR, New Delhi)

India celebrated the 68<sup>th</sup> anniversary of adoption of its Constitution this 26<sup>th</sup> November with reason to be proud and optimistic about the future of its democracy. Among nations freed from colonial rule and also new democracies, it has displayed remarkable resilience against undemocratic forces within and from outside the country and has earned a name as the largest parliamentary democracy conducting periodical elections democratically in a federal set up.

The Constitution has undergone 101 amendments so far without violating the main framework. It has faced hundreds of court cases requiring judicial decision on the validity of some government actions or judicial interpretation of Constitutional position relating to some issues and/or events. A total review of the Constitution was done by a Commission set up for the purpose in 2000.

The Commission made about 250 recommendations of which 58 involved amendments to the Constitution, 86 required legislative measures, and the rest executive action. It means that there are some inadequacies or drawbacks in the Constitution, brought to light in the course of working, which need to be removed for achieving its objectives. These are being removed from time to time.

No Constitutional document anywhere in the world is perfect and suitable for all times. James Madison, who earned the nickname of father of the US Constitution, had said: "I am not one of the number who think that the Constitution lately adopted a faultless one". He was instrumental in drafting some ten amendments including the Bill of Rights. At the time of framing the Indian Constitution, Jawaharlal Nehru observed: "While we want this Constitution to be as solid and permanent as we can make it, there is no permanence in Constitutions". However, it is possible to amend any number of articles in the Constitution, but almost impossible to write a new one and bring a wholesale change in one stroke in a democracy in democratic manner.

India is fortunate to have adopted a Constitution when national spirit and enthusiasm in the newly-acquired independence and prospects of working the country's own Constitution drafted by people's representatives was at its height and petty party politics had not taken roots. The spirit has survived and the attempt to subvert the Constitution by the 42<sup>nd</sup> amendment in 1976 by striking at its core

subservient to the Directive Principles was short lived and reversed by the Supreme Court in 1980.

The Constitution has undergone amendments from its first year. Some of these are very crucial like insertion of "socialist" and "secular" as adjectives of the Indian Republic in the Preamble and the objectives of the Constitution, validating laws relating to abolition of zamindari system, insertion of Right to Education until the age of 14 years as a Fundamental Right, addition of Fundamental Duties, provision for special provisions for advancement of any socially and economically backward classes and for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, reduction of voting age from 21 to 18 years, addition of a Schedule to deal with political party defections, introduction of Panchayati Raj, and setting up of the National Judicial Appointments Commission for selection of judges.

It is unfair to compare the Indian experience in working the Constitution with other countries. To unify the country with one Constitution where plurality of systems, laws, and practices prevailed earlier is no easy task. That job is well done is undisputable. Out of about 35 constitutional polities born after World War II, India is the sole survivor with its Constitution intact. All others have undergone radical political and constitutional crisis.

The credit must go to the flexibility of the system and tolerance and understanding prevailing in the body politic. Rigidity leads to break up and splits and blocks smooth changes as and when required. Judicial decisions are no less important in shaping our Constitution. These have removed scope for arbitrary dismissal of State Governments and establishment of President's rule, and has introduced the concept of "basic structure of the Constitution" putting it beyond any amendment. Floor test for determining majority in the legislative body is a vital judicial contribution to prevent hasty dismissal of State governments in a fluid situation. Rights covered under Fundamental Rights listed in the Constitution like the right to food, education, employment are being delineated in court judgements.

For the common man, the Constitution has no place in his daily life and struggles. While this is understandable, ignorance of some of the aspiring politicians of even the salient features of this important document is appalling. Granville Austin, an authority on Indian Constitution, has said a number of times that Constitutions do not work, these are worked by citizens and Governments. For this, some elementary

knowledge of the constitution is required for  
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## Downsizing of Lalu's security creates storm Level of Bihar politics hits a nadir

By Arun Srivastava

PATNA: Bihar is witnessing the worst kind of politicizing on the issue of downsizing security for RJD chief Lalu Prasad Yadav. The UPA-1 had provided him with the Z plus security, manned by the NSG commandos. But a couple of days ago, the Union home ministry trimmed his security cover from Z+ to Z. In future, the commandos of the CRPF would take charge of his security. He will no longer be protected by NSG commandos, but by a 35 member squad of CRPF jawans.

This move by the Union government obviously implied that Lalu does not face any threat perception. The NSG commando cover has been removed following a review of the security provided to VIPs. Lalu alleged that this has been done at the behest of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi to restrict his activities and movement.

Targeting his ire against the prime minister, Lalu said, "If Narendra Modi thinks I will be scared, I won't be. All the people, even the children of Bihar will protect me". Nevertheless, he expressed apprehension that he might be attacked. "I have no doubt the entire exercise has been carried out at the instructions of Prime Minister Narendra Modi who does not want me to move out of the house. This move has been taken in view of the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections." Lalu alleged "I am being targeted by threats of jail and false cases for the reason I did not bow to the BJP and

## IPA Special

## Building a gradual recovery for growth and jobs

## OECD lists factors for upturn from 2018 onwards

By S. Sethuraman

Finance Minister Arun Jaitley may derive some cheer from a more meaningful agenda boost from OECD, as he starts work on a challenging Budget for 2018-19, unlike his gloating over an innocuous change in Moody's credit rating recently. More taxes to augment revenues and monetary easing in 2018 are being held up to accelerate recovery in 2018-19. OECD notes after suffering from a temporary setback, the economy is "bouncing back".

The Modi Government, still overcoming the totally disruptive impact of demonetisation in November 2016, also has to make the hurriedly launched GST more workable with further rate readjustments and easing of tax compliance, especially for small-scale business sectors. Exporters face delays in tax refunds.

With a belated launch of recapitalisation plan for public sector banks, Government is also caught in the labyrinth of ways of funding means and sorting out legal issues related to bankruptcy procedures for

Modi. In the past I did not compromise and in future too I will not compromise with my principles. Let Modi resort to his tricks I will not succumb. Many small leaders of the BJP have been given security in many states. I do not see any justification for the withdrawal of NSG (National Security Guard) cover."

Lalu also cautioned; "I suspect of an attack on my life. It does not mean I live under fear. If anything happens to me, PM Narendra Modi and chief minister Nitish Kumar will be directly responsible for it." Lalu also tried to talk to Rajnath Singh but the Union home minister was not available on phone. "The Union home secretary told me he was not aware of the move," the RJD chief said.

Meanwhile, reacting to the government move in a typical harsh tone, his elder son and former health minister Tej Pratap warned Modi of severe action "skinning him" alleging "a conspiracy was being hatched to kill my father Lalu Prasad Yadav". His youngest son and leader of opposition Tejashvi also levelled same charge: "some people have been hatching a conspiracy to kill my father" and warned that for this both the central and state governments would be responsible.

The security cover of Jitan Ram Manjhi, former chief minister and president of the Hindustan Awami Party, a BJP ally, and senior rebel JD(U) leader Sharad Yadav have also been slashed. In future, they will have Y+ security. Lalu also questioned the perception behind the

Centre withdrawing security of Manjhi, who will now be protected by Bihar police.

"I am on the Maoists' hit list," complained Manjhi. "It's the government's job to give me security." Manjhi is from Gaya and has a genuine threat from Maoists. He has been left unprotected.

Meanwhile, Tej Pratap's skinning threat has created a controversy in the state political circles. The BJP leader and deputy chief minister Sushil Modi quipped: "who can threaten Lalu Ji. Bihar is scared of him". He, however, said: "in fact, it was the fear of losing prominence that was haunting Lalu Yadav".

Coming out in defence of his son, Lalu Yadav clarified, "If a son comes to know that his father is being conspired against, his security is being revoked, he will react. I don't approve of this. I have spoken to him not to speak anything like that again." Union minister Ashwini Choubey said that Tej Pratap should be sent to a jail or mental asylum on charge of abusing the prime minister.

Ironically, Lalu has not rebuked his son Tej Pratap for the skinning jibe. This illustrates the decline in the morality in public domain. Little doubt the public and social quotient for the political tolerance has substantially declined in Bihar. The politicians are no more concerned of maintaining social decency or adhere to moral ethics while attacking and criticizing their opponents. The index of political tolerance has plunged to such a low level that it is hard to differentiate

between a ruffian and a practising politician.

The bitterness which crept into the statements of the politicians in the 2015 assembly elections in Bihar has acquired multi dimensional character. This has simply burgeoned after Nitish broke away from the mahagathbandhan government and joined the BJP-led NDA. Politics in Bihar, which has acquired the dubious distinction of being the pass time of unprincipled persons, has been gradually drifting towards a zone where gentlemen fear to tread. Their behavior has endangered the basic fabric of graciousness in politics.

Hitting below the belt has not been the trait of politics. But in Bihar this is taking place in full public view. From using abusive words to character assassination are now commonplace. JD(U) made public a picture of opposition leader Tejashvi Yadav with a girl. Tejashvi clarified this was a selfie taken by his lady fan. Now, it was the turn of Tejasvi to malign Nitish. He questioned Nitish to clarify the motive behind naming two trains, which he claims are named after his women friends. A few days ago, Tej Pratap had threatened to invade and smash up the marriage venue of deputy chief minister Sushil Modi's son.

It is unfortunate that the language used by politicians has denigrated beyond comprehension. It is difficult to differentiate between the language of a ruffian and a politician. It is really disturbing that this is happening in the land of Gandhi. (IPA Service)

public servants are also boosting private consumption, in particular in urban areas.

Import growth has slowed, after the surge in gold and silver import ahead of tax changes. Investment has failed to rebound so far, affected by the weak financial position of most public banks and some corporations, combined with low capacity utilisation.

According to OECD, an increase in public pensions and wages, as well as debt write-offs in some states, is resulting in a "broadly neutral" fiscal stance over the projection period (2017-19). Given the high public debt-to-GDP ratio, increased spending on social (health and education) and physical infrastructure would require additional revenues by raising more property and income taxes.

With inflation expectations adjusting down, around 4 per cent, some easing of monetary policy is proposed. OECD has assumed policy lending rate (repo) to be cut from 6 per cent now to 5.75 per cent in mid-2018 and to remain constant thereafter, TURN TO PAGE 6

## Health/Science

## Experts term glass bottle as 'safest, greenest' packaging for food, beverages

New Delhi [India], Nov 29 (ANI): Glass packaging is the packaging material that provides its contents complete protection from environmental, mechanical and biological perspective. Glass is made from all natural and sustainable raw materials - silica sand, soda-ash, lime stone and other trace elements and it is "Generally rated as safe (GRAS)" and is graded safe by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. It is totally inert, doesn't interact or migrate to the contents and provide

### Delay in hip fracture surgery for more than 24 hrs ups odds of death

Washington DC [USA], Nov 29 (ANI): A study has recently warned that patients waiting for more than 24 hours to undergo a hip fracture surgery may be linked to an increased risk of death and complications.

Researchers from the University of Toronto analysed 42,230 adults, who had a hip fracture surgery between April 2009 and March 2014 at 72 hospitals in Ontario, Canada.

They measured time in hours from arrival at emergency department until surgery (exposure) and death within 30 days of hospital admittance.

The researchers observed exposures and outcomes for patients as they occur naturally in clinical care or real life.

The results indicated that the patients, who had surgery for hip fracture after 24 hours, had an increased risk of death compared to patients who had surgery within 24 hours (6.5 per cent vs 5.8 per cent). The risk of complications, such as heart attack, deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism, and pneumonia, were also higher for patients who had surgery after 24 hours, explained study author Daniel Pincus from.

longer shelf life to product. Also, it doesn't allow any oxygen and water vapour transmission thereby providing complete protection to its contents. Glass is also 100% recyclable and can be re-used more than 40 times without compromising quality. This not only saves raw material and energy consumption but also reduces packaging waste considerably. While other packaging materials are mostly down cycled (not recycled) and goes for land filling or incineration, used glass bottle comes back in the closed loop cycle.

In Europe, it has created local businesses and jobs that are now helping to recover more than 70% of all post-consumer glass packaging in the EU and keeping valuable resources out of landfills. Only 40%

glass is recycled in India due to lack of proper collection and segregation facilities and rest goes into landfill where it bio degrades with time unlike other non-biodegradable packaging materials. The All India Glass Manufacturers' Federation (AIGMF) commissioned the study in 2011 to establish a clear understanding of the environmental impact of container glass at all stages of the life cycle. The study was conducted on Cradle - to - Cradle approach which is the ultimate test in assessing the environmental impact of a product because it ensures that all aspects of a product's life, end-of-life and reincarnation are accounted for. It was found that shelf-life of food and beverages with glass container is much more than other packaging mediums and in India, glass is by far the eco-friendliest

material while packaging is concerned.

According to study by ENVIS centre on Municipal Solid Waste Management, sponsored by MoEF, total urban MSW (Municipal solid waste) generated in 2014 would be 230 million Ton per year (TPY) from 68 million TPY in 2011.

Lack of public awareness, effective rules and institutional capacity in India call for use of recyclable, reusable and easily collectible packaging material in all spheres of life. And, only 15% of all Indian packaging initiatives include the use of recycled/renewable content, far behind their global counterparts which account for 31%. Apart from recyclability and reusability, glass bottle also has minimal water footprint compared to other packaging materials.

## Microsoft, SAP partner to offer joint cloud capabilities

New Delhi [India], Nov 29 (ANI): Microsoft Corporation and SAP SE announced integrated offerings to provide enterprise customers with a clear road map to confidently drive more business innovation in the cloud.

The two companies will be deploying each other's cloud solutions internally. Through their partnership, the companies will co-engineer, go to market together with premier solutions and provide joint support services to ensure the best cloud experience for customers.

SAP HANA Enterprise Cloud - SAP's private managed cloud service - on Microsoft Azure will allow customers to run SAP S/4HANA in a secure, managed cloud.

Additionally, Microsoft will deploy SAP S/4HANA on Azure to help run its own internal finance processes, and SAP will move its key internal business critical systems to Azure.

Finally, SAP Ariba is currently utilising Azure and is exploring further use within its procurement applications. Together, SAP and Microsoft will help companies make the most of running SAP applications in the cloud.

"As technology transforms every business and every industry, organizations are looking for the right platforms and trusted partners to help accelerate their digital transformation. Building on our longtime partnership, Microsoft and SAP are harnessing each other's products to not only power our own organisations, but to empower our enterprise customers to run their most mission-critical applications and workloads with SAP S/4HANA on Azure," said Satya Nadella, CEO of Microsoft.

Enterprise companies are increasingly moving business-critical systems to the cloud for the benefits digital transformation

provides: better customer relationships, more empowered employees, streamlined operations, new business models, and new products and services.

According to research firm Gartner Inc., two-thirds of all business leaders believe that their companies must pick up the pace of digitalization to remain competitive. As leaders in enterprise software, SAP and Microsoft are aligning closely to provide customers with the safe and trusted path to digital transformation.

"We are taking our partnership to the next level with this new capability to run SAP S/4HANA in the Microsoft Azure environment. The world's significant businesses trust Microsoft and SAP. Together, we will help companies win the customer-driven growth revolution," said SAP CEO Bill McDermott.

SAP and Microsoft both will run SAP S/4HANA on Azure for their internal operations. Microsoft is transforming its internal systems - which include legacy SAP finance applications - and will implement the SAP S/4HANA Finance solution running on Azure. Microsoft also plans to connect SAP S/4HANA to Azure AI and analytics services for more efficient financial reporting and more powerful decision-making.

SAP is migrating more than a dozen business-critical systems to Azure for the optimal efficiencies, flexibility and innovation the platform offers. This includes the SAP S/4HANA software supporting Concur, an SAP company.

Both companies will document the internal projects to provide customers with guidance and enterprise architecture for deployment of SAP applications on Azure.

## Myanmar's Suu Kyi to visit China

Beijing [China]/Naypyitaw [Myanmar], Nov 29 (ANI): China will host Myanmar State Counselor Aung San Suu Kyi even as global criticism continues to mount against her and the Myamarese Government of their handling of the Rohingya refugee crisis. China is among the few nations that has

## Samsung buys Fluently to develop virtual assistant Bixby

New York [USA], Nov 29 (ANI): Smartphone leader Samsung recently bought another Artificial Intelligence (AI) company, Fluently, aiming to bolster its virtual assistant Bixby.

According to TechCrunch.com, while Samsung hasn't offered much insight into the acquisition as of now, it follows that Fluently could be a good match for Bixby.

Fluently is best known for its automated text replies for SMS and third-party social services like WhatsApp, Facebook Messenger, Telegram, Line, Kakao Talk, Naver Talk and more.

Moreover, Fluently hugely relies on a deep learning model, searching for patterns in text replies most frequently used by people.

A virtual assistant like Bixby, with this acquisition, would look to eliminate competition from Apple and Google's voice-only assistants.

Fluently's app is no longer available on the Google Play store.

## This protein cuts risk of viral infection, herpes-induced cancer

Washington DC [USA], Nov 29 (ANI): A team of researchers has identified a protein that could prevent cancer by restricting a type of herpes virus from replicating.

Researchers of the University Of Southern California in Los Angeles examined the human herpes virus 8, otherwise known as Kaposi's sarcoma-associated herpes virus.

Kaposi sarcoma is a cancer that causes lesions in soft tissue, including skin, the oral cavity, lymph nodes and internal organs.

They sketched a disease roadmap for a soft tissue cancer called Kaposi sarcoma.

Senior study author Shou-Jiang Gao has been studying this eighth type of

## Delhi Eye Care organizes awareness campaign for diabetic retinopathy



Free eye camp

### SP Correspondent

New Delhi, Nov.29: A series of programs including awareness walk & talk and free eye check up camp were organized by Delhi Eye Care in National Capital in connection with Diabetes Awareness Month.

These programs were organized under a week long awareness campaign by Delhi Eye Care in association with Sahyog Social Welfare Association in East Patel Nagar which concludes today. During awareness talk organized today senior ophthalmologist & founder director of Delhi Eye Care Dr. Shashank Rai Gupta said that diabetes is a leading cause of blindness but regular check up can save your vision. "Diabetic Retinopathy is one such alarming eye care health concern, which may lead to total blindness if not treated

herpes viruses for almost 25 years.

"Understanding how the herpes virus switches from being dormant to causing cancer is important because of the health problems the herpes virus causes worldwide," Gao stated.

Most herpes viruses remain dormant until someone's immune system weakens due to factors such as age or a disease like human immuno-deficiency virus or HIV.

When the immune

As per World Health Organization data, there were 31.7 million diabetics in India in 2000, and this number is estimated to rise to 80 million by 2030. After 20 years of diagnosis, 75% of diabetic patients develop some form of diabetic retinopathy, of which 10% have sight threatening disease."

He said that though diabetes was termed 'a silent killer', today people need not worry about it as adherence to diet and a modified lifestyle would help them lead normal lives.

More than 150 residents availed the free eye check up, blood pressure and blood sugar test. Free medical consultations were also provided during the camp. Gifts & Certificates were distributed to those patients who participated in the Awareness Walk

in time," he said. Dr. Gupta said, "India is soon set to emerge as diabetic capital of the world

Washington D.C. [USA], Nov 29 (ANI): Aiming to lose weight? Publicise your goals on social media!

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system cannot keep diseases in check, some of these herpes viruses can cause cancers.

The authors stated that the findings can potentially be translated into novel therapeutic approaches for cancers that are caused by viral infections.

The team looked at messenger RNAs, which carry genetic messages from DNA to help make proteins - long chains of amino acids that form structural components of body tissue such as muscle and hair.

Specifically, they studied N6-methyladenosine (m6A) and N6, 2-O-dimethyladenosine modifications to messenger RNAs.

The researchers found that a protein called YTHDF2 that can help regulate the human herpes virus 8 by detecting the m6A modification on viral messenger RNA.

The protein is the key switch that regulates human herpes virus 8 replication.

The research appears in the journal of Nature Microbiology.

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and setbacks in virtual support communities on social media, we found people are achieving better results. This works especially well with goals like weight loss, where before and after images can be shared online with other community members."

Along with Bradford, the study was co-authored by Sonya Grier from American University and Geraldine R. Henderson from Loyola University Chicago, and is published in the Journal of Interactive Marketing.

## Sacrosanct, flexible.....

every citizen. In dealing with controversial Constitutional issues, reference is invariably made to the Constituent Assembly debates to ascertain the varying viewpoints expressed before the decision was taken, and the intention of the authors. It means that the text of the Constitution is not sufficient and does not guarantee its following in the absence of cultivation of practices and conventions in conformity with the spirit and intention of the text.

A short Constitution backed by strong conventions may prove effectively workable than a lengthy one depending on court interpretations and Constitutional amendments for corrections. Political awareness spreading fast and taste of power intensifying bitterness of the struggle for power, a tendency to manipulate the Constitution becomes open causing clashes between

the text and the way the Constitution is worked. The unwritten British Constitution is unassailable and the strongest in the world as it rests on practices and conventions. Whether the Constitution should move with times and keep in tune with changing times or times should keep in tune with the Constitution is no longer a good question in the fast moving world. Any Constitutional provision is sacrosanct until it is deleted or amended. Amendments are required, but not to suit political convenience of the dominant majority, but to adjust our system for better performance in public interest. The issue arose even in the US where only 33 amendments have been made to the Constitution some of which are yet to be ratified by some States. Constitutions derive their binding authority from the fact that it is an act of the people acting in

"solemn and authoritative" manner. It is expressed in the Indian Constitution as "We, the people of India... give ourselves this Constitution".

A useful suggestion on this anniversary is to ponder over the feasibility of introducing legislations and developing conventions in the place of amending the Constitution wherever possible. Name change for a State, for instance, may be converted as a statutory change from being a Constitutional change.

Recall the profound observation of Dr Ambedkar while adopting the Constitution: "It is workable, it is flexible, and it is strong enough to hold the country together both in peace time and war time. Indeed, if I may say so, if things go wrong under the new Constitution, the reason will not be that we had a bad Constitution. What we will have to say is that Man is Vile".

## Technology helping women entrepreneurs tremendously: Ivanka Trump

Hyderabad (Telangana) [India], Nov 29 (ANI): United States President Donald Trump's daughter and advisor Ivanka Trump on Wednesday said technology held an immense potential in the present scenario to help women entrepreneurs grow in both - their personal and professional lives.

"Technology offers a tremendous opportunity to women entrepreneurs, and we are seeing that in terms of the explosive global and

domestic growth," Ivanka Trump said, while addressing the plenary session on the topic 'We Can Do It! Innovations in Workforce Development and Skills Training' at the 8th edition of the Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES), here.

She also said that technology had helped reduce barriers and was empowering and enabling women to become more flexible.

"Technology is a great driver of entrepreneurship because a lot of women are leaving and saying this doesn't work for me. It is emboldening them to go out on their own. It is reducing barriers to starting new businesses, and creating flexibility around schedule," Ivanka Trump maintained.

She also lauded the efforts made by women and women entrepreneurs to manage both their personal and professional lives, concluding that the way

ahead required a fundamental change.

"One of the reasons we are seeing an explosion of women's entrepreneurship is because traditional workplaces often haven't worked for us. We are disproportionately providing unpaid care, while also needing to support our families financially," the 36-year-old businesswoman remarked.

"These cultural, social, work institutions were not

set up with the assumption that there would be two parents in the workforce. So we just have to fundamentally change things. It is starting to happen in the corporate world," she concluded.

Also present at the session were state cabinet minister for IT E&C KT Rama Rao; ICICI Bank, Managing Director and CEO, Chanda Kochhar; Cherie Blaire and Karen Quintos.

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## WORLD

# Will take care of it: Trump on N Korea missile fire

Washington DC (USA) November 29 (ANI) On the North Korea's missile launch, United States President Donald

Trump on Wednesday said the country will "take care of it". President Trump told media here that "it is a situation that we will handle". US Defense Secretary James Mattis said that the North Korea missile fire was the regime's "highest yet and a threat". However, while addressing the media, the Pentagon earlier said that the Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) fired by North Korea was non-threatening to the United States, its territories or allies. White House spokesperson Sarah

Sanders said the President was informed on the situation in North Korea while the missile was still in the air. Sanders tweeted: "President Donald Trump was briefed, while the missile was still in the air, on the situation in North Korea." The US President was in a meeting with Senate Republicans on Capitol Hill at the time of the missile firing. North Korea fired the ICBM in the direction of the Sea of Japan, a first by the country since September 15.

The missile travelled about 1000 km before splashing into the Sea of Japan, said the Pentagon. "We are in the process of assessing the situation and will provide additional details when

available," Pentagon spokesperson Colonel Robert Manning told reporters.

The missile firing comes a week after United States President Donald Trump said that North Korea falls under the list of countries that backs terrorism. South Korea Military's Joint Chiefs of Staff told the local media about the missile firing early on Wednesday. The missile "flew eastward from the vicinity of Pyongyang" toward the Sea of Japan, South Korean military officials said. Japan's Prime Minister's Office said: "North Korea launched a missile that has the possibility of arriving in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of our country.

"A local media quoted Itsunori Onodera, Defense Minister of Japan, as saying: "North Korea apparently fired an intercontinental ballistic missile at a steep angle known as a 'lofted trajectory'." On September 15, North Korea fired an intermediate-range missile, which flew over Hokkaido Island in Japan before and swashed into the Pacific Ocean. "South Korean unification minister Cho Myoung-gyon told foreign correspondents in Seoul on Tuesday that North Korea is on the verge of achieving full nuclear capability with an intercontinental ballistic missile that could carry a nuclear warhead," Fox news quoted the local media.

# Helicopter crash kills 2 in Russia

Moscow [Russia], Nov 29 (ANI): At least two people have been killed after a helicopter crashed in Russia's Tambov region on Tuesday.

The Russian news agency, TASS quoted a source in the regional emergency service as saying, "The helicopter went missing yesterday. It turned out that it had crashed, the wreckage was found by locals. Two pilots died in the crash."

Rescue teams were dispatched to the crash site.

As per the reports, it was a privately-owned helicopter, which went missing on Monday.

Further details are awaited.

# Bangladesh should meet global standards in dealing with BDR, says HRW

New York [USA], Nov. 29 (ANI): The Bangladesh government should agree to new trials meeting international standards for members of the former Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) accused of mutiny and murder, including 139 whose death sentences were upheld on November 27, 2017, by the High Court, Human Rights Watch said today.

The court also upheld life sentences for another 146 people.

On February 25 and 26, 2009, members of the BDR mutinied against their commanding officers at the central Dhaka headquarters, killing 74 people, including 57 army officers. A number of women relatives of the officers were sexually assaulted. Human Rights Watch research has found that many of the accused were tortured in custody and most were denied access to proper representation.

"We have long said that the atrocities that took place during the mutiny need to be investigated and prosecuted, but this should not be done through unfair mass trials after the use of torture," said Brad Adams, Asia director at Human Rights Watch. "Particularly when the death penalty is involved, expediency cannot take priority over justice."

The BDR mutiny took place soon after the new Awami League government led by Sheikh Hasina won elections in December 2008. Under great pressure from the army and amid fears of a

coup, the government responded to the mutiny by rounding up nearly 6,000 members of the BDR. Many were tried in mass trials before closed military courts. A separate civilian prosecution team chose to try nearly 850 members of the BDR in a single mass trial in one courtroom.

In July 2012, Human Rights Watch released a report, "The Fear Never Leaves Me": Torture, Custodial Deaths, and Unfair Trials after the 2009 Mutiny of the Bangladesh Rifles,"

which provided a detailed account of the mutiny and the authorities' response. Human Rights Watch documented serious abuses by the authorities in the aftermath, including at least 47 custodial deaths and widespread torture of BDR members by the Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) and other security forces. The government has claimed that all deaths in custody were due to natural causes.

Human Rights Watch documented how the mass trials of hundreds of the accused left most without adequate counsel, adequate time to prepare a defense, or notice of the charges or evidence against them. Crucially, many made confessions under torture. The chief prosecutor claimed that no confession obtained under duress would be used in court, but legal teams eventually assigned to some of the cases showed Human Rights Watch documentation demonstrating that coerced

confessions had been used as evidence.

"Families of those killed and injured in the mutiny need justice and closure, but the answer is not through flawed trials," Adams said. "True justice comes only through sound procedures that comply with the rule of law, and the families of the victims deserve better answers than this mass roundup."

The Bangladeshi authorities should establish an independent and prosecutorial task force with sufficient expertise, authority, and resources to rigorously investigate allegations of human rights abuses after the mutiny. All those subject to unfair trials should be given a new trial, Human Rights Watch said.

The November 27 judgment was in response to an appeal of the trial judgment. As with those sentenced to death, the trials against the mutineers

sentenced to life in prison were rife with due process concerns, including coerced confessions. Similarly, few of the accused sentenced to life in prison had access to lawyers or information about the case against them.

"The death penalty is a cruel and irreversible punishment that should never be used," Adams said. "Bangladesh should join the international movement to abolish it, particularly in cases like these in which suspects were tortured, nearly 50 died in custody, and due process failed."

# EU, NATO condemn N Korea missile launch

Brussels [Belgium], Nov 29 (ANI): The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) and the European Union (EU) have condemned the latest missile launch by North Korea.

"I strongly condemn North Korea's new ballistic missile test. This is a further breach of multiple UN Security Council Resolutions, undermining regional and international security," an official statement by the NATO Secretary General, Jens Stoltenberg, read.

This comes after North Korea fired an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) in the direction of the Sea of Japan, a first by the country since September 15.

In November, the NATO General Secretary visited the organisation's regional partners, Japan and the Republic of Korea to urge North Korea from refraining from "further provocations, and abandon its nuclear and missile programmes." He recalled the same in his statement, and added, "North Korea needs to re-engage in a credible and meaningful dialogue with the international community."

The European Union termed the problematic nation's recent missile test as a "further unacceptable violation" of international agreements.

As per the Pentagon, the ICBM travelled about 1,000 km before splashing into the Sea of Japan. The United

States' Defence Department also stated that the missile did not pose a threat to the country, its territories or allies.

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Responding to the missile test, US President Donald Trump said the country would "take care of it," while Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe termed it to be "absolutely intolerable."

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# 2012 Benghazi attack: US jury acquits Ahmed Abu Khatallah of murder charges

Washington DC (USA) November 29 (ANI) A federal jury in the United States has acquitted Ahmed Abu Khatallah, an accused Islamic militant, of the most serious charges levelled against him in connection with a 2012 terrorist attack on a US diplomatic compound in Libya's Benghazi.

The jury in US District Court for the District of Columbia cleared the four murder charges against Khatallah saying it found the accused not guilty.

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long forgotten. This happened systematically, in Canada, with a timeline more recent than any of us would like to admit," he added.

The Canadian prime minister said the people were constantly monitored for anything that could be construed as gay behaviour at their workplaces, bars, parks and even their homes were under watch. Those admitted after interrogations to being gay were forced to leave their jobs..

"It is with shame and sorrow and deep regret for the things we have done that I stand here today and say: We were wrong. We apologise. I am sorry. We are sorry," Trudeau said to a standing ovation.

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The Obama Foundation will be hosting a town hall on Friday in New Delhi to "expand the conversation about what it means to be an active citizen and make an impact," reported the Washington Post.

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# Japan terms N Korea missile launch as 'absolutely intolerable'

Tokyo [Japan] November 29 (ANI) Japan on Wednesday condemned the North Korea's missile launch and termed it to be as "absolutely intolerable". Prime Minister Shinzo Abe termed it to be "absolutely intolerable" as it "tramples on the international community's unified determination to find a peaceful solution for the former's issue", a local media reported.

On the Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM)

launch by North Korea, which squashed into the Sea of Japan, Prime Minister Abe told mediathat the government will take "every possible measure for crisis management". The Japanese Prime Minister assured full protection of its people. The National Security of Council held an emergency meeting, which was attended by Cabinet ministers, including Abe, Foreign Minister Taro Kono and Defense Minister Itsunori Onodera. "We would

urge UN Security Council for an emergency meeting over North Korea missile fire," local media quoted. Japanese PM Abe as saying. He has requested the international community to unite in this fight and to "implement sanctions against Pyongyang". Japan's Prime Minister's Office had earlier said that the missile has the possibility of "arriving in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of our country."

The missile fire comes a day after United States

# N Korea missile launch

# 'US building military stronger than ever'

Washington DC (USA) November 29 (ANI): In the aftermath of the North Korea missile launch, President Donald Trump on Wednesday said the United States is "building the military stronger than ever before". The US President told reporters at a White House meeting, "We want our military funded and we want it funded now. It's going to be bigger, better, stronger than it ever was. We are building our military stronger than ever before."

"Addressing the media along with the President, US Defense Secretary James Mattis said that the North Korea Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) launch was the "highest" ever and "poses global threat".

Mattis said that North Korea "endangered world peace, regional peace and certainly the United States"

withits missile development. "In response, the South Koreans have fired some pinpoint missiles out into the water to make sure North Korea understands that they could be taken under fire by our ally but the bottom line is it's a continuous effort to build ballistic missile threat and endangered world peace, regional peace and certainly the United States," he said. US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson of a statement said, "The United States strongly condemns North Korea's launch of what is likely an intercontinental ballistic missile into the Sea of Japan, indiscriminately threatening its neighbors, the region and global stability. To counter North Korea's increasing threat to global peace, the United States is likely to hold a meeting with countries, including Japan and South

Korea, soon. North Korea fired the ICBM in the direction of the Sea of Japan, a first by the country since September 15. The missile travelled about 1000 km before splashing into the Sea of Japan, said the Pentagon. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe termed it to be "absolutely intolerable" as it "tramples on the international community's unified determination to find a peaceful solution for the former's issue", a local media reported. Japan's Prime Minister's Office said that the missile has the possibility of "arriving in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of our country."

The missile fire comes a day after United States President Donald Trump in a summit meeting with Prime Minister Abe extended support to Japan and said, "the

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# Lekhi inaugurates Venvik GST Suvidha Kendra in New Delhi



Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi inaugurating Venvik GST Suvidha Kendra in Delhi

## SP Correspondent

New Delhi, Nov. 29: Mrs. Meenakshi Lekhi, MP-Lok Sabha & National Spokesperson of BJP today inaugurated Venvik GST Suvidha Kendra in New Delhi. With more than 150 Venvik Suvidha Kendras opened today, these Kendras will be a one-stop destination for all GST solutions offering services, such as, new GST No., registration or migration, uploading the invoices to file GST Returns (GSTR) & many other related services.

Admiring the establishment of the VENVIK GST Suvidha Kendra in New Delhi, Mrs. Meenakshi Lekhi expressed her confidence and said that the Indian government's effort to ease compliance burden faced by small businessmen and traders over filing of GST returns will begin to bear fruit with the expansion of VENVIK GST Suvidha Kendra which are springing up across the country. This would also open the scope for employments in the country.

Other dignitaries present at the event were Mr. Pradip Kr. Acharya, Committee Member - National Occupational

Standards, Govt. of India, who promoted the idea of VENVIK GST Suvidha Kendras all across India, to help the small businessmen and traders who can avail services at a very nominal cost and also help in the overall growth of the country. Venvik Tech Solutions has partnered with Delhi-based Mind Worms, who will help Venvik in the smooth functioning of these GST Suvidha Kendras in Northern India.

The event was attended by local businessmen & newly inducted Venvik Suvidha Kendras' Partners who were thrilled about the inauguration of Venvik GST Suvidha Kendra in the Capital.

"We would be developing around 1500 GST Suvidha Kendra across Delhi. These Kendra will aim to ease the compliance burden of small businessmen and traders who can migrate to GST at a reasonable fee. These Kendras, especially because of its low cost model, will reduce the cost and burden of filing GST returns of the prospective clients and pave the way for making India's biggest tax

reform a success," said Mr. E. Sreedhar, Promoter, Venvik Tech Solutions.

Venvik Suvidha Kendra will offer 360 degree GST solutions to the customers by providing not only an online portal, but also an array of support services which includes GST number registration, digital signature, 24x7 voice & online support-cum-single window account management system to view GST account on phone, laptop, tablet and other touch points. Invoice format as per GST guidelines will also be easily available at each Venvik GST Suvidha Kendra.

"There are a large number of small businesses and traders in the country who have never adopted digital tools for financial reporting before. Our trained professional will help these businesses understand and fulfil a range of requirements under the GST regime. While the fees will be very reasonable, the aim is to provide all these services with an ease & security to the customers", said Mr. Aamrith Trikha, North India Partner, Mind Worms.

"We are delighted to partner with Venvik Tech Solutions and bring ease into the smooth functioning

of GST Suvidha Kendra. We look forward to working together in this area," said Mr. Luv Trikha, Mind Worms. "The chaos created in the market, for new GST no. & return filing facilities is due to exorbitant pricing. But with Venvik GST Suvidha Kendras coming into the market, it will be a great help for every small & medium businessmen to join the stream of making India grow in coming days," said Mr. Ankush Narang, District Service Partner, Central Delhi.

"Venvik Suvidha Kendras have not only taken care of all small & medium businessmen, but also provided great opportunity for the unemployed youth, who is getting self-sustained by helping India to grow its wealth. This structure has the capacity of offering more than 4500 employments in Delhi", said Mr. Kishore Jha, District Service Partner, North Delhi.

Venvik Suvidha Kendra will be equipped with fully trained professionals to support the customers to understand and fulfil a range of requirements under the GST regime.

## Shopmatic, Godaddy announce strategic alliance for seamless connect

New Delhi [India], Nov 29 (ANI): Singapore-based e-commerce company Shopmatic on Tuesday announced its strategic partnership with GoDaddy to enable customers to seamlessly connect their domain name to Shopmatic's webstore offering to build a global online presence. Similarly, Shopmatic customers will be able to view and purchase .net, .org, .com and .in domain names from GoDaddy. GoDaddy's mission is to give customers the online tools, insights, and support to transform their ideas and personal initiatives into success. It helps small businesses and entrepreneurs reach customers around the world by giving them an easy, affordable way to get their ventures online. This partnership will allow Shopmatic merchants to secure a desired domain name from GoDaddy, as well as the ability to easily direct customers to an existing website, blog, marketplace or any social media profile with a single click.

"As a global e-commerce company, our primary focus is to offer an online platform for merchants and individual business owners which helps them in reaching out to a bigger audience and accelerates their business. This partnership with GoDaddy will empower our growing user base further with the right tools in building a distinctive presence online," said CEO Shopmatic, Anurag Avula. Adding to this Avula said, "Shopmatic customers will continue enjoying the benefits of being enlisted on our platform on the back of

## Airbnb introduces payment splitting option for group trips

New York [USA], Nov 29 (ANI): Online marketplace and hospitality service provider Airbnb announced that its users can now split payments with their fellow travelers, thus reducing the burden on one traveler.

Early on, one traveler was forced to fend the cost of the trip, in the hope that they would be paid back on time. With Airbnb's new option, one need not worry about timely payment, and go Dutch on this front too!

Payment splitting will work with up to 16 travelers, offering plenty of flexibility for large groups who travel together, reports TechCrunch.

When a trip organiser puts in a request to book a listing, the organiser's portion of the payment is charged on their credit card, bringing up a menu to share the booking with other members of the travel group. Following this, 72 hours time frame will be available to log in to Airbnb and complete the payment.

Airbnb, in its blog post, mentioned that this workflow applies to "listings that qualify for split payments". However, no further details are available.

Airbnb claimed that during the pilot phase of the feature, 30 percent of reservations booked with the payments splitting tool led to an expansion of its user base, thus helping them garner popularity on their platform.

an ecosystem that fosters their business growth. GoDaddy domain customers can seamlessly connect to Shopmatic to leverage the penetration and popularity of our platform for access to millions of

## Technical glitches leading to export refunds pile up, steps underway to fix problem

### SP Correspondent

New Delhi: nOV.29: Delays in GST refunds to exporters are attributed to technical glitches in GSTN which are being corrected but the government is committed to refunding zero rated export goods with the minimal of human interface, senior Finance Ministry officials have informed a high level delegation of the EEPC India.

Chairman of the apex engineering exporters' organisation EEPC India Mr T S Bhasin and Vice Chairman Mr Pankaj Chadha met senior Finance Ministry officials last week, apprising them of a grave situation of cash crunch arising out of delays in the exporters' refunds, after implementation of the Goods and Services Tax.

Mr Bhasin conveyed exporters' concern over the accumulating refunds and shortage of working capital for the exporting community.

The Council pointed out that lately Drawback payment has stopped in some cities. The Finance Ministry officials said the issue is being resolved.

Some ports have also issued documents showing errors in the mis-match of data for month of July 2017. The officials assured the EEPC India team that the issue would be resolved. Besides the problems relating to shipments from ports/ICDs and e-filing issues were discussed.

The government asked the council to highlight among its members the benefits of Electronic Sealing. According to a government study, cost will get lowered for exporters if they use Electronic Sealing facility. However, it was pointed out to the government about inadequacy of seals and it was mentioned that it was for this reason, the system has been made voluntary till December 15, 2017.

All this is leading to fall in exports, as was witnessed in the subdued export data for October. Officials reiterated that the Government is committed to refunding zero rated goods and "will do everything" in this direction. The Government is also keen to ensure that there is minimal human interface and it is for this reason technical glitches are being corrected. In the process, however, delays are occurring in clearance of the refunds.

It emerged in the meeting how errors in the shipping bills are resulting in the refund settlement and exporters are asked for claiming re-credit. But in the process, precious time is lost as for instance, for July, the re-credit would be paid along with August claims and thus the refunds keep on accumulating.

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New Delhi: Nov.29: The All India Public Sector and Central Government Officers' Confederation demands immediate waiver of the unwarranted and counterproductive clause of affordability so as to facilitate across the board implementation of the 3rd PRC for CPSEs. While constituting 3rd PRC, Govt. categorically envisaged that for the CPSEs to thrive and be competitive in the prevailing business environment in the country and in the world, it's employees have to be provided with suitable working conditions, emoluments and incentives to motivate them to strive for further growth, productivity and profitability of their enterprises and to enable CPSEs to become modern, professional, consumer friendly, commercially successful and competitive entities committed to national developmental goals and dedicated to the service of the people.

3rd PRC has distinctly earmarked sizeable portion of the pay as Performance Related Pay (PRP) and this component of the pay directly relates to the performance and profitability of the CPSE and is thus inherently included and enshrined in itself in the affordability of the CPSE. Further incorporating unwarranted

counterproductive rider of Affordability Clause of 3rd PRC as a pre condition for implementation of pay scales in a CPSE is not only ill-conceived, irrational and discriminatory towards the employees at large but is fraught with dangerous consequences of finishing the very existence of CPSEs. Depriving and demotivating the entire workforce of a particular CPSE by denying them their legitimate wage revision on grounds of affordability is nothing but a very calculated move of the bureaucracy to reduce existence of CPSEs to ashes.

Thus incorporating deadly affordability clause is bound to have catastrophic consequences as far as future of these CPSEs is concerned.

The Executive Committee of the All India Public Sector & Central Government Officers' Confederation (AIPCOC) met at New Delhi on 28th November and deliberated on the issues affecting the Public Sector and Central Government Officers. The affordability clause introduced in the implementation of the 7th Pay Commission has deprived almost all the Officers working in all the CPSEs.

The recent instruction of the Government in some PSEs to not permit encashment of leave is yet

another step to do away with even the hard earned benefits. The attempts of the Government to privatise the Central Government Departments, CPSEs and Public Sector Banks and other matters affecting Officers community were discussed and it was unanimously resolved to appeal to the Government of India on the following issues:

1. Non-discriminatory tax treatment of CPSE/PSB employees viz. perks on housing, loan etc.

2. Removal of affordability clause for pay revision in CPSEs & autonomous bodies.

3. Restoration of 3rd PRC for post retirement medical funding for employees, rather than limiting to retirees prior to 01.01.2007.

4. Stop tampering with the right of CPSE Boards' to frame leave rules

5. Introduce Assured Pension to all Central Government, CPSE and PSB employees

6. Stop privatisation of Central Government Departments, CPSEs and PSBs

7. Let the Central Government Gazetted officers have a Negotiating Forum

Keeping the foregoing crucial facts in view and also keeping in view the hard fact that CPSEs have to be kept alive and going to meet future emerging challenges

successfully, we dispassionately and fervently appeal to the government machinery to do away completely with counterproductive and deadly clause of affordability provision decided upon by the government as a precondition to qualify employees of CPSEs for wage revision. More than the employee's interest, it is the National interest of keeping CPSEs competitive and alive that has to be kept in mind because, in the absence of wage revision of any CPSE, the concerned CPSE is bound to decay and collapse in due course of time. This is bound to happen in case wage revision is not effected and cannot be avoided. Thus this National perspective of paramount significance must not be lost sight of.

### SP Correspondent

All India Public Sector and Central Govt Officers Confederation representing 13 lakh officers including Banks, Insurance, Telecom, Power, Oil, Defence, Railway, Dock, Pharmaceuticals and Central Govt. Gazetted officers demands before the Govt. to immediately withdraw the proposal in the larger interest of the country. The Executive Committee further resolved to hold a rally and dharna on 9th February, 2017 in New Delhi to press the above demands.

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## Buyer Seller Meet and Exhibition of Powerloom Products and Textiles Inaugurated by Textile Commissioner on 26 Nov

New Delhi [India], Nov 28 (ANI-BusinessWireIndia): Union Textile Ministry has recently announced Solar Energy Scheme for small power loom units, on Grid Solar Photo Voltaic Plant (without battery backup) and Off Grid Solar Photo Voltaic Plant (with battery backup), where the Government will provide Rs. 2.50 lakh subsidy per unit.

This will help the unit to pay back bank loans within 3-4 years, after which the unit shall get practically free electricity, stated Textile Commissioner Dr. Kavita Gupta, IAS.

She was speaking while inaugurating Buyer-Seller Meet (B2B) and Textile Exhibition organized by the Regional Office of the Textile Commissioner, Navi Mumbai on 26th November 2017. The Fair shall remain open till 28th November 2017 at Kohinoor Mangal Karyalaya, Opp. Swami Narayan Temple, Dadar (E), Mumbai. Dr. Kavita Gupta further stated that Union Textile Ministry and State Government has announced several promotional schemes for power loom textile industry but there is hardly any awareness to the schemes in the industry. The

maximum benefit of these schemes has been taken by the entrepreneurs of Gujarat and Tamil Nadu.

There are 25 lakh power looms in the country out of which 50 percent are in Maharashtra. There are 108 power loom clusters in the country. There are 72 Textile parks.

Rahul Mehta, President - The Clothing Manufacturers Association of India (CMAI), who was the Guest of Honour, stated that apparel export for the year 2016-17 was 16.8 billion dollars and the target for 2017-18 was 20 billion dollars. However, the export target for 2017-18 will not be attainable and likely to remain at the last year's level. Recently, the government has raised the incentive rate from two percent to four percent for garments and made ups under Merchandise Exports From India Scheme (MEIS).

In addition, the Government has also increased ROSL rates from 0.9 percent to 1.6 percent. However, duty drawback rates have ended on 30th September 2017 and new rates have not been announced. Supposing if duty drawback rates

announced are around two to three percent, the total incentive will be around eight percent, which was 11.50 to 12 percent earlier.

Purushottam Vanga, Chairman -Powerloom Development and Export Promotion Council (PDEXCIL) informed that CMAI & PDEXCIL have recently entered into MOU for mutual benefits. Under this MOU, they will jointly organize Buyer Seller Meet in Mumbai in January 2018. Dhiraj Kothari, President -Mumbai Textiles Merchants Mahajan has stated that the government should create a web portal and include the data of Buyer Seller Meet.

Vinod Chothani - Convener of Buyer Seller Meet stated that textile businessmen should offer standard quality, timely delivery and reasonable rates to increase their business.

Naresh Kumar, Director -The Regional Office of The Textile Commissioner, Navi Mumbai gave the welcome address in the beginning of the event and Mr. Sivakumar S., Deputy Director proposed Vote of Thanks. (ANI-BusinessWireIndia)

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# 9 T-20 matches played at four grounds



**SP Correspondent**

New Delhi, Nov.29: On the second day of Yamuna Challenge Trophy Cricket Tournament Nine T-20 Matches were played in 5 grounds of Delhi i.e. Rohini Sports Complex, Hari Nagar Sports Complex, Major Dhyanchand Stadium Ashok Vihar, East Delhi Sports Complex Tahirpur and Sabhapur Sports Ground. 10 teams from Chandni Chowk, North East Delhi, North West Delhi and West Delhi Lok Sabha Constituency participated in it.

The organizer of the Tournament and Pradesh President Mr. Manoj Tiwari in a press statement said that this tournament organized by Delhi BJP an example for the country and the world.

## Rajnath calls Russia a credible friend

Moscow [Russia], Nov. 29 (ANI): Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday described Russia as 'one of the most credible friends of India'.

Addressing the Indian diaspora in Moscow, the home minister praised their work in Russia and called them as the "Cultural Ambassadors" of India.

"Russia is one of the most credible friends of India," he said.

"While physical distance between you people and India could be large, there can never be an emotional distance," he told the Indian settled in Russia.

Expressing satisfaction Singh said his visit has led to concrete outcomes strengthening cooperation between India and Russia in various field including - Security, Counter-terrorism, counter-radicalisation, anti-drug trafficking, counterfeit currency and Information Sharing.

He further informed the gathering about the initiative taken by the Government to eradicate terrorism and neutralising the infiltration of terrorists.

"The Indian Armed Forces in responding well to various provocations," he said.

"Identified terrorism and radicalism as the two greatest threats faced by the world today," he added.

He also apprised the gathering about the initiatives taken by the Government of India to take the country on a fast-track of economic progress.

Rajnath said India is on its way to becoming one of the leading economic powers of the world.



Thousands of BJP workers by connecting is an example with this sport will strengthen not only Khelo India Campaign but also guide the youth of the country. He said that BJP will honor every

sports person participating in this tournament and also help them in getting employment or self employment.

The Match for Chandni Chowk Parliamentary

Constituency was played in Major Dhyanchand Stadium of Ashok Vihar which was inaugurated by LOP Mr. Vijender Gupta. The Match for North East Delhi Lok Sabha Constituency was organized in Rohini Sports Complex and MP Dr. Udit Raj inaugurated the Match by Batting. In Sabhapur Ground the Match for North East Delhi was played where District President Mr. Ajay Mahawar and Shahdara North Zone Chairman Shri Pramod Gupta attended the inauguration. The Match for West Delhi Lok Sabha Constituency was played in Hari Nagar Sports Ground and for inaugurating the match BJP Sports Cell Co-Convenor Shri Vinay Mani Tripathi, Yuva Morcha President Shri Sunil Yadav & SC Morcha President Shri Mohan Lal Gihara arrived at the venue.

In today's Matches Sagarpur Mandal's team defeated Dabri team by 20 runs, Punjabi Bagh's team defeated Madipur team by 63 runs, Babarpur's team defeated Rohtash Nagar teams by 2 wickets, Jharoda's team defeated Mukherjee Nagar team by 2 wickets, Timarpur's team defeated Ghonda team by 20 runs and Sadar Bazar's team defeated Model Town's team by 8 wickets.

## Mehbooba orders withdrawal of stone pelting cases against 4,327 youth

Jammu (Jammu and Kashmir) [India], Nov. 29 (ANI): Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti on Wednesday ordered withdrawal of cases against 4,327 youth involved in 744 cases of stone pelting in the valley.

Last year the chief minister ordered withdrawal of 104 cases against 634 persons.

The decision was made on the basis of the report submitted by a high-powered committee headed

**BJP accuses Cong of using religion as per convenience**

Ahmedabad (Gujarat) [India] November 29 (ANI): The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Wednesday said for Congress vice-president Rahul Gandhi and his party, 'religion is a matter of convenience and not devotion'. BJP's statement comes hours after the Congress party claimed Gandhi is a janeu-dhari (the one who wears Brahminical thread) Hindu. While addressing a gathering here, BJP national spokesperson Sambit Patra said "Why should there be a secretive air around Rahul Gandhi? "He is one of the most important political people in Indian scenario. For Rahul Gandhi and Congress, religion is a matter of convenience and not devotion. Rahul Gandhi must answer this!" "They say this is a conspiracy but we say Congress is a conspiracy. The tip of the iceberg of their conspiracy is visible today. There is no conspiracy by anyone. You are a sinner, sin is yours. Rahul Gandhi must say who he actually is," Patra said.

by Director General of Police (DGP), said an official.

The DGP has also been asked to monitor the progress on the same and furnish back a fortnightly report in this regard.

"Today's decision marks the revival of process of withdrawal of cases started by Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti last year immediately after taking over," he said.

The chief minister initiated the review of cases against youth from 2008 to 2014 and in the first instance 104 cases involving 634 youth were withdrawn within two months of her assuming power. The official added that the process was disrupted due to unrest in the Valley last year.

With this, the total number of cases withdrawn so far on the directions of the chief minister has gone to

848 and the persons benefitting out of these withdrawals stand at 4957.

The Chief Minister, it may be recalled, had committed withdrawal of cases against youth found not involved in heinous crimes.

Mufti recently also directed review of cases from 2015-2017 and decision on the same would be taken on the receipt of report by the high-powered committee.

The chief minister described the decision as a ray of hope for the youth and their families. She also termed it as an opportunity for them to rebuild their lives.

She hoped the decision would help in creating a positive and conciliatory atmosphere in the state where the youth would be able to build their lives in a much more constructive and positive way.

## Centre plans train schedule for forthcoming foggy season

New Delhi [India] November 29 (ANI): In order to manage the train operations, the Ministry of Railways on Wednesday announced a detailed plan for cancellation and frequency reduction of trains traversing through fog affected area.

This order will be done with effect from December 1, 2017 to February 13, 2018.

The advanced cancellation etc., are being done so that passengers can plan their journeys accordingly. In case of cancellation etc., full refund of fare will be given to the affected passengers.

The passengers are advised to check the status

of the train before undertaking their journey. The status of these trains will also be communicated to the passengers on their respective registered mobile numbers.

During the fog, the visibility becomes very low and trains have to run on a highly-restricted speed to ensure safety of the passengers which leads to considerable delays in the movement of trains.

The status of these trains will be monitored periodically keeping in view the intensity of fog and decisions to restore some of the trains may be taken, as and when operationally feasible.

## Paswan expresses helplessness in controlling rising onion price

New Delhi [India], November 29 (ANI): Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Ram Vilas Paswan on Wednesday expressed helplessness in controlling the rising prices of onions, which has crossed more than Rs. 60 per kg in Delhi.

"We have taken several measures, such as procurement by agencies from areas such as Nashik (Maharashtra) and Alwar (Rajasthan) where the cost is lower, as well as import of onions. But, it (bringing down prices) is not in our hands," Paswan said while addressing the media.

The Union Minister also advised the state governments and the Centre have to combat this problem together.

"The State governments and the Centre have to combat this problem together. The Centre is working towards this with full force and hope prices will go down. I don't have an answer if you ask me when and how it will go down," Paswan said.

He also stated that the Ministry has asked the Delhi Government to sell onions under Public Distribution System (PDS). "We have asked the Delhi Government to sell onions under Public Distribution System (PDS), asked Maharashtra and other state governments to sell after purchasing at lower prices," he added.

He assured that once the supply from (late) kharif starts, prices may come down.

The Union Minister held a meeting with officials from the Ministries of Agriculture and Food including the Delhi government on the soaring prices of onions and tomatoes.

## Tripura BJP gives 'Bharat Mata' mongoloid face, tribal attire

Agartala (Tripura) [India], November 29 (ANI): In a bid to connect with the tribal population of North East, the Tripura Bharatiya Janata Party has come up with a creative decision to depict the Bharat Mata in tribal attire with mongoloid face on various posters.

Political temperature seems to be soaring in Tripura with assembly elections likely to be held early next year and this will help BJP to expand its reach in the state. "The photograph of Bharat Mata we usually use in our programmes is the one with sari and non-Mongoloid face which is seen all over the country. The photograph of Bharat Mata wearing attire of different tribes and holding Tiranga in its hand with a Mongoloid face will connect with northeast, I thought that I shall initiate this project from Tripura," Tripura BJP observer Sunil Deodhar said.

The BJP plans to bring out 300 such tribe-specific images of Bharat Mata, he said. "There are total 18 tribes in Tripura, so here you can see Bharat Mata wearing Debbama tribe attire holding Tiranga in her hand and the face is Mongoloid and it will very easily connect Tripuri tribe that yes this is our Bharat Mata," Deodhar added.

## NPP Supremo calls on J&K people to resend their message

**SP Correspondent**

New Delhi: Nov.29; Prof. Bhim Singh, Chief Patron of National Panthers Party with NPP senior leadership visited Pauni in Reasi District which falls along LoC and met several people from different walks of life who have been suffering in Reasi broken camps since 1998 following Kargil War. More than 2000 families of the local residents (Permanent Residents of the State) were forced to vacate their homes, belongings and agricultural land. The local residents of J&K were forced to migrate from the Districts of Doda, Udhampur, Reasi, Rajouri and other areas. The families of these migrants have been living in desperation, hunger and starvation since then. Prof. Bhim Singh said that it was the Panthers Party alone which have been fighting for the survival of these migrants most of them (nearly 900 families) have been residing in Reasi—

Talwara broken camps of the employees of Jyotipuram Hydrel Project.

Prof. Bhim Singh accompanied by Ms. Anita Thakur (General Secretary-JKNPP), Mr. Shanker Singh Chib and Mr. Balwan Singh (State Secretaries-JKNPP), Mr. Jagdev Singh (President, Talwara Migrants Committee) and others visited the site of Ati Maha Vishnu Yagya at Pauni which has been organized by prominent saints; Swami Bal Yogeshwar, Acharya Pt. Kuldip Raina and others. Swami Bal Yogeshwar honoured the Panthers Party leaders with shawls, sweets and flowers.

Prof. Bhim Singh while addressing the most organized gathering at the hill site where thousands of villagers from different areas have been participating in 6th in the series of Ati Maha Vishnu Yagya.

Prof. Bhim Singh also interacted with the local residents at Akhnoor, Bhamla, Pauni, Katra and

other areas delivering the straight message that humanity is one and secularism is ethos of the Indian life. Prof. Bhim Singh said that socialism has suffered a lot in Indian political life and there is a need of a new political movement in the country to ensure that secular society in the country is developed with socialist way of life. Prof. Bhim Singh said that Constitution of India needs amendment and Parliament of India should act in the light of the spirit of the Instrument of Accession signed by Maharaja Hari Singh on 26th October, 1947. He blamed the Parliament of India to keep the people of Jammu and Kashmir out of the scope of all Fundamental Rights. Parliament of India have no reason to deprive the people of Jammu and Kashmir of all the Fundamental Rights enshrined in the Constitution of India from Article 11 to 35. He said that Article 35(A) has proved to a nail on the head of democracy in J&K.



The Minister of State for Culture (I/C) and Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Dr. Mahesh Sharma and the Minister of Culture and Information of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Prof. Moh. Rasool Bawari, at the inauguration of India-Afghan Cultural Festival, in New Delhi on November 29, 2017. The Ambassador of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to India, Mr. Shaidda Mohammad Abdali is also seen.

## Majority of Indians are unaware of adult vaccinations

**SP Correspondent**

New Delhi, Nov.29: As if the fact that the health of India's citizens is marred by various health conditions was not enough, a recent study has indicated that about 68% of the country's adults are unaware of adult vaccinations. While a majority of those surveyed thought that vaccinations were only for children, others felt they were healthy and did not require any vaccination. As per the IMA, the need for immunization does not end when one becomes an adult. Protection from vaccines received as a child can wear off over time, and leave a person at risk for new and different diseases.

Adult vaccines are recommended based on many factors. They can help avert and reduce the health consequences of vaccine-preventable diseases among adults.

Incomplete and inadequate immunization against many communicable diseases can lead to substantial and unnecessary costs in terms of hospitalization and treatment.

Speaking about this, Dr K K Aggarwal and Dr RN Tandon in a joint statement, said, "Just like healthy

eating, physical activity, and regular check-ups, vaccines also have a very important role in keeping a person healthy, through their adult years as well. Vaccines are one of the most convenient and safest preventive care measures available. Urban lifestyle today includes unhealthy eating, untimely sleeping patterns, erratic work hours, and frequent travels. This has reduced our immunity and made us more susceptible to any disease. We stay at a different place, work at another, and then enjoy visiting a distant location. Coming across different people from different regions, we become prone to any communicable disease. Medical science advanced and there are new, improved facilities and treatments available for many health conditions. During our childhood, there were many diseases without vaccines. Those vaccines are possible now."

Adding further, Dr Aggarwal, said, "All adults over 50 years need to maintain protection against conditions such as seasonal influenza (Flu); pneumococcal disease (pneumonia, sepsis, meningitis); Hepatitis B infection (for adults who have diabetes or are at risk for hepatitis B); tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (for all adults who have not previously received this); and shingles (for adults 60 years and older)."

Following are some quick facts about adult immunization.

Immunization saves 3 million lives every year

Except drinking water, no other human undertaking can equal the impact immunization has had in reducing infectious diseases mortality — not even antibiotics

Immunization reduces mortality, morbidity, reduces direct and indirect medical costs

Flu vaccine has led to a 70% decline in hospitalizations

Hepatitis B vaccines have caused a drop in the incidence of liver cancer