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Robert Lefkowitz and Brian Kobilka

### AMERICAN CHEMISTS LEFKOWITZ, KOBILKA GET NOBEL PRIZE

STOCKHOLM: US chemists Robert Lefkowitz and Brian Kobilka won the Nobel Prize on Wednesday for work on cell receptors, yielding vital insights into how the body works at the molecular level. The award is for chemistry but the big beneficiary should be medicine, the Nobel committee said. AFP

### Chautala backs khap idea of early marriage

KAITHAL: As Haryana witnessed another rape, former CM Om Prakash Chautala backed the khap suggestion to reduce marriageable age of boys and girls to 16 to curb incidents of sexual assault. P10

### Cauvery row: TN files contempt against K'taka

NEW DELHI: The Tamil Nadu government, on Wednesday, moved the Supreme Court seeking launch of contempt of court proceeding against Karnataka CM Jagadish Shettar and others for allegedly defying the court's order to supply 9,000 cusecs of water from the Cauvery river to the state. PTI

### Mukesh Ambani richest Indian with \$19-bn wealth

NEW DELHI: Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani is the country's richest man with a personal fortune of \$19.3 billion, says a report. According to China-based research firm Hurun's inaugural India Rich List, Ambani is followed by the London-based steel baron L N Mittal, who has a wealth of USD 16.9 billion. PTI



### Mayawati keeps gov't guessing, Pawar hints at early polls

MUMBAI/LUCKNOW: Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Yadav, on Wednesday, asked his part workers to be prepared for a mid-term Lok Sabha election since "there's talk of the BSP withdrawing support to the UPA", but BSP chief Mayawati gave a clear indication of not being in a hurry to withdraw its outside support to the Congress-led alliance. P10

### SC refuses to stay national test for P-G med course

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court, on Wednesday, refused to stay the national eligibility-cum-entrance test for P-G medical courses. HTC

### Court upholds seven-year jail term for Telgi

NEW DELHI: A Delhi court, on Wednesday, upheld the seven-year imprisonment given to Abdul Karim Telgi in the multi-crore-rupee fake stamp paper scam. HTC

### weather today

HIGH 31°C HOTTEST IN INDIA ANANTAPUR 41°C  
LOW 25°C COLDEST IN INDIA DARBUK -18°C

FORECAST: partly cloudy sky. Chances of rain or thundershowers in some areas. Maximum relative humidity was 93% and minimum 75%.

## Schools study handwriting to understand students better

### ht SPECIAL

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KOLKATA: City schools are increasingly turning to graphology — the science of analysing handwriting — in order to understand the special needs of students instead of resorting to corporal punishment to discipline them. "Through graphology, you can't only identify nearly 180 character traits of an individual, but even change them to some extent by changing the handwriting in a scientific manner. And this is what some top-

ranking city schools, and even some teachers on their own, are attempting," director of the Kolkata Institute of Graphology Mohan Bose told HT.

Bose said the institute had already trained teachers of such schools as MC Kejrival Vidya-peeth and Laxmipti Singhania Academy. More than 30 teachers of several other top schools, including La Martiniere, Future Foundation, Assembly of God Church and DPS have undergone courses in graphology.

"We'd sent about 25 teachers from various departments and classes of our school to get them trained in graphology. They were taught how to iden-

### CHARACTER TRAITS

- Graphology is the art of analysing handwriting and using the information to change the behaviour of people.
- Cops use the method to track criminals.
- Many companies use graphology to identify favourable character traits of applicants before recruiting them.
- Graphology is used extensively in courts. Parents can take the help of graphologists to change the behavioural pattern of their children.



tify certain character traits by analysing handwriting. The results have, indeed, surprised all of us," said KK Kejrival,

managing trustee of M C Kejrival Vidya-peeth, which has about 3,000 students. Bose said his institute had

come up with a specially tailored course spanning two and a half months to train school teachers. The course, which

costs ₹7,000, also imparts knowledge in child psychology.

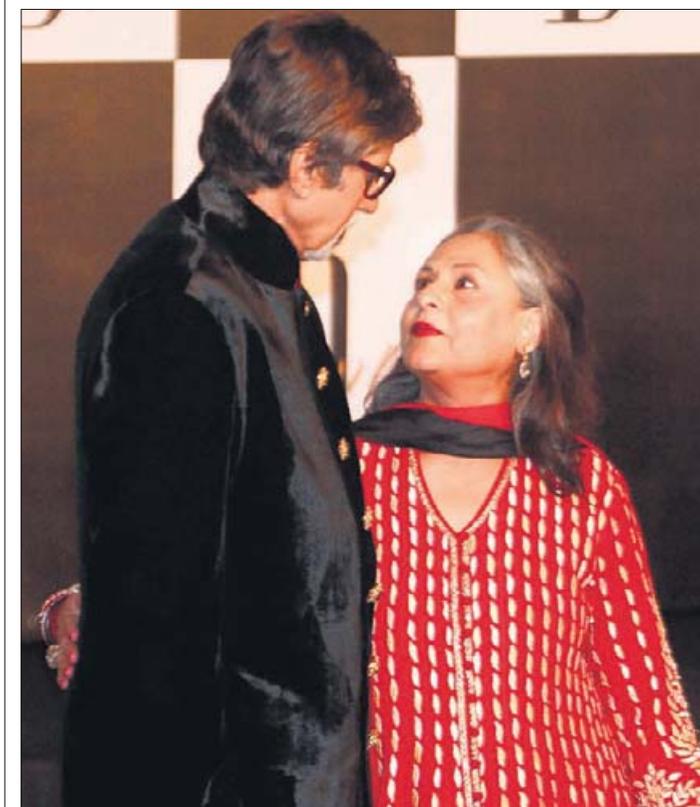
"The course covers more than 50 aspects of child psychology, including mood disorders, conflicts, social relationships, parent-child relationship, memory retention, suicidal tendencies and crime-prone behaviour, among others," Bose added.

Bose explained that the human brain was highly malleable and could be dramatically influenced by external factors. All aspects of an individual's experience can alter the brain circuit and induce changes in it. "When an individual changes his handwriting in a scientific manner, as prescribed by a graphologist, and

practises it regularly it reacts back to our thoughts via the same neuro-muscular path and influences the thought process. This is an age-old practice and is being exploited across the world," Bose added.

"The use of graphology to understand the psyche of students has become all the more important and useful at a time when society's changing very fast. There've been several incidents over the past few years where students have either committed suicide or have reacted violently against their teachers when the latter tried to mend their behaviour in a traditional manner," said a senior teacher.

## Still B'wood's Shahenshah at 70



Amitabh Bachchan poses with wife Jaya on the eve of his birthday. >>See also P10

## Anti-graft Act will cover bribe-givers

### PM TALKS TOUGH

Singh hints at tough anti-corruption legislation

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NEW DELHI: In a decision that could prove to be a game-changer in the fight against corruption, the government is planning to amend the anti-graft Act to cover bribe-givers, especially private companies, instead of only the bribe-taker.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh announced this on Wednesday, saying "Experience has shown that in a vast majority of cases, it is difficult to tackle consensual bribery and the bribe-giver gets away by taking advantage of the Prevention of Corruption Act." He said big-ticket corruption was mostly related to operations by commercial entities. "It is, therefore, also proposed to include corporate failure to prevent bribery as a new offence."

Inaugurating a conference of the CBI and state anti-corruption bureaus in Delhi, the PM said his regime would provide a clear definition of "corruption", and also amend the Act to "protect honest public servants".

### 44 proposals okayed in just 3 meetings

New Delhi: Stung by the alleged policy paralysis, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has got 44 proposals through in the last three meetings of his cabinet. Singh led the last cabinet meeting to take 18 decisions in just one-and-a-half hours. The cabinet committee on economic affairs approved five items in half-an-hour while the cabinet committee on infrastructure decided on three issues in 15 minutes flat. What's more, the cabinet committee on political affairs took barely 20 minutes to decide on reducing the subsidy on LPG and diesel. >>P9

### S&P MAY DOWNGRADE INDIA'S CREDIT RATING DESPITE THE REFORMS

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NEW DELHI: US credit rating agency Standard and Poor's (S&P) warned on Monday that India still faced a "one in three" chance of a downgrade despite the recent spate of moves to open up the insurance, pension and multi-brand retail sectors to foreign investment — the boldest reforms initiated by the UPA since assuming power in 2004. "The negative outlook signals at least a one-in-three likelihood of a downgrade of the sovereign rating on India within the next 24 months," S&P analysts said in a note.

The effects of the announcement were immediately visible: the Sensex tumbled by 162 points to close at 18,631 and the rupee fell below the 53-rupee mark.

The agency also maintained India's rating at BBB-, which is only a notch above "junk". A downgrade would mean India would have to pay higher interest rates on its public borrowings.

## Animal welfare: Tigers get more money, rhinos drone protection

### BOUNTY

Nine-fold hike in government funds for the big cat as other endangered species like elephants get a raw deal

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NEW DELHI: Tigers have taken the lion's share in wildlife funding for the next five years. The country's top advisory body, the Planning Commission, has allocated ₹5,889 crore for 1,706 tigers in the 12th Five-Year Plan (2012-17) compared with ₹615 crore in the 11th Five-Year Plan (2007-12) — a nine-fold increase in allocation.

For all other wildlife species, including about 26,000 elephants, 300 lions in Gujarat and about 16,000-20,000 leopards in India living in 600 other protected areas, the money provided is just ₹3,600 crore. In the 11th Five-Year Plan, Indian wildlife had got ₹800 crore, higher than the funds for tigers.

The argument being forwarded for making the allocation is that the tigers are the flagship species and money spent on their protection automatically benefits other wildlife species, such as deer or rhinos. The reality is that most of the money will be spent on relocation of around 10,000 families living inside 41 tiger habitats of the country, considered a threat to tigers and for filling forest guard vacancies in these reserves.

"Several new thrust areas have been identified for implementation. This includes strengthening protection and

### GETTING A LION'S SHARE



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- The same is the story for snow leopards, now estimated at less than 1,000 in Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir
- Not a single endangered bird finds a mention in the document

ment on wildlife says. What is skewed in the government's wildlife plan is that there is no focus on other species. In fact, separate funding for elephants under the 11th Plan has been merged with the existing scheme, the Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats.

There is no mention of Asiatic lions, whose only home in the wild in Asia is the Gir National Park in Gujarat. The Centre has not been able to fulfill its commitment for better monitoring of lions because of a lack of funds.

The same is the story for snow leopards, whose number is now estimated to be less than 1,000 in the upper reaches of the Himalayas in Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir.

Leopards, whose poaching has almost doubled in the past five years, are also missing from the Five-Year Plan document. Not a single endangered bird, such as the Great Indian Bustard, vultures and sparrows, finds a mention in the 1,600-page Five-Year Plan document.

Wildlife says the majority of endangered wildlife live outside the tiger reserves in 600 protected areas, which are in a shambles and under constant threat of degradation because of development and other biotic pressures.

furthering the co-existence agenda in the buffer areas of tiger reserves and voluntary relocation, along with regulatory monitoring of the tiger population and their habitat," the 12th Five-Year Plan docu-

## Unmanned planes will guard Kaziranga Park

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GUWAHATI: Union minister for environment and forests Jayanthi Natarajan, who made a daylong visit to the famed one-horned rhino's home, Kaziranga National Park, in the state on Wednesday, said an unmanned aircraft would soon be introduced for surveillance in the park.

"For many years, Kaziranga has been the best-managed National Park in the country. We're concerned over the recent developments. For round-the-clock surveillance in the park, we'll add more trained frontline staff and nine speedboats. Battery-operated unmanned aircraft will also be introduced for surveillance soon", Natarajan said.

Natarajan's visit to the park was significant, since Kaziranga was devastated in the recent floods and there was spurt in rhino poaching over the past month.



which is a UNESCO heritage site lost 39 rhinos from January 1 this year. Poachers killed 11 rhinos, while 28 others drowned in the floods.

She, chief minister Tarun Gogoi and state forest minister Rockybul Hussain met the Park authorities and reviewed the situation. Natarajan said her ministry was extremely concerned over the recent loss of animal lives. She announced a ₹1-crore grant from the National Tiger Conservation Fund for Kaziranga's tiger reserve, declared in 2006 to increase the tiger population in the Park. The Park has the distinction of having highest density of tigers in a protected area in the country.

Expressing satisfaction over the Kaziranga authorities' steps for developing 152 forest camps, Natarajan stressed the need for creation of a buffer zone, which, according to her, would reduce man-animal conflict in the Park's surrounding areas.

The Park authorities demanded that more anti-poaching forest camps in the Kaziranga tiger reserve's adjoining areas.

## CAMPUS CONTROVERSY Molestation charge against senior CPM leader's son

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KOLKATA: In this season of crime against women and chaos on the campus, here's another shocker. A third year Botany student of Bidhannagar Government College has filed a police complaint alleging that Shaptarshi Deb, son of former housing minister Goutam Deb, molested her near the college on Wednesday afternoon.

The incident immediately took a political colour since Shaptarshi, besides being the son of a senior CPI(M) leader, is also an important functionary of the SFI, the student's wing of the CPI(M). And the girl is the unit head of rival Trinamool Chhatra Parishad.

Ever since the change of government in the state, colleges and universities have become a battleground, with both the Trinamool and Left unions competing for supremacy. There have been several instances of not only student clashes, but teachers too have borne the brunt of the campus chaos.

According to the victim's version, Shaptarshi Deb, along with other SFI activists, pulled at her dupatta from inside a speeding car while she was returning to college after some personal work near Labony Estate in Salt Lake. The girl

### WEDNESDAY'S INCIDENT TOOK POLITICAL COLOUR SINCE THE BOY IS FROM THE SFI AND THE GIRL FROM THE TMC'S STUDENT WING

also alleged that the speeding car tried to run over her.

Supantha Roy, general-secretary of the Bidhannagar College union controlled by the Trinamool Congress — elections to the union are to be held soon — the girl was first abused and when she did not pay heed to it, the occupants of the car pulled at her dupatta.

Shaptarshi Deb later said that the allegations against him were false and intended to malign him and the SFI, which promptly came to his defence. State SFI boss Debojyoti Das claimed that there were inconsistencies in the allegations of the woman. "Her allegations were based on the assumption that she could have been harmed," Das said, adding that the incident was pre-planned by the Trinamool. "How come the local Trinamool MLA rushed to the police station where the complaint was filed," he asked.

The cops have started a case based on the girl's complaint, said additional deputy commissioner of Bidhannagar Ranen Bandopadhyay.

## kolkata first

PROBLEM OF JAYWALKING

There are lots of openings for pedestrians to hit the road from the pavements on both sides of the footbridge. These help them to avoid the footbridge.

A KMC ENGINEER

## FOOTBRIDGES WITHOUT MUCH FOOTFALL

CITY BLUES These overbridges and subways were constructed to make the lives of pedestrians easy; but now, those very pedestrians refuse to use it. ARPIT BASU travelled to five spots in the city to see the level of acceptance of these facilities among the people



Gariahat footbridge

RAMKRISHNA SAMANTA

## Escalator of Gariahat overbridge does not work

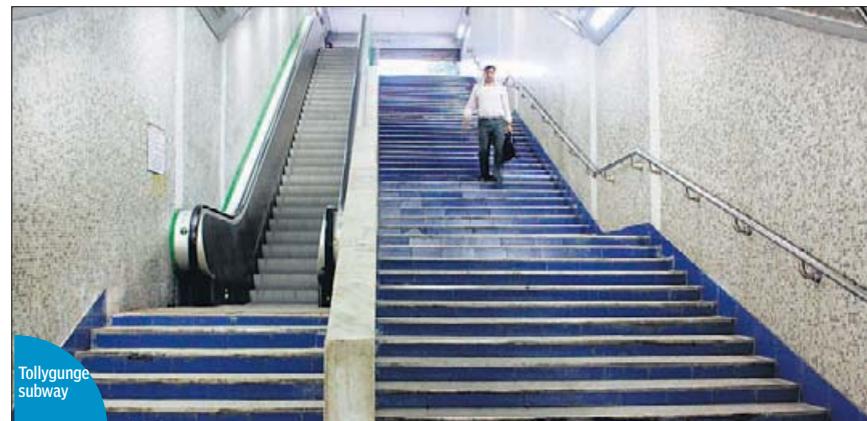
Constructed in December 2004 this is the country's first footbridge with an escalator and an elevator. Scared by a spate of fatal accidents near Bijon Setu, the guardians of students of several schools in the area (including South Point and Patha Bhavan) approached the civic authorities for a footbridge. The construction of the footbridge started following a build-own-operate agreement between the KMC and Selvel in December 2003.

**Location:** The footbridge is located right at the Rashbehari Avenue-Cornfield

Road-Ekdalia Road crossing. **What HT noticed:** Around 5 pm on Monday when HT visited the footbridge there were hardly any pedestrians using it. Jaywalkers, those include school students and guardians, still prefer to take risks and cross the busy Rashbehari Road right below the footbridge. Both the escalator and the elevator were shut down leaving the users with the only option of using the staircase. Security officials of Selvel — the advertising company who would look after the flyover till 2033 — said they did not face any problems to count the number of users per day. "Today

between 2 pm and 5 pm only three people used the footbridge," said one of the security official.

**Problems:** An engineer of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation said, one of the basic reasons behind such a low footfall on the footbridge was that people did not want to take the pain to walk up the 25 stairs and again walk down another 25 stairs. "Technically the construction of the foot bridge is not full proof. There are lots of openings for pedestrians to hit the road from pavements on both sides of the footbridge. These help the pedestrians cross the road avoiding the footbridge," he said.



Tollygunge subway

RAMKRISHNA SAMANTA

## New metro route has made this one useless

A pilot project initiated by Mamata Banerjee in 1999 when she became the first woman railway minister of the country, the subway was completed and commissioned by the Kolkata Metro in 2001 when Nitish Kumar was the railway minister. **Location:** Located right inside the compound of the Tollygunge metro stations it helps the pedestrians reach the Tollygunge tram depot from the Tollygunge Metro station and vice versa. **What HT noticed:** Absolutely neat and clean, it seemed that there hardly had been any footfalls in the sub-

way for the last 11 years. Around 3 pm when HT reached the subway there were few people standing at the entry gate at the station-side. Apparently they were the customers of the food and soft drinks stalls inside the metro compound. In the next 20 minutes two metros arrived and hundreds of commuters got down. But no one took the subway to cross the road.

"Around 32,000 passengers exit from this station on weekdays. However, hardly a dozen of them take the subway," said a senior metro railway official.

**Problems:** When the subway was

constructed there were no Metro services beyond Tollygaunj. Garia bound metro commuters had to get down at Tollygunge and cross the road to take an auto or bus. Since Metro got extended till Garia station only the Haridevpur, Kabardanga, Thakurpukur and Behala-bound commuters get down at Tollygaunj. "Unfortunately, these commuters catch buses or autos from the spot right opposite to the old metro rail shed. However, we do not have any entry or exist points there. So it remains useless for better part of the day," said a metro railway official.

## No one to miss Park Circus footbridge

Following a series of accidents right in front of the bridge number 4, KMC and advertising agency Selvel had installed the Park Circus footbridge in 2007.

**Location:** The footbridge is located right at the crossing of the Park Circus - Bypass Connector and Darga Road in front of the Bridge number 4.

**What HT noticed:** Around 6 pm on Monday when HT visited the spot there was total traffic chaos near the bridge number 4 crossing. Thousands of jaywalkers were crossing the road ignoring traffic signals. Drivers had to apply brakes every second and it was taking more than a minute for a car to cross the signal. Right above, the footbridge meant for the pedestrians was lying unused. In about 15 minutes HT noticed that only a single woman, in her 30s, took the footbridge.

**Problems:** KMC engineers said that when the flyover was constructed they tried to erect railings on the pavements leading to the two staircases on both sides of the road. The local shopkeepers resisted. "Without the railings, pedestrians find it easy to get down on the road and cross the connector. The net result has been that the crossing still remains an accident prone zone," said a KMC engineer.

Officials of Selvel said they had lost interest in the footbridge following a directive from the state government. "Recently we have received a directive from the state government asking us to dismantle the footbridge to make way for the construction of the flyover connecting Park Circus Maidan and Parama Island," said Subash Niyogi, MD Selvel.



Park Circus footbridge

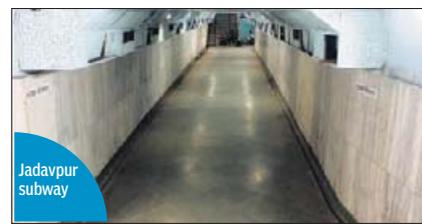
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## Hardly any takers for the Jadavpur subway

PWD constructed the subway in 2005 just before the 2006 assembly polls.

**Location:** Located right on the 8B bus stand in Jadavpur, the subway connects the 8B flank of the Raja SC Mullick Road with the Jadavpur Station Road - Raja SC Mullick Road crossing.

**What HT noticed:** Around 4 pm on Monday, groups of university students were sitting and standing at the main entrance of the 8B bus stand-side of the subway. Pedestrians from the 8B bus stands were simply



Jadavpur subway

RAMKRISHNA SAMANTA

the fact that there was a drizzle outside. The main subway was extremely dirty. HT also spotted a few vagabonds, who had made this subway their home.

**Problems:** Thanks to the auto raj and continuous entry and exit of big states buses from the 8B bus stand, the stretch between the 8B crossing and Sukanta Setu on Raja SC Mullick road always stay congested. As vehicles move at a very low speed through this stretch, pedestrians find it easy to cross the road without feeling the need to use the subway.

ignoring the subway while crossing the road. At the entrance of the subway at the other side of the road, a few fruit sellers were sitting on the pavement partially blocking the entrance. Inside the subway there

were a few couples occupying the staircase, while some PWD employees were sitting in a room right below the staircase. For 15 minutes this correspondent waited at the spot but no one took the subway despite



Ultadanga footbridge

SUBHANKAR CHAKRABORTY

## For a change, this one is used by people

The Kolkata Municipal Corporation constructed the footbridge in 1992. The Peerless group is maintaining it.

**Location:** Located right at the Ultadanga crossing it helps pedestrians to go to the VIP Road connector; to the HIDCO crossing and from the EM Bypass crossing to the Ultadanga station bound road and vice versa.

**What HT noticed:** This is perhaps the only footbridge in the city which is regularly used by the pedestrians. On it you could even see scuffles as the one shown in the picture on your left.

**Problems:** Although it's a three mouth crossing, apparently there are six lanes meeting at the crossing: one from the Khanna side, second from the EM Bypass side, third from the Salt Lake side and the fourth from the VIP Road. Then there are the two lanes on both sides of the VIP Road-bound flyover. "The roads connect in a very scattered way. Owing to a heavy density of traffic and such geographical condition the flyover was constructed in '92. It turned out to be one of the very few successful footbridge projects because people still fear to cross the roads at this crossing. Secondly, the traffic is so heavy that it takes longer time to cross if one wants to avoid the footbridge," said a KMC engineer.

Police, however, tries to keep a strict vigil on the footbridge to curb incidents like the one shown in the photograph. But owing to shortage of police personnel it becomes difficult to keep a round-the-clock vigil. "We have dedicated teams that conduct rounds throughout the area under our jurisdiction," contradicted a senior police officer.

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The TMC has not fielded any candidate against me. They even campaigned for me. I am confident about my victory.

AVIJIT MUKHERJEE, Congress candidate in Jangipur

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# Ministers yet to get Sept pay

**PUJA DAMPENER** 37 ministers have not been paid their salaries due to a bureaucratic glitch

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**KOLKATA:** Red tape is as old as the institution of government itself, but this one beats many previous low watermarks. As many as 37 ministers of Mamata Banerjee's government have become victims of red tape as they are yet to get the salary for September; thanks to lack of instructions from the chief minister's office (CMO) to the constitution branch of the home department, which prepares the salary.



Rachpal Singh

yet to receive the instruction from the CMO about the resignation of the six Congress

**CONSTITUTION BRANCH HAD NO ORDERS TO PREPARE SALARY WITHOUT THE 6 FORMER CONG MINISTERS, AND SO IT HAS HELD UP ENTIRE PROCESS**

ministers who resigned on September 22.

The constitution branch had no orders to prepare the salary without the six former Congress ministers, and so it has held up the entire process.

"The official order for preparing the salary without the six former Congress ministers has

to reach the constitution branch, which would start preparing the October salary of the ministers before Puja," said an officer of the constitution branch.

Ironically, the constitution branch and CMO are located in adjacent rooms and are only a few yards apart. The pay and accounts office is in Phears Lane, which is less than a km from Writers' Buildings. Ministers get a salary of ₹8,000 only. The cheque meant for the chief minister is held up too, though she has not drawn any salary since the first month.

Despite great financial crisis, the state government has managed to pay its employees in time so far. On Wednesday, law minister

Malay Ghatak and tourism minister Rachpal Singh confirmed to HT that they are yet to paid their September salary. West Bengal government's employees get their salary on the last day of the month.

Sources in the home department said October salary too could also be delayed as the file related to the resignation of the six Congress ministers is lying with the chief secretary.

The constitution branch waited for more than a week and then processed the salary of all the ministers including those who have resigned as they worked for 21 days of September.

The branch sent the file of the 43 ministers to the drawing and disbursement officer (DDO) of the home department.

The DDO raised the bills for the salary in two parts and then sent the bills to the pay and accounts department for preparing the salary cheques.

"I have sent the bills for the salary to the pay and accounts department. But have not yet issued the cheques as the person who deals with the salary cheques of the ministers is on leave," said DDO of the home department, Shyamal Chakraborty. Sources in the home department told Hindustan Times the pay and accounts department, which issues cheques, is facing shortage of staff, though that was not the official reason for holding back the salary of the ministers.



Netaji Bhawan Metro station has been painted blue according to the theme of Bhowanipur 75 Pally Durga Puja. SUBHENDU GHOSH / HT

cityscape

**METRO BREAKS ITS OWN RECORD OF MOST PASSENGERS CARRIED**

**KOLKATA:** On Saturday, October 6, Kolkata Metro Railway broke its own record of the largest number of passenger it transported in a day. Today's figures rose by 6.21 lakh, bettering the previous record from Saturday September 29, when 5.98 lakh passengers made use of the service. Metro Railway has carried 9.14 crore passengers in the period April to September 2012, which is 12.67% higher than the number in the corresponding period in 2011-12. HTc

**Cops held on extortion charge**

**KOLKATA:** Two policemen, along with four other people, were arrested on Tuesday on charges of robbing nearly ₹45 lakh from a trader on Manicktala Bridge on September 30. The cops have been identified as sub-inspector Sunil Das and constable Prakash Jha of the Manicktala police station. The accused were produced at Sealdah court on Wednesday and remanded in police custody. HTc

**Fire breaks out at building near Central Avenue**

**KOLKATA:** A fire broke out at a G-plus six building adjacent to Central Avenue on Wednesday night. Three fire tenders were pressed into service and the fire was brought under control after 11.05 pm. The fire was extinguished at 11.30 pm, said police. HTc

## MAMATA GIVES TAXI LOAN TO MINORITIES

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**KOLKATA:** Chief minister Mamata Banerjee's new trump card to woo the minorities is to give them a 'taxi loan' at a time when fuel price has skyrocketed.

At a function organised by the Minority Affairs & Madrasah Education Department and West Bengal Minority Development & Finance Corporation (WBMDFC), Banerjee handed over the key to one person and offer letters to nine other beneficiaries of the new scheme started by the WBMDFC - taxi loan.

"Beneficiaries would get a loan of ₹4,52,000 each. The nine who had been given offer letters will be given a key to their vehicles on completing all the paper work. There would have been more beneficiaries, had the high court order against BSIII vehicles not been there. Since there is no pressure for the next six months we intend to give 100 more taxis to applicants by March 31 2013," Abu Ayesh Mondal, chairman, WBMDFC said.

Members of other minority groups — Sikhs, Christians and Buddhists — along with their religious leaders were also present at the gathering. Banerjee also gave out education loans to students and highlighted her government's work in respect to the minorities of the state.

"Whatever we had promised to do in five years, we have done in one year. The next four years we will plan and do newer things," Mamata Banerjee said, flanked by her usual aides and cabinet ministers such as Firhad Hakim, Sultan Ahmed, Rachpal Singh, Mukul Roy, Malay Ghatak and Madan Mitra.

She said that the proposed Aliya University, spread over 20 acres of land, had been planned in such a fashion that it would be the number one university in the world.

## Matching steps



The Union culture and housing and urban poverty alleviation minister, Kumari Selja, with tribal dancers at a function in Salt Lake on Wednesday. PTI PHOTO

The Union culture and housing and urban poverty alleviation minister, Kumari Selja, with tribal dancers at a function in Salt Lake on Wednesday.

## Cash-strapped govt spent ₹2.7 cr on investigations

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**KOLKATA:** The cash-strapped state government has already spent ₹2.07 crore behind the commissions of inquiry which were set up to probe incidents that rocked Bengal during Left and Trinamool rule.

Mamata Banerjee after taking charge as the chief minister announced 10 commissions of inquiry into the incidents like Sainbari massacre in 1970, mysterious death of BDO Kallol Sur in April 2010, police firing on Youth Congress supporters during a rally to Writers' Buildings in July 1993, Magrahat firing in December 2011, AMRI fire in December 2011, irregularities in distribu-

tion of plots of land at Rajarhat, mass killings at Cossipore-Baranagar in 1971, police firing on Santhal rally in West Midnapore in 1999 killings of Ananda Margis on Bijan Setu in 1982 and death of CPI(M) MLA Mostafa Bin Kasem in May 2011.

The report of the commission to probe the mysterious death of Ananda Margis was submitted before the government. Five commissions have started functioning while four are yet to start their probes.

Sources in the home (political) department said, the state government has already spent ₹2.07 crore. "Most commissions are given extension as finding an office space for day to day functioning is time consuming. This doubles

the cost," said a senior official of the home (political) department.

The department is not sure about the starting of another four commissions of inquiry on Rajarhat land scam, mass killings at Cossipore-Baranagar, police firing on Santhals at West Midnapore and killings of Ananda Margis.

The state government has to bear the salary of the chairman of the commission, the secretary and other office bearers. The government has to pay the telephone bills of the commission, conveyance and other allowances of the officials of the commissions. The home (political) department estimated that another ₹10 Crore would be spent for these pending inquiries.

## State fails to renew contract of 200 docs at healthcare centres

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**KOLKATA:** It has been found that nearly 200 doctors practicing at primary hospitals and health care centres across the state as medical officers (MO) have been attending to patients, including accident and rape victims, despite having no official appointment letter. This situation developed on September 30, when their contracts expired.

The state health department recruited these doctors on an ad hoc basis during August 2010. After assuming power, Mamata Banerjee met these Mos at Town Hall and promised to regularise their jobs in permanent posts.

"We have extended the ad hoc service of these doctors but we cannot recruit them in permanent service without the finance department's approval," said Dr BR Satpathi, director of health ser-

**We have extended the ad hoc service of these doctors but we cannot recruit them**  
BR SATPATHI  
Director of health services

VICES. Although Satpathi declined to admit it, it appears that the fates of the doctors are at the mercy of the finance department. However, several doctors told HT that their services have not yet been extended by the government, and they are, therefore, attending duty illegally.

"We have met the director of health services and other senior officials at Swasthya Bhaban, requesting them to recruit us in permanent service. But, they have not extended our ad hoc service, let alone recruiting us to permanent posts. We do not have

any official recognition whatever. It's not fair or safe to attend to patients linked with criminal cases or accident victims at a time when we do not have any identity," said a MO associated with a block primary health centre in Sonarpur, South 24 Parganas.

"There is every possibility of getting involved in medico legal cases if any of us attend to patients injured in accidents or crimes, and fill forms in connection with alleged rape incidents or injury cases. Therefore, we must have official status when we work in emergency services," said another MO attached with a rural hospital in Tarakeswar in Hooghly district. In August 2011, the state government sanctioned their ad hoc services for a year, till September 30. However, the government has failed to provide them with permanent jobs or extend their ad hoc agreement till the period following September 30.

SCHOLARSHIP HELP

## Scotland destination for poor students

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**KOLKATA:** Asif Ahmed and Cain Francis Gomes, both 21-year-old, have got full scholarship to complete their graduation at the Edinburgh Napier University (ENU) in Scotland. This is more than a dream come true for these two young men coming from the economically weaker section of the society. "Didn't even dream of it," said Ahmed after getting the scholarship, on Wednesday in a function held at the GD Birla Sabhaghar, from no other than the principal and vice-chancellor of the University, professor Dame Joan Stringer. "It's like going to the moon," seconded Gomes.

Ahmed joined St George's School, a sister school of St Mary's School and Orphanage when he was a student of class 8. He later shifted to St Mary's. His father sells toys. Ahmed has a brother and a sister. Gomes lost his parents in a car accident at Colaba, Mumbai when he was eight years old. It was 1999. His grand uncle brought him to Kolkata and put him in Class 1 of St George's in 2000.



(From left) Asif Ahmed, prof Dame Joan Stringer, Cain Gomes and Pauline Gordon.

"We take in students who are materially poor. They are rich in every other way. They are generally sharp and intelligent. We go to their homes to see how poor they are. And if we find that they are too poor to afford English medium education we take them," said James Joseph, who teaches these underprivileged students English and Home Science at St Mary's Orphanage. He is a senior secondary teacher.

"Various Christian organizations send us students. But we do not keep religion in mind when we take them. They are given free education under National Open School," Joseph said.

Under the national open school section students are taught humanities and their English language skills are commendable. "Aim of our section of the school is to help the poor students realise that they too can achieve highest possible result and enter the competitive world as equals," said Joseph. Ahmed and Gomes are the products of the National Open School. After school, they went on to study Hospitality Management at the International Institute of Hotel Management (IIHM) and would be doing the last year of their graduate studies at Edinburgh. "Their first two years of study at IIHM was

sponsored by friends of St Mary's from Ireland," said Joseph.

In fact it was the good impression left by Badar Azim, another underprivileged student of St Mary's, who completed his BA in Hospitality Management at ENU last year and is now working as a butler at the Buckingham Palace that paved the way for Ahmed and Gomes to study at ENU. "We didn't apply for the scholarship. ENU authorities saw Azim's qualities and his zeal to help other underprivileged students and decided to help such poor students from Kolkata. And Asif and Cain got the opportunity. Pauline Gordon, lecturer ENU was the driving force behind the scholarships," said Joseph. "Students of St Mary's had done well before. Their spirit of giving back had inspired other students. I believe Asif and Cain would consider the opportunity as life-changing and work towards enabling other students from a similar background," said professor Stringer. "Once they get jobs after completing studies, they will have to give society back what they have got," confirmed Joseph.

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# 10 DAYS TO GO

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## Striking a different pose



■ In an interesting twist, Goddess Durga gets a Kathakali makeover at Midnapore Town on Wednesday.

SAMIR MONDAL



- 41 Pally
- In Haridevpur
- What's special: Life as a game of ludo

The ups and downs of human life have always been a favourite subject for poets and intellectuals, and this year the 41 Pally Puja Committee has taken up the mantle, and created a theme around just this. The way the Goddess manipulated the lives of her devotees is the main idea, complete with the use of the game of ludo as the backdrop.

"The main stage where the idols will stand, will be a huge 7000 kg iron structure in the form of a dice. This will symbolise the power of Durga, with which she manipulates our lives," said the club's chief coordinator, Dipankar Chatterjee.

"The pandal will be decked up in keeping with the concept of ludo. Snakes and ladders will be an essential part of the pandal, depicting the ups and downs of human existence," he said, adding that the structure will be made primarily out of metal and wood structures.

SANCHARI CHATTERJEE

## MONEY MATTERS

# Price hike hits Puja

**SCRIMP AND SAVE** By cutting down on non-essentials & doing some of the work themselves, Puja organisers have been able to make smaller budgets go a longer way

ORIN BASU

Every Durga Puja, people decked out in their best go pandal hopping, eat at the best restaurants and revel in the beauty and spirit of the festival, without sparing a thought for the blood, sweat and tears that go into making it all come together. Every intricate little detail needs to be taken care of so that there are no last minute glitches. A more mammoth task, however, lies in budgeting the whole affair, especially now, with rising prices and increased labour costs tightening people's belts.

**PUJA ORGANISERS HAVE COME UP WITH INNOVATIVE WAYS TO BE THRIFTY THIS SEASON, SO AS NOT TO COMPROMISE ON QUALITY DURING THEIR FAVOURITE FESTIVAL**

While there can be no compromising with the idols, arrangements for the rituals or, indeed, the mandap, which is often the centre of attraction, Puja committees have devised other ways to balance out the price problem.

"We are very lucky to have got labour

cheaply. Last time, labour had cost us ₹1.4 lakh. This time no one was charging less than ₹1.6 lakh. After much research, we found a group of workers from Bongaon in North 24 Parganas, who agreed to work for just ₹75,000. This made a huge difference to our budget," said Saikat Roychoudhury, secretary of the Putiary Club Durgotsav committee.

The price of *kadam* tree wood, used to make the mandap, has risen from ₹180 to ₹260 per unit in the last year, gum is up from ₹700 to ₹750 for five kilos, while 4 mm ply registered a ₹10 increase. It's no wonder puja organisers are finding it increasingly difficult to manage costs! Prices of other materials used for making the mandap have similarly skyrocketed.

"We also procured all the raw materials from their sources of origin and not from retailers in the open market. For example, all glass-related items, like bangles for the deities and other decorative items, were brought from Kanpur, Agra and Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh. The travel expenses were borne by us. This, too, saved a large part of our Puja funds," added Roychoudhury.

The toll on lighting and decorations has been severe this year, due to the cost-cutting measures implemented by Puja committees. While Puja organisers are not keen on compromising on the idols themselves, the glitter and gleam of the pandals may

have gone down a notch in their need to economise.

"Last year, we spent ₹15 lakh on decorations and ₹2 lakh for lighting. This year, we've toned it down to ₹12 lakh and ₹1.75 lakh for decorations and lighting, respectively. The fact that advertisements are also harder to come by has only added to our woes," said Shyama Banerjee, assistant treasurer at Kalighat Sanghshree Durgotsav committee.

"This time we have also used cheaper materials for constructing the *mandap*. Last time, we had used iron materials including strong wires and huge picture collages all over the place that were quite expensive. Even the goddesses trishul was made of galvanised wire. This time we made the mandap entirely out of paper pulp and clay to cut down on costs," Banerjee added.

This cost crunch has affected even the themes this year, and the Kalighat Sanghshree Puja organisers are not the only one who are practicing thrift.

"This year we have allocated ₹1 lakh for lighting purposes as compared to the ₹1.2 lakhs we spent last year. Every year we procure special Chandannagar lights for decorations. This time, the idea has been shelved. Also, one of our club members, who is an electrician by profession, has taken up the responsibility of lighting. That too cut our costs by almost half," said Shibu Das, assis-

tant secretary of Ultadanga Bidhan Sangha.

Some organisers have decided to lend a hand themselves for constructing the mandap to save on labour costs. As some claim with a grin, it has come as a blessing in disguise for them. The pujas will provide them a perfect opportunity to practice their artistic skills and display their talents.

"This time we're doing *Tasher Desh*, based on *Jorasanko Thakurbari* as our theme. Nearly 50 of us came together to construct the mandap. This way, we save labour charges to a large extent," said Subrata Dey of Bhawanipore Swadhin Sangha.

Unfortunately, the quality of *maayer bhog*, something we all look forward to during *Dashami*, may also take a beating. With prices of rice, pulses and vegetables soaring to unfathomable heights, organisers are left with no alternative.

"Since food prices have increased, it is no longer possible for us to afford the same quality of bhog, especially as subscriptions have remains static. Instead of the ₹40 per kilo *gobindobhog* rice we provided last year, this time we will serve the ₹30 per kilo *gobindobhog* rice," said Banerjee.

However, these are mere details, and as long as the rains don't play spoilsport, the indomitable Bengali will take all the little nips and tucks in their stride and relish the biggest four days of the year, as they are generally wont to do.



- Vivekananda Park Athletic Club
- In Haridevpur
- What's special: Aarati

In keeping with its tradition of coming up with unique artistic themes, the Vivekananda Park Athletic Club Puja plans to wow visitors with their theme, *aarati*, depicted through several layers of decoration portraying the form of offering prayers to the deity. On entering the pandal, expect to see scores of people looking up at the sky with devotion in their eyes, preparing to offer their *aarati* to the Gods.

"We are making hundreds of fibreglass models in human form, dressed in their Puja best, *saris*, *dhotis* and *namaboli*. At the entrance, these models will be looking upwards in anticipation of offering *aarati*. Then, there will be a water tank in the middle, reflecting the entire pandal," said club assistant secretary Subhankar Saha.

"In the second part of the pandal, these models will be show sitting for puja, offering their prayers to the goddess Durga, emerging from the Shivalinga. The light work around the pandal, including the idols, will be with LED lights. The concept was created by well-known Durga Puja artist Amar Sarkar," he added.

SANCHARI CHATTERJEE

Star  
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SHATABDI ROY | Actress & Trinamool Congress MP

## Coming together over Durga

SANYA PANWAR

As she readies her heart, and her stomach, for the fiesta, Trinamool MP, Shatabdi Roy, can't help walking down memory lane.

"In school, I waited all year for Puja holidays; I even did a little countdown of the days left. I would polish off *phuchka* and *papri chaat* like no ones business," recalls Roy.

Even today, Puja or no Puja, she gorges on her favourite street food. It adds to the festive mood, she says.

A firm believer in Durga, Roy indulges in all the Puja rituals, performing morning *anjalis*, meeting loved ones and exchanging gifts to dressing in new clothes.

"I have to buy at least ten outfits for the five days. But my son is one step ahead; he changes into three different outfits each day," laughs Roy. Away from her busy chock-a-block schedule, the actress-turned-director prefers spending Pujas at home. And, she

never misses the chance to see the city 'decked up like a bride'.

"I was a regular at the Ekdalia Puja for 20 years. I love the spirit; it's as though the whole city comes together for an extravagant celebration. The best part is that people forget all their worries and indulge," says Roy.

However, Roy longs for the past, when Pujas meant not only yearly breaks from school or work, and feasting on *payesh*, but also going to her favourite pandals and bingeing on special Puja fare. The celebration has become more lavish but lost its charm, she feels.

Yet, one thing hasn't changed for Roy and family. "We never bother about the radio, but on Mahalaya, the day starts with it. It's an exciting time for young and old alike; it ushers in the festive mood," says Roy.

And as the festivities draw to a close, Roy can't help but feel sad. "After the *visarjan*, everything just seems so empty. I don't like sad faces," she says.



## Plus-size and proud

SANYA PANWAR

Skinny maybe good on the ramp, but in the real world curves rule. And what's better than draping a sari to make your curves dance?

The ideal Indian sari looks best when draped around well-bodied women. And with the slew of choices, it can easily turn you into a plus size diva.

A perfect blend of femininity and sensuality, a sari when draped in the right manner and right fabric can make one look far slimmer than their actual body size.

"Light fabrics with a nice fall work best for heavier women. Georgette, chiffon, crepe and Mysore silk have a lovely fall. They sit snugly on the contours of the body," says designer Pali Sachdev of designer duo MonaPali.

Though, try avoiding stiff cotton, net and organza saris that add more volume to the body. But if you still love handloom

cottons then go for mixed fabrics in solid colours. You could also try South Indian cotton-silks.

But should you wear a heavy *Benarasi*, try to avoid tucking too many pleats around the navel; adjust them in a way that they do not fall at one place only, says Sachdev.

Also, remember to pair your sari with a short-sleeved blouse that is not too revealing to avoid adding unwanted volume at certain areas.

While saris are sure to add a lot of sparkle to your overall appearance, you could also cast a spell with a charming salwar kameez or churidar.

"There are several styles that help conceal problematic areas. Pairing an A-line kurta sans gathers or pleats with a fitted churidar help distract from the torso. Draping a dupatta on one shoulder adds to the look," says Sachdev.

However, body hugging fabrics, *bandh galas*, *patialas* and loose salwars are big no-no, she adds.

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# Crisis deepens at Haldia

**BIZARRE** A day after Mamata described the situation as normal, losses mount for Kolkata Port Trust

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**HALDIA:** A day after chief minister Mamata Banerjee described the situation at Haldia Dock Complex (HDC) as "normal", crisis deepened at HDC as its highest revenue earner said that no agreeable solution has been worked out so far for them to start operations at berths two and eight, being operated by the Mumbai-based firm.



■ It is back to square one in Haldia Dock. KoPT losses have now amounted to ₹11.55 crore. HT PHOTO

On Wednesday, the two berths, which handle 40,000 tonnes of cargo every day, remained shut for 19 consecutive days, prompting Laxman Seth, former CPI(M) MP and Haldia CPI(M) strongman, to question the credibility of Mamata's statement. HDC sources claimed that the KoPT has lost about ₹11.55 crore due to suspension of work at berths two and eight.

"I saw the HDC was in full workflow. Everything is normal there. A section of the media is intentionally running a disinformation campaign to malign the government," Mamata said in Haldia on Tuesday.

"The chief minister must have been misinformed," Seth, who is on bail and restricted

from entering East Midnapore district except for court appearances, told HT over the phone. "How could the situation be described normal if the highest earning berths are not operating?" Seth asked, while accusing KoPT of letting HBT's rivals to make huge profits while HBT suffers losses.

On Wednesday, ABG Haldia Bulk Terminals (HBT) said that they are yet to accept the draft resolution discussed during the meeting of the nine-member committee on October 6 and 7.

HBT suspended operations on September 22, blaming labour unrest. They sacked the employees blaming 'under-utilisation' of their machineries 'resulting in huge losses'.

"We reiterate our stand that we shall consider reinstating them (the 275 sacked workers) if KoPT gives us as additional work backed by suitable guarantees, under the legal framework, which will allow us to meet the recurring expenditure of their salary and wages," Gurpreet Malhi, CEO of HBT,

said on Wednesday.

HBT alleged that their employees were threatened twice on Wednesday, once in front of their office at Haldia City Centre and then on the berth two of HDC. Expressing its "greatest concern to the continued state of lawlessness at Haldia Dock Complex", Malhi, said, "HBT is extremely worried and saddened by such continued violent turn of events continuing."

A couple of days ago, KoPT officials had claimed to have

# EDUCATION PANEL WANTS PARITY IN DIST EDUCATION

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**KOLKATA:** The higher education standing committee of the state Assembly is working towards bringing parity between the distance education wings of all the state universities. The standing committee is also working towards addressing complaints by the students on issues such as admission and quality faculty.

The six-member standing committee headed by MLA Ashish Banerjee inspected the distance education wing of Rabindra Bharati University on Wednesday. "The state universities are trying to use their distance education wing as a money making scheme. We are getting complains regarding the admissions. Some times even exams are delayed," Banerjee told the media.

# BIRDS ON RUNWAY DELAY OPERATIONS AT DUM DUM

**KOLKATA :** Flight operations at Kolkata airport was suspended for approximately 15 minutes on Wednesday afternoon after a flock of birds were spotted on the secondary runway. According to sources at the airport the flock of birds were identified as egrets. The incident happened around 4pm and the secondary runway was being used at that time.

Sources at the airport said, ATC officials noticed the birds on the runway and immediately informed Airports Authority of India (AAI) officials who are in charge of the operational area. Then the bird chasers were called. Meanwhile four flights, which were supposed to land were kept on hold. Sources said that two IndiGo, one Air India and one Jet Airways flight were told to hover.

# Peaceful polling in Jangipur bypoll

**JANGIPUR:** Jangipur voted peacefully and 67.8% of the electorate voted amid huge security arrangement.

Everyone was keeping a close eye on the election as the president's son, Avjit Mukherjee, was contesting as the Congress candidate. Just 4 days before the election, a murder of a CPI(M) leader at Mukundapur village caused tension.

In the last Lok Sabha election (2009) at Jangipur, 85.95% polling was recorded. Election Commission made elaborate arrangement for a free and fair election in all 1,530 booths of the Lok Sabha constituency. 5 ASPs, 15 DSPs and 32 inspectors and 134 companies CPF jawans were deployed.

No sooner had the voting started, than the voters started to face problems. There was no electricity at booth no.98 of Chapghati-Suti at Khudiram Das Vidyalaya and booth no. 27 of Mahisail.

The villagers of Sahebganj of Raghunathganj PS area didn't go to the booths because their demand to repair the roads weren't met. The villagers of Sadekupur residing under booth no.131, 132 and 133 of Suti, people of 5 booth areas of Nurpur and villagers of Eruali under Khargram PS area also boycotted the bypoll for similar reasons.

"Our voters couldn't cast their vote because 10 booths were captured by the Congress backed goons. Administration is a silent spectator there. But in the other places, people have cast their vote peacefully," CPI(M) district secretary, Mriganka Bhattacharya said. "The villagers of Mukundapur at Nabagram aren't willing to cast their vote as they were protesting the murder of Hamid Sheikh," CPI(M) candidate Muzaffar Hossain said. BJP candidate Sudhansu Biswas had no complaint. "I visited several booths and saw people casting their vote peacefully," he said.

The centre of attraction Avjit Mukherjee chose to spend the day at his Dewli's home giving interviews to the media. "I was in tension for the assembly election of Nalhati. As for this bypoll, I am sure I will win," he said.

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## 'Over half of Jharkhand's mothers deliver at home'

**ALARMING** Poor road conditions and lack of proper transport are being blamed

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### SURVEY REPORT



- The study was conducted among 500 pregnant women in Jharkhand. It has found out that more than half of the deliveries are done at home.
- The report has found that more than one third women prefer to go for delivery at home because they could not reach the health centres on time. And 80% could not arrange for transport to reach the centre.

**RANCHI:** A recent study by the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) has found out that more than half of the deliveries in Jharkhand are done at home and the reason is poor bad condition of roads and transport facility. The PHFI study conducted along with London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and University of Aberdeen (UK), has found that one in every five women who die during delivery is from India. The study was conducted among 500 pregnant women in Jharkhand. It has found out that more than half of the deliveries are done at home. More than half of the respondents were illiterate, 95% women belonged to SC,

ST and OBC, and 85% had monthly household income which amounts to less than ₹5,000.

The report has found that more than one third women prefer to go for delivery at home

because they could not reach the health centres on time.

"Bad roads and unavailability of transport during emergency pose as forces to go for delivery at home," it reports.

However, cost of operation, fear of abuse and privacy also holds them back from going to the health center.

Jharkhand assembly speaker CP Singh said, "This survey should be an eye opener for all of us. The government should adopt new technologies to improve the situation of roads in the state." National Rural Road Development Agency's (NRRDA) report said road construction and repair work done using hot mix is often sub-standard and there is a need to use cold mix for the same.

Cold mix technology has been a success in the NE states where more than 1,500 km of road has been constructed using this technology, considered to be greener and safer and facilitates faster black-topping of roads.

## 1.8 MILLION KIDS AFFECTED IN ASSAM FLOODS

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**GUWAHATI:** Altogether 1.8 million children have been affected in the floods and are struggling daily to meet their basic needs, such as food, water, medicare and education during the past three months in Assam, an international NGO said.

"Out of the total affected population of 4.89 million, the number of children was 1.8 million and many of them were affected twice," Thomas Chandy, chief executive officer (CEO) of Save the Children, an NGO said after visiting some flood affected areas on Tuesday.

## New panel to add teeth to women's safety in J'khand

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**RANCHI:** The Jharkhand Women's Commission has launched a new panel Women Power Network (WPN) in all 24 districts of Jharkhand.

The aim of the scheme is to establish a healthy partnership between the state commission, women protection cells, police stations, civil society and active NGOs in each district.

Convened by Hemlata S Mohan, chairperson of State Women's Commission, and Deepak Dey, monitoring and evaluating officer of Unicef, at the state women's commission's

office, Dhurwa, the meeting was attended by a police officer and a member of the women protection cell, each from every district.

"The WPN has to organise meetings every three months. The commission will record the obstacles that come in the way of women protection cells and women PS in maintaining law and order, and tackling women related crimes. Each district shall submit a monthly report on their work and send us in writing the problems they face. We will take up each matter with the state government," Mohan said. The WPN noted down different problems that were raised and suggested

networking as the solution.

Out of 24 districts of the state, only Ranchi had an active women helpline number. But this too is not known to most residents and remains inactive. A similar situation is in Palamu where the absence of a landline number forced the station in-charge to advertise her personal mobile number as the helpline number.

Mohan assured that necessary actions would be taken. The representatives were given a workshop on preparing a sound database of crimes, those registered and those solved, and advised to submit a monthly report on the same.

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### ADDICTION WOES

## Tribals trade their Antyodaya ration cards for liquor

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**GHATSILA:** A noxious practice is prevalent in rural Ghatsila wherein the primitive tribes are being coerced to hand over their Antyodaya ration cards to local hooch dealers who use the cards to get a supply of free rice. This rice is used to brew handia or country liquor, which is given to the tribals, many of whom are alcoholic.

Many primitive tribal groups living in the pockets of Ghatsila block such as Haludboni, Ghutia, Kesarpur, Basadera, Darisai, Jhatijharna and Kani mohuli have become victims to this practice. Around 512 PTGs were issued Antyodaya cards so that they could get at least 35 kg of free rice every month.

The Sabar villagers here are very poor. The PTGs are mostly alcoholic and taking this shortcut they satisfy their craving for liquor," the village head of Ghutia Prafulla Singh said. "Also, in many



■ Around 35 kg of free rice is provided to the poor who have Antyodaya cards.

cases, ration dealers provide only 10-15 kg rice to the card holder and keep the remaining for sale. This practice is going on for years as there is no one to monitor what is happening," the village heads said. Sources said that the tribals are being exploited in other ways. Many ration dealers are asking for money to provide rice or give them part of their monthly quota. The officials are also afraid of visiting those areas to conduct an investigation fearing Maoist attack.

### IN JHARKHAND

## HEADMASTER SELLS MID-DAY MEAL RICE

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**DHANBAD:** A school headmaster was caught selling 16 quintals of rice, allotted under the mid-day meal programme, in the open market. The matter came to light during an inspection in schools.

An FIR has been lodged on Tuesday with the Jharia police station against Bharat Ram Mahto, the headmaster of Gurananah Primary School, Koyaribandh under Jharia Block, on the directions of the District Superintendent of Education (DSE).

Sources said that 16 quintals of rice that was allotted to the school on October 5 from Bhaga FCI godown could not be traced in the stock. Mahto, along with a few members of Gram Shiksha Samiti, sold the bag of rice in the open market instead of bringing it to the school storeroom.

Besides this, there was a big difference in the students' attendance in the register and their actual presence in the school.

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# Better late than never

The UPA is doing the right thing by taking the guesswork out of paying retrospective taxes

**T**he problem with backdating taxes is that the taxpayer will have to continuously guess how much of his current income will be taken away at a later date. This is the crux of the Parthasarathi Shome committee report on retrospective taxation of cross-border acquisition of Indian assets, like Vodafone's \$11.2 billion purchase of Hutchison's stake in the country's third largest telecom service provider in 2007. The Supreme Court in January ruled against the taxman, who was claiming as his ₹11,200 crore in tax, penalty and interest. The court conceded that Indian law was incapable of plugging a widely used tax dodge by inbound foreign investment. The message for the government in the verdict was that the law needed to be changed to curb treaty shopping, the practice of routing investments through letter-box companies in havens like Mauritius to avoid paying taxes in India. Presenting his last budget in March, the then finance minister Pranab Mukherjee, altered the Income Tax Act to tax such deals with retrospective effect. His argument was since the court felt the intent of the law was not clear, it had to be explicitly clarified for the entire past life of the Income Tax Act, which was enacted in 1962.

This last bit — that deals done earlier could be taxed — raised a chorus of protest from the investing community, and the finance ministry under P Chidambaram sought an independent review of its stand. Mr Shome, a tax expert of international standing, has now told the government what it knew all this while: taxes in retrospect are best avoided. Specifically, they must never be used to merely raise tax revenue. In the Vodafone case, the Shome committee is unequivocal: the company to claim tax from is Hutchison, which made the profit from the sale of its stake in the telecom company. Vodafone was not required by the extant law to withhold capital gains tax. Since Vodafone made no profit in the deal, the question of interest and penalties on back taxes does not arise.

Mr Chidambaram has indicated his desire to reverse the decision as soon as possible, even before the next budget when, normally, amendments to the Income Tax Act are undertaken. He reckons investors will return to the table once the fog over retrospective taxes is lifted. If India manages to block the tax loophole for future cross-border deals, it will have accomplished its main purpose. The sideshow over its retrospective impact was spilling over unnecessarily into the broader economy.

# A shot at prevention

Deadly monsoon diseases can be contained if the civic authorities perform their duties efficiently

**D**isease outbreaks that follow the monsoons each year are far more predictable than the rains. Yet, the government and civic authorities wait for several hospitalisations and more than a few deaths before declaring that they are drawing up plans to tackle the problem on what is always described as a 'war-footing'. By the time the bureaucratic offensive even starts, the war against disease is lost, along with hundreds of lives.

Almost all these deaths are preventable. Among the most deadly monsoon diseases are dengue, malaria, Japanese encephalitis (JE) and chikungunya, all of which are spread by mosquitoes that multiply in fresh standing water. If the civic authorities would just do their job of cleaning up neighbourhoods and unclogging stagnating drains, people afflicted with mosquito-borne infections would be few and far between. Simple civic measures such as not allowing rainwater to accumulate, using larvacides to kill larvae and fumigation to kill adult mosquitoes bring down new infections drastically. Routine island-wide larviciding and DDT spraying in Mauritius — a mashy, tropical island that gets some amount of rain throughout the year — coupled with tracking each malarial case to ensure that there is no re-infection helped the country eliminate local infection in 1969, and again in 1998 after it re-emerged in 1975.

The fact that there is an inexpensive and effective vaccine against JE makes its containment even easier. Yet, despite the fact that the JE vaccine is included in the routine immunisation for 35 districts of eastern Uttar Pradesh, brain fever has claimed over 400 lives in the state. This also points to the bigger health-care lacunae of routine immunisation vaccines not reaching children. Measures such as rapid diagnostic tests for an early detection of the more deadly Plasmodium falciparum malaria, along with using the chloroquine, artesunate and sulphadoxinepyrimethamine drug combination therapy in areas where the parasite is resistant to conventional anti-malarial medicines have saved lives, but prevention by far remains the most effective strategy of containing infection. For once infection starts — as the world's uncomfortably close encounters with H5N1 (bird flu) and H1N1 (swine flu) have shown — no one is safe from it.

# The game changers

As corruption grows and politics swings between the venal and bizarre, the mango people are likely to become receptive to someone who breaks from the herd

**W**hether you like Sonia Gandhi's son-in-law Robert Vadra or not, it was hard not to chortle at his spectacularly ill-timed, possibly insensitive, definitely elitist and subsequently deleted Facebook post: 'Mango people in a banana republic.'

But as Vadra's bête noir, 43-year-old Arvind Kejriwal recognises, this is the age of India's mango people, a droll literal translation of aam aadmi, the apolitical, toiling common man. Kejriwal, the face of a new party whose name you will soon hear, is someone old-school politicians should fear — if not today, then tomorrow; and if not him, someone like him.

As corruption grows and politics swings between the venal and bizarre, the mango people are likely to become increasingly receptive to someone who breaks from the herd. If you argue that India against Corruption (IAC), the movement Kejriwal founded with Gandhian Anna Hazare last year, is a fleeting, marginal urban phenomenon, you may be right. Except it was never as marginal as the pundits said or mainstream politicians hoped. Using the quintessential Indian penchant for missed calls (supporters were asked to give a missed call), the IAC's technology provider has a database of more than 20 million "unique numbers" at its computers in Mumbai, a representative of the movement tells me.

That appears insignificant in an electorate that exceeds 700 million people, but it is not a small number for something that began only last year. And those who dismiss Kejriwal as an urban, middle-class phenomenon would do well to recognise that India's elite are growing in number and influence.

An unpublished paper written by Indian Institute of Management (Bangalore) professor MV Rajeev Gowda notes that elites now decide the electoral fates of more than 100 urban constituencies, nearly a fifth of parliamentary seats. As Gowda explains, the retreat of elites from political life is a relatively recent phenomenon. They controlled the Congress party roughly till 1967, when the Green Revolution heralded the rise of the farmer, until the 1990s, when a host of formerly marginalised communities swept into politics.

The retreat of the elite — mainly the then small middle class — coincided with the decline of national parties. "This phase has been characterised by political corruption and the decline of ideology, resulting in disinterest and cynicism among elites with regard to politics," writes Gowda.

The rise in aspirations fractured politics. In 1977, parliamentary elections saw 2,439 candidates from 35 parties; by 2009, there were 8,070 candidates and 207 parties (with independents grouped as a single party), academic Devesh Kapur and researcher Milan Vaishnav calculated in a 2011 paper.

Kapur, a political science professor at the University of Pennsylvania, predicted in a previous paper that the middle class retreat from politics would be reversed as urban elites become aware of their power and reconnected with politics.

To be sure, this does not mean elites are an ethical, homogenous group in search of the messianic qualities that Mahatma Gandhi possessed and Independence-era India revered. But, overall, emerging India — elites and everyone else — is impatient for a



A new politics is coming: Arvind Kejriwal, Delhi, October 8

better politics and politicians.

As professional qualifications, integrity and experience go, it is hard to fault 'Kejri', as his friends call him. A mechanical engineer from the elite Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kejriwal is a former income-tax officer and an enemy of status quo. He started his battle for change while a government officer. With others, he launched 'Parivartan' (change), a citizen's movement that led public institutions in Delhi to be more transparent and responsive. In 2006, Kejriwal resigned from government service. It was the year he won the Ramon Magsaysay award, sometimes called the Asian Nobel, for his work on India's landmark Right to Information Act.

Beyond today's attention-seeking exposes, Kejriwal's 'vision document' — released this month for public discussion — offers broad, unexceptional policies: universal health care, free, "equal and quality" education, devolution of power to village councils, special attention to farmers and the destitute, more affirmative action and an end to female foeticide. Kejriwal's populist economic agenda faces ridicule from economists, but the manifesto of almost every Indian political party echoes many of these views.

Where the party breaks the mould is in its code of conduct and organisational vision. Examples: party officials and election candidates will be chosen by party workers and "local people", not by a "high command"; no official will serve more than two terms; the party's elected representatives will not yield to the trappings of power, such as cars with red lights and discretionary quotas, railway tickets and gas connections. This may sound utopian, but in an age of cynicism, that is no bad thing.

Yet, the uncompromising Kejriwal is no messiah. His plans to end corruption do not extend beyond a magical ombudsman, a Lokpal. A recent *Caravan* profile also suggests that he ignores advice from associates and tends to use people, even crowd-pullers Baba Ramdev and Anna Hazare (who had a public falling out with Kejriwal). The magazine quotes Ramdev aide Acharya Virendra Vikram: "He smartly used our platform and then turned his back at a crucial time."

"The real challenge for Kejriwal will be to find credible candidates, people who have a rapport with the public," IIM's Gowda tells me. Chairperson of IIM Bangalore's Centre for Public Policy and a long-time aspirant for a Congress ticket, Gowda is helping politicians get acquainted with the middle-class discontent that Kejriwal uncovered. This month, Gowda finished a 47-day training course for female politicians (in zilla panchayats, or local councils). The women came from 10 states and six political parties, including the Congress, BJP, NCP, Shiv Sena and Janata Dal (Secular); they learned political marketing, the power of opinion polls, agitations and how to use technology in politics. A new politics is coming, and it isn't only the mango people who think so.

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# Carrying on in Caracas

Chávez's victory has ensured that the space for 21st century alternatives will grow

Seumas Milne

**T**he transformation of Latin America is one of the decisive changes reshaping the global order. The tide of progressive change that has swept the region over the last decade has brought a string of elected socialist and social-democratic governments to office that have redistributed wealth and power, rejected western neoliberal orthodoxy, and challenged imperial domination.

Central to that process has been Hugo Chávez and his Bolivarian revolution in Venezuela. Venezuela, sitting on the world's largest proven oil reserves, has spearheaded the movement of radical change across Latin America and underwritten the regional integration that is key to its renaissance. Chávez's remarkable presidential election victory recently — in which he won 55% of the vote on an 81% turnout after 14 years in power — has a significance far beyond Venezuela, or even Latin America. The stakes were enormous: if his oligarch challenger Henrique Capriles had won, not only would the revolution have come to a halt, triggering privatisations and the axing of social programmes. So would its essential

support for continental integration, mass sponsorship of Cuban doctors across the hemisphere — as well as Chávez's plans to reduce oil dependence on the US market.

Western and Latin American media and corporate elites had convinced themselves that they were at last in with a shout, that this election was 'too close to call', or that a failing Venezuelan president, weakened by cancer, would be rejected by his own people.

It's all of a piece with the endlessly recycled Orwellian canard that Chávez is some kind of a dictator and Venezuela a tyranny where elections are rigged and the media muzzled and prostrate. But as opposition leaders concede, Venezuela is by any rational standards a democracy, with exceptionally high levels of participation and its electoral process more fraud-proof than those in Britain or the US. In reality, the greatest threat to Venezuelan democracy came in the form of the abortive US-backed coup of 2002.

In the queues outside polling stations, in the opposition stronghold of San Cristóbal near the Colombian border, Capriles voters told me: "This is a democracy." Several claimed that if Chávez won, it wouldn't be because of manipulation of the voting



Progressive and popular: Hugo Chavez, Caracas, October 7

system but the "laziness" and "greed" of their Venezuelans - by which they mean the appeal of government social programmes.

Which gets to the heart of the reason so many got the Venezuelan election wrong. Despite claims that Latin America's progressive tide is exhausted, left-wing and centre-left governments continue to be re-elected because they have reduced poverty and inequality and taken control of energy resources to benefit the excluded majority.

That is what Chávez has been able to do on a grander scale, using Venezuela's oil income and publicly-owned enterprises to slash poverty by half and extreme poverty by 70%, massively expanding access to health and education, halving unemployment, and giving slum communities direct control over social programmes.

To visit any rally or polling station dur-

ing the election campaign was to be left in no doubt as to who Chávez represents: the poor, the non-white, the young, the disabled — the dispossessed majority who have returned him to power. Of course there is no shortage of government failures: from runaway violent crime to corruption, lack of delivery and economic diversification, and over-dependence on one man's charismatic leadership. But even so, Chávez ended up almost 11 points ahead. His re-election now gives him the chance to ensure Venezuela's transformation is deep enough to survive him, to overcome the administration's failures and help entrench the process of change across the continent.

Venezuela's revolution doesn't offer a political model that can be directly transplanted elsewhere. But its innovative social programmes, experiments in direct democracy and success in bringing resources under public control offer lessons to anyone interested in social justice and new forms of socialist politics in the rest of the world.

For all their problems and weaknesses, Venezuela and its Latin American allies have demonstrated that it's no longer necessary to accept a failed economic model, as many social democrats in Europe still do. They have shown it's possible to be both genuinely progressive and popular. Chávez's re-election has now ensured the space for 21st century alternatives will grow.

The Guardian

Maja Daruwala

**T**he Right to Information Act (RTIA), which turns seven tomorrow, is a remarkable piece of legislation. It is lauded regularly at the international level where India has to frequently deflect attacks on its human rights records, unprogressive voting patterns and appalling social indicators. The Global Right to Information Rating, which analyses the quality of the world's access to information laws, ranks India second only to Serbia for the quality of the RTIA.

Over the last seven years, every segment of society has used it to ferret out information from the State: hungry villagers have used it to find out why their names are missing from BPL lists; corporations have had lawyers pour over government files to know why they have not got licences, and government servants, one of the most prolific users, have challenged arbitrariness within their own organisations. In many ways, the RTI can be credited for partially changing the culture of secrecy around government decision-making.

# Making our secrets public

The Right to Information Act is India's showpiece law. Yet, it faces many hurdles

The hunger for information has been feeding into the demand for meaningful public participation in decision-making. For example, in Kerala, public consultation has started on the new Kerala police law. Such initiatives are connecting people with policy-makers. This access to information has exposed scams and spurred protests. Movements like the anti-nuclear protests in Kudankulam and Anna Hazare's anti-corruption drive are encouraging discussions on our quality of governance. Uncomfortable questioning is leading to a more open and democratic governance.

But every silver cloud has a dark lining. Under the guise of amending a good law, the Centre is trying hard to keep the

shroud of secrecy intact: it tried but, thankfully, failed to remove 'file notings' from the purview of the RTIA and has used spurious logic to add departments to the exempted list on the ground of being "intelligence and security organisations". The latest to use this escape clause is the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). But the truth is that by statute it is an anti-corruption agency, not a security institution.

To discourage people from filing RTI questions, some state governments have imposed their own rules: they have restricted the number of questions that can be asked per request and the number of words that can be used. In many cases, the application fee has been increased.

Many bureaucrats are trying to defeat the purpose of the Act by not complying with its provisions. At the level of information commissions, the Act has to contend with the uneven quality of jurisprudence, heavy arrears and the usual under-resourcing of the tribunals.

The judiciary is also not keen to come under the purview of the law. By appealing against a verdict of the high court that said that judges must declare their assets, the Supreme Court has put itself in the unenviable position of someday being accused of being a judge in its own cause. It recently insisted that only judges should head information commissions and must sit in benches. This has not helped put to bed the perception that it is only looking after itself. The verdict has brought to a halt the working of at least eight information commissions at a time when they are already facing stiff challenges: arrears, bureaucratic systems and refusals to impose penalties on erring officials.

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We have information about cooperation between those who attempt infiltration in Punjab and those who do so in J&K.

SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE, home minister

# Reforms blitzkrieg: 44 decisions in 3 meetings

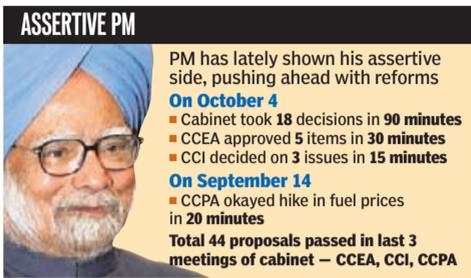
### AWAKENING

Not long ago, Manmohan Singh's govt was being accused of a policy paralysis; three weeks on, much has changed on the political and economic fronts

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**NEW DELHI:** After three weeks of heavy-duty agenda, Thursday's meeting of the Union cabinet will see a lighter schedule with just three issues up for discussion. But one thing is likely to remain unchanged — Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's aura of assertion, which has been evident ever since he started pushing long-pending reforms through.

Singh, once blamed by political rivals for the alleged policy paralysis, led the last cabinet meeting to take 18 decisions in just one-and-a-half hours. The cabinet committee on economic affairs (CCEA) approved five items in 30 minutes while the cabinet committee on infrastructure (CCI) decided three



ASSERTIVE PM

PM has lately shown his assertive side, pushing ahead with reforms

**On October 4**

■ Cabinet took 18 decisions in 90 minutes

■ CCEA approved 5 items in 30 minutes

■ CCI decided on 3 issues in 15 minutes

**On September 14**

■ CCPA okayed hike in fuel prices in 20 minutes

**Total 44 proposals passed in last 3 meetings of cabinet — CCEA, CCI, CCPA**

in 15. The cabinet, CCEA and CCI cleared 44 proposals after just three meetings.

The cabinet committee on political affairs took barely 20 minutes to decide on the sensitive issue of reducing LPG and diesel subsidy. "He believes in building con-

sensus. At times, he asks for the opinion of senior ministers. But realising the need for clearing proposals, he often intervenes to ensure that the debate doesn't consume too much time," a senior cabinet minister said.

In a recent cabinet meeting, Singh reportedly cut short the

speech of rural development minister Jairam Ramesh to allow finance minister P Chidambaram to speak on the issue. On another occasion, he reportedly overruled senior minister Vayalar Ravi and approved a proposal.

In the October 4 cabinet meeting, where 18 proposals were cleared, the PM ensured that discussions don't hold up other items listed for the day.

Insurance laws amendment was the 12th item on the list, while pension fund amendments, the company bill and forward contracts regulation bill were the 13th, 15th and 17th items respectively. "As a lot of ground work had already been done on these issues, the items were virtually cleared without major discussion," a senior minister said.

### THE COMEBACK



Lalu Prasad at a rally in Begusarai, Bihar, last week. Crowds are swelling at the RJD leader's rallies.

## Advantage Lalu as black flags dot Nitish rallies

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**PATNA:** The seven-year itch with the Nitish Kumar government appears to have begun in Bihar. Black seems to be its favourite colour — especially when greeting the CM on his adhikar yatra. Simultaneously, crowds are swelling at the parivartan yatra of Lalu Prasad — whose RJD enjoyed a 15-year stint in the state.

The winds of change have already blown away Kumar's rallying cry — special status for the state. Very much on the backfoot, he is now talking of the "mistrule of the Lalu-Rabri regime", something he had only done back in 2005, while seeking a mandate from Bihar.

The government's crackdown also shows in the crackdown against the protesters at the CM's rallies — mostly "fixed pay" teachers demanding "prescribed pay scale".

After the violence in Khagaria on September 27, teachers were arrested and diversions organised — painting competitions and special meetings — to keep them busy elsewhere. To keep the black flags away, the government even banned "anything black" at the rallies. "What about black hair? Are they going to get people to shave their heads too?" quipped Lalu to cheers from the audience.

### RJD'S CHANGE OF FORTUNE COMES AFTER A TRIPLE ROUT. VOTED OUT OF POWER IN 2005, IT GOT STEAMROLLED IN THE 2009 LS POLLS

The RJD sounds almost smug. Its change of fortune comes after a triple rout. Voted out of power in 2005, it got steamrolled in the 2009 Lok Sabha polls, winning just four of the 40 seats. And (un)relenting, the people gave it only 22 of the 243 assembly seats in 2010.

Party spokesperson Ram Kripal Yadav ascribes the good times to the government's faux pas, like "failure to deliver on promises and repressive measures adopted against protesters". As for the "repressive measures", not all his leaders seem to be on the same page with Kumar's administration. JD(U) MP and national spokesperson Shivanand Tiwari believes the measures are counter-productive.

But does he think the seven-year itch will translate to a divorce? "I don't think all this presages a comeback by Lalu Prasad," he said. "When time comes to vote, people will opt for one with fewer flaws. That's when Nitish Kumar will score".

## March of the landless



Landless farmers at a rally near Agra on Wednesday. Thousands of tribals had set out on a Jan Satyagraha march from Gwalior to Delhi on October 3 demanding total land reforms in the country.

## KEJRIWAL GOES AFTER HARYANA LAND DEAL, ALL GUNS BLAZING

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**NEW DELHI:** The Arvind Kejriwal-led India Against Corruption (IAC) on Wednesday questioned the Haryana government's statement that it did not transfer 30 acres of land, meant for constructing a hospital, to real estate company DLF for using it as a special economic zone (SEZ).

The Haryana government had denied the charge leveled by Kejriwal on Tuesday. "No land meant for setting up a hospital was released in favour of DLF in 2007, as was alleged by Mr Kejriwal...The land being talked about was released in favour of East India Hotels Ltd in 1995 following six years of court proceedings. No release of land has been done during the last 10 years," the Haryana government stated.

Kejriwal, however, questioned the state government's version. "This raises suspicions on the Haryana government's intention, as to why it did not take any action against the company that failed to construct the hospital for 16 years..."

He also raised questions over the state government allowing East India Hotels Ltd to sell the land to DLF. "Who allowed the change in use of land? Can anybody other than the government do it? The (Haryana government's) response... is clearly a bunch of lies," Kejriwal said.

Haryana government is likely to respond to Kejriwal's latest charge on Thursday.

### PLAN TO PICKET SONIA'S HOUSE

Arvind Kejriwal, accompanied by several differently abled IAC activists, is likely to gherao the residence of Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Friday to demand the resignation of law minister Salman Khurshid. It has been alleged that an NGO run by Khurshid and his wife indulged in financial irregularities. "Money bungling in an NGO floated by the law minister's wife is a matter of shame," Kejriwal said.

Khurshid's wife Louise, project director of the Dr Zakir Hussain Memorial Trust, denied the allegations leveled in a sting operation carried out by a news channel. "The allegations are malicious and baseless... A legal notice is being sent, and appropriate proceedings in accordance with the law will be initiated," she said in a statement.

## OP B L U E S T A R : S T O R Y G O E S O N

# SGPC honours kin of Vaidya's killers

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**AMRITSAR/NEW DELHI:** As the Centre made it clear on Tuesday that it would not interfere in the construction of a memorial in the Golden Temple for those who died in Operation Bluestar, the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) bestowed special honours on the families of assassins Harjinder Singh Jinda and Sukhdev Singh Sukha.

Jinda and Sukha had assassinated General Arun Vaidya — in-charge of the 1984 Operation Bluestar — in 1986. He was killed in Pune, where he was residing after retirement.

The two were hanged in 1992 and the SGPC has been observing their death anniversaries since 1993.

On Tuesday, to mark their 19th death anniversary, the SGPC performed 'bhog' and Akhand Path at the Harmandir Sahib complex. Jinda's brother Bupinder Singh and Sukha's relative Surjit Kaur were presented with "siropas".

But despite the presence of SGPC secretary Dalmegh Singh, the function was muted, unlike the ones held at the Golden Temple in the late '80s and early '90s.

Another function was held at village Gadli in Amritsar district

### JINDA AND SUKHA HAD KILLED GENERAL ARUN VAIDYA - IN-CHARGE OF THE 1984 OPERATION BLUESTAR - IN 1986. HE WAS KILLED IN PUNE.

— the home of Jinda, who was a member of the Khalistan commando force. There too, only a handful of villagers and relatives were present.

In Delhi, meanwhile, Union home minister Sushilkumar Shinde said the government would not interfere in the SGPC's construction at the Golden Temple in the light of the rights bestowed by the Constitution.

"It is a matter of rights given to organisations by the Constitution. It is their institution and we cannot interfere unless somebody takes objection in a court," he said.

Shinde, however, added that the country has suffered due to terrorism for years and therefore, "the people should introspect".

The controversial memorial comes in the backdrop of intelligence reports about attempts to revive militancy in Punjab. Shinde said the government had information about "some activities" in Punjab and other countries.

## INTERVIEW LT GEN. (RETD) KS BRAR

# Shouldn't allow radicals to glorify militant ideology

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On September 30, Lt Gen Kuldip Singh Brar (ret'd) — the lone surviving frontline commander of Operation Bluestar — escaped an assassination bid in London by knife-wielding Sikh radicals out to avenge the army action. In a wide-ranging interview with HT at his residence in Mumbai on Monday, he defended Operation Bluestar and opposed the upcoming memorial at Harmandir Sahib, while making a passionate pitch for healing the wounds of the past. Excerpts:

**It's been 28 years since Operation Bluestar, and Punjab has long moved on. What do you make of the attack on you now?**  
Well, Punjab has adopted the path of peace. A majority of its people don't want to revert to the conditions that existed in the 1980s. Unfortunately, there are pro-Khalistan groups very active abroad, particularly in London, Canada and Germany.

**But, 1984 still rankles the collective psyche of Sikhs?**  
A large section of the Sikh community has put Operation Bluestar behind. But, if you allow radicals to glorify the militant ideology by building a memorial to that event inside Harmandir Sahib, it wouldn't take long for that section to get smaller, and some of them to get on to the side of radicals.

**Do you mean radicals can destabilise Punjab?**  
It depends on how these radicals are able to influence the larger section that wants peace. The attack on me was carried out by people in the age group of 32 to 35 years. They were kids when Bluestar happened. What do they know about it? Obviously, they were emotionally charged by senior radicals who told them to "go ahead and carry out this task".

**Do you see any connection between the attack on you and the upcoming memorial in the Golden Temple?**  
It may not have anything to do with the memorial, but such memorials should never be allowed to come up.

**The SGPC says the memorial is for innocents killed during the army action.**  
A majority of them were terrorists or militants. There are other ways to remember those who died, but not by raising a memorial in Harmandir Sahib. It's time to heal the wounds of the past.



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## RUSSIA TO GIVE AIRCRAFT CARRIER TO INDIA

**NEW DELHI:** Russia on Wednesday assured India that it will hand over the aircraft carrier Admiral Gorshkov to it by the end of next year, after New Delhi conveyed its concern over the prolonged delay. The assurance came during a meeting between defence minister AK Antony and his Russian counterpart Anatoly Serdyukov. Russia also sought to dispel the impression of its proximity to Pakistan over arms supplies, saying there was no change in its policy in this regard.

**NHRC organises seminar on World Mental Health Day**  
**NEW DELHI:** Blaming increase in depression and stress-related mental diseases on rapid changes in lifestyle, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) chairperson Justice KG Balakrishnan on Wednesday emphasised the need for trained medical professionals and hospitals. Balakrishnan made the observation at a seminar titled 'Human Rights and Mental Health Care' organised by NHRC to mark the World Mental Health Day.

**Woman officer wins case, promoted to captain**  
**CHANDIGARH:** The Armed Forces Tribunal (AFT) in Chandigarh on Wednesday ordered the promotion of acting major Jasreen Dhillon who had challenged the non-implementation of AV Singh Committee report. The report said an officer would become a captain in two years, but the army had refused it for Service Commissioned (SSC) women officers who, they said, could become captains only after five years. Dhillon submitted that SSC officers should be granted promotions at par with permanent commissioned officers.

**HC issues notice to Punjab government on school donation**  
**CHANDIGARH:** The Punjab and Haryana High Court on Wednesday issued notice to Punjab government seeking explanation for ₹1 crore donation by deputy chief minister Sukhbir Singh Badal to his alma mater Lawrence School in Himachal Pradesh. The bench heard a plea by former Congress MLA Sukhpal Singh Khaira who alleged that the grant to the boarding school was given from the Punjab Nirman Funds while schools in Punjab were ignored.

**Fake stamp paper scam accused given 7 years imprisonment**  
**NEW DELHI:** A Delhi court on Wednesday upheld seven years of imprisonment given to Abdul Karim Telgi in the multi-crore fake stamp paper scam. Telgi, who is a HIV/AIDS patient, had challenged the trial court judgment sentencing him to seven years in jail and the fine of ₹25 lakh saying he had already spent time in jail. The additional sessions judge refused to reduce the fine amount saying it was a huge loss to the Indian economy and consequently the fine cannot be said to be excessive.

**SC upholds common medical entrance test for all colleges**  
**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court on Wednesday refused to stay the national eligibility-cum-entrance test for postgraduate medical courses (NEET-PG) to be held for the first time in November. On petitions filed by 26 colleges, an apex court bench refused to grant an interim order permitting the institutions to conduct their own entrance examination. The colleges challenged NEET-PG on grounds that minority institutions should be exempted from the common test.

## A golden welcome for Rahul



Congress general secretary Rahul Gandhi holds a model of the Golden Temple given by the Youth Congress, on the outskirts of Amritsar on Wednesday. Gandhi said the Congress's debacle in 2011 needed introspection by party workers.

**BJP likely to boycott today's JPC meet on 26**  
**NEW DELHI:** BJP is likely to boycott the proceedings of the joint parliamentary committee on Thursday over the issue of calling Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and finance minister P Chidambaram as witnesses in the 2G case. A BJP member said there was no relevance in the meeting where former additional secretary of the department of economic affairs Sindhu Shree Khullar will be coming. The six BJP members in JPC had asked the panel chief to take a final decision on calling Singh and Chidambaram before the committee.

**Mob of angry women lynches 'molester' in Nagpur**  
**NAGPUR:** In a late night drama, a group of around 500 people, most of them women, lynched a notorious goon after chasing him for half a kilometre, on Tuesday. The goon, Iqbal Sheikh, (26) used to harass, molest and sexually exploit the women of Vasantrao Naik slum in west Nagpur locality. The infuriated women alleged that Iqbal had made their life hell and forced them to live under constant fear. The women's violent act of vengeance brought back memories of the infamous Akku Yadav killing case of Nagpur who was similarly hanged to death by a group of women on the court premises a few years ago.

**Leopard kills boy in Raipur**  
**RAIPUR:** Panic gripped at tiny Tika village in the Pithora forest range in Chhattisgarh's Mahasamund district after a leopard reportedly killed a seven-year-old boy. Rajesh Yadav disappeared on Monday evening. A search for the child led villagers to the torn and blood-stained trousers of the victim near a forested hill on Tuesday. Confirming that the child was killed by a man-eater, Mahasamund divisional forest officer announced compensation of ₹2 lakh to the deceased's family.

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**STANDING TALL @ 70**  
Amitabh Bachchan turns 70 today. He ruled the Indian film industry in his time and his comeback made him an even 'Bigger B'. After all these years, what do fame, power, money and family mean to him? Find out at hindustantimes.com/bigb, as we salute the Angry Young Man who metamorphosed into the Amiable Paa.

**COMMENTS ON HT STORY**

**PM warns against mindless negativity over corruption**  
Mr Prime Minister there is overall despair as darkness of corruption has snuffed the careers of honest officers. You have only strengthened the corrupt persons.  
**Lok Nath Mehra**  
Let Kejriwal come out with more ill-doings of all parties. Why should he go to court, where nothing ever happens to these powerful people? **JC**

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- @iMoosabhai: I pretend to work. They pretend to pay me. Kingfisher staff. #Officeonliner
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**TAIWAN TURNS 101**

Taiwan kicked off a series of celebrations in front of the Presidential Office, to mark the 101st anniversary of the founding of the Republic of China. Scan for pictures.hindustantimes.com/taiwanday

FAIRER SEX IN UNFAIR WORLD

# Pregnant woman raped in Haryana

**SHAME** 19-year-old abducted and sexually assaulted by two in Kaithal; Chautala backs khaps on lowering marriageable age

**how safe are women in India**

**TEENS TARGETED**

**Sept 9:** Upper caste men gang rape Dalit girl, 16, in Hisar. Girl's father, a farm labourer, commits suicide

**Sept 28:** Four men gang rape Class 11 student in Sonapat district

**Oct 3:** Man rapes 12-year-old girl in Rohtak district

**Oct 6:** Four men rape 15-year-old in Jind district. The girl commits suicide.

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**KAITHAL:** A five-month pregnant married Dalit woman, 19, was allegedly abducted and raped by two men in northern Haryana's Kaithal district, leaving the state reeling under the impact of the 15th reported sexual assault on its women within a month.

The incident came to light on Wednesday, a day after Congress president Sonia Gandhi visited the family of a 15-year-old rape victim in Jind district who committed suicide.

Kaithal police have arrested the two accused, Rakesh and Pawan, on the woman's complaint, said district superintendent of police Kuldeep Singh.

According to the woman, the accused abducted her around 4am on Tuesday when she had gone out of her house to answer nature's call.

Singh said, "Investigation has revealed a call was made from the woman's phone to accused Rakesh at 3:20am on Tuesday. The call details and other evidence will be placed in court."

The series of rapes have raised a political storm in Haryana, where the powerful khaps have suggested lowering the marriageable age of boys and girls to 16 years to curb incidents of sexual assault.

On Tuesday, Gandhi had taken on the khaps, saying law was solely in the hands of the judiciary. Former Haryana chief minister and INLD leader Om Prakash Chautla, however, supported the khap panchayats' suggestion on Wednesday, citing a Mughal-era practice.

"The Mughal sultanate in this country used to misbehave with women... to prevent that, people started getting their young girls married early so that no one did anything wrong to them... currently a similar situation is arising in the state."

In Delhi, Union home minister Sushilkumar Shinde said the Centre was monitoring the situation in Haryana.

# Gangraped, 35-yr-old sets herself on fire, dies

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**BHOPAL:** A 35-year-old woman committed suicide after she was allegedly gangraped in Raisen district, Madhya Pradesh, the police said on Wednesday.

The woman was picked up by four persons in a jeep on Tuesday who allegedly raped her in Badi forest area and dumped her on the road. The victim somehow returned home,

set herself on fire and sustained serious burn injuries to which she succumbed on late Tuesday night.

In her dying declaration, the woman blamed four persons for driving her to commit suicide, but failed to identify them.

She told the police that while returning home she was forcefully taken away by four men who allegedly gangraped her. A case has been registered against unidentified persons.

# Ex-IMA chief accused of raping college student

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**PATNA:** More than a day after a B.Com student accused a doctor of rape and illegal confinement for 13 days, the senior surgeon and former president of the Bihar unit of the Indian Medical Association continued to roam free on Wednesday.

The alleged rapist, Dr Ramesh Prasad Singh, 66, got himself admitted at a heart insti-

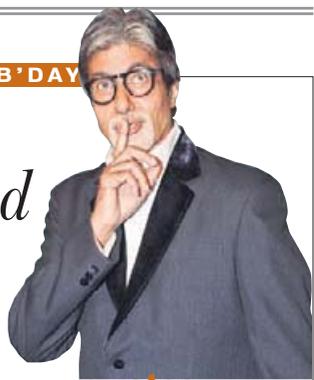
tute in Patna as the police gave no sign of taking action against him.

"We will obtain the call details of the doctor and carry out a scientific investigation," said DIG (Central Range) Sunil Kumar, on Wednesday.

The victim, who was admitted to the railway hospital near Danapur, near Patna on Tuesday, was brought to the state capital for a medical examination on Wednesday.

HAPPY BIG B'DAY

# When Amitabh was embarrassed by Bachchan!



MRINAL SEN

deal with me. "You get Utpal Dutt to act in Saat Hindustani, and in return you can use this boy's voice," he told me.

I stuck the deal immediately! I took the boy to a sound theatre in Borivali. He just had to do a three-and-a-half minute voiceover. After the recording was over, I told the young man with great awkwardness that I could only afford to pay him ₹300 as the budget of the film was very small and my own fee was pathetic. He didn't want the money, but took it on my insistence.

Another thing I must share. When I asked him his full name as I needed it to use in the credits, he just said, "Amitabh!"

I didn't push him for his surname, assuming that it would be Kumar or something! After the film was released, I got a telegram from a lady by the name of Teji Bachchan and her husband Harivansh Rai Bachchan, thanking me. I learned his surname only then.

—As told to Afsana Ahmed

quotes

"The biggest thing we have learnt from him is as long you go, you keep reinventing yourself. He is young in his mind so he embraces all opportunities."  
— Milan Luthria, director

"We practically started our journey together. In his 43-year career, he has excelled. He was even more magnificent during his downfall. He never abandoned his dignity..."  
— Subhash Ghai, filmmaker

"There is no denying that he is a national treasure. In this industry, he has reached a height that is almost impossible, and has astounded the world by doing it. He is durable."  
— Mahesh Bhatt, director

"He gave life to the industry. I have huge respect for him. I wish a long life on his 70th birthday."  
— Kumar Taurani, owner of TIPS

# Khaph panchayats back in spotlight of notoriety

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**NEW DELHI:** With some members of Haryana khaph panchayats saying that lowering the age for marriage could be the solution to crimes such as rape, the clan councils have come in the eye of storm once again. The clan councils "remedy", which has shocked many, comes at a time when Haryana is being rocked by incidents of sexual assault.

In his book 'Rivalry and Brotherhood', sociologist Dipankar Gupta says that khaps — a traditional institution found among castes such as Jats and Gujars in Haryana and parts of west UP — are similar to gotras, sub-groups within a caste that claim to have descended from a common ancestor.

This could be the reason for their compulsive exogamy, pro-

## AS KHAPS TAKE PRIDE IN MARTIAL TRADITIONS, THERE IS A PERPETUAL FEAR OF VIOLENCE IN THEIR AREAS

hibiting marriage within the same clan because any such act is considered akin to incest.

The main difference between the khaps of northwestern India and the institution of gotra, which is found elsewhere, is that khaps have chautharis and panchayats. Their age-old mechanism to punish violations places them at ideological odds with modern law.

Gupta said as many as 384 khaps exist among Jats alone. With khaps taking pride in their "martial traditions", there is perpetual fear of violence in their areas. Although the social influ-

ence of khaps makes even the Haryana government go soft on them, the latest prescription on marriageable age goes against the Hindu Marriage Act as well as the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act. "The government should crush the khaps' powers," asserts Colin Gonsalves, a lawyer.

Gupta has also documented how, in 1993, a sarv khap (all-khap) panchayat in Sonapat village "resolved that divorce should be considered a social crime, and the offending party should be ostracised by the village".

But khaps view their own role as socially positive, often passing "reformist" resolutions. The 1993 sarv khap panchayat, which had ruled against divorce, also ruled against extravagant marriages and alcoholism, and advocated education for girls. Historian Prem Chowdhry documents such resolutions back to 1974 and 1930.

**ht FAST FACTS KHAP**

**What is a khap?**  
A cluster of villages united by caste and geography. The khap panchayat is a body that governs these villages.

**Where are they prevalent?**

**More than 3 crore people reside in khap-controlled villages... which is almost equal to the population of Canada**

**Why are they controversial?**  
Diktats such as banning same-gotra weddings, putting restrictions on women and making bizarre statements on rapes

**What does the law say?**  
The SS termed them 'illegal' last year after a spate of killings in the name of community honour.

GRAPHIC: PRASHANT CHAUDHARY/TEXT: HT RESEARCH

# Maya keeps UPA guessing on support

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**MUMBAI/LUCKNOW:** The Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), a key UPA constituent, on Wednesday asked its workers to be prepared for a mid-term LS election as "there is talk of the BSP withdrawing support", but the BSP gave a clear indication of not being in a hurry to withdraw its outside support to the Congress-led alliance.

NCP chief and agriculture

minister Sharad Pawar told party workers at the national executive meeting in Vadodra: "The political scenario today is such that all parties should be ready to face people and polls."

"(From) the way parties are reacting to the Centre's decisions, there is a possibility of mid-term elections. You should be ready for this eventuality."

Pawar's statement may not have amused the Congress, for which, however, there was some

## BSP CHIEF MAYAWATI, WHO PROVIDES CRUCIAL SUPPORT TO THE UPA, APPEARS TO HAVE SOFTENED HER POSITION

respite from Lucknow. BSP chief Mayawati, who with her 21 Lok Sabha MPs provides crucial support to the UPA government, appeared to have soft-

ened her position. On Tuesday, Mayawati promised to convey her "final decision" in 24 hours on whether to continue support. This, however, did not happen. She said the party had authorised her to take a decision. "The decision will be taken soon... I will take stock of the prevailing situation before deciding." Sources in the BSP interpreted her statement as a clear indication that her support would continue.

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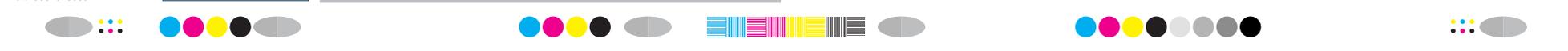
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HYUNDAI TO HIKE CAR PRICES, OFFSET HIGH INPUT COSTS

NEW DELHI: Hyundai Motor India Ltd (HMIL) on Wednesday said it will increase prices of all its models to offset the impact of high input costs. The price increase will come into effect within a couple of weeks, the company said in a statement, without specifying the quantum of the hike. HMIL sells a range of models from entry level Eon starting at ₹2.75 lakh to premium sports utility vehicles tagged up to ₹25.38 lakh (ex-showroom Delhi). **PTI**

Emkay Global resumes NSE trading, stock up

NEW DELHI: Emkay Global on Wednesday resumed trading on the National Stock Exchange (NSE) after the bourse reinstated the brokerage firm's trading facility on its platform following fulfillment of obligations over the erroneous trade of last Friday. The company's shares closed 4.6% up at ₹27 on the NSE. It also bounced back sharply on the Bombay Stock Exchange, climbing 10% in morning trade, before closing 4.4% up at ₹26. The stock has crashed 27% in the last three trading sessions. **PTI**

India expands more than China in July-Sept: survey

NEW DELHI: Economic growth in emerging market economies slowed in the July-September quarter on poor performance by the manufacturing sector, but India expanded more than China, an HSBC survey said. The HSBC Emerging Markets Index slipped to 52.1 in the third quarter this year from 53.2 in the April-June period. Meanwhile, vehicle sales in China fell 1.8% year-on-year in September as Japanese automakers' sales collapsed. **PTI & REUTERS**

Dish TV to offer basic channels free of cost

KOLKATA: Dish TV on Wednesday said it will provide basic channel tier comprising of 70 channels free of cost to the subscribers as against TRAI's recommendation of providing the basic tier at ₹100 per month. RC Venkatesh, CEO of Dish TV said, "Consumers in four metros are apprehensive about the sudden switch off of their highly valued TV viewing. This will translate into huge competitive advantage for Dish TV as none of the other competitors both from cable and DTH offer this facility." **HTC**

Samsung announces 'Smart Home' celebrations

KOLKATA: Samsung India on Wednesday announced its plans for the upcoming festive season. Touted as "Smart Home Celebration, offers attractive gifts on the purchase of Samsung audio, visual and home appliances. "We want to make the auspicious season even more special for our consumers, the gifts will be available to the customers with purchase of Samsung tabs, mobiles, refrigerators, and other home appliances Smart Home Celebration will be offered from October 1 to November 20 across the country and for West Bengal, Odisha, Assam it will continue till November 18," Mahesh Krishnan, vice president, consumer electronic business, Samsung said. **HTC**

Wish Tel and BSNL jointly launch triple play tablet

KOLKATA: WishTel, a leading manufacturer of tablet, PCs and net books in association with BSNL announced the launch of latest ultra mobile and durable tablet PC, IRA ICON. It delivers optimised services in voice, video and data providing an enhanced durability, mobility and connectivity. The triple play 7-inch tablet PC IRA ICON is a 800x480 pixel, TFT LCD capacitive multi-touch screen that runs on Android 4.0 with 1.2 GHz processor and a 1GB of RAM. **HTC**

New firm to build expressways on the cards

EASIER AND FASTER NEXCOR to fast-track development of road network, raise resources and deploy funds

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NEW DELHI: In order to speed up the development of expressways in India, the government plans to set up a new company — National Expressways and Connectivity Corporation (NEXCOR) — under the ministry of road transport and highways. The 11th Five-Year Plan had stated that the government would consider establishing an Expressway Authority of India to formulate and implement a master plan for building 15,600 km of access-controlled expressways for high-density corridors at an estimated cost of ₹156,000 crore. (The cost of developing highways/expressways is an estimated ₹10 crore per km.)

Besides, the government also plans to acquire the land for 6,000 km and expedite construction of 1,000 km of expressways under the National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase VI to provide for unhindered and high-speed traffic. Progress on the actual implementation of expressways has been extremely poor so far. While under NHDP-VI, feasibility studies were to be completed by 2008, land acquisition was to be done by 2009 and projects were to be awarded by 2010. However, the study has so far been completed only in the

A LONG AND WINDING ROAD

THE 5-YR PLAN

■ An Expressway Authority of India to formulate and implement a master plan to build 15,600 km of expressways at an estimated cost of ₹156,000 cr

■ Fast-track construction of 1,000 km of expressways under NHDP Phase VI

THE REALITY

■ Under NHDP-VI, feasibility studies were to be completed by 2008, land acquisition by 2009 and projects were to be awarded by 2010.

However, the study has been completed only in the case of one project.

"The objective of setting up the proposed company under Company Act 1956 is to have an alternative delivery mechanism for the development of expressways," said a government official. The proposed company would formulate a framework for development of such expressways in India, said the official. "NEXCOR will look into planning, building, operation and management of



File photo of Noida Expressway: more such on the way?

WHAT THE NEW COMPANY PROPOSES TO DO

- Formulate a framework to develop expressways
- Look into planning, building and management of expressways
- Develop associated urban infrastructure
- Raise resources from the government, funding agencies
- Deploy funds.

expressways besides facilitating development of associated Urban Infrastructure along the expressways. "Raising resources from the government, bilateral and multi-lateral funding agencies, and deployment of funds will also be the responsibility of the proposed company. The company would also set up special purpose vehicles (SPVs) either individually or in joint venture with state governments.

MARKET TALK

Missed out on rally? Stay in, but with long term in mind

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MUMBAI: Mutual fund investors who missed out on the market rally in the last one month as they exited early to limit losses, can still re-enter, but with long-term gains in mind, say experts.

The Sensex has given around 25% return since January 2012. Retail investors should not just enter the market because it is performing or exit when it is under-performing in the short term, say analysts. "There is a behaviour gap between investor and investment that is caused by emotions, when retail investors exit at any correction and flock back when there is any rise (in markets)," said Amar Pandit, a Mumbai-based financial planner. "Investors should realise that they would gain more by staying in the market in the long term."

Around 1.6 million investors

THE FALL IS HERE, SPRING MAY STILL COME

1.6mn Number of investors who have closed their mutual fund portfolios in the last fiscal year

EXPERT SPEAK

■ Investors who have already invested in MFs must hold on to their investments as the market is likely to give better returns in the coming months

70% Fund houses that witnessed a fall in assets under management in the last fiscal year

"Retail investors should stick to their long-term goals. Even at these valuations investors may enter, but the goal should not be to make money and exit in six months." —SURYA BHATTIA, financial planner

have exited MF investments in the last fiscal year as returns slowed down, the Association of Mutual Funds of India has said. According to Value Research, around 70% of the major mutual funds have witnessed a fall in their assets under management. The

highest return clocked by any fund house is 8% in last one year.

Analysts say that retail investors should review their portfolios every year and exit scheme that are not giving good returns. However, they should not exit schemes with good track record.

Sharp cut in auto growth forecast

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MUMBAI: Amid a decline in car sales for two consecutive months, the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) on Wednesday lowered its full-year growth forecast to 1-3% from 9-11% announced in July. Auto sales fell by 9.4% in September, the steepest fall since December 2008. Car sales dropped 5.4% during the month to 157,536 units in September compared to 166,464

units in the year-ago period. "This trend is likely to continue until the economy comes back on track," said S Sandilya, president, SIAM.

Reflecting subdued consumer sentiments, motorcycle sales slumped 18.9%, forcing SIAM to lower growth estimate for the segment to 5-7% from 11-13%.

Commercial vehicle sales were flat, although medium and heavy truck segment continued to show decline due to slow industrial activity. Commercial vehicle sales are estimated to grow 3-5%, down

from 6-8%. Three-wheeler sales were also flat while automobile exports contracted 5.96%.

According to analysts, not just economic factors, but growing customer preference for utility vehicles has led to the drop in car sales. Utility vehicles have had a good run so far this year with 55% growth.

RC Bhargava, chairman, Maruti Suzuki, said car sales will pick up. "There will be 5% growth in the second half. The sentiment will improve because of reform measures," he said.

India a key global player, says Bernanke after banking talks with RBI governor

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MUMBAI: India is becoming a key player in the global economy, US Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke said on Wednesday after a meeting with Reserve Bank of India (RBI) governor D Subbarao.

"India is clearly becoming a more and more important player on the world stage, in the G20 context, in terms of its role in the global economy and I think it's very useful for us to continue to exchange ideas and build the basis for a future collaboration," said Bernanke. "We discussed monetary policy and regulatory challenges, banking issues, the global economy," he added.

Describing his first-ever visit as "very constructive", which also makes him the first US Fed chair-



From left: HDFC chairman Deepak Parekh; US Treasury secretary Timothy Geithner; US Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke and CII chairman and Godrej group president Adi Godrej during a breakfast roundtable meeting in Mumbai on Wednesday

PHOTO: AFP

man to do so, Bernanke said he discussed policy challenges in both the US and India.

Bernanke, along with US Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, was on a two-day visit to India to participate in

the third annual US-India economic and financial partnership meeting.

Both Geithner and Bernanke met Indian industry leaders in the morning and discussed various economic issues, including

the latest round of reforms by the Indian government. "We got briefed by both on the US economic situation," said Adi Godrej, president, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and chairman, Godrej group.

W.B. Govt. Tender

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Sl. No.	Tender No.	Description	Qty.	Tender Fee	EMD
1.	MNPUR/ADVT/016/2012	Dia 510 x56x152.4 Hi Tech Staggering Wheel Suitable for Smooth Medium Grinding of Stainless Steel, Ni-Base Alloys, LA Steels etc. MCS 2000 RPM.	300 Nos	Rs. 500/-	Rs. 40,000/-

1. Purchase of Tender Documents:  
Tender forms with detailed technical specifications along with Terms and Conditions can be obtained from DGM (Pur) on submission of non-refundable Tender Fee by way of Demand Draft in favour of Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited, Hyderabad.  
2. The details of Scope, specification, delivery schedule & procedure to be followed for submission of tender with terms and conditions are furnished in tender documents and also can be downloaded from the website www.midhani.gov.in  
3. Issue, Receipt and Opening of Tender:  
a) Issue of Tender Documents up to : 01.11.2012 at 17:00 Hrs.  
b) Receipt of Tender on or before : 02.11.2012 up to 10:30 A.M.  
c) Opening of Tender : 02.11.2012 at 11:30 A.M.  
Midhani reserves the right to accept or reject any or all quotations without assigning any reason whatsoever. Delayed and late quotations will not be acceptable under any circumstances.  
Sd/-, GENERAL MANAGER (C&BD)

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फूड कॉर्पोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय (हिमाचल) आर.एस.ओ. पुरा: 171009

Lane - 1, Sector-2, New Shimla - 171009 (HP) Dated : 09-10-2012

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
Sealed tenders are invited under two-bid system for construction of godowns for FCI Storage Requirements to be managed and supervised by FCI for a guaranteed lease of Ten years on Build, Own & Operate / Lease basis for 1,08,370 LMT capacity for storage of food grains at the locations mentioned below:

Sl. No.	FCI DISTRICT	REVENUE DISTRICT	LOCATION	CAPACITY (in MTs)	LOCATION WISE REQUIREMENT
1	MANDI	HAMIRPUR	HAMIRPUR	6340	Lease only
2	MANDI	KULLU	KULLU	11670	Lease only
3	MANDI	MANDI	MANDI	15000	Lease only
4	MANDI	MANDI	NERCHOWK	10000	Lease only
5	DHARAMSHALA	KANGRA	PALAMPUR	5000	Lease with services
6	DHARAMSHALA	CHAMBA	CHAMBA	5000	Lease only
7	DHARAMSHALA	CHAMBA	TISSA	1670	Lease with services
8	DHARAMSHALA	CHAMBA	BHARAMJOUR	1670	Lease with services
9	SHIMLA	SHIMLA	SHIMLA	15000	Lease only
10	SHIMLA	SHIMLA	RAMPUR	5000	Lease with services
11	SHIMLA	SOLAN	PARWANOO	6340	Lease only
12	SHIMLA	SOLAN	SOLAN	3340	Lease with services
13	SHIMLA	SIRMAUR	NAHAN	11670	Lease only
14	SHIMLA	KINNAUR	REOXONG PRO.	6670	Lease only
			TOTAL	1,08,370	

Offers for smaller capacity will also be considered in case sufficient offers are not received for the capacities indicated above against any one or more locations subject to the condition that minimum godown size should be of 5,000 MT for plain areas and of 1670 MT for hilly areas. However, in hilly areas where flat land for a single godown of 1670 MTs is not available, two or three godowns of capacity lower than 1670 MTs e.g. 1120 MTs + 550 MTs approx. or 560+560+550 MTs approx. as per site conditions can be constructed in steps subject to the condition that overall capacity in a premises shall not be less than 1670 MTs.

The tender documents & other details are available on the website www.fciweb.nic.in and are also available for sale in the office of General Manager, FCI, Regional Office, Lane-1, Sector-2, New Shimla, Shimla (HP) 171009 for Rs. 5000/- + 250/- (VAT) from 11/10/2012 to 07/11/2012 between 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM on all working days. Sealed tenders complete in the manner prescribed would be accepted up to 3.30 PM on 08/11/2012 in this office and will be opened at 04.00 PM on the same date. A Pre Bid conference shall be held at Regional Office, FCI, Lane-1, Sector 2, New Shimla on 19/10/2012 at 3.00 PM and all interested entrepreneurs are advised to attend the same.

There would be no post tender negotiations. FCI reserves the right to scrap the tender enquiry at any stage without assigning any reason and FCI will not be liable for any costs and consequences incurred by the intending tenderer.

GENERAL MANAGER (Region)

WHAT'S NEXT? IMITATION

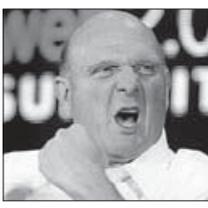
Microsoft strategy now mimics Apple, Ballmer memo reveals

Reuters

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LONDON: Microsoft Corp chief executive Steve Ballmer has signalled a new direction for the world's largest software company, pointing to hardware and online services as its future, taking a page from long-time rival Apple Inc.

Ballmer's comments in his annual letter to shareholders suggested that Microsoft may eventually make its own phones to build on its forthcoming own-brand Surface tablet PC and market-leading Xbox gaming console. "There will be times when we build specific devices for specific purposes, as we have chosen to do with Xbox and the recently announced Microsoft Surface," wrote Ballmer. The new approach mimics Apple Inc, whose massively successful iPhone and iPad demonstrated tight integration of high-quality software and hardware and made Windows devices feel clunky in comparison.



Ballmer: on a flat salary

BONUS CLIPPED

Alongside the shareholders' letter, Microsoft's annual proxy filing, showed that Ballmer, got a lower bonus than he did last year, partly for flat sales of Windows and his failure to ensure that the company provided a choice of browser to some European customers.

He earned a bonus of \$620,000 for Microsoft's 2012 fiscal year, which ended in June, down 9% from the year before. His salary, which is low by US standards for chief executives, remained essentially flat at \$685,000.

EADS, BAE CALL OFF MERGER ATTEMPT

LONDON: EADS and BAE Systems will not extend their merger talks later on Wednesday, calling an end, for now, to a plan to create the world's largest defence and aerospace group.

With Germany opposing it, France's EADS and the UK's BAE Systems were in a race against time to declare their intentions and either scrap the merger, ask UK regulators for time or go ahead with their plans to create a group employing about 220,000 people.

BAE said on Wednesday that it had become clear that the interests of the French, British and German governments could not be adequately reconciled with each other or with the objectives that BAE and EADS established for the merger.

"BAE Systems and EADS have therefore decided it is in the best interests of their companies and shareholders to terminate the discussions and to continue to focus on delivering their respective strategies," it said. German Chancellor Angela Merkel had opposed the proposal to combine Airbus passenger airplanes with UK defence contractor BAE. "Merkel is against the deal but has not given reasons," a source said. **REUTERS**

W.B. Govt. Tender

Executive Engineer, Civil Engineering Divn. No. I, Sundarban Development Board, Sundarban Affairs Deptt., Govt. of W.B., Mayukh, 4th fl., Bidhannagar, Kolkata-91, invites sealed tenders for upgrading & Development work of existing damage B.P. Rd. to Bituminous Rd. from the PWD Rd. at 4 No. Choudharashi to 24 No. Lat F.P. School (Giribala Adarsha) at Mouza - Raidighi Abad, G.P. Raidighi, Block Mathurapur-II under Raidighi Sub-Divn. of Civil Engineering Divn. No.-I, S.D.B. from (Ch. 0 m. to 1200 m.). Length: 1200 M. (under Plan); Amount to tender : Rs.84,86,759/-; E-money (2% or 2 1/2 % ) : Rs.1,69,735/-; Time of completion : 180 days. Each applicants for the work over Rs.2/- (two) lakhs must produce the attested xerox copy of VAT/ Sales Tax Registration Certificate, S.T.C.C., P.T.C.C. (Challan), Income Tax, Pan Card. Last Saral in favour of the Firm/ Agency Last date of application is 2.11.2012 (14.00 hrs.) Tender forms to be issued by 9.11.12 (16.30 hrs.). Tender submission : 16.11.12 (upto 14.00 hrs.). ICA/T-2275(3)/2012

WEST BENGAL GOVT. TENDER

Sealed Tenders are invited by the Executive Engineer, Electrical Division No. 11, Construction Board Dte. Public Works Department, 76, Sundari Mohan Avenue (2nd Floor) for the works of Repair & renovation of Electrical Installation work at ITI, Chhota Jagulia in the Dist. of North 24 Pgs. Electrical Installation work for remaining portion i.e. CNC Machine & newly installed motor for different workshop at Chhota Jagulia ITI (Additional work). Job No. 6/TR/IV of 12-13. Estimated value : Rs.2,00,942/- Earnest Money: Rs. 4019/- Valid Income Tax and Sales Tax Clearance & VAT Certificate must be produced by the Elect. contractor having Elecl. Supervisor with certificate of competency. The last date of issue of tender is : 26.10.12 and tender will be received upto 2 p.m. and opened shortly thereafter on 31.10.12. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject the lowest or all tenders of NIT No. 56/T of 12-13 without assigning any reason whatsoever. ICA/T-2280(3)/2012

# htworld



## quotemartial

I guess people expect me to be very tough, and if I had to kill something for survival, maybe I would.

JENNIFER LAWRENCE, Actor, on her character Katniss in 'The Hunger Games'

## didyouknow?

People who hate broccoli or sprouts have more receptors that pick up the flavour of these foods, which also works as an early warning system about bacterial invaders.

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Students perform during celebrations to mark the centenary of the Republic of China, in front of Taiwan's Presidential Office in Taipei on Wednesday.

**STOP FIGHTING, KHAMENEI TELLS IRAN LEADERS**  
ISLAMABAD: Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei told Iranian officials on Wednesday to stop bickering over mounting economic woes as Tehran grapples with Western-imposed sanctions...

**US sends forces to Jordan**  
WASHINGTON: The US military has secretly dispatched a task force of more than 150 planners and other specialists to Jordan to help the armed forces there handle a flood of Syrian refugees...

**Blasphemy case dropped**  
CAIRO: Two Egyptian Christian boys detained over charges of blasphemy and insulting the Koran were released and their case was dropped on Wednesday...

**Zardari graft cases**  
ISLAMABAD: After weeks of wrangling, Pakistan SC on Wednesday approved a third draft of a letter that will ask Swiss authorities to revive graft cases against Asif Ali Zardari...

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Member country	Votes	%age of total votes
USA	421,961	16.75%
Japan	157,022	6.23%
Germany	146,392	5.81%
France	108,122	4.29%
UK	108,122	4.29%
Italy	95,996	3.81%
China	81,151	3.65%
Saudi Arabia	70,592	2.80%
Canada	64,429	2.56%
Russia	60,191	2.39%
INDIA	58,952	2.34%

SOURCE:IMF; GRAPHIC: SANJAY KAPOOR

# Kayani visits child shot by Taliban

## TERROR STRIKE

 Pak army chief says attack exposes 'extremist mindset' the nation is facing; Malala undergoes surgery

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's powerful Army Chief Gen Ashfaq Parvez Kayani on Wednesday visited a teenage rights activist grievously injured by Taliban militants as he warned that the "heinous" attack on the girl had clearly exposed the "extremist mindset" confronting the nation.

which is located 160 km from Islamabad — has "become a symbol for the values that the army, with the nation behind it, is fighting to preserve for our future generations," Kayani said. "These are the intrinsic values of an Islamic society, based on the principles of liberty, justice and equality of man," said Kayani, who visited Malala in Peshawar military hospital.



Ashfaq Parvez Kayani

is facing." He said the terrorists had underestimated the "resolve and resilience" of the people. However, the Army Chief, who condemned the attack on

Malala as a "heinous act of terrorism," did not directly refer in his remarks to the banned Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan, which has claimed responsibility for the incident.

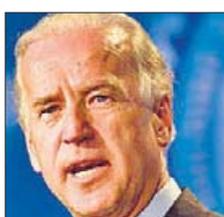
A group of doctors performed a three-hour-long surgery on Wednesday to remove a bullet lodged near the spine of Malala, who was attacked by the Taliban for speaking out against the atrocities of militants. Malala was hit by two bullets on Tuesday when militants fired at her inside a school bus at Mingora.

### Afghan bounty on anti-Islam filmmaker

A religious figure in western Afghanistan is offering a \$300,000 bounty to anyone who kills the maker of an anti-Islam film that has angered Muslims around the world. The bounty is being offered by Mir Farooq Hussini, the spokesman for an organization representing about 450 religious schools in Herat province.

The film, made in the US, portrays Islam's Prophet Muhammad as a fraud, womanizer and child molester. Hussini told AP on Wednesday that he also is offering a \$500,000 reward for the killing of a cleric in Yazd province in neighboring Iran who has allegedly insulted the prophet's wife.

AP, KABUL



Joe Biden

## OBAMA'S RACE RESTS ON THURSDAY'S BIDEN DEBATE

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WASHINGTON: For the first time in many weeks now President Barack Obama is staying home on Wednesday. He has some official meetings, but no campaign events. Democrats disappointed by his Denver debate performance would be hoping he is getting some practice. He can't afford another debacle. Mitt Romney is too close.

All hopes rest on Joe Biden. Can he turn the race with his debate against Republican candidate Paul Ryan on Thursday? Dick Cheney delivered the debate for his boss in 2004, beating comprehensively Democrat John Edwards after George W Bush got a mauling from John Kerry in their first debate.

# IMF focus on US-Europe recovery

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TOKYO: There is a wait-and-see approach among top officials the IMF. Wait and see what happens next in Europe and wait and see how the US tackles its so-called fiscal cliff.

Optimists at the top of the organisation believe an agreement on closer co-operation and debt sharing in Europe, alongside a congressional deal in the US to limit the impact of tax rises and spending cuts due in January, is possible and will put the world economy back on a path to growth and recovery.

Oliver Blanchard, the IMF's chief economist, singled out Europe and the US for criticism during the conference in Tokyo, though as an optimist, he said there were signs that both were edging towards deals that would end the current uncertainty.

### Aid for emerging economies

Finding ways to boost the global economy and helping poor nations fend off financial shocks will be on the agenda of the IMF and World Bank meetings. Tokyo meetings were supposed to usher in governance reforms passed two years ago, amid calls from emerging nations, including India, for a greater say in the IMF's affairs.

has made efforts to develop a more rounded economy and bigger welfare state, Beijing depends on foreign buyers for its income.

Yet the debts run up by Europe and the US since the financial crash leave them in a position where conventional wisdom says they must favour government spending cuts over measures to spur growth. IMF is unrepentant in its view that governments cut spending even though, for the worst hit nations like Britain, there is a direct impact on growth.



IMF managing director Christine Lagarde (right) and World Bank president Jim Yong Kim (left) during a visit to a coastal district in Sendai, Japan on Wednesday.

## China to skip IMF meet

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TOKYO: China's central bank governor and finance minister won't be attending IMF and World Bank annual meetings in Tokyo this week, a Japanese official said today - cancellations that come as the two Asian giants remain at odds over a cluster of tiny islands both claim.

Zhou Xiaochuan, who was scheduled to give the event's closing speech on Sunday, wouldn't be coming to Tokyo, citing scheduling problems.

The IMF said his deputy, Yi Gang, will represent him at the meeting and will deliver Sunday's lecture. The IMF couldn't confirm that Finance Minister Xie Xuren had also cancelled his trip. China's finance ministry did not respond to requests for comment.

# US scientists win Nobel for Chemistry

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STOCKHOLM: Two American researchers won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry Wednesday for studies of protein receptors that let body cells sense and respond to outside signals like danger or the flavor of food.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said Robert Lefkowitz and Brian Kobilka had made groundbreaking discoveries, mainly in the 1980s, on an important family of receptors, known as G-protein-coupled receptors.

### ROBERT LEFKOWITZ AND BRIAN KOBILKA GOT THE PRIZE FOR DISCOVERING G-PROTEIN-COUPLED RECEPTORS IN 1980s

Robert Lefkowitz and Brian Kobilka, who shared the Nobel Prize in Chemistry Wednesday, discovered G-protein-coupled receptors. About half of all medications act on these receptors, including beta blockers and antihistamines, so learning about them will help scientists to come up with better drugs.

cells, which let the body respond to a wide variety of chemical signals, like adrenaline. Some receptors are in the nose, tongue and eyes, and let us sense smells, tastes and light.

"They work as a gateway to the cell," Lefkowitz told a news conference in Stockholm by phone. Lefkowitz, 69, is an investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and professor at Duke University Medical Center in Durham. Kobilka, 57, worked for Lefkowitz at Duke before transferring to Stanford University School of Medicine in California, where he is now a professor.

# Top communist official in a scandal of luxuries in China

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BEIJING: A Rado watch and Hermes leather belt-wearing high-ranking Communist Party of China official has triggered uproar after he apparently blocked a newspaper from carrying a story that implicated him as corrupt.

Details of the story has been forwarded on Chinese social networking sites more than 100,000 times, forcing the CPC's official news agency, Xinhua, to report on it late on Wednesday evening.

Li Dejin, head of Fujian's Department of Transportation was spotted wearing the valuables — which cost nearly \$100,000 — stopped the Metropolitan Times of Yunnan from carrying the story.

According to reports, Li forced the newspaper to withdraw thousands of copies of the newspaper on Monday. According to Xinhua, the case was revealed by Zhou Zhichen, editor-in-chief of the Metropolitan Times, who posted a message on Sina Weibo, China's Twitter-like microblog.

### life, the universe & everything

## Louganis boost to South Asia's first LGBTI games

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KATHMANDU: Nepal is set to host South Asia's first sports festival exclusively for lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transgendered and intersexes — LGBTI in short — a three-day event which will kick start this Friday.

But more than the 350 athletes from Nepal and 150 others expected from 17 countries, the main attraction of the festival would be Olympic legend Gregory Efthimios Louganis or Greg Louganis to fans worldwide.

The US diving champion, who won double gold medals in the 1984 and 1988 Olympics, has confirmed his attendance as guest of honour for the event to be hosted in Kathmandu.

Louganis's career has been an inspiration for sportspersons worldwide and is bound to boost those taking part in the festival. His presence will also aid the fight for LGBTI rights in Nepal, feels organizer Blue Diamond Society.

One of the most enduring images of the 1988 Seoul Olympics was Louganis's accident during preliminary



Greg Louganis HT PHOTO

rounds of the springboard event where he suffered a concussion after hitting the board. Despite worries about whether he would be able to continue, he came back for the final round and won the event. It was later revealed that he was diagnosed as HIV positive six months prior to the Olympics.

Louganis disclosed that he was gay in 1994 and co-wrote his autobiography 'Breaking the Surface' a year later where he detailed his early years of domestic abuse, rape and depression.

The athlete has dabbled in films and television besides coaching. He was mentor to the US diving team in the London Olympics. More importantly Louganis has been a role model for spreading HIV awareness and his work to defend civil liberties of LGBTI community and those diagnosed with HIV/AIDS.

### KIDS' MAGAZINE TO BE PROSECUTED

TUNIS: A popular Tunisian children's magazine is to be prosecuted for telling its young readers how to make a petrol bomb, officials said on Tuesday.

The latest edition of "Qaws Quzah", Arabic for "Rainbow", featured a piece about the history of petrol bombs in its "Knowledge Corner", including detailed instructions and a diagram. "It is an improvised weapon that is often used in riots and acts of sabotage because it is easy to make and use," the article read.

The magazine, read for decades in Tunisia by boys and girls aged between five and 15, has no political orientation.



Sosan Firooz

### FEMALE RAPPER IN AFGHANISTAN

KABUL: "Listen to my story! Listen to my pain and suffering!" Afghanistan's first female rapper Sosan Firooz pleads into her microphone. With her first rap song, the outspoken 23-year-old singer is making history in her homeland where society frowns on women who take

the stage. She is already shunned by some of her relatives. But for Firooz, the best way to express herself is through rap, a musical genre that is starting to generate a following in Afghanistan.

### MUM'S JEWELS SOLD FOR BROTHEL VISIT

WASHINGTON: German A 14-year-old German teenager took his mother's jewellery worth between 2,000 and 3,000 euros (\$2,500-\$3,800) and pawned it for 300 euros (\$380) to finance two trips to a brothel for himself and a friend, German police said. Karlsruhe police spokesman Ralf Minet said the teenager's mother is pressing charges of theft against her son, who admitted he pawned the jewellery to pay for the prostitutes.

### HAIRLESS MEN SEEN AS BETTER LOOKERS

The preference for hairless men stems from its association with parasite threat and lice. Researchers believe the preference for hairless men should increase in areas close to the equator where parasite threat is high. Cultural differences may also be a factor since earlier studies show women from the African nation of Cameroon prefer hairier men. On the other hand, women in China, New Zealand and California prefer relatively hair-less men.

The survey carried out in Turkey and Slovakia found only 20% women in either country prefer a hairy chest.



80% women find men with relatively hairless chests more attractive.

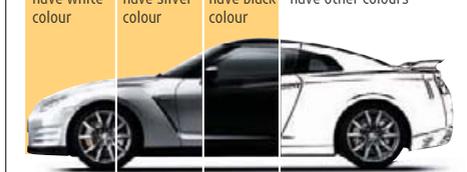
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### WHITE, SILVER TOP VEHICLE COLOURS IN US

White is the most popular colour for the second year in a row after overtaking silver in 2011.

White, which was also popular in the 1980s, is making a comeback as a modern, high-tech colour thanks to Apple Inc.'s all-white stores and glossy white gadgets, said Jane Harrington, PPG's manager of colourstyling for car firms

Silver also rose in popularity as a high-tech colour starting in the 2000s, and remains especially popular choice in Asia, according to the annual rankings



GRAPHIC: ASHISH SINGH

### SPACE X DRAGON AT SPACE STATION

CAPE CANAVERAL: Space station astronauts have snared a Dragon. The commercial supply ship reached the International Space Station this morning after a two-and-half day flight from Cape Canaveral. The station crew used a robot arm to grab the SpaceX vessel, called Dragon.

It's the first official delivery by the California-based SpaceX company under a USD 1.6 billion contract with NASA. The contract calls for 12 such ship-



ments.

This newest Dragon holds 453 kilograms of groceries, clothes, science experiments and other gear, including ice cream for the three station residents. It will remain at the orbiting lab for nearly three weeks before departing with a full load.

### know how

## WHY NAIL SCRAPPING IRRITATES YOU

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LONDON: The much-touted health benefits associated with super-food such as broccoli and blueberries do not reach past the gut, a new study has found.

Super-food may have been the mainstay of the health industry for a long time, but now researchers are questioning their much promised health promoting properties.

Researchers at London's Kingston University used an approach that allows them to delve deeper into the effectiveness of health-promoting 'super foods' and their elixir-giving ilk.

They found that foods such as broccoli, blueberries and whole grains do contain polyphenols — compounds that have antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties — but they seldom make it past the gut.

"Polyphenols may well work when cells are exposed to them directly, such as under laboratory conditions, but what needs to be established is how effective they are when consumed when consume



**quotemartial**

There is nothing much this year. So I will compete in a higher weight category in the world championships.

VJENDER SINGH, On switching to 81kg from 75kg category

**htsport**

**Hardly perfect but few complaints**

**LEVEL-PLAYING FIELD?** IPL teams get preferential treatment, while other teams are just pleased to be there...

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**NEW DELHI:** When CLT20 was conceived back in 2008, the idea was to build it up into an event as glitzy as the Champions League — the blue riband football property.

Five years down the line, the CLT20 is as far away from its goal as it was at the time of its conception. The tournament, co-hosted by the Board of Control for Cricket in India, Cricket Australia and Cricket South Africa, is struggling to find its feet, with spectators yet to show the desired level of enthusiasm.

"The reason why CLT20 has failed to get the desired response is that India already has a hugely popular tournament in IPL (Indian Premier League). Nothing comes even close to it. So it makes sense to hold it outside India where it doesn't have to compete with the IPL," said an IPL team official, requesting anonymity.

Be that as it may, can the tournament escape the accusation of not providing a level playing field to all participating nations? While the fourth ranked IPL team gets a direct entry into the main draw, the champion teams from West Indies, New Zealand, England and Pakistan have to compete in a qualifier. Then, the IPL teams, on the strength of their financial muscle, also get to snatch away

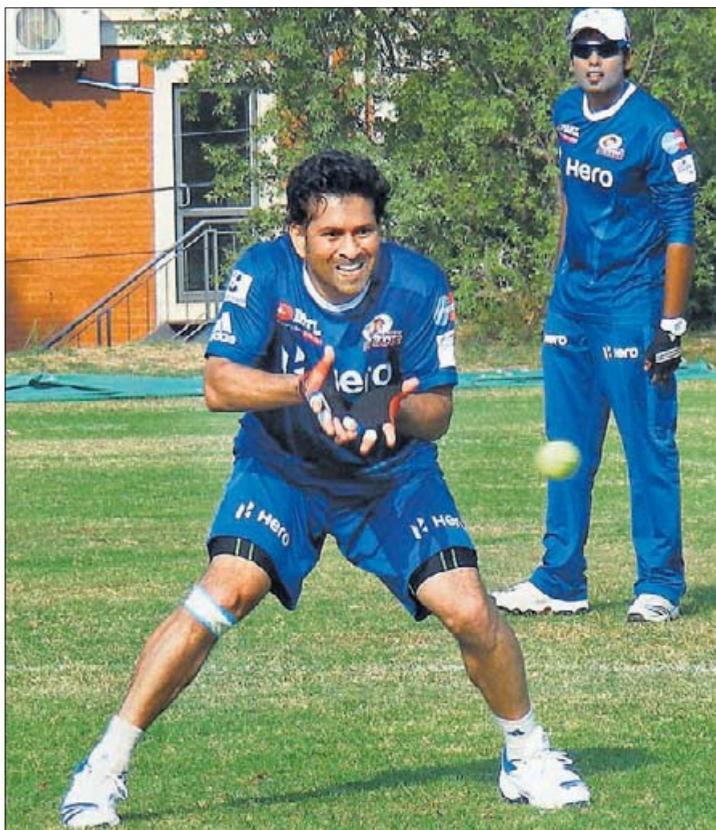
players from others teams for the tournament.

"It's true that CLT20 is getting crowded with IPL teams. And it's obviously being done to cash in on the popularity of these teams. But then it's equally true that domestic champions of the invited teams from Sri Lanka, Pakistan or New Zealand are not good enough to give top teams a run for their money. If you cut down on the IPL teams and include teams from these countries, the competition will become lop-sided," he said. "We could hope for more fair representation in the future if the club culture catches up in these countries. Then they could send stronger teams to the competition."

While this argument could still be debated, the invited countries are too happy to just be there to bother about the principle of fairness.

"It's the tournament organised by the BCCI (CA and CSA) and they are kind enough to give opportunity to others. And whatever changes are made to the format of the tournament, it's just to make it much better, there's absolutely nothing wrong with it," said Sri Lanka Cricket president Upali Dharmadasa.

With a team standing to collect \$200,000 for just qualifying, there can't much to complain.



■ Despite finishing fourth in the Indian Premier League, Sachin Tendulkar and his Mumbai Indians teammates got a direct ticket to the main draw of the Champions League. PTI PHOTO

**Auckland through, thanks to Mahmood**

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**NEW DELHI:** Azhar Mahmood produced a vintage all-round performance to carry Auckland into the main draw of the Champions League T20 at Centurion, South Africa on Wednesday.

The 37-year-old first grabbed five wickets to send English county side Hampshire sliding to 121 for eight wickets before walking out to bat at number three and smashing an unbeaten 55 off 31 balls. The Pakistan all-rounder plays for the King's XI Punjab in the Indian Premier League but the team did not qualify. There are six teams in the qualifying tournament. Two will qualify for the main draw which starts on October 13.

The former Pakistan Test and ODI team member is settled in England and has a British passport. He plays for Kent in the English county but also plies his trade in other Twenty20 leagues. He had featured in the Sri Lanka Premier League as well.

**YORKSHIRE QUALIFY CENTURION:** Yorkshire qualified for the main draw of the Champions League T20 defeating Trinidad and Tobago by six wickets. After a sedate start Trinidad and Tobago recovered



■ Mahmood celebrates with a teammate.

through skipper Denesh Ramdin and Darren Bravo to put up 148. In reply, Gary Balance and Adil Rashid added 103 runs for the fifth wicket to see Yorkshire through.

**Summarised scores**

■ Hampshire 121/8 in 20 overs (M Carberry 65, A Mahmood 5/24); lost to Auckland 123/2 in 14.3 overs (A Mahmood 55 no)

■ Trinidad & Tobago 148/9 (Denesh Ramdin 59, Darren Bravo 45, Ryan Sidebottom 3/13) lost to Yorkshire 154/4 (Gary Balance 64\*, Adil Rashid 33\*).

**short stories**



■ Saina Nehwal

**I AM READY FOR TOUGH SEASON AHEAD: SAINA**

**BANGALORE:** Returning to action after more than two months, shuttler Saina Nehwal said on Wednesday she is feeling fresh and good after five weeks of hard training. The world No.5, who skipped the China Masters, Japan Open and the Senior National Championship last month, will be back in competition at the Denmark Super Series beginning next week. She also plans to set up a badminton academy in Bangalore.

**Qadir gets PCB notice for criticising team's show**  
**KARACHI:** Pakistan's former spinner Abdul Qadir is on collision course with the country's cricket board, which has sent him a show-cause notice for criticising the national team's World T20 performance while being on the PCB's payroll. "I was surprised by the notice because before accepting the offer to sit as an expert on the channel, I had sought permission from the board," he said.

**Brad Hodge to captain and coach Oz in Hong Kong**  
**MELBOURNE:** Former Test batsman Brad Hodge was Wednesday named captain and coach of the Australian cricket team for the Hong Kong Sixes tournament later this month. The squad was selected by the National Talent Manager Greg Chappell, in consultation with the National Selection Panel.

**Umpire Ghauri plans legal action against sting**  
**LAHORE:** Pakistan's Nadeem Ghauri is planning to take legal action against the channel after getting the subtle backing of PCB which has "decided against jumping to conclusions". Ghauri has been shown speaking about corruption in cricket by umpires on Skype. But on Tuesday, he vehemently denied the allegations and said the video was fake.

**Sri Lanka Cricket promises inquiry into sting charges**  
**COLOMBO:** Sri Lanka Cricket has promised to inquire into the allegations of umpires willing to give decisions in lieu of money. "Our anti-corruption unit is investigating the situation. If proved guilty, we will even go to the extent of dismissing the umpire," said SLC president Upali Dharmadasa.

**todayontv CRICKET CHAMPIONS LEAGUE T20**  
■ 5.00pm, Trinidad & Tobago v Uva  
Next, live on Star Cricket & Star Cricket HD.  
■ 9.00pm, Hampshire v Sialkot Stallions, qualifiers, live on Star Cricket & Star Cricket HD.  
**TENNIS ATP TOUR**  
■ 11.30am, Shanghai Rolex Masters, last-16, live on ESPN HD, Star Sports & Ten Sports.

**THE LEAGUE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENTLEMEN**

The World T20 is over, but fans of cricket's shortest version need not worry — the Champions League is here. Here's the cream of the crop



**SACHIN TENDULKAR (MI)**

No matter what the format or the teams playing, the mere presence of Tendulkar is enough to increase the interest tenfold. He missed out last year as Mumbai romped to the title. The 39-year-old will be hoping to make it two in two.

M	R	HS	Ave	SR	100	50
73	2393	100*	37.98	123.22	1	15



**KEVIN PIETERSEN (DD)**

The England batsman has spent more time in the studio than on the field, but make no mistake, he looks as elegant playing his patented Flamingo shot as he does in those well-tailored suits you see him in as a TV pundit.

M	R	HS	Ave	SR	100	50
80	2329	103*	34.76	138.54	1	12

**JACQUES KALLIS (KKR)**

Not that the Kolkata Knight Riders are ever short on crowd support, but with the South African legend in their team they can expect even the locals to root for them thousands of miles away from the Eden Gardens.

M	R	HS	Ave	SR	100	50
114	3188	89*	34.65	113.57	0	26

M	Wkts	BBI	Ave	Econ	SR	4w
114	68	4/15	33.19	7.77	25.6	1



**SUNIL NARINE (KKR)**

T&T leggie Samuel Badree's economy rate was .07 better than Sunil Narine in the World T20, but we still go with Narine when it comes to picking a game-changer. Narine doesn't just contain batsmen, he also gets them out.

M	Wkts	BBI	Ave	Econ	SR	4w	5w
43	62	5/19	13.85	5.34	15.5	3	1

**SHANE WATSON (Sydney Sixers) >>**

The all-rounder is the ultimate T20 weapon — he can hit the ball miles, can keep the economy in check and take wickets. A former IPL champion with Rajasthan Royals, Watson will look to carry forward his excellent form at the World T20.

M	R	HS	Ave	SR	100	50
92	2570	97*	33.37	145.36	0	22

M	Wkts	BBI	Ave	Econ	SR	4w
92	80	4/15	23.01	7.12	19.3	1

**Missing men**

While it may boast an impressive collection of stars, the ones that burn the brightest are still missing. Here are two favourites whom you won't be seeing:

**Chris Gayle** The Jamaican six-hitter has plied his trade across every T20 league, unfortunately none of the teams he's represented in the last 12 months qualified for the big tournament. You know what that means? No Gangnam style dancing in South Africa.

**Virat Kohli** A teammate of Gayle's at RCB, Kohli is the hottest property in world cricket right now.

However, he won't be part of this tournament. With the number of advertisers knocking at his doorstep it can't be that much of a bad thing for him.



**SAI FUNDING OF CUESPORT STOPS**

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**KOLKATA:** The Sports Authority of India (SAI) has decided to stop funding of cuesport because it is not part of the Asian Games and the Olympics.

"We wish to inform you that we have received a letter from Sports Authority of India, New Delhi stating that all future funding to cuesport will be stopped because we are not part of Asian Games or the Olympic Games," said S Balasubramanian, the secretary of the Billiards and Snooker Federation of India (BSFI), in a release on Wednesday.

Cuesport has been dropped from the 2014 Asian Games in Incheon, South Korea and from next year's Asian Indoor Games for 2013.

According to Balasubramanian, the BSFI has pending funds that would last till the World Billiards Championships which will be held in Leeds, England from October 18 to 28. But generating funds for the World Snooker Championships to be held in Sofia, Bulgaria, from November 24 to December 2 would be a problem.

"This will affect the sport badly. It's going to be hard for us to function without these funds. We have forwarded the mail to players as well and I'm sure they are taking it hard. Especially, the guys who were supposed to be going to Bulgaria for the World Snooker Championship will face problems," said Balasubramanian. India have won 29 world titles, 12 Asian titles and 15 medals in four Asian Games.



■ With a security guard behind him, Roger Federer takes a break during his second round match against Lu Yen-hsun of Taiwan during the Shanghai Masters on Wednesday. Federer won 6-3, 7-5. KIN CHEUNG/AP

**Blogger says sorry**

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**SHANGHAI:** A blogger in China who made a death threat against Roger Federer said he had apologised, but remained at large after vowing to "assassinate" the world No. 1, according to an internet posting. Under the name "Blue Cat

Polytheistic Religion Founder 07" threatened Federer prompting organisers to step up security. "I have not been arrested," said a posting on China's popular baidu.com site, where the original threat also appeared. "I took the initiative to contact the relevant people to apologise," said the message, which was posted on Tuesday.

**PIETERSEN WILL BE WELCOMED BACK: BROAD**

**LONDON:** Ahead of their upcoming tour to India, England's Twenty20 captain Stuart Broad has said that Kevin Pietersen will be welcomed back to the England dressing room upon his return to the side.

"The team has no issues with KP coming back whenever the management decides he is ready to return. I'd have no problems playing with him," Broad said.

"Once the England management has decided when he's available to return, he'll be welcomed back into the changing room. I'm sure that if he came back for India or New Zealand, or whenever it is, that things will be fine within the team," he added. PTI

**Ex-Zimbabwe star no more**

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**HARARE:** The Zimbabwe national team selector and former all-rounder Kevin Curran has died at the age of 53. Curran, who had been coaching the Zimbabwean franchise Mashonaland Eagles, collapsed while jogging in Mutare on Wednesday morning. The exact cause of death is yet to be determined.

Zimbabwe Cricket's managing director, Wilfred Mukondwa, said: "We are still in shock, Kevin was the epitome of health and we have yet to make sense of this tragic loss."

"KC's past and continued contribution to the game of cricket is unquestionable and dates as far back as his playing days up until the phenomenal work he had been doing at Mash



**KEVIN CURRAN (1959-2012)**

Eagles. The cricket fraternity has been dealt a great blow."

Curran made his international debut in 1980 and took part in tours of Sri Lanka and England in addition to the 1983 and 1987 ICC Cricket World Cups.

The fast bowler and middle-order batsman played county cricket for Gloucestershire and

Northamptonshire until retiring at the end of 1999.

He briefly led the Namibia national team before returning to Zimbabwe in 2004 to become director of coaching at the CFX Cricket Academy in Harare, before later replacing Phil Simmons as national coach.

Vimbi Mapukute, the Mash Eagles chief executive officer, said: "I have yet to meet a man more passionate about cricket in this country. KC had put his heart and soul into developing our franchise and had great plans for our high performance gym and other facilities. His passing will leave a huge void and I feel that I have not only lost a key business ally but a friend as well."

Mash Eagles have postponed Wednesday's match against Mountaineers.

**FUTURE STORY**

*Speed king wants to turn dribble master*



■ Usain Bolt wants to become a footballer. REUTERS PHOTO

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**TOKYO:** Football may be in Usain Bolt's future. The Olympic great said Wednesday he might try his hand at the global game once he retires from the track.

"I have said I wanted to try football," said Bolt, the world-record holder at both 100 and 200 meters. "I always wanted to try to play soccer. Maybe at the end of my career. It would be something that I would love to try. I watch it on TV and see

these guys play. I play it all the time with my friends. I played childhood matches in Jamaica and I did well. I think it is something I would like to try to do."

Two days after saying he would like to defend his 100 and 200 meter titles at the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, the 26-year-old Bolt said he may still branch out to other track events.

"To find something else to strive toward," he said about his future goals. "I could always try the 400 meters - which I don't want to do. I

could try to run faster over both my events. I could try another event, maybe the long jump or the 400 meters. There are a few things I would like to try in sports that I could work towards. We'll see what I decide at the start of the season."

After becoming the first man to defend both 100 and 200-meter titles at the Olympics, Bolt said his once he returned home to Jamaica. "It's a great thing to achieve a goal you always wanted," Bolt said.

TEE-BAG

# McIlroy hopes to tame Tiger

**BRAGGING RIGHTS** With virtually no hopes of making semis, world No.1 battle with Woods held up by storm

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**BELEK, TURKEY:** World No.1 Rory McIlroy's World Golf Final showdown with 14-times major winner Tiger Woods was put on hold after play was abandoned due to storms on Wednesday.

McIlroy without a win from two matches in the inaugural event after his latest defeat at the hands of 2011 US Masters champion and group pacesetter Charl Schwartzel is bottom of his pool with Woods and Matt Kuchar on one win apiece. Woods carded a four-under 67 to beat compatriot Kuchar by five shots before the afternoon matches were put back to Thursday when a fierce electrical storm began lashing the course.

McIlroy who lost to South African Schwartzel by one shot said he was determined to put up a better show against Woods after his level-par round.

"I don't have much to play for so I would like to beat him so he doesn't go through to the semi-finals and also get some bragging rights," McIlroy, unaware he could make the semi-finals, told reporters.

If players finish level on points qualification is decided by aggregate totals over the three rounds, with McIlroy currently on five-over-par compared to Woods at five-under and Kuchar on even par.

"Bragging rights from this week will help a little bit," added the US PGA Champion who is looking forward to a rivalry with Woods next year.

"Of course, there is always an added edge when you play against a player like Tiger and there were a few chances this year when we could have gone head-to-head in the bigger tournaments but it didn't quite happen.

**I don't have much to play for so I would like to beat him so he doesn't go through to the semi-finals and also get some bragging rights**

RORY MCILROY

## STANDINGS

Group 1	Points
Charl Schwartzel	2
Tiger Woods	1
Matt Kuchar	1
Rory McIlroy	0
Group 2	Points
Justin Rose	2
Webb Simpson	1
Lee Westwood	1
Hunter Mahan	1

"So I am still looking forward to next season when we can go head-to-head down the stretch."

In Group Two, England's Justin Rose (66) beat Ryder Cup teammate Lee Westwood (69) while US Open champion Webb Simpson carded the best score so far with a six-under 65 which earned him a win over compatriot Hunter Mahan (67).

Rose tops the standings with two points and will play Simpson (one point) on Thursday. Westwood also on one point next faces last-placed Mahan.

The threat of thunderstorms forced all the scheduled afternoon matches to be pushed back to Thursday.

The leading two players in each group will advance to the semi-final. The fifth- and sixth-place finishers will each receive \$450,000, while seventh and eighth receive \$300,000.



## NALINI TAKES 2-SHOT LEAD

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**GURGAON:** Nalini Singh Siwach maintained her steady form with a fine even-par round of 72 to take a two-shot lead at the end of the first round of Hero-WGAI Women's Pro Tour, the eighth leg of the Indian women's domestic tour. Nalini was two shots clear of Saaniya Sharma. Smriti Mehra paid for her triple bogey eight on the par-5 third hole to finish at 75 and three behind the leader. She was tied for third with Vani Kapoor.

Gurbani sets course record  
**KOLKATA:** Defending champion Gurbani Singh set the Tollygunge course on fire with a record-breaking six-under 64 at the par-70 course on the first day of the Usha West Bengal Ladies Open Amateur Golf.

Gurbani was a whopping nine shot clear of second place Aditi Ashok (73).

# Short putts work for Shamim on Day One

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**NEW DELHI:** The dour expression gave away the plot. Making his way to a quiet corner of the annexe, the leading pro let go. The sudden transfer of weight on the plastic chair had it creaking, but the protests fell on deaf ears. Head in the hands, he stayed still till his mental trainer came along and broke the stupor with a tap on the shoulder. The two then went into a huddle, dissecting the day in hushed tones.

At a distance, a conversation had started on staying impervious to a bad round. Fresh from submitting a card of 64, Shamim Khan made it clear that technical fads like mental conditioning are not for him. It wasn't as if he was trying to play down the exercise underway several tables away. In fact, in between, he threw sympathetic glances at the student-coach duo. Keeping it simple is what has worked for him in his 17 years as a professional.

"Rather than sulk, the way for me is to identify the problem areas and move on. With experience, a player should realise that if he starts to rue the misses, he would cease to



Shamim Khan

play golf. If he returns a sub-par card one day, the same pair of hands and clubs can go over-par as well," he said, putting into perspective his opening day at the BILT Open.

The near-flawless card, which allowed him a single-stroke cushion, did not warrant such talk but the 34-year-old was already preparing himself for Thursday.

Such was the momentum that rarely did he find the bush-

## BILT OPEN LEADERBOARD

- 64: Shamim Khan
- 65: Rashid Khan
- 67: Md Islam
- 68: Gulflam; Arshpreet Thind
- 69: Jyoti Randhawa; Manav Jain; Shankar Das; Abhinav Lohan; Ranjit Singh Rathore; Rajesh Kumar Rawat; Randhir Singh Ghotra

es on Wednesday, but disaster could be lurking at the next bend here. The years of turning out at the Delhi Golf Club have taught Shamim the art of staying aloft.

"Finding the bushes on consecutive occasions can be devastating, and can cause a fade away." It isn't as if he's not been through this, but the bailout lies in a quick change of strategy.

"If a particular club isn't working, there is no point in persisting with it. Pull out another one and move on," he said.

Having said so, he moved on to what's been a source of bother. Sinking short putts has been a traditional weakness, and excessive movement of the wrist had curbed his putting prowess at last week's CG Open. Time was short, yet Shamim tried to address the problem. The eagle and seven birdies showed the effort had not been in vain.

## citysport SUNDAY TRICK IN MD SP WIN

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**KOLKATA:** David Sunday scored a hat-trick to help Mohammedan Sporting blank West Bengal Police 3-0 in a CFL Premier Division match at the Yuba Bharati Krirangan on Wednesday. Sunday converted a penalty in the 44th minute and then added two more in the 66th and 89th minutes.

## CHALLENGER SQUADS

Subhomoy Das, Sudip Chatterjee and Amir Goni will lead the three sides of the Cricket Association of Bengal Challenger Trophy which begins in Kalyani from Friday.

**Squads: CAB 'A':** Subhomoy Das (captain), Partha Sarathi Bhattacharya, Writam Porel, Sourav Seal, Jayojit Basu, Pankaj Shaw, Gitimoy Basu, Sufyan Khan, Laxmi Ratan Shukla, Arnab Nandi, Aritra Chatterjee, Anirban Gupta, Sanjit Sardar, Sourav Sarkar, Sourav Mondal. Coach: WV Raman.

**CAB 'B':** Sudip Chatterjee (captain), Rohan Banerjee, Abhishek Das, Purab Joshi, Sandipan Das, Amit Mehra, Harish Pandey, Shreevats Goswami (wicketkeeper), Sayan Sekhar Mondal, Alok Sharma, Ijaz Ansari, Soumya Pakray, Veer Pratap Singh, Debabrata Dutta, Arunlal Yadav. Coach: Devang Gandhi.

**CAB U-19:** Amir Goni (captain), Ankit Keshri (vice-captain), Vivek Singh, Shuvam Dey, Himadri Chakraborty, Shreyansh Ghosh, Abhimanyu Easwaran, Alok Pratap Singh, Ravi Kant Singh, Suman Debnath, Pryam Sarkar (wicketkeeper), Koushik Mondal (wicketkeeper), Pritam Chakraborty, Partha Kundu, Ritshav Das, Mithilesh Das. Coach: Gautam Shome Jr.

**Fixtures:** October 12-13: CAB 'B' v CAB U-19. October 15-16: CAB 'A' v CAB U-19. October 18-19: CAB 'A' v CAB 'B'.

## AIRLINES FINAL

Mohun Bagan will take on Mohammedan Sporting in the final of the All Airlines Gold Cup which will be played at the Yuba Bharati Krirangan on Tuesday.

## SINHA, SINGH WIN TITLES

Asish Sinha won the U-10 boys' title defeating Amaan Wasim 4-1, 4-1 at the Calcutta Hard Court Tennis meet at South Club. Vikas Singh, the U-12 national champion, defeated second seed Parikshit Somani 6-3, 6-3 to win the U-18 category.

# Sikkim hurdle for East Bengal

## i-league

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**GANGTOK:** East Bengal would be in the hunt for their first win of the I-League against debutants United Sikkim here on Thursday but given how former champions Salgaocar were beaten here last week, it doesn't seem to be an easy task.

This is the second match on the trot that the Federation Cup winners are playing away from home and the long travel from Goa to Gangtok is bound to affect them physically. Located at an altitude of 5800 ft, East Bengal found Gangtok cold and soaked in rain when they arrived on Tuesday.

But coach Trevor James Morgan said it wouldn't be a factor. "In fact, our players would love to play in such cool weather as compared to playing in hot and humid conditions," he said.

"The first opponent for us was the tiring journey which takes its toll on the players. We



United Sikkim FC players in a huddle before start of practice at the Paljor Stadium in Gangtok on Wednesday. PHOTO COURTESY: AIF

need to recover early. Four days ago we were in a beach and today we are in a hill station. We have to adapt if we want to be I-League champions and we cannot look for excuses. We are here to win and if we don't win, it won't be due to weather and other conditions," he added.

Morgan remains unfamiliar

with the Bhaichung Bhutia co-owned club that is now managed by former East Bengal coach Philippe De Ridder. "I haven't seen them playing. They got promoted last season but we treat all our opponents with respect. They have the home advantage and their last win against Salgaocar has given them the momentum," said

Morgan.

Buoyed by their victory against Salgaocar, United Sikkim are keen to extend their winning run. "A victory in the first match made a huge difference for us and freed us from pressure. We have a home advantage and I believe we can beat any I-League club on our home ground," said Bhutia.

"Our main aim is to survive I-League this season and we are counting a lot on home matches to get points. Even a draw against East Bengal will be a happy result for us," he went on.

Bhaichung, who started his career with East Bengal two decades ago, however, won't be playing. "I think I will be match fit for our next match against Dempo," said Bhutia.

## TODAY'S MATCHES

- In Gangtok: United Sikkim FC v East Bengal (from 2.30 pm)
- In Kolkata: Pailan Arrows v Air India (from 2.30pm)
- In Pune: Pune FC v Mumbai FC (from 6.30pm)
- In Margao: Churchill Brothers v ONGC (on Ten Action from 6.50pm)

## Seventh draw for Anand

**BILBAO, SPAIN:** World champion Viswanathan Anand played out his seventh draw in as many games, signing peace with world number two Levon Aronian of Armenia in the seventh round of the fifth Final Chess Masters. With his seventh draw, nothing changed for Anand as he remained clear fourth in the six-player double round-robin tournament and the Indian ace can now look up to the two white games coming his way out of the last three even though catching up at the top seems difficult. Magnus Carlsen continued to excel in the Bilbao Leg of the super tournament and cruised home to his second win in as many games here.

At the receiving end was lowest-ranked Francisco Vallejo Pons of Spain who appeared all at sea against the highest ranked player in the world. P.TI

# GM norms for Mhamal and Dhopade

## nationalchess

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**KOLKATA:** Goa's Anurag Mhamal had a simple solution to the problem of inadequate coaches or quality chess players in his state. He got on the information highway. "It is easy if you go on-line," said the 17-year-old after the ninth round of the Tata 50th National Premier Chess Championship here on Wednesday.

Mhamal needed a win against the promising IM Sahaj Grover for his first GM norm. With the flourish usually associated with Dempo, Goa's most successful football team — they also share the same benefactor — Mhamal crushed Grover with an English Opening to stay within a point of sole leader MR Venkatesh (7) who drew on the top board with GM Deep Sengupta.

"I had come here hoping to get my first IM norm, having missed that in Spain earlier in the year. I started off well, beating Deep Sengupta (Elo 2539) and today (Wednesday), I came looking for a win.

"I had already sealed an IM norm so I really had nothing to lose. He (Grover) made a mistake in the middle game. Also, he got into time trouble and couldn't defend well," said Mhamal who was six when he got hooked to chess watching his father play.

For the past four months, Mhamal's been coached by GM Praveen Thipsay and his target is to get the IM title by year-end. Asked how he manages to balance academics and chess, the Class II student said it was getting difficult with science subjects and so he switched to commerce.

Goa corporate giants Dempo

has been backing him for the past year-and-a-half with an annual fund of Rs 8 lakh, he said. Like most teenagers here, Mhamal said he swears by world No.1 Magnus Carlsen.

"He loves to attack and plays some really sharp lines. Among the old-timers it will have to be (Bobby) Fischer." What about world champion Viswanathan Anand?

"He isn't that sharp." The city's been lucky for him, Mhamal said, because it was here in 2009 that he qualified for his first National A meet, this tournament in its earlier avatar.

Another player for whom this city has been lucky is IM Swapnil Dhopade who too got his maiden GM norm with a draw against GM Abhijit Kunte and is still unbeaten here. Dhopade won a tournament here this year.

Parents of this national U-25 champion realised his potential when as a Class 5 student in Amravati, Dhopade won a tournament in his school. "We didn't even know he played chess then," said father Sunil Dhopade, a health inspector with the Amravati Municipal Corporation here.

For the next six years, Dhopade senior took his son to train under OP Kakra "four-five days a week every evening from 9pm to 1am."

Dhopade, 22, is now with Central Railways and trains under GM RB Ramesh. He will play next week's international GM Open tournament in Nagpur, his father said.

**FINAL NORM FOR BITAN** Bengal's Bitan Banerjee completed his third and final IM norm with a draw against GM MR Lalith Babu. He now needs to raise his Elo rating to 2400 to seal his title.



Anurag Mhamal (left) and Swapnil Dhopade at the National premier chess championship at Khudiram Anushilan Kendra on Wednesday. SATYABRATA DAS/HT



## RESULTS, DAY 9

**GM Deep Sengupta (6) dw GM MR Venkatesh (7); GM S Arun Prasad (5.5) dw GM GN Gopal (6); FM Anurag Mhamal (6) bt GM Sahaj Grover (5.5); IM Swapnil Dhopade (6) dw GM Abhijit Kunte (5.5); IM P Kartikeyan (5) lost to IM Vidit Gujarathi (6); GM Deepan Chakravarthy (5) lost to GM B.Adhian (5.5); IM Debashisan Das (4.5) dw GM SP Sethuraman (4.5); IM S Satyapragyan (5) dw GM Praveen Thipsay (5); GM S Kidambi (4) lost to G. Akash (5.5); GM MR Lalith Babu (4.5) dw Bitan Banerjee (4.5); GM Neelotpal Das (5) bt FM Aravindh Chithambaram (4); FM Diptayan Ghosh (4.5) dw GM Dibyendu Barua (4.5); K Praneth Surya (5) bt IM Saptarshi Roy (4); SL Narayanan (4) lost to Sagor Shah (5); FM VAV Rajesh (3.5) lost to WGM Mary Ann Gomes (4.5); Sashikant Kutwal (3.5) lost to IM Swayams Mishra (4.5); Ram S Krishnan (3.5) dw Suvarjit Saha (3.5); Arindam Mukherjee (3) lost to IM C. Praveen Kumar (4); Pratik Patil (3.5) dw BT Murali Krishnan (3.5); CRG Krishna (3) dw S Ravi Teja (3.5); Abhisah Phadke (2) lost to M.L. Slobhan Reddy (4); Murali Kartikeyan (4) got a bye.**

# Colts off to winning start

## shortpasses

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**SHIZUKA:** India opened their campaign in the U-14 SAARC Football Tournament with a 2-1 victory over Afghanistan at the Tokinosumika Sports Centre. Striker Krishna Pandit scored the goals in the first half. Pandit opened the scoring immediately after kick off.

The goal scored in the 30th second stays the fastest in the tournament so far. Pandit followed a Amey Ranawade pass and chipped it over the rival goalkeeper. The second goal came in the fifth minute off a set-piece movement. Ranawade made a run on right wing and his cross was directed into the net by Krishna.

**BARCA TO APPEAL AGAINST BUSQUETS BAN** MADRID: Barcelona announced on Wednesday that they are to



Cristiano Ronaldo

appeal against the two-match suspension given to midfielder Sergio Busquets following his red card in Barca's 2-0 win at Benfica in the Champions League last week.

**RONALDO IN LINE FOR RUSSIAN RETURN: PEPE LISBON:** Portugal defender Pepe says his teammate Cristiano Ronaldo is the likelier of the two to overcome injury in time for their crunch World Cup qualifier in Russia on Friday.

Ronaldo has a shoulder injury and Pepe a thigh strain. On Wednesday, the pair both took part in their first training sessions since picking up the injuries while helping Real Madrid earn a 2-2 draw with Barcelona at the weekend. Both of them trained alone, however. "I think Ronaldo has a better chance of playing in the match on Friday than I do," said Pepe after his workout.

## ZICO COMPLAINS OF UNPAID SALARY

**SAO PAULO:** Iraq coach Zico says he is owed four months' pay by the team's football federation. The former Brazil star says he is disappointed by the "lack of consideration" for his work. He told the Brazilian sports daily Lance on Wednesday that the federation started delaying his payments last October. Zico said the federation apparently hasn't been able to make the payments because of "a problem with FIFA." He said his assistants also haven't received their salaries regularly.

## turfnews Five for Friday's feature

### THE MINSTREL

**KOLKATA RACING**  
Oct. 10: Only five horses have accepted to contest the 2,000m Monsoon Cup, which is the star attraction in Friday's eight-event race card. The first race starts at 1 pm:

- 1. Star Phoenix Handicap 1,200m (Rt 00-25, 1pm): High Tide 62.5, Hyacinthus 62.5, Saddle Chief 62, Bhima 61, Hot Iron 60.5, Apical Light 60, Ballantyne 60, Eros 60, Empress Of Persia 58.5, Eternal Instinct 58, Gonna Be A Rokstar 53.5.
- 2. Replicate Handicap 1,200m (Rt 00-45, 1:30pm): Speed Angel 61.5, Consensus 60.5, Classical Romance 55.5, Rithambhra 55.5, Fankaar 55, King Clicker 53, Sartaj 52.5, Radiant Heart 51.5, Generosity 50.5.
- 3. No Regrets Cup 1,200m (Rt 60 & over) 2pm: Accurate 61, Amaretto 60.5, Bullet 58, Zillionaire 56.5, Blazing Spectacle 50.
- 4. Everyrisky Handicap 1,100m (Rt 00-25, 4-year-olds & over) 2:30pm: Stilling Veil 62.5, Enzo 61.5, Yampalagadeewana 61, Fascinating 59.5, Dazzling One 59, Ijjal 58.5, Accoast 57.5, Shes Like The Wind 56.5, Evening Mist 55.5, Storm Boy 57.5, Flaming Love 53.5, Seachange 50.
- 5. Annihilator Handicap 1,300m (Rt 00-45, 3-year-olds only) 3pm: Hurricane Andrew 60, Apical Finala 58.5, Haynestown 57.5, Storm Boy 57.5, Secret Mistress 57, Tennessee Waltz 57, Lord Aragon 56.5, Zip Zap Zoom 56.5, Spur Of The Moment 56, Promises To Keep 55, Rise Above 54.5, Deccan Princess 51.5.
- 6. Monsoon Cup 2,000m (Terms, 4-year-olds & over) 3:30pm: Arktoours 60, Unleashed 59.5, Silver Fox 58.5, Camacho 57, Shershab 57.
- 7. Rockefeller Handicap 1,000m (Rt 40-65, 4pm): Ocean Legacy 61.5, Mesmerizer 61, Silkien Dancer 59.5, Must Be Magic 58, Ocean Myth 57.5, Catchphrase 56, Kingdomofdreams 56, Royal Dance 56, Scarface 54.5, Secret Visit 52.5, Kinshasa 51.5.
- 8. Flanenco Star Handicap 1,000m (Rt 20-65) 4:30pm: Lake Leader 60, Ocean Clipper 59.5, Azorian 59, Burst Of Stardust 57.5, Alicante 57, Aqualina 56, Naughty Lass 56, Royal Saga 55.5, Memories 55, Bayberry 52, Kayadhu 51.5, Calypso Girl 50.
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## Sprint Star fancied

**MYSORE RACING**  
Oct. 10: Trainer Satish Narreddy's Sprint Star is expected to lift the 1,200m Mysore Dasha Sprint Championship, a Grade-II race, which is the main attraction in the 10-event race card, here, on Thursday. Suraj is the favourite. Other contenders include Sprint Star 2, Always Injuring 3, 3.15pm: Sanatana 1, Jazzythebay 2, Mischief 3. 3.45pm: Auburn Beauty 1, Midnight Cruise 2, Anonymous 3. 4.15pm: Sprint Star 1, Optimum Prime 2, Demanding Format 3. 4.45pm: Jersey Girl 1, Chase The Sun 2, Showin'off 3. 5.15pm: Indian Royalty 1, Kevin Anderson (RSA) 2, Denis Istomin (UZB) 4, 4-6, 6-4; Marcos Baghdatis (CYP) bt Milos Raonic (CAN x12) 7-6 (7/4), 6-7

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#### ATP Shanghai Masters

1st rd: Denis Istomin (UZB) bt Carlos Berlocq (ARG) 4-6, 6-2, 6-1; Stanislas Wawrinka (SUI x13) bt Albert Ramis (ESP) 7-6 (7/1), 7-6 (7/5); Florian Mayer (GER) bt Bernard Tomer (AUS) 6-4, 6-0; Kei Nishikori (JPN x14) bt Wu Di (CHN) 6-2, 6-4; Viktor Troicki (SRB) bt Mikhail Youzhny (RUS) 6-3, 2-6, 6-4; Gilles Simon (FRA x15) bt Jurgen Melzer (AUT) 6-4, 6-2; Feliciano Lopez (ESP) bt Alejandro Falla (COL) 6-3, 1-6, 6-3; Lu Yen-hsun (TPE) bt Zhang Ze (CHN) 6-0, 6-2; Marcos Baghdatis (CYP) bt Fabio Fognini (ITA) 6-2, 6-2; Milos Raonic (CAN x12) bt Marinco Matosevic (AUS) 7-6 (7/4), 6-3; Radek Stepanek (CZE) bt Lleyton Hewitt (AUS) 7-5, 6-1. 2nd rd: John Isner (USA x8) bt Kevin Anderson (RSA) 7-6 (7/3), 6-7 (8/10), 7-6 (9/7); Marin Cilic (CRO x10) bt Martin Klizan (SVK) 7-5, 6-1; Fernando Verdasco (ESP) bt Juan Monaco (ARG x7) 6-4, 6-2; Sam Querrey (USA) bt Kei Nishikori (JPN x14) 2-6, 6-1, 6-4; Tomas Berdych (CZE x4) bt Andreas Seppi (ITA) 6-3, 6-3; Feliciano Lopez (ESP) bt Philipp Kohlschreiber (GER x16) 6-3, 6-4; Stanislas Wawrinka (SUI x13) bt Florian Mayer (GER) - walkover (rib injury).

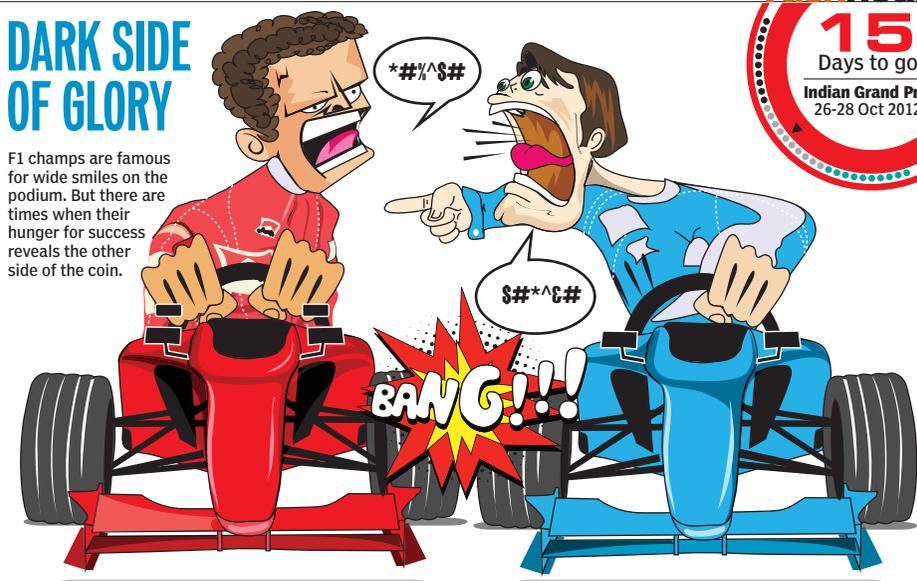
**Japan Women's Open**  
2nd rd: Jamie Hampton (USA) bt Tamarine Tanusugarn (THA) 7-5, 7-5; Chang Kai-chen (TPE) bt Casey Dellacqua (AUS) 7-6 (7/4), 6-3; Samantha Stosur (AUS x1) bt Virginie Razzano (FRA) 1-6, 6-2, 6-4; Misaki Doi (JPN) bt Olga Puchkova (RUS) 6-3, 6-2.

#### Linz Open

1st rd: Simona Halep (ROM) bt Lesya Tsurenko (UKR) 3-0 retired; Julia Goerges (GER x5) bt Daniela Hantuchova (SVK) 6-4, 7-6 (7/5); Carla Suarez (ESP) bt Magdalena Rybarikova (SVK) 6-3, 6-4; Romina Oprandi (SUI) bt Alexandra Cadantu (ROM) 6-2, 6-1; Mallory Burdette (USA) bt Ksenia Pervak (KAZ) 6-3, 6-4; Kirsten Flipkens (BEL) bt Alize Cornet (FRA) 6-4, 6-3; Irina Begu (ROM) bt Catalina Castano (COL) 6-0, 6-4; Bethanie Mattek-Sands (USA) bt Tamira Paszek (AUT x7) 6-2, 6-4; Andrea Petkovic (GER) bt Barbara Zahlavova Strycova (CZE) 7-6 (7/3), 6-2; Petra Martic (CRO) bt Sorana Cirstea (ROM) 6-4, 6-3.

## DARK SIDE OF GLORY

F1 champs are famous for wide smiles on the podium. But there are times when their hunger for success reveals the other side of the coin.



<p><b>AYRTON SENNA</b> (Japan, 1990) Ayrton Senna risked a lot when he rammed into rival Alain Prost at the start of the 1990 Japanese GP. He absolved himself of all blame in a press conference the following year, blaming the contact on FIA president Jean-Marie Balestre.</p>	<p><b>M SCHUMACHER</b> (Belgium, 1998) Schumacher and David Coulthard collided while the former was leading, ending his race. The German furiously marched into the McLaren pits to get physical with the Scot for allegedly ruining his race on purpose.</p>	<p><b>NELSON PIQUET</b> (Germany, 1982) The three-time champion collided with Eliseo Salazar while leading. Piquet let loose, throwing punches and kicks. Salazar must have considered himself lucky to have not taken off his crash helmet.</p>	<p><b>SEBASTIAN VETTEL</b> (Malaysia, 2012) His reaction to the incident with Narain Karthikeyan belied his image of a happy-go-lucky racer. Vettel referred to him as an 'idiot' while speaking to a TV reporter. His view was not widely shared and Narain hit back a day later.</p>	<p><b>KIMI RAIKKONEN</b> (Great Britain, 2008) Raikkonen avoids the public eye and doesn't react well to intrusions of his personal space. This was seen at the 2008 British GP when he unceremoniously shoved a photographer out of his way as Kimi tried to reach for his bag.</p>
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## Honda open to Formula 1 return

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**NEW DELHI:** Japanese car manufacturing giant Honda has expressed its interest of returning to Formula 1 in the future.

Speaking to British motoring magazine *Autocar*, Yoshiharu Yamamoto, a senior Honda board member who is CEO of Honda R&D, said that he is keen on getting the company back to the sport that it left in 2008 following the global economic crisis that left the company unable to justify its investment in its F1

project.

Honda competed in F1 as a factory team from 1964 to 1968, winning three races, before withdrawing and returning as an engine supplier in 1984.

As a partner with Williams and then McLaren, Honda won six consecutive constructors' titles from 1986 to 1991 and five consecutive drivers' titles from 1987 to 1991.

Following another withdrawal after 1992, Honda officially returned as an engine manufacturer with the British American Racing team in 2000.

It took over the team in 2006, renaming it the Honda Racing F1 team and won the Hungarian Grand Prix.

Yamamoto went on to say that Honda's current priority was to compete in the World Touring Car Championship after which the feasibility of a return to F1 will be evaluated.

The 2014 engine regulations that will see F1 adopt 1.6-litre, turbocharged V-6 engines in place of the current 2.4-litre, V-8 engines are believed to be a draw for car manufacturers looking to compete in F1.

### 'GANGNAM STYLE' HITS KOREAN GRAND PRIX

**YEONGAM (SOUTH KOREA):** Korean sensation Psy, whose hit song "Gangnam Style" has taken the pop world by storm, will wave the chequered flag at his home grand prix on Sunday, where he will also be performing live.

The rapper has sprung to international fame and the video to "Gangnam Style", featuring Psy's much-imitated horse-riding dance, went viral after its July release on YouTube, where it has notched up nearly 420 million views.

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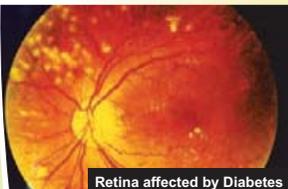
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# Armstrong saga concluding soon?



## DOPING DRAMA USADA to seal champion cyclist's fate later this week

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AUSTIN, TEXAS: The world may soon know what the US Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) has on Lance Armstrong.

In August, USADA ordered the results from 14 years of Armstrong's career erased, including his seven Tour de France titles, and banned him from cycling for life because of the doping case against him.

It is planning within days to send a report detailing its "reasoned decision" to the International Cycling Union, the

sport's governing body.

The document is widely anticipated because USADA is expected to include detailed evidence — including witness names and specific allegations — that USADA said it had when it charged Armstrong with performance-enhancing drug use while winning the Tour every year from 1999-2005.

Cycling authorities who backed Armstrong's legal fight to block the case have said they want to see the material before deciding whether to appeal the American agency's sanctions to the world Court of Arbitration for Sport.

## DOSSIER DE LANCE

When Lance Armstrong (right) was stripped of his 14 major titles in August, the decision threw more questions than answers in the public domain. Here are some snippets about what could happen in near future

**EVIDENCE THE REPORT WILL HAVE**  
Armstrong strongly denies doping, but USADA officials have said their report will back up the move to sanction one of the most popular athletes in America.

**USADA has said** USADA has said it had 10 former teammates ready to testify against Armstrong before he chose not to take his case to an arbitration hearing.

**The list likely includes** previous Armstrong accusers Floyd Landis and Tyler Hamilton.

**WHO CAN STRIP HIM OF TOUR TITLES?**  
USADA says it does under the authority of the World Anti-Doping Code. The UCI says it wants to see USADA's report.

**The World Anti-Doping Code** gives the cycling union the right to appeal the sanctions against Armstrong that impact the world's most prestigious bike race and some fireworks between the agencies are expected.

**The UCI has clashed** with USADA over the Armstrong case, even challenging its authority to bring charges.

**WHAT HAPPENS ONCE UCI GETS THE REPORT?**  
UCI has been critical of USADA for taking so long, but once the report arrives, the cycling union will have 21 days to appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

**The report also** will go to the World Anti-Doping Agency, which also has the right to appeal, but so far has supported USADA's position in the Armstrong case.

**Armstrong's lawyers** say USADA should send UCI its entire case file.

**WHAT DO TOUR DE FRANCE OFFICIALS SAY?**  
The Tour has been silent while waiting for direction from UCI. It would be awkward for the world's most popular bike race to have to erase the name of a seven-time champion.

**In previous cases,** Tour organisers have taken a back seat in stripping the titles.

**When Alberto Contador** tested positive for clenbuterol during the 2010 race, the UCI first left the case to the Spanish Cycling Federation.

**WILL LANCE PUSH FOR UCI TO APPEAL?**  
It depends on how determined he is to see his name in the record books. Armstrong built worldwide brands for himself and his cancer-fighting foundation on the strength of those Tour victories.

**An appeal could mean** many more months or years defending himself against constant allegations. He chose to drop his fight in August and may be willing to give it up forever.

**Armstrong continues to** introduce himself as a seven-time Tour de France winner.



## NO SPIRIT HERE

### Wrestler Sushil makes sober point

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CHANDIGARH: Raised in the true Indian wrestling tradition of milk-and-ghee, alcohol was never his thing. So, when a leading liquor brand offered Sushil Kumar ₹50 lakh to appear in a surrogate ad, the London Olympics silver medalist said a firm 'no'.

"I didn't want to be associated with a liquor brand in any form as it would send a wrong signal to the youth," said Kumar, the only Indian to win two back-to-back individual Olympic medals.

Surrogate ads involve promoting banned products such as cigarettes and alcohol in the guise of another product. For example, a liquor company can promote the brand through club soda or mineral water.

Kumar's bronze medal triumph in Beijing four summers ago earned him celebrity status and after the 29-year-old changed "the colour of his medal" in London, his place in Indian sporting history was sealed.

Starved of youth icons —



**I didn't want to be associated with a liquor brand in any form as it would send a wrong signal to the youth**

SUSHIL KUMAR  
Double Olympic medalist

other than cricketers — advertisers found a star in Kumar, who now endorses Mountain Dew, Eicher tractors and NECC (National Egg Coordination Committee) earning ₹1 crore annually.

"The sporting tradition that I've been raised in values discipline way above money," said Kumar.

The liquor company has now turned to cricketers, though not all have been keen customers.

Two years ago, Sachin Tendulkar turned down a ₹20-crore offer from a top liquor brand.

Badminton star Pullela Gopichand, who coaches London bronze medalist Saina Nehwal, refused cigarette and cola ads after he won the prestigious All England Badminton Championship.

## NATIONAL TENNIS

### Jeevan books quarter-final berth

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NEW DELHI: After an easy opener, top seed Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan was put to the test in the second round of the Fenesta Open National Tennis Championship. Jeevan was made to sweat by Ajai Selvaraj before overcoming his Tamil Nadu state-mate in three sets on Wednesday morning.

After the top seed pocketed the first set 6-2, Selvaraj came back strongly in the second to level the scores with a 6-3 win. However, cramps and shoulder trouble dashed his hopes of causing an upset.

Jeevan took the lead in the decider and emerged an easy 6-1 winner. He will next face Ashwin Vijayaraghava for a place in the semi-finals.

However, Wednesday saw two upsets in the men's draw. Young Arjun Kadhe booked his place in the quarterfinals, upsetting second seed VM Ranjeet. After winning a set each, Ranjeet twisted his ankle in the beginning of the final set and was unable to continue the match. Thus, Kadhe set up a quarterfinal date with Mohit Mayur Jayaprakash.



Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan in action on Wednesday.

Fourth seeded PC Vignesh was also shown the door by Saurabh Singh. Vignesh conceded the match when the score read 4-6, 1-1 due to health reasons.

In the women's section, the top three seeds easily secured their quarterfinal berths. While top seed Rishika Sunkara thrashed Devanshi Bhemjiyan 6-2, 6-3, Prerna Bhambri, the second seed, made short work of Tarranum Handa 6-2, 6-2. Third-seeded Natasha Palha beat Damini Sharma 6-2, 6-3.

Meanwhile, Vineeta Singh and Jhanvi Gupta made the girls' under-18 doubles final with a 7-5, 6-1 win over Mihika Yadav and Ramaya Natarajan.

## Difficult to return, says Nadal

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LONDON: Rafael Nadal has no timeline for his return to competitive tennis but the world number four did not completely rule out the possibility of returning from injury in time for next month's Davis Cup and ATP World Tour finals.

Nadal has not played since suffering a shock second-round Wimbledon defeat to Czech Lukas Rosol in June and has yet to return to the practise court, but the 26-year-old Spaniard left the door open for a comeback before the end of the season.

He conceded, however, that the chances of appearing at the ATP World Tour final in 26 days or helping Spain against the Czech Republic in the Nov. 16-18 Davis Cup final were remote.

"Impossible, no. But difficult, yes," said Nadal. "I want to go day-by-day, I go every day to the gym, the swimming pool to continue with my recovery. I am trying not to think that far."

Nadal missed the London Olympics and US Open as he fights to undo some of the damage inflicted on his fragile knees from years of competing on hard



Rafael Nadal has not played since suffering a shock defeat at Wimbledon in June.

courts. He spends his days in the gym, swimming and undergoing therapy treatments but, while he acknowledged feeling some improvements, he is not ready to hit the practise court.

"It has been very tough as I feel that my knee didn't improve in the right way ... but I can really feel the improvement over the last couple of weeks," said Nadal.

Nadal maintained he is not going to rush his return.

He has dealt with injuries several times throughout a career that has included a record 21 World Tour Masters titles and an Olympic gold medal but has entered uncharted territory with his current layoff.

**INDIAN CHALLENGE ENDS AT TASHKENT**  
NEW DELHI: Yuki Bhambri, Vishnu Vardhan and Sanam Singh bowed out of the Tashkent Challenger. While Bhambri was shown the door by eighth-seeded Karol Beck of Slovakia 1-6, 3-6, Vardhan was defeated by Russian Igor Kunitsyn 3-6, 4-6. Sanam was ousted by qualifier Oleksandr Nedovyesov, not before being served a bagel in the first set. Nedovyesov won 6-0, 6-4. The doubles duo of Bhambri and Divij Sharan were ousted 4-6, 4-6 by Germans Andre Bege-mann and Martin Emmrich in the first round.

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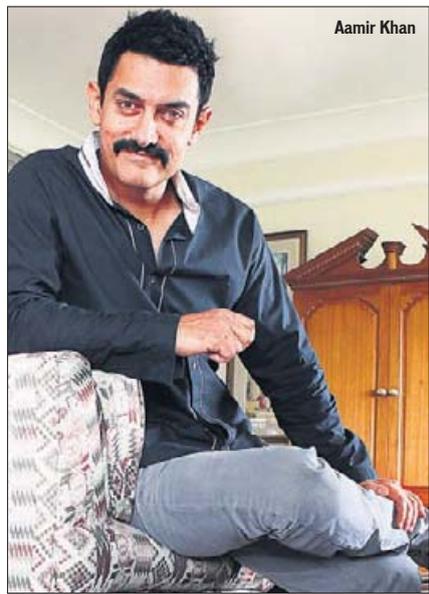
**KJO MADE SURE YUVI TRAVELLED BUSINESS CLASS**  
 Filmmaker Karan Johar and cricketer Yuvraj Singh hit it off on a flight to Bengaluru on Monday. As reported by Mumbai Mirror, Johar, who was travelling business class, spotted Yuvi travelling economy class and asked one of his team members to switch places and let him take a business seat. When KJo asked Yuvi why he was travelling economy, he jokingly said it was because Johar had booked all the business seats.

**ASIN TO ATTEND GRAND PRIX**

Actor Asin will reportedly attend the Formula One Grand Prix in Gurgaon on October 28. Buzz is that she has been invited by Ronald 'Ron' Dennis, executive chairman, McLaren Group, whom she met in London recently. "I really look forward to it, especially since I'm a huge F1 fan," the daily DNA quoted her as saying.



## Aamir bans camera phones on film set



Aamir Khan

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Ever since a few photographs from the sets of Vijay Krishna Acharya's Dhoom:3 were leaked to a publication recently, the makers of the film have become extra-cautious. In order to prevent such incidents, Aamir Khan, in agreement with producers Yash Raj Films, has now banned camera phones from the film set altogether.

Initially, the crew was asked to keep their phones switched off on the sets. But the security breach proved that the idea was not fool-proof. "So now the makers have provided the crew with mobile phones that don't have cameras. This way,

they can remain connected and the makers will not have to stress about any pictures or information about the actors' looks getting leaked," informs an insider from Chicago, USA, which is where the film is being shot. Aamir's personal entourage has to also adhere to this rule as long as the shooting schedule lasts till October 17.

Aamir, who will be seen in an action-role after Ghajini (2008), is currently shooting the film with Katrina Kaif and Uday Chopra. Abhishek Bachchan, who reprises his role as inspector Jay Dixit in the third installment of the franchise, returned to Mumbai a few days ago for Amitabh Bachchan's 70th birthday celebration.



Bedabrata Pain

## DREAMING OUT LOUD

Bedabrata Pain says that he didn't have any formal training in filmmaking

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Dr Bedabrata Pain has done what few would dare to attempt. A senior research scientist in NASA for 18 years, Pain is known for inventing the RED Camera. He also has many more inventions to his credit. However, he put all his earnings from the royalty he got into making his debut film Chittagong, which releases on October 12. Having lived in the US for more than 26 years, Pain is surprisingly fluent in Bengali. Pain spoke to HT City on his debut film

and his transition from a scientist to a filmmaker. Excerpts:

**You are a scientist, inventor, director, producer and also a singer. What do you like most? Why do I have to choose? Can a parent choose between his or her kids? Each is equally close to my heart.**

**Having worked with NASA as a senior research scientist, one would have expected that you would have made a sci-fi as your debut film? I defy expectations. What excites and intrigues me are human failings and strivings, the human spirit**



Nawazuddin Siddiqui and Manoj Bajpayee in Chittagong

that never gives up and the human capacity to visualise and create something new. I have always been a socially conscious person. That's the milieu in which I grew up. So it is not surprising that I made a film that depicts the quest of a boy, who overcomes self-doubt

and emerges as a winner. I will always make films that are exciting and accessible and celebrate human spirit.

**Will you ever make a sci-fi? Science fiction is such an oxymoron. Nevertheless, if I find a touching story, I'd do it.**

**How did the transition happen? Did you have any formal training in filmmaking?**

Growing up in the 1960s and 1970s in Bengal, it was not possible to stay away from art, culture and political consciousness. I used to paint. I always loved poetry, music and singing. During my college and PhD days, I had participated in writing and had staged plays. In Columbia University I used to write my girlfriend's (later my wife) essays on film criticism. Telling a story has always intrigued me, right from an early age when I used to narrate my father's accounts of crossing the river Meghna in a way as if I had experienced it. This ability of seeing the story pass frame by frame before my eyes is what has drawn me to filmmaking. But I have never had any

formal training in filmmaking. I hadn't even been to a film's set before I stepped on the set of Chittagong. I had produced a film Amu before but I wasn't on the set, because I was looking after my kids in Los Angeles. So, it was purely a leap of faith.

**Why did you decide to make a film on the Chittagong Uprising?**

After Amu, we were discussing the subject of my next film. I realised that the Chittagong Uprising was not known to anybody outside Bengal. Yet this is such an inspiring and unbelievable feat — of school kids and a schoolteacher taking on the mighty Britishers. I bet if this had happened in Europe, there would have been 10 films on the subject.

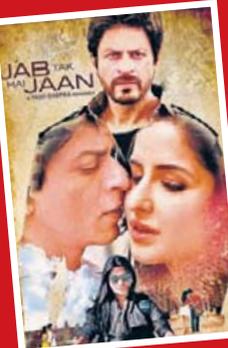
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## PREVIEW OF THE FIVE MOST ANTICIPATED BOLLYWOOD FILMS RELEASING IN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS

### sneak peek



**Today's pick**



**Director's cut**

## Last from the king of romance

Jab Tak Hai Jaan (JTHJ) is veteran filmmaker Yash Chopra's last film as a director. Touted as Bollywood's king of romance, Chopra will soon head to Switzerland to shoot the last song for the film.

Interestingly, the film's lead actor SRK confessed that he never wanted to do love stories. But Chopra told him his own story of how he became a director, even though his family wanted him to be an engineer, and managed to convince him. "I remember Yashji tell me, till you love, nobody will love you back (sic)," SRK tweeted.

**MINAKSHI SAINI**



Shah Rukh Khan and Katrina Kaif in JTHJ

**The plot**

Samar Anand (SRK) is an introvert and is made to leave the love of his life, Khushi (Katrina Kaif). From London, he comes back to Kashmir to run away from his past and meets Akira (Anushka Sharma), who is an extrovert and works for a wildlife channel. She falls in love with Samar, who is still lost in his past. Will he find his true love in Khushi or will he opt for a new beginning with Akira?



Anushka Sharma and Shah Rukh Khan

**MORE ON THE WEB**  
 Can't get enough of the film? Log on to: www.hindustantimes.com/jthj

## Private screening for Adi, Yash Chopra

Rani Mukerji will arrange a special preview of her upcoming film at YRF

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Rani Mukerji's special connection with Yash Raj Films and her relationship with filmmaker Aditya Chopra is well-known. Now, in an evident show of proximity with the Chopras, Rani has arranged a private screening of her film Aiyrya just for Aditya and Yash Chopra. The screening will take place at Yash Raj Studios this week. "As Adi is a very reserved guy, she arranged for a separate screening for him and his father," says a source.

A separate screening has also been organised for Rani's friends from the industry. "The guest list is not yet confirmed, but top actors and directors will attend the screening," the source adds. Jointly produced by filmmaker Anurag Kashyap and Viacom 18 Motion Pictures, director Sachin Kundalkar's film is a love story



Aditya Chopra

between a Marathi girl and a Tamil boy (played by south actor Prithviraj). The plot depicts a role reversal, where a man is shown as an object of desire being pursued by a woman.

When Viacom was contacted, a spokesperson confirmed the news of the private screenings at YRF, but refused to divulge any further details. The film releases on October 12.



Rani Mukerji

## Anoushka's lullaby in Hollywood

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Anoushka Shankar may have made up her mind about acting in filmmaker Deepa Mehta's Midnight's Children a year ago, but the British Indian sitarist, who later backed out due to pregnancy, is clear she has no plans to act for now. "I have no plans to act at present," says Anoushka, denying

that she'll even act in husband, English filmmaker Joe Wright's future projects. She has, however, composed a track for Joe's film, Anna Karenina. "I didn't actually compose the song for the film. It was a lullaby I made up whilst singing to Zubin (her 19-month-old son). Joe heard it and liked it. It is very meaningful for us that a song for Zubin has ended up in the film," says Anoushka.

**Tomorrow's pick**

Your search for Aamir Khan's Talaash will end with tomorrow's feature. Watch out for this space!

## mustwatchonTV

**KYA HUA TERA VAADA**  
Anushka thinks hard about who might be able to help her. She sees Vineet signing the power of attorney in her name which makes her decide to ask Vineet for help. **SONY 10 pm**

**HITLER DIDI**  
Rishi still has doubts about Zara Malik's real identity. Has Indra come back to him? **ZEE TV 8 pm**

**BIGG BOSS 6**  
The man of golden words Navjot Singh Sidhu turns a master chef. While Bigg Boss asks Niketan to name one person who made least contribution to the 24-hour task. **COLORS 9 pm**



## moviesontv

**HBO**  
0815 Crocodile II : Death Roll  
1005 Pitch Black  
1220 Kung Fu Panda 2  
1415 The Last Airbender  
1615 Blade  
1830 Ocean's Thirteen  
2100 Mr. Bean's Holiday  
2300 The Lost Future  
0050 The Accused

**STAR MOVIES**  
1000 The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian  
1304 Commando  
1438 Fantastic Four  
1647 Unstoppable  
1852 Eragon  
2100 Taken

**SET MAX**  
1050 Lok Parlok  
1400 Bhabhi

1715 Suhaag  
2100 Hiss  
**STAR GOLD**  
1150 Action Replay  
1450 Mela  
1820 Mukhamat Ki Jung  
2100 Jigar Kaleja

**UTV MOVIES**  
0830 Prem Pratigya  
1200 Jab We Met  
1600 Takkar  
1800 Josh  
2130 Border

**ZEE CINEMA**  
1020 Aaj Ka Arjun  
1345 Deewaar

1725 Naseeb  
2100 Coolie  
**B4U MOVIES**  
0800 Mr. Natwarlal  
1200 Do Aur Do Paanch  
1600 Baabul  
1930 Paa

**ZEE STUDIO**  
1025 Made of Honor  
1300 Rambo: First Blood Part II  
1440 Dazed and Confused  
1650 Steal  
1835 Loins of Punjab  
2010 The Sixth Sense  
2230 Hellboy II: The Golden Army

## bengaliflavour



Maa at 8 pm on Star Jalsha

**ETV BANGLA**  
1300 Film: Ronangon  
1830 Annapurna  
1900 Roshni  
1930 Shayang Sidhha  
2000 Sholoana  
2045 Binni Dhaner Khoi  
2130 Palabadal

**AKASH BANGLA**  
1730 Bhalo Theko  
1830 Radhuni  
2100 Garmagaram

**ZEE BANGLA**  
1700 Rannaghar  
1830 Agnipariksha  
1900 Raashi  
1930 Keya Patar  
Nouko  
2000 Kanakanjali  
2030 Sati

2100 Saat Pake Bandha  
2130 Banglar Sera Paribar

1900 Matribhumi  
1930 Shibani  
2100 Profullo  
2130 Babusona

**RUPASHI BANGLA**  
1730 Banjonborno

1300 Tumi Je Amar  
1330 Non Stop Hits  
1555 Shoot @ Sight  
1800 SB Tunes  
1930 - Bollywood Topper

**STAR JALSHA**  
1600 Bhasha  
1630 Ishti Kutum  
1900 Bondhu Kon Alo Laglo Chokhe  
2000 Maa  
2030 Tapur Tupur  
2100 Aanchal  
2200 Care Kori Na

**AATH**  
1900 Bish Najore  
2100 Nidhan

**TARA MUZIK**  
0630 Puber Alo  
0900 Chirantani

## what's on

**ART**  
**Chemould Art Gallery**  
Exhibition of Serigraphs by Tapan Mitra, until Oct 16, 11 am-7 pm  
**Experimenter**  
Local time, exhibition of artworks by Prajakta Potnis, until Nov 3, 11 am-7 pm

**The Seagull Foundation for Arts**  
Group exhibition of works by Sonnath Hore, Manu Parekh, Chittrovanu Mazumdar, Arpana Caur etc, until Oct 19, 11 am-7 pm

**Ahuja Museum For Arts**  
Group painting exhibition by artists like Eleena Banik, Jagannath Paul and Seema Barua, until Oct 31, Noon-7 pm

**Harrington Streets Arts Centre**  
Remembering Paritosh Sen, painting exhibition by artists like Adip Dutta, Amitava Dhar, Jaya Ganguly etc, until Oct 20, Noon-7 pm

**ITC Sonar, Kolkata**  
Ma Durga Ustab, exhibition of Katha works, Oct 18-24, 12.30 pm onwards  
Different Guises, exhibition of artworks by four artists- Shubha K, Alan Archment, Anita Gopal, Gautam Vir Prasad, Oct 10-13, 11 am-7 pm

**Taj Bengal Promenade Lounge**  
Solo show of paintings by Dhiren Sasmal, until Oct 14, 10 am-11 pm daily

**Priya Cinema Hall**  
Ray Films, screening of films by Satyajit Ray, Oct 13-15

**MISCELLANEOUS**  
**ICCR**  
Offbeat Volume II, musical evening, blues, ballads & jazz, Oct 12, 7 pm  
Voices of Now: India, cultural programme, today, 6.30 pm

**Forum Mall**  
Flavours of Bengal - Art Festival, artwork & Bengali cuisines, until Oct 14, 11 am-9 pm

**Weavers Studio**  
Utsav ke Rang, exhibition of classic woven & printed Maheshwaris by Rehwa, until Oct 13, 10 am

**VYASA, Prince Bhaktiar Shah Road**  
Twelfth batch of Foundation Course in Yoga Science for Wellness, until Nov 30, 6.15 pm-8.30 am & 5 pm-7.30 pm

**Swabhumi**  
Honey Singh & Mafia Mundeer live in concert, Oct 14, 7 pm

**ICCR**  
Journey of My Music Through Films, Oct 13, 7 pm-8.30 pm

**Oxford, Park Street**  
Book launch, Tales From Thakurmar Jhuli, translated by Sukhendray Ray, today, 6 pm

Get your event listed in this section by mailing us complete details (pictures, date and venue details) to [kolcalendar@gmail.com](mailto:kolcalendar@gmail.com)

## movies in town



OMG! Oh My God!

**ENGLISH**  
**Killing Them Softly:** PVR Cinemas (6.35 pm); Fame South City (9 am, 3.45 pm, 8.45 pm); Inox Forum (9 am, 3.40 pm)  
**The Possession:** Fame South City (1.50 pm, 10.50 pm); Inox Forum (1.45 pm, 11.15 pm)

**HINDI**  
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**Ekla Akash:** PVR Cinemas (12.45 pm, 4.20 pm); Kulraj Broadway (5.40 pm); Fame South City (7.40 pm); Fame Hiland Park (3.40 pm); Inox City Centre (5 pm); Inox Swabhumi (1.45 pm); Inox Rajarhat (4.45 pm)

**Accident:** Fame South City (12.05 pm, 4.45 pm); Inox Rajarhat (12 pm)

**Abosheshey:** Fame South City (2.45 pm); Inox City Centre (2.35 pm)

**The Possession**

**Accident**

**Abosheshey**

**The Possession**

## this day in history

● **1737:** A violent earthquake and cyclone hit Kolkata that claimed 3,00,000 lives.

● **1767:** Surveying for the Mason-Dixon Line separating Maryland from Pennsylvania was completed.

● **1809:** Along the Natchez Trace in Tennessee, explorer Meriwether Lewis died under mysterious circumstances at an inn called Grinder's Stand.

● **1811:** Inventor John Stevens' boat, the Juliana, began operation as the first steam-powered ferry between New York City and Hoboken (New Jersey).

● **1852:** The University of Sydney, Australia's oldest university, was inaugurated in Sydney.

● **1890:** In Washington, DC, the Daughters of the American Revolution was founded.

● **1906:** San Francisco public school board sparked United States diplomatic crisis with Japan by ordering Japanese students to be taught in racially segregated schools.

● **1962:** Chinese and Indian troops clashed on border and claimed about 50 lives.

● **1986:** Mother Teresa escaped unhurt from a plane that crashed and killed six in Tanzania.

● **1991:** The BJP government in UP acquired the disputed Ayodhya land.

● **1991:** Meghalaya was placed under President's rule.

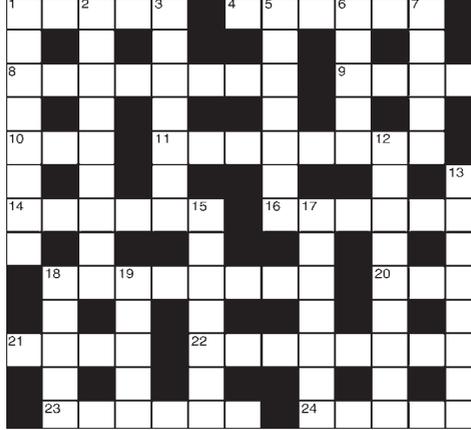
## picture of the day



Creation Moushumi Ghatak (Bagchi), AF School, Palta

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## htcitycrossword 578



**ACROSS**  
1 Knock over; unhappy (5)  
4 Watson's idol (6)  
8 Variety of apple (8)  
9 Ripped; moved quickly (4)  
10 Expression of surprise (3)  
11 Natural (2,6)  
14 Overwhelm (6)  
16 Resembling fat (6)  
18 Dull quality (8)  
20 Female deer (3)  
21 Gold leaf (4)  
22 Publicly declare (8)  
23 Board rider (6)  
24 Russian rye drink (5)

3 Silly person (7)  
5 Act harming one's personal interests (3,4)  
6 Measuring device (5)  
7 Spell of unrestrained activity (5)  
12 Welsh mountain district (9)  
13 Lazy behaviour (8)  
15 Brass flourish (7)  
17 Held by a shop (2,5)  
18 Desiccates (5)  
19 Change (5)

**SOLUTION CROSSWORD 577**

The solution for this crossword will appear on Friday

**DOWN**  
1 Like a pristine CD (8)  
2 City of SW Norway (9)

## word of the day

**Catachresis (Noun)**  
Misuse or strained use of words, as in a mixed metaphor.

**Example sentence:** This monstrous metaphor should more aptly be called a catachresis, an extravagant, unexpected figure, and we might be

tempted to dismiss it as abusive misstatement. But neither the catachresis nor the monster can simply be dismissed... (Richard L. Regosin)

**Origin:** From Greek chrésis- 'to use'. Prefix cata- 'down, back, against' & katachrésis- 'to misuse' in Greek.

## htcitysudoku



Fill in all the squares in the grid so that each row, column and each of the 9X9 squares contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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Dr Prem Kr. Sharma  
Astrologer & Vastu Expert

**ARIES** (MAR 21 - APR 20)  
It is better to leave someone to his or her own antics, rather than play a spoilsport. You will succeed in showing who is the boss to someone at work. On the academic front, your rivals may choose not to compete with you. Financial front remains stable. You may find something amiss in your romantic relationship. Health consciousness will come as a boon for some. Those driving on highways need to be careful. **Lucky No: 18 Lucky Colour: Magenta**

**LIBRA** (SEPT 24 - OCT 23)  
Take pride in your achievements, as you are likely to post them soon! You may be uptight with someone over an issue, but it is best to let it be. Free yourself from a debt you have incurred at the earliest. Although an academic situation does not wriggle out of you, you will manage to see through it if unscathed. Partner remains most understanding of the pulls and pressures that you are undergoing. **Lucky No: 18 Lucky Colour: Coffee**

**AMITABH BACHCHAN**  
This veteran actor is known for his roles in films such as Zanjeer, Don, Sitsila, Deewar and Sholay among others.

**TAURUS** (APR 21 - MAY 20)  
Your attempts to do get too many things done in a limited time seems a tall order, so be realistic. Someone in the family is likely to go someplace else for higher studies. You may get a chance to add to your skills. New opportunities are likely to brighten the horizon for those quick enough to seize them. A home remedy needs to be taken with a pinch of salt as it may not suit you. **Lucky No: 3 Lucky Colour: Maroon**

**SCORPIO** (OCT 24 - NOV 22)  
Don't let unnecessary worries bog you down and distract you from your ultimate goal. Efforts made on the business front will bring you into lot of money. Those on a salaried job can contemplate a job switch. Treat the tantrum of a family youngster with maturity without making an issue of it. You are likely to push yourself to the limit, which can affect your health adversely. **Lucky No: 7 Lucky Colour: Lemon**

**GEMINI** (MAY 21 - JUN 21)  
You are likely to get some relief from ailments that seem to be dogging you at this point in time. Chances of faring better than expected on the academic front cannot be ruled out. Your opinions and suggestions will matter in a family situation. You will need to keep a check on your spending by not splurging. Those associated with hospitality and tourism sectors are likely to strike it rich. **Lucky No: 6 Lucky Colour: Cream**

**SAGITTARIUS** (NOV 23 - DEC 21)  
It will be a good idea to share your innermost feelings with someone you love. A social do may prove most rejuvenating and bring you in touch with interesting people. Positivity at home will keep you in a cheerful mood. A well conducted presentation may be instrumental in clinching a lucrative deal on the business front. Cupid's arrow may find the target to your delight! **Lucky No: 4 Lucky Colour: Turquoise**

**CANCER** (JUNE 22 - JULY 22)  
You may begin to see the positive side of someone's ways and may even try to emulate. Tough competition is foreseen for students appearing for an exam or interview. Some of you may have to strive hard to get into a lucrative partnership. Shopping may take up a major part of your day today. New developments are set to boost your romantic life. Avoid stuffing yourself with junk food as it can spoil your health. **Lucky No: 1 Lucky Colour: Light Brown**

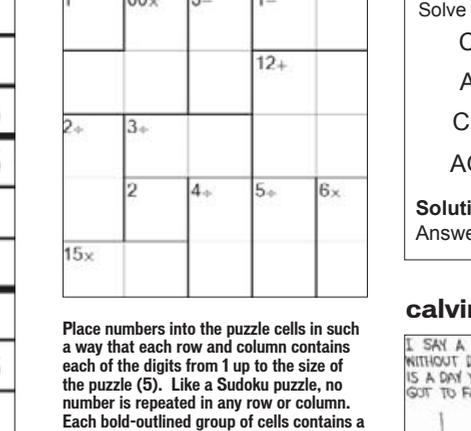
**LEO** (JULY 23 - AUG 23)  
Someone you are concerned about will feel quite indebted for your help. You will need to overcome all odds to put your ideas through at work. Exercise caution in putting your money in a scheme or fund. Your attempts to bring some changes on the domestic front will be welcomed. Boredom threatens to set-in in your romantic life. Take medical advice before starting an exercise regime. **Lucky No: 7 Lucky Colour: Saffron**

**VIRGO** (AUG 24 - SEPT 23)  
You may feel your hard work is not recognised, but this may not be so. On the academic front, hard work and untiring efforts may be required to leave your competitors behind. Your peers will have high expectations from you, so don't let them down. Inner peace is assured for the spiritually inclined. A new hobby can give you hours of joy. You are likely to get bowled over by someone you are likely to meet in a journey. **Lucky No: 22 Lucky Colour: Light Yellow**

**AQUARIUS** (JAN 22 - FEB 19)  
You may stick to your ideas, even at the expense of offending someone close. Take time off to pinpoint the shortcomings affecting your performance. Those feeling trapped in their present job may consider a job switch. On the academic front, you are set to waste your time by loitering around aimlessly today. Some of you may need to counter negativity in your lives by focussing on the positive. **Lucky No: 2 Lucky Colour: Pink**

**PISCES** (FEB 20 - MAR 20)  
You may not meet your ideal in someone who likes you. Total enjoyment will be the driving force for you today. Spouse or someone close may give you a surprise. Your popularity is set to rise on the professional front. The most romantic aspirations will find the day most fulfilling. Students may expect to excel in academics or sports. Those ailing are likely to feel neglected. **Lucky No: 5 Lucky Colour: Sea Green**

## htcitymathdoku



Place numbers into the puzzle cells in such a way that each row and column contains each of the digits from 1 up to the size of the puzzle (5). Like a Sudoku puzzle, no number is repeated in any row or column. Each bold-outlined group of cells contains a hint consisting of a number and one of the mathematical symbols + x - /. The number is the result of applying the mathematical operation represented by the symbol to the digits contained within the domain. The solution to each puzzle is arrived at logically and is unique.

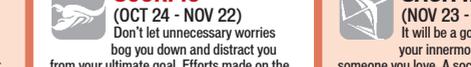
**SCRAMBLE - 660**

Solve the four anagrams and move one letter to each square to form four ordinary words

CARES  
AVERS  
CHIORD  
AGLOSH

**Solution:** Words: Scare, raves/saver, orchid, galosh  
**Answer:** Happiness is not perfected until it is **shared**. - Jane Porter

**calvinandhobbes**



**BILL WATTERSON**

**SOLUTION SUDOKU**

**SOLUTION MATHODOKU**



# Fierce fashion meets girly chic

A mashup of metal, neons, pastels, quirky prints, embroidered motifs and innovative headgear took over the ramp at the ongoing Wills Lifestyle India Fashion Week in New Delhi



Softly structured outfits with embroidered geometrical motifs in a muted palette, with a dash of neon and elaborate wigs, were featured in Kavita Bhatia's collection, titled Folklore Saga. Inspired by Romanian culture, fabrics like chiffon, organza and silk lycra were used.

Chikankari work by women of Mijwan Welfare Society and vibrant hues of yellow, coral, blue and green dominated Manish Malhotra's collection. With actors such as Shabana Azmi and Parineeti Chopra's presence, it was the most star-studded show.

Rajesh Pratap Singh displayed eclectic structured outfits using blended materials, steel, aluminum, gold and silver in muted hues. After his wife, Payal Pratap Singh's well-appreciated debut on Day 1, his collection too made the right noise on Day 2.

Titled Indian Gypsy, block-printing, zardozi, phulkari and mirror-work on flowy fabrics in bright hues dominated Surbhi Chawla's collection. Colourful, gold-woven headbands and quirky chandelier earrings also featured in the show.

Staying true to her signature designs, Kanika Saluja Choudhary's collection titled, Anaikka, comprised dresses, pants, dhoti pants and studded skirts in yellow, green, red and black. Metal cuffs, studded harness, glittering headgear and intricately looped shoulder necklaces brought a rebellious, enfant terrible yet glamorous look to the collection.

AM:PM by Ankur and Priyanka Modi called their collection Mayan Maze. It was a black and white affair, that included skirts, dresses, wide-legged pants and jackets in silk and satin.

Taniya Khanuja's collection was named Flight of the Wingless Soul. Sheer dresses, peplum with floral motifs and unique winged headgear marked the collection.

Dev r Nii's collection featured freely structured outfits in mostly pastel hues with quirky sheep and honey comb prints.

James Ferreira's collection incorporated sombre colours, subdued florals, hand-painted Ganesha motif and flowy silhouettes. The outfits included dresses and separates.

A blast of pastels in light fabrics marked Khushi Z's collection. Colourful maxis, dresses, printed pants and the use of applique was seen in the designer's collection.

TEXT: SNIGDHA AHUJA, ARPITA KALA  
PHOTOS:RAJ K RAJ, M ZHAZO

# Binge right

Midnight cravings don't always have to result in unhealthy eating. Here's how you can satiate your hunger without piling on calories

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We all know what it's like to wake up in the middle of the night with a growling stomach. After dragging ourselves to the fridge, the first move is to grab anything that looks filling. Though at the back of our minds, we know that the carb-loaded chicken burger isn't the best idea, we tend to go for it. But if you want to satiate your hunger and not wake up the next morning feeling guilty about bingeing, then pick that bar of dark chocolate instead or keep a strawberry shake handy.

"It is very essential to eat the correct food items at night. There is no physical activity during sleep, so no calories are utilised. All the calories from the food



consumed at night get converted and stored in the body as fat, which leads to weight gain," explains Mitali Doshi, dietician.

Here are a few options you may want to stock up on in order to binge right:

### Milk

"Milk is low on calories and fat content. Plus, it contains tryptophan, an amino acid

that helps you sleep well," explains Doshi, adding, "Calcium and vitamin D in the milk are added bonuses, they are healthy for your bones."

### Vegetables

Veggies may not seem like the most appetising midnight snack, but they are a great solution for diet-conscious bingers. "They are full of



vitamins, minerals and phytonutrients that your body uses to heal and nourish itself overnight. They also have high water content, so you tend to feel less dehydrated when you wake up," explains Doshi.

### Popcorn

Whole-grain popcorn (cooked without butter) is the snack if you're feeling like eating something light. "Not only is popcorn a good source of complex carbohydrates, it's also low on calories, if you skip the butter," says Doshi. And yes, for those wondering how pop-

corn will retain its flavour without the use of butter or salt, there is a solution. "Raid your spice cabinet — use lime powder to make it tangy, spice it up with cayenne pepper or use a dash of cinnamon to add some sweetness," says nutritionist Jyothi Sawant.

### Nuts

"Nuts are rich in antioxidants and full of fibre," explains Doshi, adding, "These nutritious nibbles also help regulate blood sugar and promote serotonin production in the body."

## Splash re-launched



Swissôtel Kolkata re-launched Splash, the sky lounge recently. The hotel threw a grand party, White Night Party, on the occasion.

### BEDDING THE STARS:

"I'm afraid of the dark, I sleep with the lights on"



Do you have a cluttered bed? No, I have a tidy bed.

What kind of sheets do you use? I use cotton sheets.

Do you need your eight hours of sleep or can you get by with power naps through the day? I need both. Because of my working schedule, I don't get to sleep much, so I make it a point to sleep whenever possible.

Is there one bed thing you carry with you everywhere? No.

Do you keep your phone on silent when you are asleep? I always keep my phone on the silent mode.

Do you sleep with a light on at night? Yes, I do sleep with the lights on as I am afraid of the dark. I believe that with the lights off, there is a lot of negativity around me.

PETRINA D'SOUZA

## Exotic designs



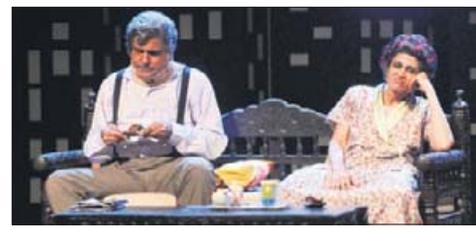
Fashion Designer Ranna Gill showcased Exotica, her spring/summer 2013 collection at the Wills Lifestyle India Fashion Week, in association with Fiamma Di Wills

## New bridal collection



Actress Jiah Khan unveiled fashion designer Jaya Misra's bridal fall-winter couture collection in the city recently. Jaya will showcase the collection at Bridal Asia scheduled from October 21- 23 in New Delhi

## Creating an impression



Ballantine's Leave An Impression presented a play, Salt & Pepper in the city. Actors Mandira Bedi, Kuki Grewal, Darshan Jariwala and Vikram Kochhar were part of the play.



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**Take us through the story of the film.**  
In 2006 we met Subodh Roy, one of the three youngest members who played an active role in the movement, on his deathbed in Kolkata. Hearing him recount the stories gave me goosebumps. We had found our protagonist. I figured it would be exciting to tell the story of Chittagong Uprising from the point of view of a 14-year-old. There were 60 school children led by Masterda Surya Sen (played by Manoj Bajpayee) and revolutionaries such as Anant Singh, Ganesh Ghosh, Nirmal Sen (played by Nawazuddin Siddiqui), Lokenath Bal, and Ambika Chakrabarti, who took on the British army in the battle of Jalalabad.

I was intrigued by Subodh da's story. He was a studious, frail boy, more suited for Oxford than becoming a rebel. He hadn't even played football. How the boy took up the gun is one of the most intriguing stories from history.

Another inspiring moment was my meeting with Benode Behari Chowdhury, now 102 years old, and is the last surviving member of the uprising.

But there was also another reason. I realised that most of the members of the uprising actually survived and went on to spearhead political movements in the future. Chittagong Uprising didn't finish with Masterda's hanging. It grew in many different ways. I wanted to tell those stories. So my Chittagong goes far beyond the armoury raid and the battle of Jalalabad.

Most historical films — especially films on freedom struggles — invariably become films with a depressing ending, where the protagonist dies. I did not want to make a film like that. But with Jhunku as my protagonist, Chittagong is a story of an incredible victory, which goes far beyond what happened in 1930.

**Have you watched Abhishek Bachchan's Khelein Hum Jee**

# More than just a historical film



Bedabrata Pain during his recent visit to Kolkata

**Jaan Se?**  
I haven't seen the film yet. When Khelein Hum... was announced, I was on the 20th draft of my script. I finally filmed the 36th draft. For me, script is the king. So, right at that point, I decided that I wouldn't watch this film till my film comes out. I did not want to be influenced positively or negatively by the other film. So, now that my film is releasing, I will watch Khelein Hum....

**When you came to know that Ashutosh Gowariker is also making a film on the same topic, did you think of changing the subject?**

It was obviously very scary. In fact, after he announced the film, nobody in India was ready to finance my film. But



Manoj Bajpayee in a scene from Chittagong

I had gone too far ahead. Besides, I am not in the habit of abandoning people or things. So I went ahead. Just

at that time, I had also received the royalty for my invention. After paying taxes, I had just enough left

to finance my film. That's how Chittagong got made.

**Nawazuddin Siddiqui wasn't a**

**big name when you cast him in Chittagong. Have you watched Gangs of Wasseypur?**

As Anurag Kashyap pointed out during the music release, he saw all my actors in Chittagong and cast them for his film. So all these actors went from my set to the set of Gangs of Wasseypur, which is also a fabulous film. I met Nawaz in 2008 at National School of Drama in Delhi. I hadn't seen him before that (except in a tiny role in Munnabhai). But I knew I wanted Nawaz bhai for my film. I told him that I didn't know what role I had for him, but he is in Chittagong. So, he was the first guy to be cast for Chittagong.

**You shot the film on RED Camera.**

Against everybody's advice, I shot the film on RED, the core technology of which was invented by us. So I was completely familiar with it. I could not possibly pass up the opportunity to shoot with the camera. The film has a soft, radiant, warm look, which underscores the quest and innocence of a young 14-year-old.

**Are you working on any new subject?**

I am working on two films. The first is set in modern India, which interconnects three stories of love and faith lost and gained set against the backdrop of a political upheaval. It is located in three parts of India. My second story is an English film set during World War II.

**A lot of Mumbai-based Bengali filmmakers are making films in Bengali. Do you have any such plans?**

Absolutely. The topics of my films will always be those of love stories set in times of political turmoil. I really want to go back to good Bengali literature for my films.

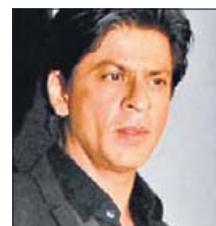


**SHAH RUKH KHAN - AJAY DEVGN**

**All for a fly!**

Good morning lovelies! I feel like stepping out of the house for a fabulous brunch on this bright, sunny day. But before that, let me tell you that **Shah Rukh Khan** is all for south director SS Rajamouli's animated film, *Makhi* aka *Eega*. Anyone who's interested in entertainment will know just how much **Ajay Devgn** has associated himself with this *picchur*! But now, Ajay's rival, SRK has joined the brigade. Just so you know, they're rivals because both their films — *Son Of Sardaar* and *Jab Tak Hai Jaan* — release around the same time. Whatever!

So, SRK has very sweetly tweeted this: "Makhi (eega) the fly. Awesomely original & fun film by Rajamouli



releasing on 12th oct. must watch with kids.all the best raja&team."(sic) Hmmm... I hope Rajamouli signs him on for a project. It will be fun to see SRK in a south remake, no?

**REKHA**

**Happy birthday to you**

It is indeed a good day as it also happens to be the gorgeous **Rekha's** birthday, who turns 58. I hear, that like every year, Rekha doesn't have any big plans for the day — just a quiet dinner with a close group of family and friends at her Bandra residence. Of course, I'm invited. Also, since her sister Radha and her family live in America, they will be sending her wishes from *saat samunder paar*. Aww! After all, such is life dearies!



## Punit, Karan in a fix

Director, filmmaker struggling to find a new look for Imran Khan for their untitled next

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It's a well-known fact that Karan Johar's next production will be directed by Punit Malhotra and have Imran Khan and Kareena Kapoor in the lead. But now, the filmmaker and director seem to be in a tight spot as they try to conceive a brand new look for Imran.

The actor, best known for his chocolate-boy looks, recently underwent a makeover for two upcoming films — Vishal Bhardwaj's *Matru Ki Bijlee Ka Mandola* and Milan Luthria's *Once Upon A Time In Mumbai Again*. Now, the makers are planning to give him another completely different look for his film with Kareena.

A source tells us, "Punit and Karan have seen a few glimpses of the two films and have loved Imran's look. They think he has carried off the rustic look so fabulously that now they are in two minds about how they want him to appear in their own film. They (Karan and Punit) didn't expect Imran



Karan Johar



Punit Malhotra

to be able to pull off such an earthy look so well."

The source adds that Punit has roped in stylists from USA, UK, Australia and India to work on the new look for Imran.

Imran's spokesperson confirms the news, saying, "He shoots one film a time and the makers are very happy to experiment with his look. Everyone in the team is very excited about this and we're sure they will come up with something really good."

## Staging a thank you

On their 20th anniversary, channel announces a series of concerts in 10 cities across India to thank their viewers

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Twenty years ago, long before we had hundreds of channels to surf through, a Hindi entertainment channel was launched which aired reality shows, daily soaps and cartoon shows dubbed in Hindi. The channel, Zee TV, is celebrating 20 years of its existence this month by organising a series of live concerts across the country. These shows will feature singers from their show *Sa Re Ga Ma Pa* and the dancers from popular dance reality show, *Dance India Dance (DID)* and will take place in Pune, Delhi, Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Rajkot, Dehradun, Bhopal, Aurangabad, Kanpur and Lucknow.

Akash Chawla, marketing head — national channels, Zee, says, "We bring viewers these shows as a gesture of gratitude for their loyalty



Contestants from Sa Re Ga Ma Pa and Dance India Dance

and support over the last 20 years. These entertainment events will bring talent from our shows *Sa Re Ga Ma Pa* and *DID* to the viewers. As a channel, we believe that it is the common man who is indeed our biggest star. Through the shows, we aim to provide our viewers with

some real-time entertainment." The event will be free of charge and seats will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis.

*Sa Re Ga Ma Pa* and *Dance India Dance* are the most popular properties of the channel and both continue to enjoy a big fan follow-



ing. Both shows have made helped India's common people realise their dreams of becoming singing or dancing stars.

## Big Boss inspires film

An upcoming film will put its cast and the common man in a house for a day

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The makers of *Luv Shuv Tey Chicken Khurana* have come up with a novel idea to promote the film. The producers, UTV Spotboy, will soon host a radio contest and select 10 winners. These lucky few will then be put in a house with the cast of the film.

An insider claims, "Just like the *Big Boss* house, this one will be a replica of the Khurana house in the film. It will be set up in Ludhiana or Chandigarh. The contest is being held in Punjab as the film is about a Punjabi family and their love for food and family. The winners will get to interact with the cast for an entire day."

The film is about a Punjabi family that runs a dhaba. When the head of the family loses his memory and forgets the secret recipe of their iconic dish, *Chicken Khurana*, the family goes crazy in their attempt to recreate it.



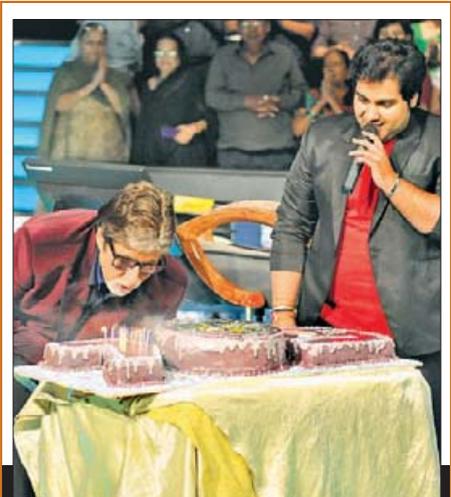
A still from Luv Shuv Tey Chicken Khurana

## '₹10 lakh if you get the recipe right'

If you can discover the actual recipe of *Chicken Khurana* that is shown in *Luv Shuv Tey Chicken Khurana*, the makers, UTV Spotboy, will give you a whopping ₹10 lakh as a prize. Actors Kunal Kapoor, Huma Qureshi and co-producer Anurag Kashyap will judge the contest after reading recipes that the viewers can put into a giant cooker that's been installed at Back Road in Lokhandwala.

"Since in the film, the quirky Khurana family loses their favourite recipe, we thought it would be an interesting opportunity for audiences to join the Khuranas in their quest for the recipe. Audiences need to guess the ingredients that could make the dish and drop their recipes inside the giant cooker." The same promotion will be held in Delhi and Punjab as well.

**DIBYOJYOTI BAKSI**



The episode to be aired on Friday will see Indian Idol 6 winner Vipul Mehta opening the episode with a birthday song made especially for the occasion. Vipul will serenade the audience with his mesmerising voice. AB thanked Vipul and everyone present for this sweet gesture. He thought the celebration was over after the song and went on to continue his shoot. But he was in for a surprise later, when Vipul brought in a special birthday cake

## Big B turns 70 on set

*Kaun Banega Crorepati's* host Amitabh Bachchan celebrated his 70th birthday on the sets of the hit reality show, amidst applause from the audience and the contestants. Here are some moments from the surprise celebration



The cake that was presented to Amitabh Bachchan was rather elaborate. Made in chocolate, it was split into three parts — a seven and a zero to signify Bachchan's age, and another with his face printed on it.

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